

page of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs separately lists "Congressionally-Chartered Veterans Service Organizations" and "Other Veterans Service organizations and Military Associations" (<http://www.house.gov/va/vetlinks.htm>).

A congressional charter would prove an appropriate tribute to the selfless sacrifices and tireless work of their beloved Founder, Dr. Garcia, and the countless Hispanic Americans who have answered and continue to answer America's call to fight for and defend the freedom of all Americans. Having earned the highest number of medals of honor per capita, Hispanic Americans have a distinguished record of valor and patriotism.

Today, the American GI Forum has more than 500 chapters in the United States and Puerto Rico. Though predominately Hispanic, the AGIF is open to all veterans and their families. The organization is comprised of three elements—the Veterans Forum, the Women's Forum, and the Youth Forum. On a local level, American GI Forum chapters function under a regional and/or a state structure. The elected officers of each state organization serve as members of the National Board of Directors. The National Commander and other National officers are elected at our National Convention and are also members of the National Board of Directors.

The patriotism of this community, and their willingness to make daily sacrifices and even the ultimate sacrifice to preserve the freedoms we all enjoy is inspiring, and deserves our support, recognition and gratitude. On behalf of my colleagues and myself, I urge you to join us in sponsoring this legislation to grant a federal charter to this deserving organization.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 1760. A bill to amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act to clarify the term Great Lakes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

GREAT LAKES LEGISLATION

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 1760

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

After every place in the National Sea Grant College Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1121 et seq.) where the term Great Lakes appears insert: "and Lake Champlain."

Strike section 203(5) of the National Sea Grant College Program Act (33 U.S.C. 1122) and renumber the following paragraphs accordingly.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 61

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) was added as a cosponsor of S.

61, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to extend eligibility for veterans' burial benefits, funeral benefits, and related benefits for veterans of certain service in the United States merchant marine during World War II.

S. 411

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 411, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit for investment necessary to revitalize communities within the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1194

At the request of Mr. KYL, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1194, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to clarify the right of medicare beneficiaries to enter into private contracts with physicians and other health care professionals for the provision of health services for which no payment is sought under the medicare program.

S. 1305

At the request of Mr. GRAMM, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1305, a bill to invest in the future of the United States by doubling the amount authorized for basic scientific, medical, and pre-competitive engineering research.

S. 1325

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1325, a bill to authorize appropriations for the Technology Administration of the Department of Commerce for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, and for other purposes.

S. 1391

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1391, a bill to authorize the President to permit the sale and export of food, medicines, and medical equipment to Cuba.

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1391, *supra*.

S. 1605

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ROBB) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1605, a bill to establish a matching grant program to help States, units of local government, and Indian tribes to purchase armor vests for use by law enforcement officers.

S. 1621

At the request of Mr. GRAMS, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1621, a bill to provide that certain Federal property shall be made available to States for State use before being made available to other entities, and for other purposes.

S. 1711

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1711, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the marriage penalty tax, to increase the income levels for the 15 and 28 percent tax brackets, to provide a 1-year holding period for long-term capital gains, to index capital assets for inflation, to reduce the highest estate tax rate to 28 percent, and for other purposes.

S. 1737

At the request of Mr. MACK, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD), and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SMITH) were added as cosponsors of S. 1737, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a uniform application of the confidentiality privilege to taxpayer communications with federally authorized practitioners.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 78

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ROBB) was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 78, a concurrent resolution relating to the indictment and prosecution of Saddam Hussein for war crimes and other crimes against humanity.

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, his name was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 78, *supra*.

AMENDMENT NO. 1397

At the request of Mr. BYRD, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1397 intended to be proposed to S. 1173, a bill to authorize funds for construction of highways, for highway safety programs, and for mass transit programs, and for other purposes.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

WOMEN'S HEALTH RESEARCH AND PREVENTION AMENDMENTS OF 1998

● Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I wish to express my support for S. 1722, "The Women's Health Research and Prevention Amendments of 1998." I commend Senator FRIST for his introduction of this legislation and am pleased to join him as a co-sponsor.

Women's health programs administered by the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention play a critical role in ensuring that the extraordinary scientific advances of our nation don't sit on the shelf, but are actually used to improve lives.

The last few years have brought astonishing new developments in women's health research. Medical researchers have now located the genetic mutations that predispose women to certain types of breast cancer—knowledge that may lead to more effective