

S. RES. 549

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 549, a resolution designating June 15, 2018, as "World Elder Abuse Awareness Day".

AMENDMENT NO. 2854

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2854 intended to be proposed to H.R. 5515, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2019 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. REED (for himself and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 3083. A bill to amend the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 to improve career and technical education opportunities for adult learners, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I am proud to reintroduce the Career and Technical Education for Adult Learners or the CTE for All Act with my colleague, Senator BALDWIN.

Our legislation addresses the critical need to expand educational opportunities for working adults with low academic skills. The need for strengthening the skills base for working adults continues to grow. Increasingly, middle-skill and sustainable wage jobs require education beyond high school. Yet, according to U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey data, 12 percent (24 million) of working age adults have less than a high school diploma. Recent Department of Education data show that only 5 percent of adults with less than a high school diploma have any type of postsecondary certificate, certification, or license compared to 27 percent of adults overall. Moreover, an estimated 36 million adults in the U.S. have low skills with nearly one in six having low literacy skills and one in three having low numeracy skills.

Our ability to grow the economy and decrease income inequality will depend, in large part, on our commitment to providing education and training programs to low-skilled adults. These workers are concentrated in fields such as construction, health care, manufacturing, and hospitality. Expanding career and technical education opportunities to these workers could enhance their career trajectories and strengthen their earning potential, fueling economic productivity and growth for the future. Unfortunately, according to the

U.S. Department of Education, roughly half of low-skilled workers are not engaged in formal or non-formal learning opportunities. The CTE for All Act aims to change that by ensuring that there are pathways for adult learners in career and technical education programs.

Specifically, our legislation will ensure that programs funded under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act align with adult education programs and industry sector partnerships authorized under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. The CTE for All Act requires consultation with the state director for adult education in the development of the statewide plan for career and technical education. The bill calls for career and technical education programs to include low-skilled adults among the special populations targeted for outreach and support and allows states to report separate performance indicators for adult career and technical education students. The legislation makes adult education providers that offer integrated education and training programs eligible to receive career and technical education funding. Additionally, the legislation encourages career and technical education programs to include work experiences for their students of all ages.

We have worked with the adult education community and other stakeholders in developing this legislation. We are pleased to have the support of the National Council of State Directors of Adult Education, the Commission on Adult Basic Education, the National Skills Coalition, and the National Coalition for Literacy.

As a Nation, we are at our best when every person—no matter their starting point—has the opportunity to develop their skills and reach their potential. The CTE for All Act will strengthen the ladder of opportunity for adult learners who work hard every day to provide for their families. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation and work with us to include these provisions in the reauthorization of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 550—CONGRATULATING THE GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS FOR THEIR DOMINANT BACK-TO-BACK CHAMPIONSHIP VICTORY IN THE 2018 NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION FINALS

Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Ms. HARRIS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

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Whereas, on June 8, 2018, the Golden State Warriors defeated the Cleveland Cavaliers by a score of 108–85, to win the 2018 National Basketball Association (referred to in the preamble as the "NBA") Finals in 4 games;

Whereas the Golden State Warriors captured their third championship in 4 years, and their sixth championship in the history of the franchise;

Whereas this dominant championship victory of 2018 marks the first time a professional sports team from the San Francisco Bay area in California has clinched a back-to-back championship title in 28 years;

Whereas every single member of the 2017–2018 Golden State Warriors team contributed to this championship, including Jordan Bell, Chris Boucher, Quinn Cook, Stephen Curry, Kevin Durant, Draymond Green, Andre Iguodala, Damian Jones, Shaun Livingston, Kevon Looney, Patrick McCaw, JaVale McGee, Zaza Pachulia, Klay Thompson, David West, and Nick Young;

Whereas, despite capturing its third championship in 4 years, the Golden State Warriors overcame a grueling NBA season, in which the team suffered a rash of injuries both during the season and in the playoff run;

Whereas Kevin Durant was named Most Valuable Player of the NBA Finals for the second straight year, with 2 signature performances in Games 3 and 4 of the series, including scoring 43 points on the road in Cleveland, Ohio in Game 3, and registering a triple-double performance in Game 4;

Whereas Steph Curry similarly registered signature performances in the NBA Finals series, in Game 2 when he scored 33 points to break the NBA Finals record for 3-pointers in a game, with 9 3-pointers made, and in Game 4 when he scored 37 points, bringing his scoring average to 27.5 points for the series;

Whereas Steve Kerr, Mike Brown, and the entire team of coaches and staff have been instrumental in developing the Golden State Warriors' dynamic and record-setting style of play, and have fostered a positive, selfless team spirit;

Whereas Joe Lacob and Peter Gruber have built one of the most exciting and high-performing franchises in NBA history; and

Whereas the dedicated fan base of the Golden State Warriors has offered unrelenting, passionate support to the team: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the Golden State Warriors for winning the 2018 National Basketball Association Championship, a back-to-back victory after the team's 2017 championship;

(2) recognizes the historic achievements of all the players, coaches, and staff who contributed to the 2017–2018 season; and

(3) celebrates the pride exhibited by the Golden State Warriors, including their selfless teamwork and extraordinary character, joy, determination, and hard-work.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I rise to introduce a resolution recognizing—and commending—the Golden State Warriors for overcoming a battle-tested season to prevail as the 2017–2018 NBA World Champions.

After going 16 and 5 in the postseason and sweeping the Cleveland Cavaliers in the NBA Finals, the Warriors have become back-to-back champions for the first time in franchise history, and have won three championships in the past four years.

They are now appropriately considered an NBA dynasty, and can easily lay claim to being the team of this decade. They are also now recognized as one of the greatest teams ever assembled. And what is frightening for the rest of the league, is that it appears this team is far from finished.

