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H.Con.Res. 472— Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the 4-H Youth Development Program (Davis, Jo Ann)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, September 24, 2002, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: The resolution has nine findings regarding 4-H, a program with over 5,600,000 annual participants nationwide ranging from 5 to 19 years of age.

And resolves that the House (with the Senate concurring):

“recognizes the 100th anniversary of the 4-H Youth Development Program and commends the program for service to the youth of the world; and

“urges the President to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe a ‘National 4-H Youth Development Program Week’ with appropriate ceremonies and activities.”

Additional Information: For a brief history of 4-H go to:
http://www.national4-headquarters.gov/4h_history.htm

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution has no cost.

Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules?: No.

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H.Con.Res. 301— Expressing the sense of Congress regarding American Gold Star Mothers, Incorporated, Blue Star Mothers of America, Incorporated, the service flag, and the service lapel button (Watts)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, September 24, 2002, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: The resolution has four findings noting that the US Code authorizes immediate family members of active duty military personnel to display a service flag in their home window and to wear a service lapel button approved by the Secretary of Defense “during any period of war or hostilities in which the Armed Forces of the United States are engaged.”

And resolves that it is the Sense of the House (with the Senate concurring) that:

“The members of American Gold Star Mothers, Incorporated, and Blue Star Mothers of America, Incorporated, should be recognized for their sacrifices and for their dedicated and patriotic support of the United States;” and
During the war on terrorism, immediate family members of military personnel “should be encouraged to display” a service flag in their window and wear a service lapel button approved by the Secretary of Defense, and the President should issue a proclamation calling on such a display “during the period in which the Armed Forces are engaged in the war on terrorism.”

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution has no cost.

Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules?: No.

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H.Res. 533—Welcoming Madame Chen Wu Sue-jen, the first lady of Taiwan, to Washington, D.C. (Gilman)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, September 24th, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.Res. 533 would state that the House “extends its warmest welcome to Taiwan's First Lady Chen Wu Sue-jen during her visit to Washington, D.C., in September 2002.”

Additional Background: According to the resolution, First Lady Chen Wu will visit the United States beginning on September 22, 2002, and will bring with her “a strong message from her husband and the people of Taiwan that Taiwan's cooperation with the United States in this joint anti-terrorism campaign will continue and be further strengthened.”

“Taiwan's First Lady Chen Wu Sue-jen, wife and political partner to her husband President Chen Shui-bian, has been unwaveringly and courageously striving for justice, human rights, and democracy in Taiwan and has herself held a seat in the Legislative Yuan.”

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution would authorize no expenditure.

Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules?: No.

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H.R. 2982—A bill to authorize the establishment of a memorial to victims who died as a result of terrorist acts against the United States or its people, at home or abroad (*Turner*)

Order of Business: The bill is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, September 24th, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.R. 2982 would authorize the establishment of a memorial in Washington, DC, or its immediate surroundings, to victims who died as a result of terrorist acts against the United States or its people, at home or abroad (except those individuals identified by the Attorney General as participating or conspiring in terrorist-related activities).

The bill would establish the Victims of Terrorism Memorial Advisory Board to raise the necessary funds to establish, design, construct, and maintain the Memorial. The 13-member Board would be appointed by the President (in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Defense). The Secretary of the Interior would be directed to detail the necessary support staff to the Board.

No specific timeline is given for the completion of the memorial.

Administration Position: During a hearing before the Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation, and Public Lands on March 19, 2002, the National Park Service expressed several concerns about the bill. Though many of the concerns were remedied in an amendment to H.R. 2982 at the full committee level (which the RSC summary above incorporates), the National Park Service remains concerned that the location of this memorial—D.C.—has no direct connection to most terrorist attacks against the United States or to the victims of such attacks. For more details, please visit this website:

<http://resourcescommittee.house.gov/107cong/parks/2002mar19/smith2982.htm>

Cost to Taxpayers: Depending on the scale of the proposed project, CBO estimates design and construction costs would probably be between \$5 million and \$15 million over several years, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. This estimate is based on information provided by the National Park Service, private foundations, and the costs of other memorials on federal grounds. The cost of establishing the memorial could be offset by donations from private sources, but CBO asserts that there is no basis for estimating such future revenues.

Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules?: The bill would authorize the creation of a new memorial in Washington, DC, or its surroundings.

Constitutional Authority: The House Resources Committee, in House Report 107-524, cites constitutional authority in Article I, Section 8, but does not cite a specific clause.

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H.Con.Res. 297 — Recognizing the historical significance of 100 years of Korean immigration to the United States (Hoekstra)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, September 24th, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: According to the resolution, beginning in 2003, more than 100 communities throughout the U.S. will celebrate the 100th anniversary of Korean immigration, which began with the landing of 102 immigrants in Honolulu, Hawaii on January 13, 1903.

H.Con.Res. 297 resolves that Congress:

- “Recognizes the achievements and contributions of Korean-Americans to the United States over the past 100 years; and
- “Requests that the President issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States and interested organizations to observe the anniversary with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.”

The resolution also states that Korean-Americans have contributed to the United States through service in the armed forces, business ownership, development of the first beating heart operation for coronary artery disease, the development of several varieties of the nectarine, and achievements in engineering, architecture, medicine, acting, singing, sculpture, and writing.

Cost to Taxpayers : The resolution authorizes no expenditure.

Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules?: No.

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