

STATEMENTS ON SUBMITTED  
RESOLUTIONS

## SENATE RESOLUTION 85—DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF MAY 6 THROUGH 12, 2001, AS “TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK”, AND DESIGNATING TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2001 AS “NATIONAL TEACHER DAY”

Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ENZI, Mr. DEWINE, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. HATCH, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, and Mr. STEVENS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 85

Whereas the foundation of American Freedom and democracy is a strong, effective system of education where every child has the opportunity to learn in a safe and nurturing environment;

Whereas a first rate education system depends on a partnership between parents, principals, teachers, and children;

Whereas much of the success of our Nation is the result of the hard work and dedication of teachers across the Nation;

Whereas in addition to a child's family, knowledgeable and skillful teachers can have a profound impact on the child's early development and future success;

Whereas many people spend their lives building careers, teachers spend their careers building lives;

Whereas our Nation's teachers serve our Nation's children beyond the call of duty as coaches, mentors, and adviser's without regard to fame or fortune; and

Whereas across our Nation, nearly 3,000,000 men and women experience the joys of teaching young minds the virtues of reading, writing, and arithmetic: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week of May 6 through 12, 2001, as “Teacher Appreciation Week”;

(2) designates Tuesday, May 8, 2001 as “National Teacher Day”; and

(3) calls upon the people of the United States to take a moment out of their busy lives to say thanks and pay tribute to our Nation's teachers.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I rise today to say thank you to the over 3,000,000 teachers in this Nation for all of the hard work and personal sacrifices they make to educate our youth. For this reason, I introduce a resolution designating the week of May 6 through 12, 2001, as “Teacher Appreciation Week” and designating Tuesday, May 8, 2001 as “National Teacher Day.”

All of us know that individuals do not pursue a career in the teaching profession for the money. People go into the teaching profession for grander reasons—to educate our youth, to make a lasting influence.

While many people spend their lives building careers, our teachers spend their careers building lives. Simply put, to teach is to touch a life forever.

How true that is. I venture to say that every one of us can remember at least one teacher and the special influence he or she had on our lives.

By educating today's youth, our teacher's are preparing tomorrow's leaders.

This week in the Senate, we are considering legislation to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. How appropriate it is that during this debate Teacher Appreciation Week and National Teacher Day are upon us.

The education legislation before us this week is based on the principle that our education system must ensure that no child is left behind.

As we move towards education reforms to achieve this goal, we must keep in mind the other component in our education system—the teachers. If we forget our teachers in this debate, our children will be left behind.

Quality, caring teachers, along with quality, caring parents, play the predominant roles in ensuring that no child is left behind.

I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing our Nation's teachers by passing this resolution designating the week of May 6 through 12, 2001, as “Teacher Appreciation Week, and Tuesday, May 8, 2001, as “National Teacher Day.”

## SENATE RESOLUTION 86—TO EXPRESS THE SENSE OF THE SENATE RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANT ROLE PLAYED BY THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES SMALL BUSINESS COMMUNITY

Mr. BOND (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BURNS, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. ENSIGN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. EDWARDS, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. DASCHLE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 86

Whereas small businesses comprise 99 percent of all firms in the United States;

Whereas small businesses offer a significant number of job opportunities, with 52 percent of all private sector workers employed by small businesses;

Whereas small businesses contribute to the economic well-being of the Nation by providing 51 percent of the private sector output;

Whereas small businesses represent 96 percent of all exporters of goods; and

Whereas the Congress established the Small Business Administration in 1953 to aid, counsel, assist, and protect the interests of small business concerns in order to preserve free competitive enterprise, to ensure that a fair proportion of the total purchases and contracts or subcontracts for property and services for the Federal Government be placed with small business enterprises, to ensure that a fair proportion of the total sales of Government property be made to such enterprises, and to maintain and strengthen the overall economy for the Nation: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That—

(1) the Small Business Administration should continue to be the leading advocate

in the Federal Government for small business concerns;

(2) the Senate strongly urges the President to strengthen and expand assistance to small business concerns through Federal Government programs to ensure that—

(A) a growing number of small business concerns receive contracts for goods and services from the Federal Government;

(B) the Federal Government undertakes steps to increase the number of opportunities provided to women-owned and minority-owned small business concerns for contracting with the Federal Government for the provision of goods and services;

(C) guaranteed loans, including microloans and microloan technical assistance for start-up and growing small business concerns, and venture capital are made available to all qualified small business concerns;

(D) special programs are implemented in economically distressed urban and rural areas in order to create new business opportunities for small business concerns that will create meaningful jobs and economic growth; and

(E) the management assistance programs delivered by resource partners on behalf of the Small Business Administration, such as the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) and the Small Business Development Center and Women's Business Center programs, are provided with the Federal resources necessary to do their jobs;

(3) the Senate strongly urges the President to adopt a policy to achieve the applicable procurement goals for small business concerns, including the goals for women-owned small business concerns, HUBZone small business concerns, socially and economically disadvantaged small business concerns, and small business concerns owned by service-disabled veterans;

(4) the President should hold the head of each Federal department and agency accountable to ensure that the small business procurement goals are achieved during the term of his Administration;

(5) the President should direct the heads of each Federal department and agency to comply fully with the requirements of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act and the Regulatory Flexibility Act; and

(6) the Administrator of the Small Business Administration should have an active role as a member of the President's Cabinet and the Domestic and National Economic Policy Councils.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND  
PROPOSED

SA 396. Mr. REED submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1, to extend programs and activities under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 397. Mr. REED submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 398. Mr. REED submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 399. Mr. REED submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 400. Mr. REED submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.