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To provide for the appointment of United States Science Envoys.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 21, 2009

Mr. Lugar (for himself, Mr. Cardin, and Mr. Kerry) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**
- 4 Congress finds the following:
- 5 (1) The United States is the world's leader in
- 6 scientific research and discovery.

1	(2) The United States has produced more
2	Nobel Laureates than any other nation, including—
3	(A) 90 of the 192 Nobel Laureates in
4	Medicine;
5	(B) 81 of the 183 Nobel Laureates in
6	Physics;
7	(C) 43 of the 62 Nobel Laureates in Eco-
8	nomics; and
9	(D) 59 of the 153 Nobel Laureates in
10	Chemistry.
11	(3) Consistent polling and scholarly research
12	has shown that—
13	(A) the nations of the world seek a rela-
14	tionship with the United States that is based on
15	mutual respect; and
16	(B) many of these nations, even nations
17	that disagree with some aspects of United
18	States foreign policy, admire the United States
19	for its leadership in science and technology.
20	(4) Science and technology provide an external
21	reference around which nations can converge to fos-
22	ter an atmosphere of cooperation and mutual respect
23	based upon the recognition that advances in science
24	and technology are universally beneficial.

1	(5) International scientific cooperation enhances
2	relationships among participating countries by build-
3	ing trust and increasing understanding between
4	countries and cultures through the collaborative na-
5	ture of scientific dialogues.
6	(6) The United States' commitment to techno-
7	logical advances—
8	(A) displays our Nation's commitment to
9	improving lives throughout the world;
10	(B) mitigates some political controversy;
11	and
12	(C) offers other countries a tangible incen-
13	tive to cooperate with the United States to im-
14	prove the health and well-being of their citizens.
15	(7) Short-term visits from renowned and re-
16	spected American scientists can dramatically affect
17	the standing of the United States among foreign
18	countries.
19	(8) International scientific cooperation—
20	(A) produced successful engagements be-
21	tween United States and Soviet scientists
22	throughout the 1970s and 1980s; and
23	(B) assisted United States outreach efforts
24	with the People's Republic of China before offi-
25	cial diplomatic ties were fully established.

1	(9) Various nongovernmental organizations in
2	the United States have been engaged in inter-
3	national scientific cooperation programs. These orga-
4	nizations include the American Association for the
5	Advancement of Science, the Richard Lounsbery
6	Foundation, and many major United States aca-
7	demic institutions.
8	SEC. 2. EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE PRO-
9	GRAMS.
10	(a) In General.—Under the authority, direction,
11	and control of the President, the Secretary of State, in
12	accordance with the Mutual Educational and Cultural Ex-
13	change Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2451 et seq.), may in-
14	crease the number of educational and cultural exchange
15	activities involving persons from scientific, medicine, re-
16	search, and academic sectors by—
17	(1) establishing new programs under that Act;
18	and
19	(2) expanding the coverage of existing programs
20	under that Act.
21	(b) Scientific Envoy.—The Secretary of State
22	shall appoint United States Science Envoys to represent
23	the commitment of the United States to collaborate with
24	other countries to promote the advancement of science and

- 1 technology throughout the world based on issues of com-
- 2 mon interest and expertise.

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