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**JOINT RESOLUTION
COMMEMORATING YOM
HASHOAH, THE DAY OF
REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE WHO
SUFFERED AS VICTIMS OF THE
HOLOCAUST**

H.P. 1255

WHEREAS, from 1933 to 1945, 6,000,000 Jews were murdered in the Nazi Holocaust as part of a systematic program of genocide, and millions of other people suffered as victims of Nazism; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Maine should always remember the atrocities committed by the Nazis so that such horrors are never repeated; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Maine should always remember those who liberated the Nazi concentration camps, some at the cost of their lives and others with lifelong emotional suffering, as holding an honored place in our history; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Maine should continually rededicate themselves to the principle of equal justice for all people, remain eternally vigilant against all tyranny and recognize that bigotry provides a breeding ground for tyranny to flourish; and

WHEREAS, April 19, 2001 has been designated internationally as a Day of Remembrance of the Victims of the Nazi Holocaust, and is known as Yom HaShoah; and

WHEREAS, the national community, pursuant to an Act of Congress, will be commemorating the week of April 15th to April 22nd as the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Nazi Holocaust, with the theme of "Remembering the Past for the Sake of the Future"; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the people of the State of Maine to join in this international commemoration; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That, We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twentieth Legislature, now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, pause in solemn memory of the victims of the Nazi Holocaust, urge one and all to recommit themselves to the lessons of the Nazi Holocaust through this international week of commemoration and express our common desire to continually strive to overcome prejudice and inhu-

manity through education, vigilance and resistance; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council in Washington, D.C., on behalf of the people of the State of Maine.

**Read and adopted by the Senate March 22,
2001 and the House of Representatives March
21, 2001.**

**JOINT RESOLUTION
MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT
OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED
STATES TO SUPPORT PAY EQUITY**

S.P. 590

WE, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and Twentieth Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the First Regular Session, most respectfully present and petition the President of the United States and the Congress of the United States, as follows:

WHEREAS, the average American woman who works full time earns approximately 74¢ for each dollar that an average man earns working full time, and the average woman working full time in Maine earns approximately 73¢ for each dollar that an average man working full time in Maine earns; and

WHEREAS, the significant pay gap between men and women performing jobs of comparable skill, effort and responsibility, even when wages are adjusted for levels of education, contributes to the disproportionately high poverty rate among women and children in the State and across the Nation; and

WHEREAS, Congress has found that the gender-based wage gap depresses living standards for American women and their families, harms their health and efficiency, prevents the maximum utilization of available labor resources and tends to cause labor disputes, thereby burdening, affecting and obstructing commerce and creating unfair methods of competition; and

WHEREAS, justice requires that women be paid fairly for the value of their work; and

WHEREAS, the average wage gap between men and women has continued for decades without

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significant improvement, notwithstanding federal and state laws that prohibit discrimination in compensation for equal work on the basis of sex, including the federal Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, Title VII of the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26, section 628; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge and request that the President of the United States and the Congress of the United States strengthen efforts to ensure that women are paid fairly for their work; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

**Read and adopted by the Senate April 3, 2001
and the House of Representatives April 3, 2001**

**JOINT RESOLUTION
MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT
OF THE UNITED STATES,
SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
GALE A. NORTON AND THE
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED
STATES TO ABANDON PLANS TO
CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY
CONCERNING THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL
PARK IN MAINE'S NORTH WOODS**

H.P. 1137

WE, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and Twentieth Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the First Regular Session, most respectfully present and petition the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Interior Gale A. Norton and the Congress of the United States as follows:

WHEREAS, Maine residents and visitors enjoy the privilege of using large tracts of private land in the north woods for recreational uses such as snowmobiling, hunting, hiking, fishing, white water rafting and other related functions; and

WHEREAS, the future of that private land is of great importance to the people of Maine and their outdoor heritage; and

WHEREAS, the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and many of the large landowners have or are entering into cooperative wildlife

management agreements that ensure the future of critical wildlife populations in the north woods; and

WHEREAS, state agencies and nonprofit organizations are cooperating in an unprecedented effort to secure permanent rights of access to the north woods and keep valuable recreational property and natural habitat undeveloped through conservation easements; and

WHEREAS, federal ownership or control of the north woods would create many problems including limitations on access and use and loss of local and state control of these areas; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, your Memorialists, oppose the creation of a national park in Maine's north woods and request that the President of the United States and Secretary of the Interior Gale A. Norton abandon plans to conduct a feasibility study concerning establishing a national park in Maine's north woods; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the President of the United States, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, to Secretary of the Interior Gale A. Norton and to each member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

**Read and adopted by the Senate April 26, 2001
and the House of Representatives April 25, 2001**

**JOINT RESOLUTION
MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS AND
THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION TO STUDY
THE SUFFICIENCY OF WEST-EAST
TRANSPORTATION LINKS**

S.P. 589

WE, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and Twentieth Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the First Regular Session, most respectfully present and petition the Congress of the United States and the United States Department of Transportation as follows:

WHEREAS, on January 1, 1994, the United States of America joined with Canada and Mexico in creating a hemispheric trading zone; and

WHEREAS, NAFTA recognized the importance of efficient international transportation throughout North America as an integral element to a healthy economy; and

WHEREAS, Congress has recognized the importance of international corridors and border crossings in the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century; and

WHEREAS, Atlantic Canada, northern New England, upstate New York, Quebec and Ontario comprise the northeastern portion of North America; and

WHEREAS, the northeastern region is developing closer ties; and

WHEREAS, west-east travel in the northeastern region is difficult and dangerous; and

WHEREAS, the people of the northeast region deserve transportation systems that will permit them to travel safely and efficiently and to sustain their families and communities through safe and efficient regional transportation links; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That, We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge and request that the Federal Highway Administration of the United States Department of Transportation study the sufficiency of the transportation links on west-east axes from Halifax, Nova Scotia through Maine and Quebec to the Windsor, Ontario-Buffalo, New York region and from Halifax, Nova Scotia through Maine, northern New Hampshire and Vermont and eastern and central New York to the Windsor, Ontario-Buffalo, New York region; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this study evaluate the economic potential of the northeast region without significant changes in its transportation infrastructure, and then evaluate the economic potential of the northeast region with significant changes in its transportation infrastructure, including such factors as safety of transportation, efficiency of transportation, proximity to European and central North American markets and points of production; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Federal Highway Administration of the United States Department of Transportation conduct this study with Canada and any other governmental agency or agencies Canada may designate to participate in this study, including, but not limited to, Transport Canada; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the United States Department of Transportation, the United States Department of Commerce, Transport Canada, Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada, Citizenship and Immigration Canada, Revenue Canada and to each Member of

the Congressional Delegations of New Hampshire, Vermont, New York and Maine.

**Read and adopted by the Senate April 26, 2001
and the House of Representatives April 30, 2001**

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING
AND HONORING MAINE'S
WABANAKI PEOPLE**

H.P. 1326

WHEREAS, the Wabanaki people, the people of the Dawn, including the Passamaquoddy, the Penobscot, the Maliseet and the Micmac, have lived in Maine for thousands of years; and

WHEREAS, the Wabanaki people have defended this State and Country in every war since 1776; and

WHEREAS, the Wabanaki people have contributed much to our State's heritage; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maine recognizes the contributions made to our State by the Wabanaki people; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maine respects and honors the Wabanaki people and their cultures; and

WHEREAS, we encourage educators in Maine to teach our children about the Wabanaki people and their contributions to the State of Maine; and

WHEREAS, we look toward the future as an opportunity to better understand and work side by side with the Wabanaki people; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twentieth Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people of the State of Maine, make history as we welcome our Wabanaki brothers and sisters to the State House today, May 2, 2001, on the occasion of Wabanaki Awareness Day; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Governors and Chiefs of each of Maine's 5 Wabanaki communities on behalf of the people of the State of Maine.

**Read and adopted by the Senate May 2, 2001
and the House of Representatives May 2, 2001**

**JOINT RESOLUTION
MEMORIALIZING THE CONGRESS
OF THE UNITED STATES TO
ALLOW IMPROVED MEDICARE
SUPPLEMENT INSURANCE
POLICIES OFFERING
PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE**

H.P. 1153

WE, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and Twentieth Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the First Regular Session, most respectfully present and petition the Congress of the United States, as follows:

WHEREAS, prescription drugs provide essential treatment to all our citizens in this country; and

WHEREAS, retail expenditures on prescription drugs in most states have approximately doubled over the past 6 years; and

WHEREAS, citizens in the United States often pay the highest prices in the world for prescription drugs, and due to these excessive prescription drug prices, access to such prescription drugs is often unobtainable to certain people confronting serious illnesses; and

WHEREAS, federal rules currently regulate uniform Medicare supplement insurance policies that are available for sale to people eligible for Medicare coverage; and

WHEREAS, coverage for prescription drugs through the federally regulated Medicare supplement insurance uniform A-J policies is very limited; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That, We, your Memorialists, request that the United States Congress make a change to federal rules and regulations to allow the development of Medicare supplement insurance policies offering greater prescription drug coverage than is currently available; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States and to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

**Read and adopted by the Senate May 30, 2001
and the House of Representatives May 30, 2001**

**JOINT RESOLUTION
MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT
OF THE UNITED STATES, THE
UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF
COMMERCE AND THE UNITED
STATES SECRETARY OF THE
INTERIOR NOT TO DRILL FOR OIL
OR NATURAL GAS ON GEORGES
BANK**

H.P. 1380

WE, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and Twentieth Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the First Regular Session, most respectfully present and petition the President of the United States, the United States Secretary of Commerce and the United States Secretary of the Interior, as follows:

WHEREAS, the area off the coast of New England between Cape Cod and Nova Scotia, known as Georges Bank, is one of the best fishing locations in the world, with bountiful populations of lobster and fish, and supports a fishing industry integral to the economies and lifestyles within the United States, Canada and other nations; and

WHEREAS, for over 20 years the United States Government has banned drilling for oil and natural gas on Georges Bank and the fishing industries, private enterprises, environmentalists and the government have long cooperated to preserve the natural abundance of that area; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has approved one-year moratoriums on drilling since 1982 and former President George Bush and former President William Clinton each issued administrative orders to prohibit coastal drilling until at least 2012; and

WHEREAS, it has recently been suggested that the ban on drilling on Georges Bank be reconsidered in order to find potential oil and gas deposits; and

WHEREAS, lifting this ban has been opposed by Maine's entire congressional delegation as well as all 5 of New England's Republican United States Senators, scientists, environmentalists and the business and tourist communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge and request that the President of the United States, the United States Secretary of Commerce and the United States Secretary of the Interior support the current ban on drilling on Georges Bank, as did the President's predecessors, and listen to the people of the area who do not want drilling to occur

and who wish to not risk any damage to the most vital fishing bank in the world; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States, the United States Secretary of Commerce and the United States Secretary of the Interior and to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation and the Governor of the State of Maine.

**Read and adopted by the Senate June 19, 2001
and the House of Representatives June 19, 2001**
