

(7) reaffirms support for Taiwan's membership in international organizations for which statehood is not a requirement for membership and encourages meaningful participation for Taiwan in organizations in which its membership is not possible;

(8) recognizes that Taiwan is a reliable and indispensable partner on issues ranging from global health to advanced manufacturing, and its resources and expertise are assets from which the international community should fully benefit;

(9) supports ensuring that Taiwan passport holders are able to access United Nations grounds and should not be required to provide PRC-issued identification;

(10) encourages the United States Government to work with partners on joint efforts to counter China's false narratives about Resolution 2758; and

(11) supports the efforts of other countries to differentiate between their policies and the "One China Principle" to counter China's propaganda about international views of Taiwan.

# SENATE RESOLUTION 87—DESIGNATING FEBRUARY 2025 AS "AMERICAN HEART MONTH"

Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. CRAPO) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 87

Whereas cardiovascular disease (referred to in this preamble as "CVD") affects men, women, and children of every age and race in the United States;

Whereas CVD continues to be the leading cause of death in the United States, claiming the lives of over 940,000 individuals in the United States in 2022;

Whereas heart disease and stroke claimed more lives in 2021 in the United States than all forms of cancer and chronic lower respiratory disease combined;

Whereas, from 2019 to 2020, deaths from heart disease increased by 4.8 percent, the largest increase in heart disease deaths since 2012;

Whereas individuals in the United States have made significant progress in reducing the death rate for CVD, but this progress has been more modest with respect to the death rate for CVD among certain racial and ethnic minority populations;

Whereas CVD results in tremendous health care costs and lost productivity, and, if not addressed, the United States alone will spend over \$1,000,000,000,000 by 2035 on costs relating to CVD;

Whereas, between 2019 and 2020, heart disease accounted for \$252,000,000,000 in health care expenditures and lost productivity in the United States;

Whereas, in 2021, sudden cardiac arrest accounted for over 20,000 deaths in the United States;

Whereas approximately every 40 seconds an individual in the United States will have a heart attack;

Whereas, in 2021, stroke accounted for approximately 1 in every 21 deaths in the United States;

Whereas CVDs are the leading causes of maternal death among women in the United States, accounting for more than ¼ of pregnancy-related deaths between 2017 and 2019;

Whereas congenital heart defects are—

- (1) the most common types of birth defects in the United States; and
- (2) the leading cause of death for infants with birth defects;

Whereas extensive clinical and statistical studies have identified major and contrib-

uting factors that increase the risk of CVD, including—

- (1) high blood pressure;
- (2) high blood cholesterol;
- (3) poor diet;
- (4) tobacco use and exposure to nicotine;
- (5) physical inactivity;
- (6) insufficient or poor-quality sleep;
- (7) obesity; and
- (8) diabetes mellitus;

Whereas an individual can greatly reduce the risk of CVD through lifestyle modification coupled with medical treatment when necessary;

Whereas greater awareness and early detection of risk factors for CVD can improve and save the lives of thousands of individuals in the United States each year;

Whereas under section 101(1) of title 36, United States Code, the President is requested to issue an annual proclamation designating February as American Heart Month;

Whereas the American Heart Association and many other organizations celebrate National Wear Red Day during February by "going red" to increase awareness about CVD as the leading cause of death for women; and

Whereas, every year since 1964, the President has issued a proclamation designating the month of February as "American Heart Month"; Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates February 2025 as "American Heart Month";

(2) supports the goals and ideals of American Heart Month;

(3) recognizes and reaffirms the commitment of the United States to fighting cardiovascular disease (referred to in this resolution as "CVD") by—

(A) promoting awareness about the causes, risks, and prevention of CVD;

(B) supporting research on CVD; and

(C) taking other steps to improve health outcomes associated with CVD and reduce associated long-term disability and mortality;

(4) commends the efforts of States, territories, and possessions of the United States, localities, nonprofit organizations, businesses, other entities, and the people of the United States who support American Heart Month; and

(5) encourages every individual in the United States to learn about their risk for CVD.

# SENATE RESOLUTION 88—DESIGNATING MARCH 7, 2025, AS "NATIONAL SPEECH AND DEBATE EDUCATION DAY"

Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mr. BARRASSO, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. BUDD, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAINES, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. HASSAN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. RISCH, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. WARNOCK, and Ms. WARREN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 88

Whereas it is essential for youth to learn and practice the art of communicating with and without technology;

Whereas speech and debate education offers students myriad forms of public speaking through which students may develop talent and exercise unique voice and character;

Whereas speech and debate education gives students the 21st century skills of commu-

nication, critical thinking, creativity, and collaboration;

Whereas critical analysis and effective communication allow important ideas, texts, and philosophies the opportunity to flourish;

Whereas personal, professional, and civic interactions are enhanced by the ability of the participants in those interactions to listen, concur, question, and dissent with reason and compassion;

Whereas students who participate in speech and debate have chosen a challenging activity that requires regular practice, dedication, and hard work;

Whereas teachers and coaches of speech and debate devote in-school, afterschool, and weekend hours to equip students with life-changing skills and opportunities;

Whereas National Speech and Debate Education Day emphasizes the lifelong impact of providing people of the United States with the confidence and preparation to both discern and share views;

Whereas National Speech and Debate Education Day acknowledges that most achievements, celebrations, commemorations, and pivotal moments in modern history begin, end, or are crystallized with public address;

Whereas National Speech and Debate Education Day recognizes that learning to research, construct, and present an argument is integral to personal advocacy, social movements, and the making of public policy;

Whereas the National Speech & Debate Association, in conjunction with national and local partners, honors and celebrates the importance of speech and debate through National Speech and Debate Education Day; and

Whereas National Speech and Debate Education Day emphasizes the importance of speech and debate education and the integration of speech and debate education across grade levels and disciplines: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates March 7, 2025, as "National Speech and Debate Education Day";

(2) strongly affirms the purposes of National Speech and Debate Education Day; and

(3) encourages educational institutions, businesses, community and civic associations, and all people of the United States to celebrate and promote National Speech and Debate Education Day.

# SENATE RESOLUTION 89—EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF FEBRUARY 15 THROUGH FEBRUARY 22, 2025, AS "NATIONAL FFA WEEK", RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF THE NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION IN DEVELOPING THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS WHO WILL CHANGE THE WORLD, AND CELEBRATING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF NEW FARMERS OF AMERICA AND THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA FEDERAL CHARTER

Mr. YOUNG (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. JUSTICE, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. DAINES, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. TILLIS, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. BARRASSO, Ms. HASSAN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. KAINE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. KING, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. KELLY, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms.