

(1) recognizes and commends Bread for the World, on the 35th anniversary of its founding, for its encouragement of citizen engagement, its advocacy for poor and hungry people, and its successes as a collective voice; and

(2) challenges Bread for the World to continue its work to address world hunger.

AUTHORIZING PRINTING OF A COLLECTION OF THE RULES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEES

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 166, submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 166) to authorize printing of a collection of the rules of the committees of the Senate.

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

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate, and any statements related to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 166) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 166

Resolved, That a collection of the rules of the committees of the Senate, together with related materials, be printed as a Senate document, and that there be printed 300 additional copies of such document for the use of the Committee on Rules and Administration.

YEAR OF THE MILITARY FAMILY

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 165, submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 165) to encourage the recognition of 2009 as the "Year of the Military Family."

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

Mr. LEVIN. Madam President, there are more than 1.8 million family members of active duty servicemembers and an additional 1.1 million family members of reserve component members. Every one of these families makes sacrifices each and every day along with their servicemember and plays a very significant role in serving our country.

Military families often face unique challenges and difficulties throughout their loved one's career, including frequent relocations to bases across the country and overseas as well as the various demands stemming from continued deployments of members from every service. The Nation must ensure

that all the needs of military dependent children and spouses are being met. The life of a military family member has never been an easy one, but in our 8th year of war, families are facing even more hardships.

Deployments are an undeniable strain on families. While a servicemember is away, spouses are often forced into the role of a single parent—juggling employment, child care, and household duties each and every day, all the while living with the pressure of having a family member deployed to a combat zone. Families are an integral part of the force, and stress on the force affects overall readiness.

Servicemembers will experience less stress in the field if they are assured their families are well taken care of back home. And it is imperative that families remain as resilient as possible in order to provide a stable environment for loved ones when they return home from those deployments. Families are often the first line of defense against posttraumatic stress and suicide, but may be experiencing similar feelings themselves. We must ensure that families and servicemembers have timely access to mental health resources and programs. We must make every dependent aware of the resources available to them to assist in everything from finances to job placement to health care and counseling.

Thousands of military family members have taken it upon themselves to confront these challenges by volunteering to provide critical assistance during deployments to servicemembers, their spouses, and children, as well as giving vital support to families relocating to a new area. And sadly, many families have made the ultimate sacrifice in the loss of a servicemember who proudly defended our Nation.

We in Congress have tried to do our part to help, and have made family support programs and initiatives a priority. In recent bills we have called for: the establishment of a Department of Defense Military Family Readiness Council; education, training, and tuition assistance to help spouses maintain careers; respite care for parents caring for children on their own due to deployments; authorized increased levels of Impact Aid for military dependents' education; and established and supported the nationwide expansion of the Department's Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program which is aimed at helping members and families of the Guard and Reserve. But there is still more to do.

With President and Mrs. Obama placing the support of our military families among their top priorities, we must take this opportunity to renew our commitment and express our deepest appreciation to military family members who bravely serve this Nation alongside their servicemembers. It is my hope that this Year of the Military Family inspires us, the Department of Defense, the military Services, and

Americans everywhere to commit to helping military families and servicemembers in any way we can, and to ensure that these strong men, women, and children are given the recognition, appreciation, and support that they so truly deserve.

Mr. MCCAIN. Madam President, it is my privilege to support S. Res. 165, a resolution encouraging the recognition of 2009 as the "Year of the Military Family." I am honored to be an original cosponsor of this resolution, along with my colleagues on the Committee on Armed Services, Senator LEVIN, Senator BEN NELSON and Senator GRAHAM.

Our Nation is honored by the brave men and women who selflessly risk their lives for our freedom, and by their families, who accept risks, both known and unknown, in support of their country and loved ones who serve. The programs and resources our Nation provides must match the quality of the service and sacrifice of military families. That is why I and others fought so hard to include a special provision in the post-9/11 G.I. bill to allow career service members the opportunity to share the educational benefits that they earn with their immediate family members.

Many military families are distinguished by generations, who have served, from the American Revolution, to the American Civil War, World Wars, Korea, Vietnam, the first gulf war and recent conflicts. The resolution before us today recognizes the contributions and resilience of all military families, and especially those who have endured multiple deployments, or the loss of a loved one who answered the call to service and paid the ultimate price in defense of our Nation.

SFC Kimberly Hazelgrove was serving as an intelligence expert in the U.S. Army when she received the news on January 23, 2004, that her husband, Army CW2 Brian Hazelgrove, had died. His helicopter crashed on its return from a combat mission in northern Iraq. On that tragic day, Kimberly Hazelgrove became a survivor of an American hero. But, like so many whose spouses have died as a consequence of their service to our Nation, she is also a hero in her own right. Kimberly had to abandon her own promising military career to care for four young children. She struggled, with the help of family and friends, to start over—to transition to civilian life, to find employment in which to apply her military skills, and return to school—and with courage and determination she succeeded. Today she balances a new career with the needs of the children that she and Brian had planned to raise, and has never abandoned her selfless advocacy on behalf of survivors of the fallen. Kimberly Hazelgrove represents the essence of service and sacrifice of military families, and I salute her.

Not all military families are defined only as the service member, a spouse,

and children. Many of the young men and women serving our country are unmarried and identify as a family with their parents and siblings. My friend 1LT Andrew Kinard graduated from the Naval Academy in 2005 and chose to lead Marines in Iraq. Andrew deployed as a platoon leader with the Second Marine Division in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in September 2006. He was gravely wounded by an IED attack while leading a security patrol in Al Anbar Province. His father Harry immediately left his surgical practice so that he could buoy Andrew's spirit through dozens of surgeries that followed. His mother, Mary, remained with Andrew for 5 more months after her husband returned to his medical practice. The separation that Andrew's parents and siblings endured represents a family's selfless sacrifice, to support Andrew and his quality of life even as he faced many surgeries and grueling physical therapy. Andrew Kinard is now a retired marine and will enter Harvard Law School in the fall. The Kinard family represents the unifying, supportive force of a military family that helps a service member survive the most grievous wounds of war, and then get back to the important work of citizenship. I salute them.

MAJ Brian Love is a Green Beret. His family accompanied him to assignment in Germany where, in 2004, their son Patrick was diagnosed with autism. Today Brian and his wife Naomi apply the unique problem solving skills of military special forces to the daily challenge of meeting Patrick's complex needs—a challenge compounded by the rigors of a career as a military leader, and the uncertain limitations of Federal, State and local programs. Major Love has deployed to Iraq twice since 2005. He believes that he is a better leader—that his family relationships are stronger—for having seen the world through the eyes of a child with special needs. Brian is now preparing to assume command of an Army special forces unit and faces the possibility of future deployments. His service, and that of his wife Naomi, honors each of us. Because of their service, and thousands like them, we can all view our victories differently. As an emblem of the dedicated service of military families and to their children, I salute them.

Finally, Mary Scott modestly asserts that hers is a "normal military family." Her father was killed in 1972 in Vietnam; her husband served for 30 years in the U.S. Army; each one of their six children serves their nation in the military today. Kate is an Army captain and lawyer and now serves in Iraq; Karoline, an Air Force captain and public affairs officer; Andy, an Army captain and lawyer who has also deployed to Iraq; 1LT Kerney Scott pilots an Army Blackhawk in Korea; 2LT Alec Scott is a newly commissioned officer in the Army Chaplain Corps, and Cadet Adam Scott, followed his family's well worn path to the U.S. Mili-

tary Academy. "It's not unusual," Mary says, "for kids to go into the family business."

All of those whom I have described and their families, live the values of military service, and enrich us all. They volunteer and advocate on behalf of causes greater than their own. They support one another during challenging times, and find that even in difficulty they are bound more closely together.

I rise in support of the resolution encouraging the recognition of 2009 as the "Year of the Military Family." I salute all military families, and it is to their service that I dedicate my own.

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements related to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 165) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 165

Whereas there are more than 1.8 million family members of regular component members of the Armed Forces and an additional 1.1 million family members of reserve component members;

Whereas slightly more than half of all members of the regular and reserve components are married, and just over 40 percent of military spouses are 30 years or younger and 60 percent of military spouses are under 36 years of age;

Whereas there are nearly 1.2 million children between the ages of birth and 23 years who are dependents of regular component members, and there are over 713,000 children between such ages who are dependents of reserve component members;

Whereas the largest group of minor children of regular component members consist of children between the ages of birth and 5 years, while the largest group of minor children of reserve component members consist of children between the ages of 6 and 14 years;

Whereas the needs, resources, and challenges confronting a military family, particularly when a member of the family has been deployed, vastly differ between younger age children and children who are older;

Whereas the United States recognizes that military families are also serving their country, and the United States must ensure that all the needs of military dependent children are being met, for children of members of both the regular and reserve components;

Whereas military families often face unique challenges and difficulties that are inherent to military life, including long separations from loved ones, the repetitive demands of frequent deployments, and frequent uprooting of community ties resulting from moves to bases across the country and overseas;

Whereas thousands of military family members have taken on volunteer responsibilities to assist units and members of the Armed Forces who have been deployed by supporting family readiness groups, helping military spouses meet the demands of a single parent during a deployment, or providing a shoulder to cry on or the comfort of understanding;

Whereas military families provide members of the Armed Forces with the strength and emotional support that is needed from the home front for members preparing to deploy, who are deployed, or who are returning from deployment;

Whereas some military families have given the ultimate sacrifice in the loss of a principal family member in defense of the United States; and

Whereas 2009 would be an appropriate year to designate as the "Year of the Military Family": Now, therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the Senate—

(1) expresses its deepest appreciation to the families of members of the Armed Forces who serve, or have served, in defense of the United States;

(2) recognizes the contributions that military families make, and encourages the people of the United States to share their appreciation for the sacrifices military families give on behalf of the United States; and

(3) encourages the people of the United States and the Department of Defense to observe the "Year of Military Family" with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

DISCHARGE AND REFERRAL—S.

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Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill S. 1007 be discharged from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs and it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3,
2009

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m., tomorrow, Wednesday, June 3; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate proceed to a period of morning business for 1 hour, with the Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees, with the majority controlling the first half and the Republicans controlling the second half; that following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 47, H.R. 1256, the Family Smoking Prevention and Control Act, and that time during any adjournment, recess or period of morning business count postclosure.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Madam President, if we are required to run the entire 30 hours of postclosure debate time, we will not be able to turn to consideration of the FDA tobacco bill until approximately 5:20 p.m. tomorrow. However, we hope to yield back a