

S. RES. 208

Whereas cut flower growers in the United States are hard-working, dedicated individuals who bring beauty, economic stimulus, and pride to their communities and the United States;

Whereas the people of the United States have a long history of using flowers and greens grown in the United States to bring beauty to important events and express affection for loved ones;

Whereas consumers spend almost \$27,000,000,000 each year on floral products, including cut flowers, garden plants, bedding, and indoor plants;

Whereas, each year, nearly 30 percent of households in the United States purchase fresh cut flowers and greens from more than 16,000 florists and floral establishments;

Whereas the people of the United States increasingly want to support domestically produced foods and agricultural products and would prefer to buy locally grown flowers whenever possible, yet a majority of domestic consumers do not know where the flowers they purchase are grown;

Whereas, in response to increased demand, the “Certified American Grown Flowers” logo was created in July 2014 in order to educate and empower consumers to purchase flowers from domestic producers;

Whereas, as of April 2017, millions of stems of domestically grown flowers are now “Certified American Grown”;

Whereas domestic flower farmers produce thousands of varieties of flowers across the United States, such as peonies in Alaska, Gerbera daisies in California, lupines in Maine, tulips in Washington, lilies in Oregon, and larkspur in Texas;

Whereas the five flower varieties produced in the largest quantities in the United States are tulips, Gerbera daisies, lilies, gladiolas, and irises;

Whereas people in every State have access to domestically grown flowers, yet only one in five flowers sold in the United States is domestically grown;

Whereas the domestic cut flower industry creates almost \$42,000,000 in economic impact daily and supports hundreds of growers, thousands of small businesses, and tens of thousands of jobs in the United States;

Whereas more people in the United States are expressing interest in growing flowers locally, which has resulted in an increase of approximately 20 percent in the number of domestic cut flower farms between 2007 and 2012;

Whereas most domestic cut flowers and greens are sold in the United States within 24 to 48 hours after harvest and last longer than flowers shipped longer distances;

Whereas flowers grown domestically enhance the ability of the people of the United States to festively celebrate weddings and births and honor those who have passed;

Whereas flower giving has been a holiday tradition in the United States for generations;

Whereas flowers speak to the beauty of motherhood on Mother’s Day and to the spirit of love on Valentine’s Day;

Whereas flowers are an essential part of other holidays such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa;

Whereas flowers help commemorate the service and sacrifice of members of the Armed Forces on Memorial Day and Veterans Day; and

Whereas the Senate encourages the cultivation of flowers in the United States by domestic flower farmers: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the designation of July as “American Grown Flower Month”;

(2) recognizes that purchasing flowers grown in the United States supports the farmers, small businesses, jobs, and economy of the United States;

(3) recognizes that growing flowers and greens in the United States is a vital part of the agricultural industry of the United States;

(4) recognizes that cultivating flowers domestically enhances the ability of the people of the United States to festively celebrate holidays and special occasions; and

(5) urges all people of the United States to proactively showcase flowers and greens grown in the United States in order to show support for the flower farmers, processors, and distributors in the United States as well as agriculture in the United States overall.

SENATE RESOLUTION 209—DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF MAY 12 THROUGH MAY 18, 2019, AS “NATIONAL POLICE WEEK”

Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. COONS, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. BROWN, Mr. DAINES, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. KING, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. CASEY, Ms. MCSALLY, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. JOHNSON, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. ROUNDS, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. YOUNG, Ms. SMITH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BURR, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. JONES, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. CARPER, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BENNET, Mr. MORAN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. PETERS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. REED, Mr. WICKER, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. KAINE, Mr. GARDNER, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. UDALL, Mr. ROMNEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. COTTON, Mr. WARNER, Mr. CASSIDY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. LEE, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. HOEVEN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. THUNE, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. BARRASSO, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. RISCH, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. PAUL, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. ERNST, Mr. SASSE, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. SHELBY, and Mr. KENNEDY) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 209

Whereas Federal, State, local, and Tribal police officers, sheriffs, and other law enforcement officers across the United States serve with valor, dignity, and integrity;

Whereas law enforcement officers are charged with—

(1) pursuing justice for all individuals; and
(2) performing the duties of a law enforcement officer with fidelity to the constitutional and civil rights of the public the officers serve;

Whereas law enforcement officers swear an oath to uphold the public trust even though, through the performance of the duties of a law enforcement officer, the officers may become targets for senseless acts of violence;

Whereas, in 1962, President John Fitzgerald Kennedy signed Public Law 87-726 (36 U.S.C. 136) (referred to in this preamble as the “Joint Resolution”), which authorizes the President to proclaim May 15 of every year as Peace Officers Memorial Day in honor of the Federal, State, and local officers who have been killed, disabled, or otherwise injured in the line of duty;

Whereas the Joint Resolution also authorizes the President to designate the week in which Peace Officers Memorial Day falls as National Police Week;

Whereas the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, dedicated on October 15, 1991, is the national monument to honor those law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty;

Whereas the 38th Annual National Peace Officers Memorial Service honors the 159 law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty in 2018, including—

