

(2) to provide unity of purpose within the industry;

Whereas the long-standing mission of the Country Music Association is to heighten the awareness of country music around the world and to support the continued growth of country music by recognizing excellence in the genre and serving as a repository for critical and timely information and communication, all while providing a forum for industry leadership;

Whereas country music is the story of the United States, one that celebrates everyday life, evoking celebration and pain, joy and sorrow, love and loss, and connecting those near and far, in the United States and across the globe;

Whereas the preservation by the Country Music Association of the uniquely rich heritage and time-honored traditions of country music continues to lead the advancement of country music;

Whereas the Country Music Association Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the Country Music Association established in 2011, is committed to improving and sustaining music education programs across the United States, having invested more than \$21,000,000 through the date of adoption of this resolution;

Whereas, in 2018, the Country Music Association celebrates 60 years of honoring the success of its leaders and professionals and its unique ability—

(1) to embrace risks and change; and  
(2) to bring a sense of unity to the genre and the country music community; and

Whereas the people of the United States recognize the excellence of the Country Music Association: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate recognizes the significant contributions of the Country Music Association over 60 years and designates September 25, 2018, as “Country Music Association Day”.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 645—DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 2018 AS “NATIONAL PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH”

Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. COONS, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 645

Whereas over 2,900,000 men in the United States live with prostate cancer;

Whereas 1 in 9 men in the United States will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in their lifetimes and 1 in 41 men in the United States will die from prostate cancer;

Whereas prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed nonskin cancer and the second-leading cause of cancer-related deaths among men in the United States;

Whereas the American Cancer Society estimates that in 2018, 164,690 men will be diagnosed with, and more than 29,430 men will die of, prostate cancer;

Whereas 42.2 percent of newly diagnosed prostate cancer cases occur in men under the age of 65;

Whereas the odds of developing prostate cancer rise rapidly after age 50;

Whereas African-American men suffer from a prostate cancer incidence rate that is significantly higher than that of White men and have more than double the prostate cancer mortality rate than that of White men;

Whereas having a father or brother with prostate cancer more than doubles the risk

of a man developing prostate cancer, with a higher risk for men who have a brother with the disease and the highest risk for men with several affected relatives;

Whereas screening by a digital rectal examination and a prostate-specific antigen blood test can detect the disease at the earlier, more treatable stages, which could increase the chances of survival for more than 5 years to nearly 100 percent;

Whereas only 30 percent of men survive more than 5 years if diagnosed with prostate cancer after the cancer has metastasized;

Whereas there are no noticeable symptoms of prostate cancer in the early stages, making appropriate screening critical;

Whereas, in fiscal year 2018, the Director of the National Institutes of Health supported approximately \$259,000,000 in research projects focused specifically on prostate cancer;

Whereas ongoing research promises further improvements in prostate cancer prevention, early detection, and treatment; and

Whereas educating people in the United States, including health care providers, about prostate cancer and early detection strategies is crucial to saving the lives of men and preserving and protecting families: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates September 2018 as “National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month”;

(2) declares that steps should be taken—

(A) to raise awareness about the importance of screening methods for, and treatment of, prostate cancer;

(B) to encourage research—

(i) to improve screening and treatment for prostate cancer;

(ii) to discover the causes of prostate cancer; and

(iii) to develop a cure for prostate cancer; and

(C) to continue to consider ways to improve access to, and the quality of, health care services for detecting and treating prostate cancer; and

(3) calls on the people of the United States, interest groups, and affected persons—

(A) to promote awareness of prostate cancer;

(B) to take an active role in the fight to end the devastating effects of prostate cancer on individuals, families, and the economy; and

(C) to observe National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

#### SAM FARR AND NICK CASTLE PEACE CORPS REFORM ACT OF 2018

Mr. ROUNDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 508, H.R. 2259.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2259) to amend the Peace Corps Act to expand services and benefits for volunteers, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. ROUNDS. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill was ordered to a third reading and was read the third time.

Mr. ROUNDS. I know of no further debate on the bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there further debate?

Hearing none, the bill having been read the third time, the question is, Shall the bill pass?

The bill (H.R. 2259) was passed.

Mr. ROUNDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE VICTIMS OF THE BRUTAL AND SENSELESS ATTACK AT A COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, 1 YEAR AGO

Mr. ROUNDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 643, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 643) honoring the memory of the victims of the brutal and senseless attack at a country music festival in Las Vegas, Nevada, 1 year ago.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. ROUNDS. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the take with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 643) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under “Submitted Resolutions.”)

#### COUNTRY MUSIC ASSOCIATION DAY

Mr. ROUNDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 644, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 644) recognizing the significant contribution of the Country Music Association and designating September 25, 2018, “Country Music Association Day.”

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. ROUNDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 644) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.  
(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

#### NATIONAL PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Mr. ROUNDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 645, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 645) designating September 2018 as "National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month."

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. ROUNDS. Mr. President, I further ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 645) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.  
(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

#### ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2018

Mr. ROUNDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m., Tuesday, September 25; further, that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business be closed; further, that following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to executive session and resume consideration of the Feldman nomination under the previous order; finally, that the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly caucus meetings.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. ROUNDS. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:55 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, September 25, 2018, at 10 a.m.

