

(b) DONATED ADVERTISING.—In addition to any advertising paid for with funds made available under subsection (c), the Secretary shall solicit and may accept the donation of advertising relating to the sale of climate change obligations.

(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For each fiscal year during the period of fiscal years 2020 through 2024, there is authorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000 to carry out the purposes of this section.

## SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

### SENATE RESOLUTION 104—CALLING ON THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN TO FULFILL REPEATED PROMISES OF ASSISTANCE IN THE CASE OF ROBERT LEVINSON, THE LONGEST HELD UNITED STATES CIVILIAN IN OUR NATION'S HISTORY

Mr. RUBIO submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 104

Whereas United States citizen Robert Levinson is a retired agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, a resident of Coral Springs, Florida, the husband of Christine Levinson, father of their seven children, and grandfather of their six grandchildren;

Whereas Robert Levinson traveled from Dubai, United Arab Emirates, to Kish Island, Iran, on March 8, 2007;

Whereas after traveling to Kish Island and checking into the Hotel Maryam, Robert Levinson disappeared on March 9, 2007;

Whereas, in December 2007, Robert Levinson's wife, Christine, traveled to Kish Island to retrace Mr. Levinson's steps and met with officials of the Government of Iran who pledged to help in the investigation;

Whereas, for 12 years, the United States Government has continually pressed the Government of Iran to provide any information on the whereabouts of Robert Levinson and to help ensure his prompt and safe return to his family;

Whereas officials of the Government of Iran promised their continued assistance to the relatives of Robert Levinson during the visit of the family to the Islamic Republic of Iran in December 2007;

Whereas, in November 2010, the Levinson family received a video of Mr. Levinson in captivity, representing the first proof of life since his disappearance and providing some initial indications that he was being held somewhere in southwest Asia;

Whereas, in April 2011, the Levinson family received a series of pictures of Mr. Levinson, which provided further indications that he was being held somewhere in southwest Asia;

Whereas Secretary of State John Kerry stated on August 28, 2013, “The United States respectfully asks the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to work cooperatively with us in our efforts to help U.S. citizen Robert Levinson.”;

Whereas, on September 28, 2013, during the first direct phone conversation between the heads of governments of the United States and Iran since 1979, President Barack Obama raised the case of Robert Levinson to President of Iran Hassan Rouhani and urged the President of Iran to help locate Mr. Levinson and reunite him with his family;

Whereas, on August 29, 2014, Secretary of State Kerry again stated that the United States “respectfully request[s] the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran [to] work cooperatively with us to find Mr. Levinson and bring him home”;

Whereas, on January 16, 2016, the Government of Iran released five United States citizens detained in Iran;

Whereas, on January 17, 2016, President Obama stated that, “even as we rejoice in the safe return of others, we will never forget about Bob”, referring to Robert Levinson, and that “each and every day but especially today our hearts are with the Levinson family and we will never rest until their family is whole again”;

Whereas, on January 19, 2016, White House Press Secretary Josh Earnest stated that the United States Government had “secured a commitment from the Iranians to use the channel that has now been opened to secure the release of those individuals that we know were being held by Iran . . . to try and gather information about Mr. Levinson's possible whereabouts”;

Whereas the Government of Iran's most recent commitment to assist in and the diplomatic channel dedicated to locating and returning Robert Levinson have not yielded any meaningful results;

Whereas, on November 23, 2016, the United Nations Working Group on Arbitrary Detention (UNWGAD) issued Opinion No. 50/2016, concerning Robert Levinson in which the UNWGAD found Iran responsible for the arbitrary detention of Mr. Levinson;

Whereas, on April 25, 2017, the Department of State issued a statement noting that “[o]n the sidelines of the April 25 meeting in Vienna of the Joint Commission overseeing implementation of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, the U.S. delegation raised with the Iranian delegation its serious concerns regarding the cases of U.S. citizens detained and missing in Iran, and called on Iran to immediately release these U.S. citizens so they can be reunited with their families”;

Whereas, on March 9, 2018, Department of State Spokesperson Heather Nauert stated, “Iran committed to cooperating with the United States to assist us in bringing Robert Levinson home and we call on Iran to fulfill this commitment.”;

Whereas, on November 26, 2013, Mr. Levinson became the longest held United States civilian in our Nation's history;

Whereas March 9, 2019, marks 12 years since the disappearance of Robert Levinson from Kish Island, Iran; and

Whereas the Federal Bureau of Investigation continues to offer a \$5,000,000 reward for information leading to Mr. Levinson's safe return; Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes that Robert Levinson is the longest held United States civilian in our Nation's history;

