

(1) overruled the 1896 decision in *Plessy v. Ferguson*, 163 U.S. 537 (1896);  
 (2) ended discriminatory Jim Crow laws; and

(3) invalidated the “separate but equal” doctrine, ending segregated classrooms in Kansas and across the United States;

Whereas, in a second opinion issued on May 31, 1955, the Supreme Court decreed that schools should be desegregated with all deliberate speed;

Whereas, because of the role that Linda Brown played in ending racial segregation in the United States, Linda Brown became a civil rights icon and continued to be a voice for school desegregation in Topeka, Kansas;

Whereas Linda Brown passed away on March 27, 2018, at the age of 75 in Topeka, Kansas; and

Whereas Congress established the Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site, which is located at Monroe Elementary School in Topeka, Kansas, the school that Linda Brown attended; Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate recognizes and celebrates—

(1) the 65th anniversary on May 17, 2019, of the landmark decision of the Supreme Court in *Brown v. Board of Education*, 347 U.S. 483 (1954); and

(2) the contribution the decision has made to—

(A) equal education; and

(B) equal justice under the law, which is recognized in the Declaration of Independence and guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 202—CONGRATULATING THE STUDENTS, PARENTS, TEACHERS, AND LEADERS OF CHARTER SCHOOLS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES FOR MAKING ONGOING CONTRIBUTIONS TO EDUCATION, AND SUPPORTING THE IDEALS AND GOALS OF THE 20TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CHARTER SCHOOLS WEEK, TO BE HELD ON MAY 12 THROUGH MAY 18, 2019

Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. BURR, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRUZ, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. WICKER, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. LANKFORD, and Mr. MCCONNELL) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

##### S. RES. 202

Whereas charter schools are public schools that do not charge tuition and enroll any student who wants to attend, often through a random lottery when the demand for enrollment is outmatched by the supply of available charter school seats;

Whereas high-performing public charter schools deliver a high-quality public education and challenge each student to reach the student's potential for academic success;

Whereas public charter schools promote innovation and excellence in public education;

Whereas public charter schools throughout the United States provide millions of families with diverse and innovative educational options for their children;

Whereas high-performing public charter schools and charter management organizations are increasing student achievement and attendance rates at institutions of higher education;

Whereas public charter schools are authorized by a designated entity and—

(1) respond to the needs of communities, families, and students in the United States; and

(2) promote the principles of quality, accountability, choice, high performance, and innovation;

Whereas, in exchange for flexibility and autonomy, public charter schools are held accountable by the authorizers of the charter schools for improving student achievement and for sound financial and operational management;

Whereas public charter schools are required to meet the student achievement accountability requirements under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.) in the same manner as traditional public schools;

Whereas public charter schools often set higher expectations for students, beyond the requirements of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.), to ensure that the charter schools are of high quality and truly accountable to the public;

Whereas 44 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico have enacted laws authorizing public charter schools;

Whereas, as of the 2017–2018 school year, more than 7,000 public charter schools served approximately 3,200,000 children;

Whereas enrollment in public charter schools grew from approximately 400,000 students in 2001 to approximately 3,200,000 students in 2019, an eightfold increase in 18 years;

Whereas, in the United States—

(1) in 214 school districts, more than 10 percent of public school students are enrolled in public charter schools; and

(2) in 21 school districts, more than 30 percent of public school students are enrolled in public charter schools;

Whereas public charter schools improve the achievement of students enrolled in the charter schools and collaborate with traditional public schools to improve public education for all students;

Whereas public charter schools—

(1) give parents the freedom to choose public schools;

(2) routinely measure parental satisfaction levels; and

(3) must prove the ongoing success of the charter schools to parents, policymakers, and the communities served by the charter schools or risk closure;

Whereas a 2015 report from the Center for Research on Education Outcomes at Stanford University found significant improvements for students at urban charter schools, and compared to peers of traditional public schools, each year those students completed the equivalent of 28 more days of learning in reading and 40 more days of learning in math;

Whereas parental demand for charter schools is high, and there was an estimated 5 percent growth in charter school enrollment between the 2016–2017 and 2017–2018 school years; and

Whereas the 20th annual National Charter Schools Week is scheduled to be celebrated the week of May 12 through May 18, 2019; Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the students, families, teachers, leaders, and staff of public charter schools across the United States for—

(A) making ongoing contributions to public education;

(B) making impressive strides in closing the academic achievement gap in schools in the United States, particularly in schools with some of the most disadvantaged students in both rural and urban communities; and

(C) improving and strengthening the public school system throughout the United States;

(2) supports the ideals and goals of the 20th annual National Charter Schools Week, a week-long celebration to be held May 12 through May 18, 2019, in communities throughout the United States; and

(3) encourages the people of the United States to hold appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities during National Charter Schools Week to demonstrate support for public charter schools.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 203—RECOGNIZING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AIRCRAFT OWNERS AND PILOTS ASSOCIATION

Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. MORAN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. DAINES, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. SULLIVAN, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

##### S. RES. 203

Whereas on May 15, 2019, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (referred to in this preamble as “AOPA”), will celebrate 80 years of successfully representing the interests of general aviation pilots and private aircraft ownership across the United States;

Whereas AOPA was formed on May 15, 1939, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in the years leading up to the entry of the United States into World War II;

Whereas AOPA has grown into the largest aviation association in the world;

Whereas AOPA has an ongoing legacy of successfully representing the interests of general aviation pilots and private aircraft owners across the United States;

Whereas general aviation plays an important role in the economic vitality of communities across the United States, creating jobs and opportunities for growth throughout the United States;

Whereas approximately 5,000 public-use airports and 15,000 other landing facilities support the United States general aviation fleet of nearly 200,000 aircraft and approximately 600,000 pilots;

Whereas AOPA tirelessly advocates for and contributes to improving the safety of aviation;

Whereas AOPA is committed to growing the pilot population by introducing young people to career opportunities and welcoming more women and minorities into aviation;

Whereas in the 80 years since AOPA was formed the organization has been led by only 5 presidents: Joseph B. “Doc” Hartranft, John L. Baker, Philip B. Boyer, Craig L. Fuller, and Mark R. Baker; and

Whereas AOPA remains committed to protecting and promoting aviation in the United States; Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate, on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, recognizes the efforts of the association in—

(1) helping to ensure the freedom to fly; and

(2) leaving a lasting legacy for future generations of aviators.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 204—TO RETURN TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES THE ARMS TRADE TREATY

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

## S. RES. 204

Whereas, on April 29, 2019, President Donald J. Trump transmitted the following to the United States Senate: "I have concluded that it is not in the interest of the United States to become a party to the Arms Trade Treaty (Senate Treaty Doc. 114-14, transmitted December 9, 2016). I have, therefore, decided to withdraw the aforementioned treaty from the Senate and accordingly request that it be returned to me." Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate shall return to the President of the United States the Arms Trade Treaty, Done at New York on April 2, 2013 (Treaty Doc. 114-14).

## APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 64, adopted March 5, 2013, appoints the following Senators as members of the Senate National Security Working Group for the 116th Congress: DIANNE FEINSTEIN of California (Democratic Administrative Co-Chairman); JACK REED of Rhode Island (Democratic Co-Chairman); ROBERT MENENDEZ of New Jersey (Democratic Co-Chair); RICHARD J. DURBIN of Illinois; BENJAMIN L. CARDIN of Maryland; ROBERT P. CASEY, Jr. of Pennsylvania; TAMMY DUCKWORTH of Illinois; MARGARET WOOD HASSAN of New Hampshire; and KYRSTEN SINEMA of Arizona.

## CONGRATULATING THE STUDENTS, PARENTS, TEACHERS, AND LEADERS OF CHARTER SCHOOLS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 202, 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. 202) congratulating the students, parents, teachers, and leaders of charter schools across the United States for making ongoing contributions to education, and supporting the ideals and goals of the 20th annual National Charter Schools Week, to be held May 12 through May 18, 2019.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to proceeding to the measure?

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

Mr. MCCONNELL. 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 table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 202) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

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

## RECOGNIZING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AIRCRAFT OWNERS AND PILOTS ASSOCIATION

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 203, 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. 203) recognizing the 80th anniversary of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to proceeding to the measure?

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

Mr. MCCONNELL. 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 table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 203) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

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

## MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE COMPUTATION OF AVERAGE PAY UNDER PUBLIC LAW 110-279

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. 1436, submitted earlier today.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1436) to make technical corrections to the computation of average pay under Public Law 110-279.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to proceeding to the measure?

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

Mr. MCCONNELL. I further ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed and that the motion 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 bill (S. 1436) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 1436

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

## SECTION 1. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO COMPUTATION OF AVERAGE PAY UNDER PUBLIC LAW 110-279.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1(c)(2)(A) of Public Law 110-279 (2 U.S.C. 2051(c)(2)(A)) is amended—

(1) by striking "For purposes of" and all that follows through "(i) any period" and inserting the following:

"(i) TREATMENT OF SERVICE.—For purposes of chapters 83, 84, and 87 of title 5, United States Code, any period";

(2) in clause (i), by striking "; and" and inserting a period; and

(3) in clause (ii)—

(A) by inserting "TREATMENT OF PAY.—For purposes of chapter 87 of title 5, United States Code," before "the rate of basic pay"; and

(B) by striking "the covered" and inserting "a covered".

(b) REGULATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Office of Personnel Management shall promulgate regulations to carry out this section.

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The regulations promulgated under paragraph (1) shall take effect not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

(c) APPLICABILITY OF AMENDMENTS.—

(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection, the terms "contractor", "covered individual", and "food services contract" have the meanings given those terms in section 1(a) of Public Law 110-279 (2 U.S.C. 2051(a)).

(2) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by this section shall apply with respect to—

(A) a covered individual who separates from service as an employee of a contractor performing services under the food services contract before, on, or after the date of enactment of this Act; and

(B) each payment to a covered individual under chapter 83 or 84 of title 5, United States Code, made on or after the effective date of the regulations promulgated under subsection (b).

## ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2019

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m., Tuesday, May 14; 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, morning business be closed, and that the Senate proceed to executive session and resume consideration of the Truncate nomination; finally, that the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly conference meetings.

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

## ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. MCCONNELL. 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 6:29 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, May 14, 2019, at 10 a.m.

## NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

ROBERT WALLACE, OF WYOMING, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE, VICE THOMAS L. STRICKLAND, RESIGNED.