

to demonstrate support for historically black colleges and universities in the United States.

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I rise to submit a Senate Resolution designating the week beginning September 16, 2001, as "National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week." It is my privilege to sponsor this legislation, honoring the Historically Black Colleges of our Country, for the sixteenth time.

Thousands of young Americans have received quality educations at the 105 Historically Black Colleges and Universities in this Country. These institutions have a long and distinguished history of providing the training necessary for participation in a rapidly changing society. I am pleased that eight of the 105 Historically Black Colleges and Universities are located in my State of South Carolina. Historically Black Colleges offer our citizens a variety of curricula and programs through which young people develop skills and talents, thereby expanding opportunities for continued social progress.

Studies have shown that Historically Black Colleges and Universities have graduated the majority of black professionals in the Nation. The adoption of this resolution will affirm the United States' support for these institutions and the critical contributions of their alumni to our society.

SENATE RESOLUTION 160—DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2001, AS "FAMILY HISTORY MONTH"

Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. DODD, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. HUTCHINSON, and Mr. INOUE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. RES. 160

Whereas it is the family, striving for a future of opportunity and hope, that reflects our Nation's belief in community, stability, and love;

Whereas the family remains an institution of promise, reliance, and encouragement;

Whereas we look to the family as an unwavering symbol of constancy that will help us discover a future of prosperity, promise, and potential;

Whereas within our Nation's libraries and archives lie the treasured records that detail the history of our Nation, our States, our communities, and our citizens;

Whereas individuals from across our Nation and across the world have embarked on a genealogical journey by discovering who their ancestors were and how various forces shaped their past;

Whereas an ever-growing number in our Nation and in other nations are collecting, preserving, and sharing genealogies, personal documents, and memorabilia that detail the life and times of families around the world;

Whereas 54,000,000 individuals belong to a family where someone in the family has used the Internet to research their family history;

Whereas individuals from across our Nation and across the world continue to re-

search their family heritage and its impact upon the history of our Nation and the world;

Whereas approximately 60 percent of Americans have expressed an interest in tracing their family history;

Whereas the study of family history gives individuals a sense of their heritage and a sense of responsibility in carrying out a legacy that their ancestors began;

Whereas as individuals learn about their ancestors who worked so hard and sacrificed so much, their commitment to honor their ancestors' memory by doing good is increased;

Whereas interest in our personal family history transcends all cultural and religious affiliations;

Whereas to encourage family history research, education, and the sharing of knowledge is to renew the commitment to the concept of home and family; and

Whereas the involvement of National, State, and local officials in promoting genealogy and in facilitating access to family history records in archives and libraries are important factors in the successful perception of nationwide camaraderie, support, and participation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the month of October 2001, as "Family History Month"; and

(2) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe the month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1548. Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. BOND) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2500, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1549. Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mrs. BOXER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2500, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1550. Ms. COLLINS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2500, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 1548. Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. BOND) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2500, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 102, line 3, strike the period and insert: "Provided further, That \$13,700,000 shall be available in fiscal year 2002 to fund grants as authorized by section 29 of the Small Business Act."

SA 1549. Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mrs. BOXER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2500, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending Sep-

tember 30, 2002, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 75, insert between lines 11 and 12 the following:

SEC. 306. ADDITIONAL FEDERAL JUDGESHIPS FOR CRITICAL AREAS.

(a) DISTRICT JUDGES FOR THE DISTRICT COURTS.—The President shall appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, the number of additional permanent district judges recommended by the Judicial Conference's Request to Congress issued February 5, 2001, for any district where the weighted filings per judgeship in the 12 months ending September 30, 2000 is, according to the Judicial Conference, greater than twice the national benchmark caseload standard used by the Judicial Conference as a measure of the need for new judgeships.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section, including such sums as may be necessary to provide appropriate space and facilities for the judicial positions created by this section.

SA 1550. Ms. COLLINS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2500, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 101, line 18, insert the following before the colon: ", of which, \$13,700,000, shall be available to carry out the Women's Business Development Program established under section 29 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 656), and shall remain available until expended".

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Wednesday, September 12, 2001, at 11:00 a.m. SH-216, for a hearing regarding "How Secure is Our Critical Infrastructure?"

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

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE CAPITOL ROTUNDA

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H. Con. Res. 223, just received from the House.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 223) permitting the use of the Rotunda of the Capitol for a prayer vigil in memory of those who lost their lives in the events of September 11, 2001.

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