(2) notes that repeated pledges by officials of the Government of Iran to provide their Government's assistance in the case of Robert Levinson have not led to any meaningful progress in locating or returning Robert Levinson;

(3) urges the Government of Iran to take meaningful steps towards fulfilling its repeated promises to assist in locating and returning Robert Levinson, including by immediately providing all available information from all entities of the Government of Iran regarding the disappearance of Robert Levinson to the United States Government;

(4) urges the President to make clear that the return of Robert Levinson is a priority to the United States and commit to redoubling United States Government efforts to secure the release of Robert Levinson;

(5) urges the President and the allies of the United States to continue to press the Government of Iran at every opportunity to locate and return Robert Levinson, notwithstanding ongoing and serious disagreements the United States Government has with the

Government of Iran on a broad array of issues, including Iran's ballistic missile program, sponsorship of international terrorism, destabilization of the Middle East, and human rights abuses;

(6) notes that in addition to these other serious issues, further delay in locating and returning Robert Levinson remains a significant obstacle to improving United States-Iran relations; and

(7) expresses sympathy to the family of Robert Levinson for their anguish and hope that their ordeal can be brought to an end in the near future.

### SENATE RESOLUTION 105—SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF MARCH 2019 AS “NATIONAL COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH”

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

S. RES. 105

Whereas colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death among men and women combined in the United States;

Whereas, in 2019, it is estimated that 145,600 individuals in the United States will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer and approximately 51,020 individuals will die from the disease;

Whereas colorectal cancer is one of the most preventable forms of cancer because screening tests can find polyps that can be removed before becoming cancerous;

Whereas screening tests can detect colorectal cancer early, which is when the disease is most treatable;

Whereas the Secretary of Health and Human Services estimates that if every individual who is 50 years of age or older had regular screening tests, as many as 60 percent of deaths from colorectal cancer could be prevented;

Whereas the 5-year survival rate for patients with localized colorectal cancer is 90 percent, but only 39 percent of all diagnoses occur at that stage;

Whereas colorectal cancer screenings can effectively reduce the incidence of colorectal cancer and mortality, but approximately 1 in 3 adults between 50 and 75 years of age are not up to date with recommended colorectal cancer screening;

Whereas public awareness and educational campaigns on colorectal cancer prevention, screening, and symptoms are held during the month of March each year; and

Whereas educational efforts can help provide information to the public on methods of prevention and screening and symptoms for early detection of colorectal cancer; Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) supports—

(A) the designation of March 2019 as “National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month”; and

(B) the goals and ideals of National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month; and

(2) encourages the people of the United States to observe National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month with appropriate awareness and educational activities.

### SENATE RESOLUTION 106—COMMEMORATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND

Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself, Mr. JONES, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr.

BROWN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. Kaine, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. COONS, Mr. WICKER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. CARPER, Mr. COTTON, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. MURRAY, and Ms. WARREN submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

## S. RES. 106

Whereas the United Negro College Fund (referred to in this preamble as “UNCF”) was established on April 25, 1944, by Dr. Frederick D. Patterson—

(1) who served as the president of Tuskegee Institute (now Tuskegee University) from 1935 to 1953; and

(2) to make a united appeal to the national conscience;

Whereas UNCF was established with 27 member colleges and a combined enrollment of 14,000 students;

Whereas, since the establishment of UNCF, the nonprofit organization has grown to become 1 of the oldest and most successful African-American higher education assistance organizations in the United States;

Whereas the famous slogan of UNCF is “A mind is a terrible thing to waste”;

Whereas the mission of UNCF is—

(1) to build a robust and nationally recognized pipeline of underrepresented students who become highly qualified college graduates through the support of UNCF; and

(2) to ensure that the current network of 37 member Historically Black Colleges and Universities (referred to in this preamble as “HBCUs”) is a respected model of best practices in moving students to and through college;

Whereas UNCF has raised more than \$4,800,000,000 and benefitted more than 450,000 students—

(1) by annually awarding \$100,000,000 in scholarships to more than 10,000 students through 400 scholarship programs;

(2) by providing financial support to the 37 member HBCUs; and

(3) by serving as a leading advocate in the United States for the importance of minority education and community engagement; and

Whereas UNCF advocates on behalf of the following member HBCUs and the students served by those HBCUs:

