result, her immigration application is no longer valid and she is now subject to deportation; when we introduced this legislation, we had assumed that the INS could adjust the status of this woman. She has met all the requirements for a visa. In previous years, I have introduced other private bills which eventually became law. One bill was on behalf of Suchanda Khawaja, whose husband was killed in a car accident just weeks before her final interview with the INS. In 1997, I introduced a private bill on behalf of Jasmin Salehi, a Korean immigrant who became ineligible for permanent residency after her husband was murdered at a Denny’s in Reseda, California, where he worked as a manager.

In all of these cases, a family’s grief was compounded by the prospect of deportation of the family member, who had met all the requirements for a green card. This legislation is an efficient way to alleviate the need for private legislation under these circumstances by making the law more just for those who have chosen to become immigrants in our country through the legal process. We introduce the “Family Immigration Act of 2001,” in the hopes that it will go further to alleviate some of our nation’s families face when confronted with the untimely death of a sponsor. Similar legislation has gained bipartisan support in the House of Representatives. I look forward to working with my colleagues to move it quickly through the Senate.

I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the Record. There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

SEC. 8. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY. Members of the consortium shall have royalty-free nonexclusive rights to use intellectual property derived from consortium research conducted under this Act.

SEC. 9. APPROPRIATIONS.
(a) In General.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this Act—
(1) $30,000,000 for fiscal year 2002; and
(2) $50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2003 through 2007.
(b) Availability.—Amounts made available under this section shall remain available until expended.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. HAGEL).
S. 1167. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to permit the substitution of an alternative close family sponsor in the case of the death of the person petitioning for an alien’s admission to the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
Mr. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I am pleased to introduce on behalf of myself and Mr. HAGEL, the Family Sponsor Immigration Act of 2001. This legislation would address the situation of those whose U.S. sponsor dies while they have the chance to adjust status or receive an immigrant visa.

Under current law, a family member who petitions for a relative to receive an immigrant visa must sign a legally binding affidavit of support promising to provide for the support of the immigrant. This is the last step before a green card is issued. If the family sponsor dies while the green card application is pending, the applicant is forced to find a new sponsor and restart the application process, usually a 7- to 8-year process, or face deportation.

The legislation I have introduced today would correct this anomaly in the law by permitting another family member to stand in for the deceased sponsor. Without this legislation, another relative who qualifies as a family sponsor would have to file a new immigrant visa petition on behalf of the relative and the relative would have to go to the end of the line, if the visa category is numerically limited. Thus, the beneficiary would lose his priority date for a visa based on the filing of the first petition, and in some cases, face deportation.

With the passage of this legislation, even though there may be a different sponsor, the beneficiary would not lose his or her priority date to be admitted as a permanent resident of the United States. Nor will the beneficiary be subject to deportation even though they meet all the requirements for an immigrant visa.

A classic example of this situation was presented to my office just recently. Earlier this year I introduced a private bill on behalf of Zhenfu Ge, a 73-year-old grandmother whose daughter died before the Immigration and Naturalization Service, INS, was able to complete the final stage of application process: her interview. As a
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S. RES. 127—CALLING ON THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO IMMEDIATELY AND UNCONDITIONALLY RELEASE LI SHAO MIN AND ALL OTHER AMERICAN SCHOLARS OF CHINESE ANCESTRY BEING HELD IN DETENTION. CALLING ON THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO CONTINUE WORKING ON BEHALF OF LI SHAO MIN AND THE OTHER DETAINED SCHOLARS FOR THEIR RELEASE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Mr. TORRICELLI (for himself, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. KERRY, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. THOMAS, and Mr. BROWNBACK) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

Whereas, Gary Sisco has upheld the tradition of the United States Senate and extended his assistance to all Members of the Senate; and
Whereas, through his exceptional service and personal standards and traditions of the United States Senate, Gary Sisco has earned the respect, trust, and gratitude of his associates and the Members of the Senate; Now, therefore, be it—
Resolved, That the Senate recognizes the notable contributions of Gary Sisco to the Senate and to his country and expresses to him deep appreciation for his helpful and outstanding service, and extends its very best wishes in his future endeavors.

SENATE RESOLUTION 127—COMMENDING GARY SISCO FOR HIS SERVICE AS SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

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

Whereas, Gary Sisco faithfully served the Senate of the United States as the 29th Secretary of the Senate from the 104th to the 107th Congress, and discharged the difficult responsibilities of that office with unfailing dedication and a high degree of competence and efficiency; and
Whereas, as an elected officer, Gary Sisco has upheld the process of law; and the traditions of the United States Senate and extended his assistance to all Members of the Senate; and
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SEC. 2. TRANSMITTAL OF RESOLUTION.

The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the President with the request that he further transmit such copy to the International Olympic Committee and the Government of Greece.

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