

S. RES. 654

Whereas the Senate has always honored the sacrifices made by the spouses and families of the fallen members of the Armed Forces of the United States;

Whereas the Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. represents the spouses and families of the members and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States who have died on active duty or as a result of a service-connected disability;

Whereas the primary mission of the Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. is to provide services, support, and friendship to the spouses of the fallen members and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States;

Whereas, in 1945, the Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. was organized with the help of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt to assist the families left behind by the fallen members and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States;

Whereas the first meeting of the Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. was in 1945;

Whereas December 18, 2010, marks the 65th anniversary of the incorporation of the Gold Star Wives of America;

Whereas the members and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States bear the burden of protecting freedom for the United States; and

Whereas the sacrifices of the families of the fallen members and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States should never be forgotten: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates December 18, 2010, as “Gold Star Wives Day”;

(2) honors and recognizes—

(A) the contributions of the members of the Gold Star Wives of America, Inc.; and

(B) the dedication of the members of the Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. to the members and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States; and

(3) encourages the people of the United States to observe “Gold Star Wives Day” to promote awareness of—

(A) the contributions and dedication of the members of the Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. to the members and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States; and

(B) the important role the Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. plays in the lives of the spouses and families of the fallen members and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 655—DESIGNATING NOVEMBER 2010 AS “STOMACH CANCER AWARENESS MONTH” AND SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT STOMACH CANCER

Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. DURBIN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 655

Whereas stomach cancer is one of the most difficult cancers to detect and treat in the early stages of the disease, which contributes to high mortality rates and human suffering;

Whereas stomach cancer is the second leading cause of cancer mortality worldwide;

Whereas, in 2009, an estimated 21,000 new cases of stomach cancer were diagnosed in the United States;

Whereas, in 2010, an estimated 10,000 Americans will die from stomach cancer;

Whereas the estimated 5-year survival rate for stomach cancer is only 26 percent;

Whereas approximately 1 in 113 individuals will be diagnosed with stomach cancer in their lifetimes;

Whereas an inherited form of stomach cancer carries a 67 to 83 percent risk that an individual will be diagnosed with stomach cancer by age 80;

Whereas, in the United States, stomach cancer is more prevalent among racial and ethnic minorities;

Whereas better patient and health care provider education is needed for the timely recognition of stomach cancer risks and symptoms;

Whereas more research into effective early diagnosis, screening, and treatment for stomach cancer is needed; and

Whereas November 2010 is an appropriate month to observe “Stomach Cancer Awareness Month”: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates November 2010 as “Stomach Cancer Awareness Month”;

(2) supports efforts to educate the people of the United States about stomach cancer;

(3) recognizes the need for additional research into early diagnosis and treatment for stomach cancer; and

(4) encourages the people of the United States and interested groups to observe and support November 2010 as “Stomach Cancer Awareness Month” through appropriate programs and activities to promote public awareness of, and potential treatments for, stomach cancer.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 656—EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE INAUGURAL USA SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FESTIVAL

Mr. KAUFMAN (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. ROCKFELLER, and Mr. AKAKA) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 656

Whereas the global economy of the future will require a workforce that is educated in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (referred to in this preamble as “STEM”);

Whereas a new generation of American students educated in STEM is crucial to ensure continued economic growth;

Whereas advances in technology have resulted in significant improvements in the daily lives of the people of the United States;

Whereas scientific discoveries are critical to curing diseases, solving global challenges, and expanding our understanding of the world;

Whereas strengthening the interest of American students, particularly young women and underrepresented minorities, in STEM education is necessary to maintain the global competitiveness of the United States;

Whereas countries around the world have held science festivals that have brought together hundreds of thousands of visitors to celebrate science;

Whereas the inaugural 2009 San Diego Science Festival attracted more than 500,000 participants and inspired a national STEM effort;

Whereas the mission of the USA Science & Engineering Festival is to reinvigorate the interest of the young people of the United States in STEM by producing exciting and educational science and engineering gatherings; and

Whereas thousands of individuals from universities, museums and science centers, STEM professional societies, educational societies, government agencies and labora-

tories, community organizations, K-12 schools, volunteers, corporate and private sponsors, and nonprofit organizations have come together to organize the inaugural USA Science & Engineering Festival across the United States, including a 2-day exposition on the National Mall that will feature more than 1,500 hands-on activities and more than 75 stage shows: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) expresses the support of the Senate for the inaugural USA Science & Engineering Festival to be held in October 2010 in Washington, D.C.;

(2) commends the Nobel Laureates, institutions of higher education, corporate sponsors, and all the various organizations whose efforts will make the USA Science & Engineering Festival possible; and

(3) encourages students and their families to participate in the activities which will take place on the National Mall and across the United States at satellite locations as part of the inaugural USA Science & Engineering Festival.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 657—CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF THE HOOVER DAM

Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. ENSIGN, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 657

Whereas the Hoover Dam, a concrete arch-gravity storage dam, was built in the Black Canyon of the Colorado River between the States of Nevada and Arizona, forever changing how water is managed across the West;

Whereas, on September 30, 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt dedicated the Hoover Dam;

Whereas the construction of the Hoover Dam created Lake Mead, a reservoir that can store an amount of water that is equal to 2 years average flow of the Colorado River;

Whereas the construction of the Hoover Dam provided vitally critical flood control, water supply, and electrical power and helped to create and support the economic growth and development of the Southwestern United States;

Whereas the Hoover Dam has prevented an estimated \$50,000,000,000 in flood damages in the Lower Colorado River Basin;

Whereas the Hoover Dam provides water for more than 18,000,000 people and 1,000,000 acres of farmland in the States of Arizona, California, and Nevada and 500,000 acres of farmland in Mexico, as well as produces an average of 4,000,000 kilowatt-hours of hydroelectric power each year;

Whereas the Hoover Dam, an engineering marvel at 726.4 feet from bedrock to crest, was the highest dam in the world at the time the Hoover Dam was constructed;

Whereas the Hoover Dam is an enduring symbol of the ingenuity of the United States and the persistence of hardworking Americans during the Great Depression;

Whereas the Hoover Dam is the model for major water management projects around the world; and

Whereas the Hoover Dam is registered as a National Historic Landmark on the National Register of Historic Places and is considered 1 of 7 modern engineering wonders by the American Society of Civil Engineers: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) celebrates and acknowledges the thousands of workers and families that overcame difficult working conditions and great challenges to make construction of the Hoover Dam possible;