

on June 29, 2011, at 2:30 p.m. to conduct a hearing entitled, "The Diplomat's Shield: Diplomatic Security and Its Implications for U.S. Diplomacy."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Kate Waters, Andrew Brau, and Jayme Wiebold of my staff be granted floor privileges for the duration of today's proceedings.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Derek Skinner from Senator BINGAMAN's office be given the privileges of the floor during the pendency of S. 679, the Presidential Appointment Efficiency and Streamlining Act.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Sean Mills be given the privilege of the floor through the rest of the day.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

OPENING OF THE TOM LANTOS INSTITUTE IN BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 220.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 220) expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the June 30, 2011, opening of the Tom Lantos Institute in Budapest, Hungary.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that my name be added as a cosponsor of this important resolution.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. I served with Tom Lantos in the House of Representatives. He was one of the finest orators I have ever heard. He was an academic. He had a Ph.D. in economics. He was a wonderful Member of Congress. He was a survivor of the Holocaust, as was his wife. He was a courageous man. He was captured by the Nazis as a teenager on multiple occasions. He escaped, was brought back. His blond hair kind of gave him away. But he was just a wonderful human being, and I still miss him a great deal.

I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements relating to this matter be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 220) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 220

Whereas the late Congressman Tom Lantos was a champion of human and minority rights in Europe and around the world;

Whereas Congressman Lantos, the only Holocaust survivor to be elected to the United States Congress, was a leading voice on human rights and founding co-chairman of the Congressional Human Rights Caucus, now known as the Tom Lantos Human Rights Caucus;

Whereas Congressman Lantos always remained a proud Hungarian-American and an active promoter of strong cooperation between the country of his birth and the United States;

Whereas Congressman Lantos was a tireless advocate for tolerance and moderation, virtues embodied in the stated mission of the Tom Lantos Institute in Budapest;

Whereas the Tom Lantos Institute is a non-profit, non-partisan, and independent organization supported by the Government of Hungary and dedicated to the goal of promoting human and minority rights in Central and Eastern Europe;

Whereas educational programs on human and minority rights will lay the foundation for a more sustainable and inclusive peace; and

Whereas a strong transatlantic partnership is in the mutual interests of the United States and the countries of Central and Eastern Europe: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate—

(1) to recognize and applaud the opening of the Tom Lantos Institute;

(2) to acknowledge the Government of Hungary for honoring the legacy of Congressman Lantos through its contributions to the Institute;

(3) to express support for the principles of the Institute, including democracy, pluralism, and human and minority rights;

(4) to express support for the education of present and future generations in Central and Eastern Europe, which will contribute to regional cooperation, historical reconciliation, and tolerance throughout the Euro-Atlantic region; and

(5) to encourage the people and the governments of the United States and the countries of Central and Eastern Europe to continue to deepen and broaden their relations.

CONGRATULATING KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY, INC.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 221.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 221) congratulating Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., on reaching the historic milestone of 100 years of serving local and international communities, maintaining a commitment to the betterment of mankind, and enriching the lives of collegiate men throughout the United States.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be

agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 221) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 221

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., was founded on January 5, 1911, at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, by Elder Watson Diggs, John Milton Lee, Byron K. Armstrong, Guy Levis Grant, Ezra D. Alexander, Henry T. Asher, Marcus P. Blakemore, Paul W. Caine, Edward G. Irvin, and George W. Edmonds;

Whereas the founders of Kappa Alpha Psi were God-fearing, high-achieving, serious-minded young men who possessed the imagination, ambition, courage, and determination to defy custom and cultural challenges in pursuit of college educations and careers during a period in United States history in which such opportunities were not broadly available to African-Americans;

Whereas since its founding Kappa Alpha Psi has stressed high ideals and the importance of achievement in every field of human endeavor by instilling in African-American youth the noble aspiration of serving others and by training its members to positively influence their communities and society;

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi membership has grown to include more than 150,000 college-educated men, with undergraduate chapters located on more than 360 college and university campuses and with alumni chapters located in more than 340 cities in the United States and in 5 foreign countries;

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi hosts a biennial Undergraduate Leadership Institute, a comprehensive training- and skills-enhancement program for the top student leaders of Kappa Alpha Psi, to inspire them to become positive role models and to serve the good of society;

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi partners with Habitat for Humanity and assists in building homes for local families in conjunction with each of its biennial national conventions;

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi partners with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, based in Memphis, Tennessee, and, with the help of local communities and churches, has raised more than \$1,000,000 for the continuation of the mission of that hospital;

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi designated St. Jude Children's Research Hospital as the primary benefactor of its national fundraising efforts;

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi sponsors Kappas on Capitol Hill, a 4-day conference in Washington, District of Columbia, that seeks to increase member awareness of the political process through workshops, seminars, and lectures, and that seeks to inform its members of the importance of the political process in bettering society;

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi emphasizes financial literacy in its community-based outreach by partnering with the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees, the National Foundation for Credit Counseling, and the National Pan-Hellenic Council to implement 2 major programs, Credit Abuse Resistance Education and Greeks Learning to Avoid Debt;