- (1) Allen University.
- (2) Benedict College.
- (3) Bennett College.
- (4) Bethune-Cookman University.
- (5) Claflin University.
- (6) Clark Atlanta University.
- (7) Dillard University.
- (8) Edward Waters College.
- (9) Fisk University.
- (10) Florida Memorial University.
- (11) Huston-Tillotson University.
- (12) Interdenominational Theological Center.
- (13) Jarvis Christian College.
- (14) Johnson C. Smith University.
- (15) Lane College.
- (16) Le Moyne-Owen College.
- (17) Livingstone College.
- (18) Miles College.
- (19) Morehouse College.
- (20) Morris College.
- (21) Oakwood University.
- (22) Paine College.
- (23) Philander Smith College.
- (24) Rust College.
- (25) Saint Augustine’s University.
- (26) Shaw University.
- (27) Spelman College.
- (28) Stillman College.
- (29) Talladega College.

- (30) Texas College.
- (31) Tougaloo College.
- (32) Tuskegee University.
- (33) Virginia Union University.
- (34) Voorhees College.
- (35) Wilberforce University.
- (36) Wiley College.

(37) Xavier University of Louisiana: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) commemorates the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the United Negro College Fund (referred to in this resolving clause as “UNCF”);

(2) celebrates the successes of UNCF in providing—

(A) support to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (referred to in this resolving clause as “HBCUs”); and

(B) financial aid to help underrepresented students gain access to postsecondary education; and

(3) reaffirms the mission of UNCF—

(A) to build a robust and nationally recognized pipeline of underrepresented students who become highly qualified college graduates; and

(B) to ensure that HBCUs are a respected model of best practices in moving students to and through college.

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SENATE RESOLUTION 107—TO AUTHORIZE TESTIMONY AND REPRESENTATION IN UNITED STATES V. TAUBERT

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

## S. RES. 107

Whereas, in the case of *United States v. Taubert*, Cr. No. 19-21, pending in the United States District Court for the Northern District of New York, the prosecution has requested the production of testimony from Erin Kurvers, an employee of the office of former Senator Al Franken;

Whereas, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 704(a)(2) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 2 U.S.C. §§288b(a) and 288c(a)(2), the Senate may direct its counsel to represent current and former Members and employees of the Senate with respect to any subpoena, order, or request for testimony relating to their official responsibilities;

Whereas, by the privileges of the Senate of the United States and Rule XI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, no evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may, by the judicial or administrative process, be taken from such control or possession but by permission of the Senate; and

Whereas, when it appears that evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may promote the administration of justice, the Senate will take such action as will promote the ends of justice consistent with the privileges of the Senate: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That Erin Kurvers, a former employee of the Office of Senator Al Franken, and any other former employee of the Senator’s office from whom relevant testimony may be necessary, are authorized to testify in the case of *United States v. Taubert*, except concerning matters for which a privilege should be asserted.

SEC. 2. The Senate Legal Counsel is authorized to represent Senator Franken and any former employees of his office in connection with the production of evidence authorized in section one of this resolution.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, on behalf of myself and the distinguished

Democratic leader, Mr. SCHUMER, I send to the desk a resolution authorizing the production of testimony and representation by the Senate Legal Counsel, and ask for its immediate consideration.

Mr. President, this resolution concerns a request for testimony in a criminal action pending in New York Federal district court. In this action the defendant is charged with making threats, in the course of telephone calls to former Senator Al Franken’s office, to kill and inflict bodily harm upon a former President of the United States. A trial is scheduled for March 18, 2019.

The prosecution is seeking testimony from one of the Senator’s former staff assistants who heard the statements at issue. Senator Franken would like to cooperate with this request by providing relevant former employee testimony from his office.

The enclosed resolution would authorize that staffer, and any other former employee of the Senator’s office from whom relevant testimony may be necessary, to testify in this action, with representation by the Senate Legal Counsel of such staffers and Senator Franken.

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AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 192. Mr. McCONNELL (for Mr. COONS) proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 91, designating March 3, 2019, as “World Wildlife Day”.

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TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 192. Mr. McCONNELL (for Mr. COONS) proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 91, designating March 3, 2019, as “World Wildlife Day”; as follows:

In the 25th whereas clause of the preamble, in paragraph (3), strike “poses” and insert “could potentially pose”.

In the 27th whereas clause of the preamble, strike “approximately 100,000,000 sharks are killed annually” and insert “millions of sharks are killed every year in illegal, unreported, and unregulated fisheries”.

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AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. GARDENER. Mr. President, I have 11 requests for committees to meet during today’s session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today’s session of the Senate.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing CFPB’s semi annual report and on the following nominations: Jeffrey Nadaner, of Maryland,