- (1) William H. Allee;
- (2) Michael J. Anson;
- (3) Christopher T. Bacon;
- (4) Daniel S. Baker;
- (5) Thomas J. Barnitt;
- (6) Mark J. Baserman;
- (7) Paul R. Bauer;
- (8) Steven Belanger;
- (9) Benton H. Bertram;
- (10) Justin T. Billa;
- (11) Edward R. Bollman;
- (12) John J. Brant;
- (13) William H. Briggs;
- (14) Jermaine T. Brown;
- (15) Samuel N. Bullard;
- (16) Lonnie V. Burton;
- (17) Amy S. Caprio;
- (18) Terrence F. Carraway;
- (19) Gregory Casillas V;
- (20) Michael C. Chesna;
- (21) Anthony L. Christie;
- (22) Nicholas F. Clark;
- (23) Eugene P. Cole;
- (24) Timothy D. Cole, Sr.;
- (25) Jarate D. Condit;
- (26) Kevin K. Conner;
- (27) Jesus M. Cordova;
- (28) Thomas M. Coulter;
- (29) Mark A. Cox;
- (30) Brian L. Crews;
- (31) Kevin F. Crossley;
- (32) Brian S. Cuscino;
- (33) Glenn A. Doss;
- (34) Micheal R. Doty;
- (35) Christopher J. Driver;
- (36) Keith O. Earle;
- (37) Tyler J. Edenhofer;
- (38) Hunter A. Edwards;
- (39) Kyle L. Eng;
- (40) Timothy A. Ensley;
- (41) Pedro Esponda, Jr.;
- (42) William P. Farley;
- (43) Micah L. Flick;
- (44) Edgar Flores;
- (45) Jeffrey W. Francis;
- (46) Jared W. Franks;
- (47) Jarrod K. Friddle;
- (48) Mark S. Gado;
- (49) Sean M. Gannon;
- (50) Conrad C. Gary;
- (51) William J. Gentry, Jr.;
- (52) Earl J. Givens III;
- (53) Joseph B. Gomm;
- (54) Walter Greene, Jr.;
- (55) Kirk A. Griess;
- (56) Heath M. Gumm;
- (57) Richard W. Hale;
- (58) Dale S. Hallman;
- (59) Scotty Hamilton;
- (60) Ron L. Helus;
- (61) Christopher D. Hill;
- (62) Tony Hinojosa III;
- (63) Toshio Hirai;
- (64) Garrett W. Hull;
- (65) Jerry L. Hurd, Jr.;
- (66) Charles G. Irvine, Jr.;

(67) Samuel Jimenez;
 (68) Raymond B. Jimmerson;
 (69) Adam E. Jobbers-Miller;
 (70) Eric J. Joering;
 (71) Bronson K. Kaliloo;
 (72) Theresa S. King;
 (73) James L. Kirk, Jr.;
 (74) Gary L. Koch;
 (75) Robert K. Kunze III;
 (76) Christopher M. Lawton;
 (77) Andres Laza-Caraballo;
 (78) Michael L. Ledek;
 (79) David J. LeValley;
 (80) Taylor F. Lindsey;
 (81) Alexis T.E. Locklear;
 (82) Richard Lopez;
 (83) Chase L. Maddox;
 (84) David Manning;
 (85) Tawanna V. Marin;
 (86) Eduardo Marmolejo;
 (87) Larry E. Marrero;
 (88) Mathew J. Mazany;
 (89) Dennis P. McCarthy;
 (90) Daniel A. McCartney;
 (91) Francis A. McClelland, Jr.;
 (92) Phillip L. Meacham;
 (93) Deidre I. Mengedoh;
 (94) Michael J. Michalski;
 (95) Kevin M. Miller;
 (96) W. Zachery M. Moak;
 (97) Anthony P. Morelli;
 (98) Diego Moreno;
 (99) Matthew T. Moreno;
 (100) Emmett P. Morris;
 (101) Melissa S. Morrow;
 (102) Christopher R. Morton;
 (103) Stephen J. Mullen;
 (104) Paul Murphy;
 (105) Robert E. Nagle;
 (106) Mark J. Natale;
 (107) Vu X. Nguyen;
 (108) Kathleen O'Connor-Funigiello;
 (109) Joel A. Pantojas Fuentes;
 (110) Joseph M. Parise;
 (111) Jacob M. Pickett;
 (112) Robert S. Pitts;
 (113) Jason B. Quick;
 (114) P. Scott Ragsdale;
 (115) Noel Ramirez-Beltran, Jr.;
 (116) Mujahid A.M. Ramziddin;
 (117) Dennis W. Reichardt;
 (118) Nole E. Remagen;
 (119) Oscar A. Reyes;
 (120) Kirt R. Ricks III;
 (121) Christopher Robateau;
 (122) Aaron P. Roberts;
 (123) Patrick T. Rohrer;
 (124) David P. Romrell;
 (125) Alex I. Sable;
 (126) Charles R. Salaway;
 (127) Rogelio Santander, Jr.;
 (128) Jason M. Seals;
 (129) David C. Sherrard;
 (130) Casey L. Shoemate;
 (131) Fadi M. Shukur;
 (132) Basilio A. Simons;
 (133) Leann Simpson;
 (134) Ronil Singh;
 (135) Michael W. Smith;
 (136) Rodney S. Smith;
 (137) Kevin J. Stanton;
 (138) Mark V. Stasyuk;
 (139) Kent D. Swanson;
 (140) Sally A. Thompson;
 (141) David A. Tinsley;
 (142) Antwan D. Toney;
 (143) Farrah B.G. Turner;
 (144) Harry Valentin;
 (145) Loren Y. Vasquez;
 (146) Dennis B. Vincent;
 (147) Benjamin D. Wallace;
 (148) William H. Wanser;
 (149) Darren M. Weathers;
 (150) Lance C. Whitaker;
 (151) Chase S. White;
 (152) James K. White;
 (153) Charles M. Whites, Jr.;
 (154) Ayrian M. Williams;

