

and integrate African-Americans into all aspects of society in the United States;

Whereas, during the era of sexism and gender barriers, barnstorming African-American basketball was not limited to men's teams, but included women's teams as well, such as the Chicago Romas and the Philadelphia Tribunes;

Whereas only in recent years has the history of African-Americans in team sports begun receiving the recognition it deserves;

Whereas basketball is a uniquely modern and uniquely American sport;

Whereas the Black Legends of Professional Basketball Foundation, founded by former Harlem Globetrotter Dr. John Kline, of Detroit, Michigan, honors and highlights the significant contributions of these pioneers and their impact on professional basketball today; and

Whereas the hard work and efforts of the foundation have been instrumental in bringing African-American inductees into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),*

That—

(1) Congress recognizes the teams and players of the barnstorming African-American basketball teams for their achievement, dedication, sacrifices, and contribution to basketball and to the Nation prior to the integration of the white professional leagues;

(2) current National basketball Association players should pay a debt of gratitude to those great pioneers of the game of basketball and recognize them at every possible opportunity; and

(3) a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Black Legends of Professional Basketball Foundation, which has recognized and commemorated the achievements of African-American basketball teams, the National Basketball Association, and the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame.

Agreed to December 22, 2005.

Dec. 22, 2005  
[H. Con. Res. 196]

## FEDERAL FLIGHT DECK OFFICER PROGRAM VOLUNTEER PILOTS—RECOGNITION

Whereas after the tragic attacks of September 11, 2001, Congress enacted legislation authorizing volunteer pilots of United States commercial air carriers who participate in the Federal flight deck officer program to use lethal force to defend the flight deck of an aircraft against acts of terrorism;

Whereas a volunteer pilot in the Federal flight deck officer program must undergo rigorous psychological screening and a background investigation, as well as complete an intense training curriculum;

Whereas volunteer pilots in the Federal flight deck officer program provide a significant deterrent against potential acts of violence or terrorism in United States airspace, are an essential layer

of security for the Nation’s flying public, and are a key factor in restoring confidence in the Nation’s air transportation system; Whereas volunteer pilots in the Federal flight deck officer program devote personal time and finances to maintain a high standard of proficiency in the use of firearms and techniques for addressing emergencies in flight; and

Whereas volunteer pilots in the Federal flight deck officer program, at great personal risk and with no compensation or recognition, are dedicated to the protection of the flight deck, thereby providing an additional layer of protection to the aircraft, passengers, and cargo from acts of terrorism, such as the possible use of the aircraft as a weapon of mass destruction against people on the ground: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That Congress—*

(1) recognizes that volunteer pilots in the Federal flight deck officer program are the consummate quiet professionals and embody what is best in our national character;

(2) applauds volunteer pilots in the Federal flight deck officer program for taking a stand against those who would seek to harm the United States through acts of terrorism in the air; and

(3) expresses appreciation to volunteer pilots in the Federal flight deck officer program on behalf of all citizens of the United States for the ongoing contribution of these pilots to the security of the Nation and its air transportation system.

Agreed to December 22, 2005.

RUSSIAN FEDERATION—INTELLECTUAL  
PROPERTY RIGHTS PROTECTION

Dec. 22, 2005  
[H. Con. Res. 230]

Whereas the protection of intellectual property is critical to the Nation’s economic competitiveness in the 21st century;

Whereas Russia remains on the Special 301 Priority Watch List compiled by the United States Trade Representative (USTR), and the Congress is gravely concerned about the failure of the Russian Federation to live up to international standards in the protection of intellectual property rights, a core American asset;

Whereas the Congress wants to ensure that the Russian Federation redoubles its efforts to adopt and enforce aggressive laws, policies, and practices in the fight against piracy and counterfeiting;

Whereas the Congress is particularly concerned that the Russian Federation is, in the words of Senate Concurrent Resolution 28, a place where “piracy that is open and notorious is permitted to operate without meaningful hindrance from the government”;

Whereas, according to USTR, enforcement of intellectual property rights in Russia “remains weak and caused substantial losses for the U.S. copyright, trademark, and patent industries in the last year. Piracy in all copyright sectors continues unabated, and the U.S. copyright industry estimated losses of \$1.7 billion in 2004.”;