

**SENATE RESOLUTION 389—TENDERING THE THANKS OF THE SENATE TO THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR THE COURTEOUS, DIGNIFIED, AND IMPARTIAL MANNER IN WHICH HE HAS PRESIDED OVER THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE SENATE**

Mr. LOTT (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. NICKLES, and Mr. REID) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 389

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Senate are hereby tendered to the Honorable Al Gore, Vice President of the United States and President of the Senate, for the courteous, dignified, and impartial manner in which he has presided over its deliberations during the second session of the One Hundred Sixth Congress.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 390—TO COMMEND THE EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP OF THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER.**

Mr. LOTT (for himself, Mr. NICKLES, and Mr. REID) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 390

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Senate are hereby tendered to the distinguished Democratic Leader, the Senator from South Dakota, the Honorable Thomas A. Daschle, for his exemplary leadership and the cooperative and dedicated manner in which he has performed his leadership responsibilities in the conduct of Senate business during the second session of the 106th Congress.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 391—TO COMMEND THE EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP OF THE MAJORITY LEADER.**

Mr. DASCHLE (for himself, Mr. NICKLES, and Mr. REID) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 391

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Senate are hereby tendered to the distinguished Majority Leader, the Senator from Mississippi, the Honorable Trent Lott, for his exemplary leadership and the cooperative and dedicated manner in which he has performed his leadership responsibilities in the conduct of Senate business during the second session of the 106th Congress.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 392—TENDERING THE THANKS OF THE SENATE TO THE SENATE STAFF FOR THE COURTEOUS, DIGNIFIED, AND IMPARTIAL MANNER IN WHICH THEY HAVE ASSISTED THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE SENATE.**

Mr. LOTT (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. NICKLES, and Mr. REID) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 392

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Senate are hereby tendered to the Secretary of the Sen-

ate, the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate, the Secretary for the Majority, the Secretary for the Minority, and the floor staff of the two parties for the courteous, dignified, and impartial manner in which they have assisted the deliberations of the Senate during the second session of the One Hundred Sixth Congress.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 393—COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF GWENDOLYN BROOKS OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.**

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

S. RES. 393

Whereas Gwendolyn Brooks was born in Topeka, Kansas, on June 7, 1917, and moved one month thereafter to the South Side of Chicago;

Whereas Gwendolyn Brooks was educated in the Chicago public school system, graduating from Englewood High School in 1934;

Whereas Gwendolyn Brooks was the author of over twenty works of poetry spanning 46 years;

Whereas Gwendolyn Brooks in 1950 became the first African-American woman to win the Pulitzer Prize for poetry with her publication, *Annie Allen*;

Whereas Gwendolyn Brooks was showered with numerous other accolades as a poet and artist, including a lifetime achievement award from the National Endowment for the Arts;

Whereas Gwendolyn Brooks has been poet laureate of Illinois since 1968, succeeding the late Carl Sandburg;

Whereas Gwendolyn Brooks leveraged her prestige as Illinois poet laureate to inspire young writers, establishing the Illinois Poet Laureate Awards in 1969 to encourage elementary and high school students to write;

Whereas Gwendolyn Brooks taught future poets and writers at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the City College of New York, Columbia College of Chicago, Northwestern Illinois University, Elmhurst College, and Chicago State University; Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) commemorates the life of Gwendolyn Brooks and celebrates the accomplishments she made not just to the State of Illinois, but to the entire United States of America as a poet and artist; and

(2) extends its deepest sympathies to her daughter Nora and son Henry.

**AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED**

**DILLONWOOD GIANT SEQUOIA GROVE PARK EXPANSION ACT**

**MURKOWSKI (AND BINGAMAN) AMENDMENT NO. 4365**

Mr. DOMENICI (for Mr. MURKOWSKI (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN)) proposed an amendment to the bill (H.R. 4020) to authorize an expansion of the boundaries of Sequoia National Park to include Dillonwood Giant Sequoia Grove; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**SECTION 1. ADDITION TO SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall acquire by donation, purchase with donated or appropriated funds, or exchange, all interest in and to the land described in subsection (b) for addition to Sequoia National Park, California.

(b) LAND ACQUIRED.—The land referred to in subsection (a) is the land depicted on the map entitled “Dillonwood”, numbered 102/80,044, and dated September 1999.

(c) ADDITION TO PARK.—Upon acquisition of the land under subsection (a)—

(1) the Secretary of the Interior shall—

(A) modify the boundaries of Sequoia National Park to include the land within the park; and

(B) administer the land as part of Sequoia National Park in accordance with all applicable laws; and

(2) The Secretary of Agriculture shall modify the boundaries of the Sequoia National Forest to exclude the land from the forest boundaries.

**PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER MEDAL OF VALOR ACT OF 1999**

**HATCH AMENDMENT NO. 4366**

Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. HATCH) proposed an amendment to the bill (H.R. 46) to provide for a national medal for public safety officers who act with extraordinary valor above and beyond the call of duty; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**TITLE I—PUBLIC SAFETY MEDAL OF VALOR**

**SECTION 101. SHORT TITLE.**

This title may be cited as the “Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Act of 2000”.

**SEC. 102. AUTHORIZATION OF MEDAL.**

After September 1, 2001, the President may award, and present in the name of Congress, a Medal of Valor of appropriate design, with ribbons and appurtenances, to a public safety officer who is cited by the Attorney General, upon the recommendation of the Medal of Valor Review Board, for extraordinary valor above and beyond the call of duty. The Public Safety Medal of Valor shall be the highest national award for valor by a public safety officer.

**SEC. 103. MEDAL OF VALOR BOARD.**

(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF BOARD.—There is established a Medal of Valor Review Board (hereinafter in this title referred to as the “Board”), which shall be composed of 11 members appointed in accordance with subsection (b) and shall conduct its business in accordance with this title.

(b) MEMBERSHIP.—

(1) MEMBERS.—The members of the Board shall be individuals with knowledge or expertise, whether by experience or training, in the field of public safety, of which—

(A) two shall be appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

(B) two shall be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

(C) two shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(D) two shall be appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives; and

(E) three shall be appointed by the President, including one with experience in firefighting, one with experience in law enforcement, and one with experience in emergency services.