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi, through its Kappa League and National Guide Right programs, matches thousands of at-risk youths throughout the United States with role models and mentors that encourage the youths to positively contribute to and become leaders in their communities;

Whereas, since 1990, the Kappa Alpha Psi Kappa Scholarship Fund has provided scholarship grants to more than 10,000 high school graduates to assist in furthering their education and has encouraged its undergraduate and alumni chapters to support similar endeavors to broaden the ability of economically disadvantaged youth to aspire to obtain a college education;

Whereas the oldest formal program of Kappa Alpha Psi, the Holiday Food Drive, provides food, clothing, and toys to thousands of low income individuals in many metropolitan and rural communities throughout the United States;

Whereas the national theme of Kappa Alpha Psi, "One Kappa, Creating Inspiration: A Call to Service", has mobilized Kappa Alpha Psi members across the United States who are leaders in business, education, government, the humanities, arts and entertainment, science, and medicine to become better servant leaders for their families and communities, the United States, and the fraternity at large;

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi partners with the United Negro College Fund, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the National Urban League;

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi supports the National Education Association, the National Association of State Boards of Education, the Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors, the North-American Interfraternity Conference, and the National Pan-Hellenic Council; and

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity will hold its Centennial Celebration at its 80th Grand Chapter Meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana, July 5, 2011, through July 10, 2011: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate congratulates Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., on 100 years of serving local communities and enriching the lives of collegiate men throughout the United States.

RECOGNIZING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION CENTER

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 222.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 222) recognizing the American Revolution Center for its role in telling the story of the American Revolution and the continuing impact on struggles for freedom, self-government, and the rule of law throughout the world, and encouraging the Center in its efforts to build a new Museum of the American Revolution.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, it goes without saying that the history of the American evolution is a major chapter of our Nation's history, of American history. Yet currently there is no single place where a person can go which tells the American story from its colonial past through present day. I believe that there should be a place where visitors can come to learn more about the revolution and can see artifacts, manuscripts, and artwork from this period. I believe there should be an institution dedicated to telling this important story.

Today, I am very happy to submit a resolution which not only expresses

how important it is to tell the story of the American Revolution and the continuing impact on struggles for freedom, self-government and the rule of law throughout the world, but also to encourage the American Revolution Center in its efforts to build a new Museum of the American Revolution.

The American Revolution Center plans to open the Nation's first museum dedicated to this period. When built, the museum will house such items as General George Washington's original sleeping and office tent and an original Revolutionary-era 13-star flag known as the Commander-in-Chief's Standard. By educating Americans and visitors from abroad, the museum will honor the sacrifices of the Founding generation by keeping the story alive.

I am particularly pleased that the American Revolution Center has decided to build this museum in Philadelphia, PA, just steps from Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, Carpenter's Hall, and Christ Church. It is fitting that a museum dedicated to telling the rich, detailed story of America's founding should make its home in Philadelphia, the birthplace of the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. Nearly 1 million people are expected to visit the museum, which will be located among the streets and buildings where armies once marched and where people debated powerful ideas about democracy and equality.

As someone who believes that there is much to learn from history, I strongly support the American Revolution Center and its effort to build a Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements relating to the matter be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 222) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 222

Whereas the American Revolution secured the independence of the United States of America, and made possible a vibrant system of self-government based on liberty and equality;

Whereas the history and ideas of the American Revolution have sustained the Nation through its moments of greatest peril and inspired many of the greatest achievements;

Whereas the American Revolution Center (in this resolution referred to as the "Center") is the steward of a nationally significant collection of artifacts, manuscripts, and artwork from the period of the American Revolution;

Whereas the Center is actively working to be a "connector" to other American Revolution organizations and sites through its website and with collaborative programming;

Whereas the Center has committed itself to the establishment of a new "Museum of

the American Revolution" that is to be built in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, just steps from Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, Carpenter's Hall, and Christ Church;

Whereas the Museum of the American Revolution will be built in one of our Nation's most historic neighborhoods, visited by many millions of people from around the world each year;

Whereas the Museum of the American Revolution will tell the entire story of the American Revolution, providing a context for heritage tourists as they travel to other Revolutionary-era sites in Philadelphia and throughout the United States; and

Whereas the Center and the proposed Museum of the American Revolution will provide future generations with both a physical and a virtual venue to learn the story of the American Revolution: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the contribution of the American Revolution Center to the preservation of the story of the founding of the United States; and

(2) expresses support for the Center's efforts to establish an appropriate museum to tell such story to future generations.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that at noon Thursday, June 30, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 197; there be 2 hours of debate equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of that time the Senate proceed to vote, without intervening action or debate, on Calendar No. 197; that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table; there be no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to the nomination; that any statements related to the nomination be printed in the RECORD; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and the Senate then resume legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I may not have the opportunity tomorrow to speak on this nomination of David Petraeus. In the last 50 years, he is the most noted soldier that we have had in the U.S. military. This man could retire and go off into the business community and make millions and millions of dollars.

This man has a Ph.D. from Princeton. He is a highly decorated member of the Army. He is just such a fine man, and he is walking away from that money because—as he told me—he thinks he owes his country more public service. This is one of the finest people we have ever had as a public servant in our country.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.