

S. RES. 160

Whereas the national network of laboratories, research and development centers, and engineering centers that are owned and funded by the Department of Defense (referred to in this preamble as the “defense laboratories”) should be commended as reservoirs of technical talent available to support—

- (1) immediate, tactical military innovation; and
- (2) foundational research, science, and engineering to address long-term challenges;

Whereas the national security innovation emanating from the defense laboratories will be predicated on—

- (1) a sufficient pipeline of trained and experienced scientists and engineers eligible for a security clearance; and

(2) the facilities, infrastructure, instrumentation, and support capabilities needed—

- (A) to attract and retain those scientists and engineers; and

(B) to bolster the activities of those scientists and engineers to meet the technology problems of the Department of Defense;

Whereas research and development supported by the Department of Defense has—

- (1) led to new products and processes for state-of-the-art Armed Forces weapons and technology; and

(2) technically informed new approaches and concepts of operation that will be needed to keep the Armed Forces ahead of future adversaries of the United States;

Whereas defense laboratories—

- (1) are critical elements of the innovation ecosystem; and

(2) compose indispensable elements in the technology transfer community when leveraged with partners in—

- (A) State and local governments;
- (B) regional organizations;
- (C) academia; and
- (D) nonprofit research institutions;

Whereas defense laboratories have earned prestigious national and international awards for research and technology transfer efforts, providing a foundation of technological leadership for—

- (1) the Armed Forces; and
- (2) the United States;

Whereas the innovations that are produced at defense laboratories fuel economic growth by creating new industries, companies, and jobs; and

Whereas April 25, 2019, is an appropriate day to designate as “Department of Defense Laboratory Day 2019”; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

- (1) supports the designation of April 25, 2019, as “Department of Defense Laboratory Day 2019” in celebration of all of the work and accomplishments of the national network of laboratories, research and development centers, and engineering centers that are owned and funded by the Department of Defense (referred to in this resolution as the “defense laboratories”);

(2) recognizes that a key to maintaining the innovation and competitiveness of the United States in a global economy is to continue to support federally sponsored research and development;

(3) acknowledges that the knowledge base, technologies, and techniques generated in the national network of defense laboratories serve as a foundation for additional efforts relating to the Armed Forces in the defense industrial base;

(4) commits to find ways to increase investment in the national network of defense laboratories in order to increase support of—

- (A) federally sponsored research and development;

(B) critical scientific, technical, engineering, and mathematics (referred to in this resolution as “STEM”) personnel;

- (C) STEM development activities; and
- (D) necessary supporting infrastructure and facilities;

(5) encourages defense laboratories, Federal agencies, and Congress to hold an outreach event on April 25, 2019, “Department of Defense Laboratory Day 2019”, to make the public more aware of the important contributions that defense laboratories make to national defense and economic prosperity; and

- (6) recognizes the outstanding dedication, qualifications, service, and accomplishments of the scientists, engineers, technicians, and support staff of the defense laboratories.

SENATE RESOLUTION 161—SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF WORLD MALARIA DAY

Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. COONS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 161

Whereas April 25 of each year is recognized internationally as World Malaria Day;

Whereas malaria is a leading cause of death and disease in many developing countries, despite being preventable and treatable;

Whereas fighting malaria is in the national interest of the United States because—

- (1) reducing the risk of malaria protects members of the Armed Forces and other people of the United States serving overseas in malaria-endemic regions; and

(2) reducing malaria deaths helps to lower risks of instability in less developed countries;

Whereas United States support for efforts to fight malaria—

- (1) is in the diplomatic, economic, and humanitarian interests of the United States;

(2) generates goodwill toward the United States; and

(3) highlights the values of the people of the United States through the work of governmental, nongovernmental, and faith-based organizations of the United States;

Whereas, in 2017, 87 countries and areas had ongoing malaria transmissions;

Whereas nearly 1/2 of the population of the world is at risk for malaria, with the World Health Organization African region carrying a disproportionately high burden, with 92 percent of malaria cases and 93 percent of malaria deaths in the world;

Whereas young children and pregnant women are particularly vulnerable to, and disproportionately affected by, malaria;

Whereas children under the age of 5 account for an estimated 61 percent of malaria deaths each year;

Whereas the World Malaria Report 2018 published by the World Health Organization states that, in 2017, approximately 435,000 people died from malaria, which is a decrease of approximately 50 percent, as compared to 2000;

Whereas the United States Government has played a leading role in the recent progress made toward reducing the global burden of malaria, particularly through the President’s Malaria Initiative and the contribution of the United States to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria; and

Whereas the United States Government is pursuing a comprehensive approach to end malaria deaths through the President’s Malaria Initiative, which is led by the United States Agency for International Development and implemented with assistance from the Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention, the Department of State, the Department of Health and Human Services, the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Defense, and private sector entities; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

- (1) supports the goals and ideals of World Malaria Day;

(2) recognizes the importance of reducing malaria prevalence and deaths to improve overall child and maternal health, especially in sub-Saharan Africa;

(3) commends the recent progress made toward reducing global malaria morbidity, mortality, and prevalence, particularly through the efforts of the President’s Malaria Initiative and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria;

(4) welcomes ongoing public-private partnerships to research and develop more effective and affordable tools for malaria surveillance, diagnostics, treatment, and prevention;

(5) recognizes the goals, priorities, and authorities to combat malaria set forth in the United States Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Act of 2003 (Public Law 108-25; 117 Stat. 711) and the Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-293; 122 Stat. 2918);

(6) supports continued leadership by the United States in bilateral, multilateral, and private sector efforts to combat malaria and to work with endemic countries in developing and effectively executing their own national responses to malaria; and

(7) encourages other members of the international community to sustain and increase their support for, and financial contributions to, efforts to combat malaria worldwide.

Mr. JONES. Mr. President, today I wish to offer a resolution recognizing the critical contributions the laboratories of the Department of Defense make to the national security of this country. The 63 Laboratories, Warfare Centers, and Engineering Centers of the Department of Defense spread across 22 states and the District of Columbia are important components of the U.S. warfighting establishment and are instrumental in maintaining the technological edge of our military forces. My resolution would highlight the contributions of these laboratories by designating April 25, 2019, as “Department of Defense Laboratory Day 2019” in order to celebrate the work and accomplishments of the men and women in those defense labs. Many of the technological advantages upon which our military rests are rooted in the diligent, dedicated work and innovative mindset of the scientists and engineers in our defense labs. Their work drives not only the near-term, tactical innovations needed to support our soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines in the wars of the past century, but they are critical foundations of research that will fuel the processes and technologies needed for the next century and beyond. In addition to the cutting-edge research and development of new technologies, our defense laboratories are a resource to the national economy and innovation ecosystem of the nation—providing the people, facilities, experience, operational problems, and capabilities for technology transfer that support the warfighter, industry,

academia, other parts of federal government, and even many of our allies and partners throughout the world. The nearly 76,000 scientists and engineers employed by the Department of Defense labs are exemplars of public service, and the outstanding dedication, qualifications, service, and accomplishments of these scientists, engineers, technicians, and support staff of the defense laboratories should make all Americans proud.

In recognizing the men and women of the defense labs, I am especially proud of the contributions Alabama makes. As the home to multiple Army laboratories—including the Aviation and Missile Center, Space and Missile Defense Technical Center, and the Army Aeromedical Research Laboratory—Alabama punches far above its weight in terms of contributions of people, facilities and resources to the defense laboratory network. This results in one of the highest per capita concentrations of scientists and engineers in the country, with an extraordinary economic impact on the State. Not only do these labs provide thousands of jobs in Alabama, they bring in billions of dollars in investments and return those dollars back into the communities in which they reside.

The network of Department of Defense laboratories is not just an asset for the Department, but is a national asset as well. With over a hundred DoD-funded Nobel prizes, and thousands of patents and publications, defense laboratories are technological and economic engines on par with any industry or university laboratory. I applaud the work of the defense labs, and all of the scientists and engineers that make them successful, especially those in Alabama. I urge my colleagues to support the contributions of the labs by supporting the proclamation of April 25th as the 2019 Laboratory Day.

SENATE RESOLUTION 162—SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF APRIL 2019 AS “NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH”

Ms. WARREN (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

S. RES. 162

Whereas, in April 2019, more than 113,000 individuals were on the official waiting list for organ donation managed by the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network established under section 372 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 274) (referred to in this preamble as the “national transplant waiting list”);

Whereas, in 2018, 36,529 transplant procedures were performed in the United States with organs from 10,721 deceased donors and 6,841 living donors, yet on average, 20 people die each day while waiting for an organ donation;

Whereas more than 150,000,000 people in the United States are registered to be organ and tissue donors, yet the demand for donated organs outweighs the supply of organs made available each day;

Whereas, in 2018, a record was set for the number of organ transplants performed in a single year, for the sixth consecutive year, yet every 10 minutes, 1 person is added to the national transplant waiting list;

Whereas organ donation from a single deceased donor can benefit up to 8 individuals, and tissue donation from a single deceased donor can benefit an additional 75 individuals;

Whereas a living donor can donate a kidney or a portion of a lung or the liver to save the life of another individual; and

Whereas April is traditionally recognized as “National Donate Life Month”: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the designation of April 2019 as “National Donate Life Month”;

(2) supports the goals and ideals of National Donate Life Month;

(3) supports promoting awareness of organ and tissue donation by increasing public awareness;

(4) encourages States, localities, and territories of the United States to support the goals and ideals of National Donate Life Month by issuing a proclamation to designate April as “National Donate Life Month”;

(5) commends each individual who—

(A) is a registered organ donor who may have a positive effect on the life of another individual; or

(B) indicates a wish to become an organ and tissue donor;

(6) acknowledges the grief of families who face the loss of loved ones and commends the families who, in their grief, choose to donate the organs and tissues of deceased family members;

(7) recognizes the generous contribution made by each living individual who has donated an organ or tissue to save and enhance the life of another individual;

(8) acknowledges the advances in medical technology that have enabled organ transplantation with organs donated by living individuals to become a viable treatment option for an increasing number of patients;

(9) commends the medical professionals and organ donation and transplantation experts who have worked to improve organ donation of deceased and living individuals and to increase the number of deceased and living donors, thus saving more lives; and

(10) salutes each individual who has helped to give the gift of life by supporting, promoting, and encouraging organ and tissue donation.

SENATE RESOLUTION 163—COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE LADY BEARS OF BAYLOR UNIVERSITY ON WINNING THE 2019 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION DIVISION I WOMEN’S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

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

S. RES. 163

Whereas, on April 7, 2019, the women’s basketball team of Baylor University, the Lady Bears, won its third National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I women’s basketball championship (referred to in this preamble as the “national championship”) by defeating the University of Notre Dame by a score of 82–81 and completing the season with an impressive overall record of 37–1;

Whereas Head Coach Kim Mulkey is the only woman in the history of women’s bas-

ketball to have played and coached a national championship team and has now led the Lady Bears to 3 national championship titles during her tenure at Baylor University;

Whereas junior forward Lauren Cox served to bring her team together throughout the season and played with commendable skill and spirit during the national championship game, scoring 8 points and 8 rebounds before leaving the game due to an injury;

Whereas point guard Chloe Jackson, named the Most Outstanding Player of the Final Four, showed immense fortitude and exemplary leadership by rallying her team during the last quarter of the game to honor her injured teammate and bring home a victory for the Lady Bears with a tiebreaking layup in the last 3.9 seconds of the fourth quarter;

Whereas all of the following players should be congratulated for their teamwork, dedication, and display of impressive athletic talent: NaLyssa Smith, Didi Richards, Trinity Oliver, Honesty Scott-Grayson, Aquira DeCosta, Moon Ursin, Lauren Cox, Juicy Landrum, Kalani Brown, Chloe Jackson, Queen Egbo, and Caitlin Bickle;

Whereas the Lady Bears displayed impressive courage and composure facing off against the Fighting Irish of the University of Notre Dame, defenders of the 2018 national championship title;

Whereas the women of Baylor University’s 2018–2019 women’s basketball team have continuously pursued excellence in not only athletics, but academics as well;

Whereas the Lady Bears have proven themselves a paragon of hard work and sportsmanship, as exemplified by an impressive season of 37 wins and only 1 loss and championship titles in both the Big 12 women’s basketball tournament and the Big 12 regular season;

Whereas the accomplishments of the Lady Bears in their 2018–2019 season inspire strength, unity, and cooperation in the hearts of women across the State of Texas; and

Whereas the Lady Bears are the pride of their loyal fans, current students, alumni, and the Lone Star State: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate congratulates the Lady Bears of Baylor University on winning the 2019 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I women’s basketball championship and completing a successful 2018–2019 season.

SENATE RESOLUTION 164—COMMENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA MEN’S BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2019 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION DIVISION I MEN’S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

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

S. RES. 164

Whereas on Monday, April 8, 2019, the University of Virginia men’s basketball team (referred to in this preamble as the “Virginia Cavaliers”) won the 2019 National Collegiate Athletic Association (referred to in this preamble as the “NCAA”) Division I Men’s Basketball Championship by defeating the Texas Tech Red Raiders by a score of 85–77 at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis, Minnesota;

Whereas the Virginia Cavaliers made history by winning the first National Championship in men’s basketball for the University of Virginia;