

a national and State level for the educational achievement and success of Hispanic students in higher education;

Whereas the membership of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities has extended beyond the borders of the United States to include over 45 colleges and universities in Latin America, Spain, and Portugal in order to expand education, research, and outreach through international opportunities for faculty, internships, scholarships, and governmental partnerships for students at Hispanic Serving Institutions; and

Whereas the 4th week in October 2006 is an appropriate time to express such recognition during the 20th Anniversary Conference of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities in San Antonio, Texas: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the national role of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities as an advocate and champion for Hispanic higher education and congratulates the organization on its 20th Anniversary;

(2) applauds Hispanic Serving Institutions for their work to provide quality educational opportunities to all Hispanic and other students who attend their institutions; and

(3) urges university presidents, faculty, staff, and supporters of Hispanic higher education to continue their efforts to recruit, retain, educate, and graduate students who might not otherwise pursue a postsecondary education.

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I rise today to submit a bipartisan resolution recognizing the contributions of Hispanic Serving Institutions, and the 20 years of educational endeavors provided by The Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities.

Today, there are currently 202 Hispanic Serving Institutions in the United States enrolling nearly half of all Hispanic students in college. I take pride in noting that The Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities was founded in my home state of Texas. From its beginning in the City of San Antonio, the Association has grown from 18 colleges and universities to now recognizing more than 400 United States colleges and universities as Hispanic Serving Institutions, associate members, and partners.

The Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities strives to promote academic success for Hispanic students in higher education. This aspiration is continually met in the United States as the Association is the only national education entity that represents Hispanic Serving Institutions. Though focused on the U.S., the Association is also pursuing this goal of high standards in education by expanding even beyond our borders to 45 colleges and universities in Latin America, Spain and Portugal.

Education offers greater opportunity for every individual, and I commend the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities for their work in developing and enhancing Hispanic Serving Institutions in order to provide a quality higher education experience for Hispanics and other students who attend these institutions.

SENATE RESOLUTION 609—HONORING THE CHILDREN'S CHARITIES, YOUTH-SERVING ORGANIZATIONS, AND OTHER NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS COMMITTED TO ENRICHING AND BETTERING THE LIVES OF CHILDREN AND DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2006, AS "CHILD AWARENESS WEEK"

Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. ISAKSON) submitted the following resolution; which was:

S. RES. 609

Whereas the children and youths of the United States represent the future of the United States;

Whereas numerous individuals, children's organizations, and youth-serving organizations that work with children and youths on a daily basis provide invaluable services that serve to enrich and better the lives of children and youths;

Whereas by strengthening and supporting children's and youth-serving charities and other similar nongovernmental organizations and by encouraging greater collaboration among these organizations, the lives of many more children may be enriched and made better;

Whereas heightening people's awareness of and increasing the support by the United States for children and youth-serving organizations that provide access to healthcare, social services, education, the arts, sports, and other services will help to improve the lives of children and youths;

Whereas September is a time when parents, families, teachers, school administrators, and others increase their focus on preparing children and youths of the United States for the future as they begin a new school year and it is a time for the people of the United States as a whole to highlight and be mindful of the needs of children and youths;

Whereas "Child Awareness Week", observed in September, recognizes the children's charities, youth-serving organizations, and other nongovernmental organizations across the United States for the work they do to improve and enrich the lives of children and youths of the United States; and

Whereas a week-long salute to children and youths is in the public interest and will encourage support for these charities and organizations that seek to provide a better future for the children and youths of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved* That the Senate—

(1) designates the week of September 24, 2006, as "Child Awareness Week";

(2) recognizes with great appreciation the children's charities and youth-serving organizations across the United States for their efforts on behalf of children and youths; and

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

(A) observe the week of September 24, 2006, by focusing on the needs of the children and youths of the United States;

(B) recognize the efforts of children's charities and youth-serving organizations to enrich and better the lives of the children and youths of the United States; and

(C) support the efforts of the children's charities and youth-serving organizations of the United States as an investment for the future of the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 610—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD PROMOTE THE ADOPTION OF, AND THE UNITED NATIONS SHOULD ADOPT, A RESOLUTION AT ITS OCTOBER MEETING TO PROTECT THE LIVING RESOURCES OF THE HIGH SEAS FROM DESTRUCTIVE, ILLEGAL, UNREPORTED, AND UNREGULATED FISHING PRACTICES

Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. WARNER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. MCCAIN, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SMITH, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DODD, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. KERRY, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) submitted the following resolution; which was:

S. RES. 610

Whereas it is of paramount importance to the United States and all nations to ensure the protection, conservation, and sustainable management of high seas living marine resources;

Whereas fisheries of the high seas annually generate hundreds of millions of dollars in economic activity and support thousands of jobs in the United States and its territories as well as nations throughout the world;

Whereas the high seas constitute a globally significant reservoir of marine biodiversity, and compounds derived from organisms found on the high seas show promise for the treatment of deadly diseases such as cancer and asthma;

Whereas the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization reports that a growing number of high seas fish stocks important to the United States and the world are overfished or depleted;

Whereas the United Nations has called for urgent action to address the impact of high seas fishing practices that have adverse impacts on vulnerable marine species and habitats;

Whereas destructive, illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing by vessels flying non-United States flags threatens high seas fisheries and the habitats that support them;

Whereas nations whose fleets conduct destructive, illegal, unreported, and unregulated high seas fishing enjoy an unfair competitive advantage over United States fishermen, who must comply with the rigorous conservation and management requirements of the Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and other laws in order to conserve exhaustible natural resources; and Whereas international cooperation is necessary to address destructive, illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing which harms the sustainability of high seas living marine resources and the United States fishing industry: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved* by the Senate That it is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) the United States should continue to demonstrate international leadership and responsibility regarding the conservation and sustainable use of high seas living marine resources by vigorously promoting the adoption of a resolution at this year's 61st session of the United Nations General Assembly calling on all nations to protect vulnerable marine habitats by prohibiting their vessels from engaging in destructive fishing activity in areas of the high seas where there are no applicable conservation or management measures or in areas with no applicable