

Award for "the best combined record in leadership, academics, and physical fitness": Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That—

(1) when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn as a further mark of admiration and respect to the memory of our departed friend and colleague, who left his mark on Texas and our Nation; and

(2) the Senate extends to his family our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Senate shall communicate this resolution to the House of Representatives, and shall transmit an enrolled copy to the family of Representative Frank Tejada.

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I have a resolution that I am submitting on behalf of myself and Senator GRAMM. I have sent it to the desk and I ask that it be held and that it be cleared by the close of business today.

Mr. President, the resolution is commending and is in honor of a fallen comrade. He was a Member of the House, a member of the Texas delegation, FRANK TEJEDA.

FRANK TEJEDA was a hero, a patriot. He served his country in every possible way. FRANK TEJEDA dropped out of high school at the age of 17 to join the Marine Corps. He liked to tell the story that he thought he would have a couple of months to sit around and dream about being in the Marine Corps. And they said to this young 17-year-old, "We would love to have you. Here are your tickets to California, you leave this afternoon." So he was off on his life adventure in the Marine Corps.

FRANK TEJEDA went to Vietnam. He was a hero in Vietnam. FRANK TEJEDA won not only the Purple Heart but the Silver Star for his heroic performance in going onto a battlefield that was riddled with bullets flying all around him to save a comrade.

He was always there when his country called. After he came back, the high school dropout went to college and graduated. He graduated not only from St. Mary's University, but also went to law school at the University of California at Berkeley and received his law degree. Then, he got graduate degrees from both Harvard and Yale. He served in the Texas Senate—I knew him there—and then he came to Congress, and we were able to serve together here.

FRANK was, in every sense, the truest Texan. I was privileged to be at his funeral yesterday in south San Antonio, at St. Leo's Catholic Church. You could see the essence of what FRANK was. You could see it in the people that he had gone to church with all his life. You could see it in the people who eulogized him, that had grown up with him, and who now are also leading citizens of San Antonio. You could see it in the people who were holding signs along the road between the church and Fort Sam Houston, where he was to be buried with full military honors.

No one will be able to fill the shoes of a great Texan like FRANK TEJEDA. He will have a successor. We will have someone that will represent San Anto-

nio and Texas in the U.S. Congress. But you don't fill the shoes of a person who never forgot from where he came, who was always there for the people that he grew up with and that he represented in the U.S. Congress, to make sure that they were part of the great American dream.

He was there for our military, he was there for our veterans. I remember when I was working to make sure that the veterans' pay came when Government was shut down. FRANK TEJEDA was right there trying to help me make sure that that happened. When the people at Kelly Air Force Base learned that their base was going to be shut down, with privatization as an option that was given by BRAC, FRANK TEJEDA and I rolled up our sleeves to go to work for privatization, because we wanted the good people at Kelly Air Force Base to be able to keep those jobs, and because we knew it was in the best interest of our country that they keep those jobs because they are the trained work force.

I think the most important thing I could say about anyone with whom I served in Congress is, if we are in a fight, he was someone I would want in the trenches with me.

That describes FRANK TEJEDA. He proved himself on the real battlefield in Vietnam. He proved that he was someone you would want in the trenches with you when you are fighting for your life, for your country, and he proved it in so many ways in his service in the U.S. Congress.

I will miss FRANK TEJEDA as a friend. America will miss him as a patriot and a hero. I would like for this resolution to be passed today when we close the Senate, and I would like to close the Senate in honor of former Congressman FRANK TEJEDA, who was buried yesterday at Fort Sam Houston with full military honors.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Small Business will hold a hearing entitled "The President's Fiscal Year 1998 Budget Request for the United States Small Business Administration." The hearing will be held on Wednesday, February 12, 1997, beginning at 9:30 a.m., in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

For further information, please contact Louis Taylor at 224-5175.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Small Business will hold a hearing entitled "Nomination of Aida Alvarez to be Administrator of the United States Small Business Administration." The hearing will be held on Thursday, February 13, 1997, beginning at 9:30 a.m., in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

For further information, please contact Louis Taylor at 224-5175.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet on Tuesday, February 4, 1997, at 10 a.m. in open session, to receive testimony concerning the Army sexual harassment incidents at Aberdeen Proving Ground and sexual harassment policies within the Department of Defense.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the full Committee on Finance be permitted to meet to conduct a hearing on Tuesday, February 4, 1997, beginning at 10 a.m. in room 215-Dirksen.

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

COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Labor and Human Resources be authorized to meet for an Employment and Training Subcommittee hearing on Fair Labor Standards Act reform, during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 4, 1997, at 9:30 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate to receive testimony from committee chairmen and ranking members on their committee funding resolutions for 1997 and 1998 on Tuesday, February 4, Wednesday, February 5, and Thursday, February 6, all at 9:30 a.m.

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

COSPONSORSHIP OF THE SAFE AND AFFORDABLE SCHOOLS ACT

• Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to cosponsor Senate bill S. 1, the Safe and Affordable Schools Act. I do so because I am convinced that we owe our children the opportunity to learn in a safe environment and that our children should not find the door to higher education closed to them by high costs. This legislation will help children from low income families escape unsafe schools and at the same time help parents and their children better afford higher education.

We have a crisis in our schools, Mr. President. According to one recent study, 2,000 acts of violence are committed every hour in our classrooms. The study also found that high percentages of students have changed their daily routine because of personal safety concerns, and that most students say they could obtain marijuana