These playoffs helped bring out the best in these Warriors. After a tough seven game series in the NBA Western Conference Finals against the Houston Rockets, the team strung together a dominant performance in the Finals against the Cavaliers. Their brilliant performance in the finals was marked by just how beautiful this team plays. From the superstars on the team to the last person on the bench, the team exhibited dynamic teamwork, selflessness, and infectious joy.

Their on-court style, which I have come to enjoy so much, is a reflection of the entire organization. I want to commend everyone who is a part of the organization—the video interns, the training staff, the owners, the coaches, the players and fans. They all deserve a tremendous amount of credit for winning again this year with consistency and class.

Although at times it has appeared too easy for the Warriors, this season has been anything but easy. It was a season marked by constant struggle and obstacles. When starters were sidelined due to injury throughout the season and playoffs, bench players stepped in and stepped up, revealing, yet again, the team's depth and heart.

And when the Warriors were pushed to the brink of elimination, they pulled together as a team and strung together two gutsy wins to make it back to the NBA Finals for the fourth straight year.

It was indeed a grueling season. For four years now, they have been the "hunted" rather than the "hunter," and absorbed the best shots from teams around the league. When things got tough throughout the season and the players and coaches could have pointed fingers at each other, this team never gave in. They kept fighting and fighting until they made it back to the mountain top, together.

What I am equally proud of about this team is that it has been a positive force within the Bay Area community since 2012. Over the past several years, the Warriors Foundation has awarded \$6.2 million in grants to support educational initiatives in Alameda and San Francisco Counties. The Foundation, along with individual players, have also refurbished over 70 basketball courts throughout the Bay, creating safe and beautiful places for our young people to play. They are a team that not only plays the right way on the court, but they are also a team that makes the right impact off of the court.

So, to reigning two-time NBA Finals MVP Kevin Durant, Steph Curry, Klay Thompson, Draymond Green, Coach Steve Kerr, Coach Brown, Joe Lacob, Peter Guber, Rick Welts, Bob Myers and all of the players, coaches, staff, family, friends and fans, I say, thank you.

Thank you for making California proud both on and off the court, and congratulations on a job well-done for a second year in a row.

The only question now is, "can you make it three?"

I yield the floor.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2909. Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Mr. McCAIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2282 proposed by Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. McCAIN) to the bill H.R. 5515, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2019 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2910. Mr. SHELBY proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 5895, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes.

SA 2911. Mr. ALEXANDER proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2910 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 5895, supra.

SA 2912. Mr. MORAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5895, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2913. Mr. MORAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2910 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 5895, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2914. Mr. GARDNER (for himself and Mr. COONS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2910 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 5895, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2915. Mr. ALEXANDER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2910 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 5895, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2909. Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Mr. McCAIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2282 proposed by Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. McCAIN) to the bill H.R. 5515, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2019 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in title II, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . PILOT PROGRAM ON CERTAIN LIMITED REIMBURSEMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR USE OF MAJOR RANGE AND TEST FACILITY BASES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall carry out a pilot program to assess the feasibility and advisability of modifying reimbursement requirements for use of Major Range and Test Facility Bases.

(b) DURATION.—The Secretary shall carry out the pilot program during four fiscal years.

(c) LOCATIONS.—The Secretary shall carry out the pilot program at not more than three Major Range and Test Facility Bases and no more than one per military department.

(d) WAIVER OF FULL REIMBURSEMENT REQUIREMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Under the pilot program, the Secretary may, as the Secretary deter-

mines in the best interest of the Department of Defense, waive the requirements of section 2681(c) of title 10, United States Code, for small and medium sized businesses and not-for-profit organizations so that such businesses and organizations may reimburse the Department of Defense for use of a Major Range and Test Facility Base in amounts that only cover direct costs (as defined in section 232(b) of the Bob Stump National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003 (116 Stat. 2490; Public Law 107-314)) to the United States associated with such use.

(2) INDIRECT COSTS.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply to reimbursement for indirect costs.

(e) REPORTS.—

(1) PLANS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Prior to executing activities under new reimbursement policies under the pilot program, the Secretary shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the plans of the Secretary for carrying out the pilot program.

(B) CONTENTS.—The report submitted under subparagraph (A) shall include the following:

(i) A list of the specific Major Range and Test Facility Bases that will participate in the pilot program.

(ii) The plans of the Secretary to carry out the pilot program.

(iii) A description of any policy or practice changes that will be assessed during the pilot program.

(2) REVIEW.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—At the end of the second fiscal year of the pilot program required by subsection (a) and not later than 30 days after the completion of the pilot program, the Secretary shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the pilot program.

(B) CONTENTS.—Each report submitted under subparagraph (A) shall include the following:

(i) Recommendations for revisions to reimbursement arrangements for testing and evaluation activities at Major Range and Test Facility Bases, if any.

(ii) A review of authorities granted to commanders of Major Range and Test Facility Bases.

(iii) An evaluation of limited reimbursement arrangements on the Test Resources Management Center and Major Range and Test Facility Bases, including an estimate of the amounts of indirect cost reimbursements not received by each participating Major Range and Test Facility Base.

(iv) An examination of the effect of limited reimbursement arrangements on the acquisition lifecycle for new platforms and technologies in terms of time-to-field these new capabilities and total program cost.

(f) MAJOR RANGE AND TEST FACILITY BASE DEFINED.—In this section, the term "Major Range and Test Facility Base" means—

(1) a Major Range and Test Facility Installation as defined in section 2681(f) of title 10, United States Code; and

(2) a Major Range and Test Facility Base as defined in section 196(i) of such title.

SA 2910. Mr. SHELBY proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 5895, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following: