

(3) Congress supports the goals and ideals of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month.

## S. RES. 108

Whereas throughout American history, cowboy poets have played a large part in framing the landscape of the American West through written and oral poetry;

Whereas the endurance of these tales and poems demonstrates that cowboy poetry is still a living art;

Whereas recognizing the contributions of these poets dates as far back as cowboys themselves; and

Whereas it is necessary to recognize the importance of cowboy poetry for future generations: Now therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates that week of April 21 through April 27, 2003, as “National Cowboy Poetry Week”; and

(2) requests the President to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to celebrate the week with the appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs.

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Whereas many nations throughout the world, and especially within the Western hemisphere, celebrate “Día de los Niños” on the 30th of April, in recognition and celebration of their country’s future—their children;

Whereas children represent the hopes and dreams of the people of the United States;

Whereas children are the center of American families;

Whereas children should be nurtured and invested in to preserve and enhance economic prosperity, democracy, and the American spirit;

Whereas Hispanics in the United States, the youngest and fastest growing ethnic community in the Nation, continue the tradition of honoring their children on this day, and wish to share this custom with the rest of the Nation;

Whereas 1 in 4 Americans is projected to be of Hispanic descent by the year 2050, and there are, in 2003, approximately 12.3 million Hispanic children in the United States;

Whereas traditional Hispanic family life centers largely on children;

Whereas the primary teachers of family values, morality, and culture are parents and family members, and we rely on children to pass on these family values, morals, and culture to future generations;

Whereas more than 500,000 children drop out of school each year and Hispanic dropout rates are unacceptably high;

Whereas the importance of literacy and education are most often communicated to children through family members;

Whereas families should be encouraged to engage in family and community activities that include extended and elderly family members and encourage children to explore, develop confidence, and pursue their dreams;

Whereas the designation of a day to honor the children of the Nation will help affirm for the people of the United States the significance of family, education, and community;

Whereas the designation of a day of special recognition of children of the United States will provide an opportunity for children to reflect on their future, to articulate their dreams and aspirations, and find comfort and security in the support of their family members and communities;

Whereas the National Latino Children’s Institute, serving as a voice for children, has worked with cities throughout the country to declare April 30 as “Día de los Niños: Celebrating Young Americans”—a day to bring together Latinos and other communities na-

tionwide to celebrate and uplift children; and

Whereas the children of a nation are the responsibility of all its people, and people should be encouraged to celebrate the gifts of children to society—their curiosity, laughter, faith, energy, spirit, hopes, and dreams: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates April 30, 2003, as “Día de los Niños: Celebrating Young Americans”; and

(2) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to join with all children, families, organizations, communities, churches, cities, and States across the Nation to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies, including—

(A) activities that center around children, and are free or minimal in cost so as to encourage and facilitate the participation of all our people;

(B) activities that are positive, uplifting, and that help children express their hopes and dreams;

(C) activities that provide opportunities for children of all backgrounds to learn about one another’s cultures and share ideas;

(D) activities that include all members of the family, and especially extended and elderly family members, so as to promote greater communication among the generations within a family, enabling children to appreciate and benefit from the experiences and wisdom of their elderly family members;

(E) activities that provide opportunities for families within a community to get acquainted; and

(F) activities that provide children with the support they need to develop skills and confidence, and find the inner strength—the will and fire of the human spirit—to make their dreams come true.

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Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, nations throughout the world, especially within Latin America, celebrate Día De los Niños on the 30th of April, in recognition and celebration of their country’s future—their children. Many American Hispanic families continue the tradition of honoring their children on this day by celebrating Día De los Niños in their homes.

The designation of a day to honor the children of the Nation will help affirm for the people of the United States the significance of family, education, and community. This special recognition of children will provide us with an opportunity to reflect on our future, articulate our dreams and aspirations, and find comfort and security in the support of our family members and communities. This resolution calls on the American people to join with all children, families, organizations, communities, churches, cities, and States across the Nation to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

I thank my colleagues for supporting America’s youth by supporting this resolution designating April 30, 2003, Día De los Niños: Celebrating Young Americans.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE LABORERS’ INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA

Mr. SUNUNU. I ask unanimous consent the Senate immediately proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 68, S. Res. 117.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 117) recognizing the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Laborers’ International Union of North America, and congratulating members and officers of the Laborers’ International Union of North America for the union’s many achievements.

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

Mr. SUNUNU. I ask unanimous consent the Hatch amendment to the resolution be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; that the resolution as amended be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; that the preamble be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid on 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 amendment (No. 531) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: To honor and commend the contributions of all labor organizations within the United States)

Strike all after the resolving clause and insert the following: “That the Senate—

“(1) recognizes the founding and establishment of labor organizations, which have made a tremendous contribution to the structural development and building of the United States, and to the well-being of countless workers;

“(2) congratulates labor organizations for their many achievements and the strength of their membership; and

“(3) expects that labor organizations will continue their dedicated work and will have an even greater impact in the 21st century and beyond, and will enhance the standard of living and work environment for laborers and other workers in generations to come.”.

The resolution (S. Res. 117), as amended, was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, as amended, with its preamble, reads as follows:

(The bill will be printed in a future edition of the RECORD.)

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING THE BLUE STAR SERVICE BANNER AND THE GOLD STAR

Mr. SUNUNU. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Con. Res. 36, submitted earlier today by Senators DASCHLE, FRIST, HAGEL, JOHNSON, and STEVENS.

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