

(D) commends the dropping of charges against Abdul Rahman; and

(E) strongly urges the Government of Afghanistan to consider the importance of religious freedom for the broader relationship between the United States and Afghanistan; and

(2) it is the sense of the Senate that the President and the President's representatives should—

(A) in both public and private fora, raise concerns at the highest levels with the Government of Afghanistan regarding the violations of internationally recognized human rights, including the right to freedom of religion or belief, in Afghanistan; and

(B) ensure that the International Religious Freedom Report 2006 for Afghanistan fully addresses the issue of religious persecution in that country, including the arrest of Abdul Rahman.

SENATE RESOLUTION 422—DESIGNATING APRIL 21, 2006, AS “NATIONAL AND GLOBAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY”, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DODD, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SANTORUM, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPENCER, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. STEVENS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 422

Whereas National and Global Youth Service Day is an annual public awareness and education campaign that highlights the valuable contributions that young people make to their communities throughout the year;

Whereas the goals of National and Global Youth Service Day are to—

(1) mobilize the youth of the United States to identify and address the needs of their communities through service and service-learning;

(2) encourage young citizens to embark on a lifelong path of service and civic engagement; and

(3) educate the public, the media, and policymakers about contributions made by young people as community leaders throughout the year;

Whereas National and Global Youth Service Day, a program of Youth Service America, is the largest service event in the world and is being observed for the 18th consecutive year in 2006;

Whereas young people in the United States and in many other countries are volunteering more than any other generation in history;

Whereas the children and youth of the United States not only represent the future of the Nation, but also are leaders and assets today;

Whereas the children and youth of the United States should be valued for the idealism, energy, creativity, and unique perspective that they use when addressing challenges found in their communities;

Whereas a fundamental and conclusive correlation exists between youth service, lifelong adult volunteering, and philanthropy;

Whereas through community service, young people of all ages and backgrounds build character and learn valuable skills sought by employers, including time management, decision-making, teamwork, needs-assessment, and leadership;

Whereas service-learning, an innovative teaching method that combines community service with curriculum-based learning, increases student achievement while strengthening civic responsibility;

Whereas several private foundations and corporations in the United States support service-learning because they understand that educated, civically-engaged communities tend to be economically prosperous and good places to do business;

Whereas sustained investments by the Federal Government, business partners, schools, and communities fuel the positive, long-term cultural change that will make service and service-learning a common expectation and a common experience for all young people;

Whereas National and Global Youth Service Day, with the support of 51 lead agencies, hundreds of grant winners, and thousands of local partners, engages millions of young people worldwide;

Whereas National and Global Youth Service Day will involve 38 international organizations and 110 national partners, including 8 Federal agencies and 6 organizations that offer grants to support National and Global Youth Service Day;

Whereas National Youth Service Day has inspired Global Youth Service Day, which occurs concurrently in more than 100 countries and is now in its 7th year; and

Whereas both young people and their communities will benefit greatly from expanded opportunities to engage the youth of the United States in meaningful volunteer service and service-learning: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes and commends the significant contributions of United States youth and encourages the cultivation of a common civic bond between young people dedicated to serving their neighbors, their communities, and the Nation;

(2) designates April 21, 2006, as “National and Global Youth Service Day”; and

(3) calls on the citizens of the United States to—

(A) observe the day by encouraging and engaging youth to participate in civic and community service projects;

(B) recognize the volunteer efforts of the young people of the United States throughout the year; and

(C) support the volunteer efforts of young people and engage them in meaningful decision-making opportunities today as an investment for the future of the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 423—DESIGNATING APRIL 8, 2006, AS “NATIONAL CUSHING’S SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY”

Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. COBURN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 423

Whereas Cushing’s Syndrome annually affects an estimated 10 to 15 people per million, most of whom are currently between the ages of 20 and 50;

Whereas Cushing’s Syndrome is an endocrine or hormonal disorder caused by pro-

longed exposure of the body’s tissue to high levels of the hormone cortisol;

Whereas exposure to cortisol can occur by overproduction in the body or by taking glucocorticoid hormones, which are routinely prescribed for asthma, rheumatoid arthritis, lupus, or as an immunosuppressant following transplantation;

Whereas the syndrome may also result from pituitary adenomas, ectopic ACTH syndrome, adrenal tumors, and Familial Cushing’s Syndrome;

Whereas Cushing’s Syndrome can cause abnormal weight gain, skin changes, and fatigue and ultimately lead to diabetes, high blood pressure, depression, osteoporosis, and death;

Whereas Cushing’s Syndrome is diagnosed through a series of tests, often requiring x-ray examinations of adrenal or pituitary glands to locate tumors;

Whereas many people who suffer from Cushing’s Syndrome are misdiagnosed or go undiagnosed for years because many of the symptoms are mirrored in milder diseases, thereby delaying important treatment options;

Whereas treatments for Cushing’s Syndrome include surgery, radiation, chemotherapy, cortisol-inhibiting drugs, and reducing the dosage of glucocorticoid hormones;

Whereas Cushing’s Syndrome was discovered by Dr. Harvey Williams Cushing, who was born on April 8th, 1869;

Whereas the Dr. Harvey Cushing stamp was part of the United States Postal Service’s “Great American” series, initiated in 1980 to recognize individuals for making significant contributions to the heritage and culture of the United States;

Whereas President Ronald Reagan spoke on April 8, 1987, in the Rose Garden at a White House ceremony to unveil the commemorative stamp honoring Dr. Harvey Cushing;

Whereas following the ceremony, President Reagan hosted a reception in the State Dining Room for Mrs. John Hay Whitney, Dr. Cushing’s daughter, and representatives of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons; and

Whereas the Senate is an institution that can raise awareness in the general public and the medical community of Cushing’s Syndrome; Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates April 8, 2006, as “National Cushing’s Syndrome Awareness Day”;

(2) recognizes that all Americans should become more informed and aware of Cushing’s Syndrome;

(3) calls upon the people of the United States to observe the date with appropriate ceremonies and activities; and

(4) directs the Secretary of the Senate to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Cushing’s Understanding, Support & Help Organization.