(155) Malcus Williams II;
 (156) Tamby Yagan;
 (157) Kristopher D. Youngberg;
 (158) Benjamin L. Zirbel; and
 (159) Ryan D. Zirkle; and

Whereas, since the beginning of 2019, 41 law enforcement officers from across the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week of May 12 through May 18, 2019, as “National Police Week”;

(2) expresses strong support for law enforcement officers across the United States in the efforts that those officers undertake to build safer and more secure communities;

(3) recognizes the need to ensure that law enforcement officers have the equipment, training, and resources necessary to protect the health and safety of the officers while the officers are protecting the public;

(4) recognizes the law enforcement community for the continual selfless acts of sacrifice and bravery carried out by the members of that community;

(5) acknowledges that police officers and other law enforcement personnel, especially those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, should be remembered and honored;

(6) expresses condolences to the loved ones of each law enforcement officer who has made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty; and

(7) encourages the people of the United States to observe National Police Week with appropriate ceremonies and activities that promote awareness of the vital role that law enforcement officers perform in service to the United States and the communities in which those officers serve.

SENATE RESOLUTION 210—SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF MAY 15, 2019, AS “NATIONAL SENIOR FRAUD AWARENESS DAY” TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THE INCREASING NUMBER OF FRAUDULENT SCHEMES TARGETING SENIORS IN THE UNITED STATES, TO ENCOURAGE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICIES TO PREVENT THOSE SCHEMES, AND TO IMPROVE PROTECTIONS FROM THOSE SCHEMES FOR SENIORS

Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. JONES, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. MCSALLY, Ms. WARREN, and Ms. SINEMA) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 210

Whereas, in 2035, there will be an estimated 78,000,000 individuals age 65 or older in the United States (referred to in this preamble as “seniors”), compared to an estimated 76,700,000 individuals under the age of 18;

Whereas senior fraud is a growing concern as millions of seniors in the United States are targeted by scams each year, including Internal Revenue Service impersonation scams, identify theft or identity fraud involving Social Security benefits and other identity theft, sweepstakes and lottery scams, grandparent scams, computer tech support scams, romance scams, work-at-home scams, charity scams, home improvement scams, and fraudulent investment schemes;

Whereas other types of fraud perpetrated against seniors include health care fraud, health insurance fraud, counterfeit prescription drug fraud, funeral and cemetery fraud,

“anti-aging” product fraud, telemarketing fraud, and internet fraud;

Whereas the Government Accountability Office has estimated that seniors lose a staggering \$2,900,000,000 each year to an ever-growing array of financial exploitation schemes and scams;

Whereas, since 2013, the fraud hotline of the Special Committee on Aging of the Senate has received more than 8,200 complaints reporting possible scams from individuals in all 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico;

Whereas the ease with which criminals contact seniors through the internet and telephone increases as more creative schemes emerge;

Whereas, according to the Consumer Sentinel Network Data Book 2018, released by the Federal Trade Commission, people age 60 or older were defrauded of approximately \$391,000,000 in 2018, with the median loss to defrauded victims age 80 or older averaging \$1,700 per person, more than double the average amount lost by victims between the ages of 50 and 59;

Whereas senior fraud is underreported by victims due to embarrassment and lack of information about where to report fraud; and

Whereas May 15, 2019, is an appropriate day to establish as “National Senior Fraud Awareness Day”: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the designation of May 15, 2019, as “National Senior Fraud Awareness Day”;

(2) recognizes National Senior Fraud Awareness Day as an opportunity to raise awareness about the barrage of scams that individuals age 65 or older in the United States (referred to in this resolution as “seniors”) face in person, by mail, on the phone, and online;

(3) recognizes that law enforcement, consumer protection groups, area agencies on aging, and financial institutions all play vital roles in preventing scams targeting seniors and educating seniors about those scams;

(4) encourages implementation of policies to prevent scams targeting seniors and to improve measures to protect seniors from those scams; and

(5) honors the commitment and dedication of the individuals and organizations that work tirelessly to fight against scams targeting seniors.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I have 7 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 AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 14, 2019, at time coinciding with votes, to conduct a business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 14, 2019, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.