#### NOMINATIONS

##### Executive nominations received by the Senate:

###### DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

BIMAL PATEL, OF GEORGIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, VICE CHRISTOPHER CAMPBELL, RESIGNED.

###### UNITED NATIONS

RON JOHNSON, OF WISCONSIN, TO BE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE SEVENTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

JEFF MERKLEY, OF OREGON, TO BE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE SEVENTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

###### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

PAMELA BATES, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT, WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR.

###### UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MINA CHANG, OF TEXAS, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, VICE JONATHAN NICHOLAS STIVERS.

###### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

SARAH-ANN LYNCH, OF MARYLAND, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE CO-OPERATIVE REPUBLIC OF GUYANA.

###### UNITED NATIONS

MARGARITA PALAU-HERNANDEZ, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE SEVENTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

###### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

SUSAN N. STEVENSON, OF WASHINGTON, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF EQUATORIAL GUINEA.

###### UNITED NATIONS

ELIZABETH ERIN WALSH, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE SEVENTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

###### IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

##### To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. JERRY D. HARRIS, JR.

###### IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

##### To be vice admiral

VICE ADM. ANDREW L. LEWIS

###### IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE REGULAR AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 716:

##### To be major

PATRICK C. DEGRAAF  
TIMOTHY B. MITCHELL  
BRAD D. NELSON  
CHRISTOPHER L. PRIDGEN

###### IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531:

##### To be lieutenant colonel

JOHN J. KAIKKONEN

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

##### To be colonel

MARC A. PATTERSON

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

##### To be colonel

JAMES E. MATISKO

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 3064:

##### To be colonel

JAMES B. ELLEDGE

###### IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

##### To be commander

TILFORD L. CLARK

###### FOREIGN SERVICE

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO BE A FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER, A CONSULAR OFFICER, AND A SECRETARY IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

SANDI R. B. ALLAWAY, OF WASHINGTON  
DANA A. BARNHILL, OF WASHINGTON  
SHIRIN BASKEY, OF TEXAS  
ALISON F. BASSI, OF ILLINOIS  
EMMANIA R. BLUM, OF NEW YORK  
BRYAN T. BURKE, OF VIRGINIA  
MATTHEW CARNEY, OF VIRGINIA  
TIMOTHY R. CARPENTER, OF TEXAS  
PHATHANIE CHAPMAN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
ERIC R. COULSON, OF CALIFORNIA  
EAVAN K. CULLY, OF NEW YORK  
MEGHAN E. DEAN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
PATRICK G. DIGNAN, OF FLORIDA  
KEVIN G. ELLERBROCK, OF OHIO  
LYLE S. GOODE, OF CALIFORNIA  
CHRISTOPHER J. GROTH, OF CALIFORNIA  
TARA N. HALL, OF TENNESSEE  
KELLY L. HART, OF TEXAS  
LEE A. HILGARTNER, OF ALASKA  
WILLIAM C. HOPE, OF WASHINGTON  
ARIEL A. HUERTA, OF CALIFORNIA  
GABRIEL L. HURST, OF NEW YORK  
MICHAEL J. KLINE, OF VIRGINIA  
ANASTASIA M. KOLIVAS, OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
ANDREW G. LEYVA, OF VIRGINIA  
KRISTIN M. LUNDBERG, OF VIRGINIA  
GARHETT G. MECHAM, OF NEVADA  
KEVIN A. MILES, OF CALIFORNIA  
KENNETH C. MILLEN, OF VIRGINIA  
ROBERT EUGENE MILLER, OF VIRGINIA  
KEVIN B. MILLS, OF VIRGINIA  
ADNAN S. MITHANI, OF TEXAS  
GILLIAN S. OAK, OF VIRGINIA  
FRED F. ODISHO, OF ILLINOIS  
MICHAEL A. OSKIN, OF ILLINOIS  
KURT D. PEARSON, OF VIRGINIA  
TRISHA LYONS PRESTO, OF MARYLAND  
PAIGE T. PUNTISO, OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
KRISTINA ROSALES KOSTRUKOVA, OF VIRGINIA  
JOHN THOMAS ROSEN-MOLINA, OF CALIFORNIA  
ANDREA M. SANTORO, OF TEXAS  
MARK J. SCHAEVER, OF KENTUCKY  
KATHRYNE BRIDGIT SCHILLING, OF TEXAS  
BRYAN E. SCHUBERT, OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
NABIL A. SIDDIQI, OF VIRGINIA  
HANNAH SIN, OF CALIFORNIA  
JOHN THOMAS V. SKERRY III, OF VIRGINIA  
EMMA JANE TEWKSBURY-VOLPE, OF PENNSYLVANIA  
ZOE R. TREUER, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
AMELIA B. VANDERLAAN, OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
FREDERIC VELLUCCI, OF VIRGINIA  
DAVID L. WILLEY, OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
HUI JUN TINA WONG, OF VIRGINIA  
SHIRLENE YEE, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

#### CONFIRMATIONS

##### Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate September 24, 2018:

###### INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY

JACKIE WOLCOTT, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY, WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR.

###### UNITED NATIONS

JACKIE WOLCOTT, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE VIENNA OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS, WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR.