

to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (H. Con. Res. 326) was agreed to.

#### NATIONAL HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WEEK

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 259, and the Senate proceed to its consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 259) designating the week beginning September 20, 1998, as "National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week," and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the resolution?

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

Mr. GRASSLEY. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the resolution be printed at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 259) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

#### S. RES. 259

Whereas there are 104 historically black colleges and universities in the United States;

Whereas black colleges and universities provide the quality education so essential to full participation in a complex, highly technological society;

Whereas black colleges and universities have a rich heritage and have played a prominent role in American history;

Whereas black colleges and universities have allowed many underprivileged students to attain their full potential through higher education; and

Whereas the achievements and goals of historically black colleges and universities are deserving of national recognition: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week beginning September 20, 1998, as "National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week"; and

(2) requests that the President of the United States issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States and interested groups to observe the week with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs to demonstrate support for historically black colleges and universities in the United States.

#### CENTENNIAL OF FLIGHT COMMEMORATION ACT

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of calendar No. 532, S. 1397.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1397) to establish a commission to assist in commemoration of the centennial of powered flight and the achievements of the Wright brothers.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

*This Act may be cited as the "Centennial of Flight Commemoration Act."*

#### SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

*Congress finds that—*

(1) December 17, 2003, is the 100th anniversary of the first successful manned, free, controlled, and sustained flight by a power-driven, heavier-than-air machine;

(2) the first flight by Orville and Wilbur Wright represents the fulfillment of the age-old dream of flying;

(3) the airplane has dramatically changed the course of transportation, commerce, communication, and warfare throughout the world;

(4) the achievement by the Wright brothers stands as a triumph of American ingenuity, inventiveness, and diligence in developing new technologies, and remains an inspiration for all Americans;

(5) it is appropriate to remember and renew the legacy of the Wright brothers at a time when the values of creativity and daring represented by the Wright brothers are critical to the future of the Nation; and

(6) as the Nation approaches the 100th anniversary of powered flight, it is appropriate to celebrate and commemorate the centennial year through local, national, and international observances and activities.

#### SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT.

*There is established a commission to be known as the Centennial of Flight Commission.*

#### SEC. 4. MEMBERSHIP.

(a) NUMBER AND APPOINTMENT.—*The Commission shall be composed of 6 members, as follows:*

(1) *The Director of the National Air and Space Museum of the Smithsonian Institution or his designee.*

(2) *The Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration or his designee.*

(3) *The chairman of the First Flight Centennial Foundation of North Carolina, or his designee.*

(4) *The chairman of the 2003 Committee of Ohio, or his designee.*

(5) *As chosen by the Commission, the president or head of a United States aeronautical society, foundation, or organization of national stature or prominence who will be a person from a State other than Ohio or North Carolina.*

(6) *The Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, or his designee.*

(b) VACANCIES.—*Any vacancy in the Commission shall be filled in the same manner in which the original designation was made.*

(c) COMPENSATION.—

(1) PROHIBITION OF PAY.—*Except as provided in paragraph (2), members of the Commission shall serve without pay or compensation.*

(2) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—*The Commission may adopt a policy, only by unanimous vote, for members of the Commission and related advisory panels to receive travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence. The policy may not exceed the levels established under sections 5702 and 5703 of title 5, United States Code. Members*

*who are Federal employees shall not receive travel expenses if otherwise reimbursed by the Federal Government.*

(d) QUORUM.—*Three members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum.*

(e) CHAIRPERSON.—*The Commission shall select a Chairperson of the Commission from the members designated under subsection (a) (1), (2), or (5). The Chairperson may not vote on matters before the Commission except in the case of a tie vote. The Chairperson may be removed by a vote of a majority of the Commission's members.*

(f) ORGANIZATION.—*No later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commission shall meet and select a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Executive Director.*

#### SEC. 5. DUTIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—*The Commission shall—*

(1) *represent the United States and take a leadership role with other nations in recognizing the importance of aviation history in general and the centennial of powered flight in particular, and promote participation by the United States in such activities;*

(2) *encourage and promote national and international participation and sponsorships in commemoration of the centennial of powered flight by persons and entities such as—*

(A) *aerospace manufacturing companies;*

(B) *aerospace-related military organizations;*

(C) *workers employed in aerospace-related industries;*

(D) *commercial aviation companies;*

(E) *general aviation owners and pilots;*

(F) *aerospace researchers, instructors, and enthusiasts;*

(G) *elementary, secondary, and higher educational institutions;*

(H) *civil, patriotic, educational, sporting, arts, cultural, and historical organizations and technical societies;*

(I) *aerospace-related museums; and*

(J) *State and local governments;*

(3) *plan and develop, in coordination with the First Flight Centennial Commission, the First Flight Centennial Foundation of North Carolina, and the 2003 Committee of Ohio, programs and activities that are appropriate to commemorate the 100th anniversary of powered flight;*

(4) *maintain, publish, and distribute a calendar or register of national and international programs and projects concerning, and provide a central clearinghouse for, information and coordination regarding, dates, events, and places of historical and commemorative significance regarding aviation history in general and the centennial of powered flight in particular;*

(5) *provide national coordination for celebration dates to take place throughout the United States during the centennial year;*

(6) *assist in conducting educational, civic, and commemorative activities relating to the centennial of powered flight throughout the United States, especially activities that occur in the States of North Carolina and Ohio and that highlight the activities of the Wright brothers in such States; and*

(7) *encourage the publication of popular and scholarly works related to the history of aviation or the anniversary of the centennial of powered flight.*

(b) NONDUPLICATION OF ACTIVITIES.—*The Commission shall attempt to plan and conduct its activities in such a manner that activities conducted pursuant to this Act enhance, but do not duplicate, traditional and established activities of Ohio's 2003 Committee, North Carolina's First Flight Centennial Commission, the First Flight Centennial Foundation, or any other organization of national stature or prominence.*

#### SEC. 6. POWERS.

(a) ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—*The Commission may appoint any advisory committee or task force from among the membership of the Advisory Board in section 12.*