

following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 478

Whereas providing a diversity of choices in K–12 education empowers parents to select education environments that meet the individual needs and strengths of their children;

Whereas high-quality K–12 education environments of all varieties are available in the United States, including traditional public schools, public charter schools, public magnet schools, private schools, online academies, and home schooling;

Whereas talented teachers and school leaders in each of the education environments prepare children to achieve their dreams;

Whereas more families than ever before in the United States actively choose the best education for their children;

Whereas more public awareness of the issue of parental choice in education can inform additional families of the benefits of proactively choosing challenging, motivating, and effective education environments for their children;

Whereas the process by which parents choose schools for their children is non-political, nonpartisan, and deserves the utmost respect; and

Whereas tens of thousands of events are planned to celebrate the benefits of educational choice during the tenth annual National School Choice Week, held the week of January 26 through February 1, 2020: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week of January 26 through February 1, 2020, as “National School Choice Week”;

(2) congratulates students, parents, teachers, and school leaders from K–12 education environments of all varieties for their persistence, achievements, dedication, and contributions to society in the United States;

(3) encourages all parents, during National School Choice Week, to learn more about the education options available to them; and

(4) encourages the people of the United States to hold appropriate programs, events, and activities during National School Choice Week to raise public awareness of the benefits of opportunity in education.

#### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1283. Mr. MORAN (for Ms. MCSALLY (for herself, Mr. COONS, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, and Ms. SMITH)) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 886, to direct the Attorney General to establish and carry out a Veteran Treatment Court Program.

#### TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

**SA 1283.** Mr. MORAN (for Ms. MCSALLY (for herself, Mr. COONS, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, and Ms. SMITH)) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 886, to direct the Attorney General to establish and carry out a Veteran Treatment Court Program; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

##### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Veteran Treatment Court Coordination Act of 2019”.

##### SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.

It is the sense of Congress that veterans treatment courts are a successful program aimed at helping veterans charged with non-violent crimes receive the help and the benefits for which the veterans are entitled.

##### SEC. 3. VETERAN TREATMENT COURT PROGRAM.

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—Subject to the availability of appropriations, in coordina-

tion with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the Attorney General shall establish and carry out a Veteran Treatment Court Program to provide grants and technical assistance to court systems that—

(1) have adopted a Veterans Treatment Court Program; or

(2) have filed a notice of intent to establish a Veterans Treatment Court Program with the Secretary.

(b) **PURPOSE.**—The purpose of the Veterans Treatment Court Program established under subsection (a) is to ensure the Department of Justice has a single office to coordinate the provision of grants, training, and technical assistance to help State, local, and Tribal governments to develop and maintain veteran treatment courts.

(c) **PROGRAMS INCLUDED.**—The Veterans Treatment Court Program established under subsection (a) shall include the grant programs relating to veterans treatment courts carried out by the Attorney General pursuant to sections 2991 and 3021 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10651, 10701) or any other provision of law.

(d) **REGULATIONS.**—The Attorney General shall promulgate regulations to carry out this section.

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I have 2 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 ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, January 16, 2020, at 9 a.m., to conduct a hearing on the following nominations: James E. McPherson, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Army, and Charles Williams, of Missouri, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy, both of the Department of Defense.

##### COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, January 16, 2020, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on the following nominations: Andrew Lynn Brasher, of Alabama, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, John Charles Hinderaker, and Scott H. Rash, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, Joshua M. Kindred, to be United States District Judge for the District of Alaska, Matthew Thomas Schelp, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri, Fernando L. Aenlle-Rocha, Stanley Blumenfeld, and Mark C. Scarsi, each to be a United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Stephen A. Vaden, of Tennessee, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, and Grace Karaffa Obermann, and Stephen Sidney Schwartz, both of Virginia, both to be

a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session for the consideration of all nominations on the Secretary's desk; that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order; that any statements related to the nominations be printed in the RECORD; the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then resume legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

##### NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

##### IN THE AIR FORCE

PN1351 AIR FORCE nomination of Lorelee L. Stock, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 6, 2020.

PN1352 AIR FORCE nominations (4) beginning SHANNAN L. CORBIN, and ending JOSHUA D. YANOVIK, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 6, 2020.

PN1409 AIR FORCE nomination of Kraegen J. Bramer, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 9, 2020.

PN1410 AIR FORCE nomination of Lisa A. Nemeth, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 9, 2020.

PN1411 AIR FORCE nomination of Rozena A. Chan, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 9, 2020.

##### IN THE ARMY

PN1262 ARMY nomination of Shaun J. Arredondo, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 30, 2019.

PN1263 ARMY nomination of Steven K. Uhlman, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 30, 2019.

PN1292 ARMY nomination of Christopher M. Feroli, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 19, 2019.

PN1353 ARMY nomination of Richard A. Malaga, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 6, 2020.

PN1354 ARMY nomination of Tad T. Tsuneyoshi, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 6, 2020.

PN1355 ARMY nomination of John F. Lopez, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 6, 2020.

PN1356 ARMY nomination of Diego L. Becerra, III, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 6, 2020.

PN1357 ARMY nomination of Timothy P. Behnke, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 6, 2020.

PN1359 ARMY nomination of Sandra L. Molteni, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 6, 2020.

PN1404 ARMY nominations (91) beginning BENJAMIN A. ACCINELLI, and ending MATTHEW G. WYATT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 9, 2020.

PN1407 ARMY nomination of Justin D. Considine, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 9, 2020.

PN1412 ARMY nominations (2) beginning PAUL T. AGENA, and ending PHILLIP E. PETERS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 9, 2020.

PN1413 ARMY nominations (2) beginning MICHAEL V. DOMENIC, and ending CHRISTOPHER GUNDERSEN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 9, 2020.

PN1414 ARMY nomination of Shauntill L. Baah, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 9, 2020.

PN1415 ARMY nomination of LaJohnne A. W. Morris, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 9, 2020.

PN1416 ARMY nomination of Paul Green, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 9, 2020.

PN1417 ARMY nomination of Wanda L. Horton, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 9, 2020.

PN1418 ARMY nomination of Robert T. Sutter, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 9, 2020.

#### IN THE MARINE CORPS

PN1367 MARINE CORPS nominations (8) beginning ENRIQUE BANDT, and ending GILBERT L. WOODS, JR., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 6, 2020.

PN1368 MARINE CORPS nominations (10) beginning MICHAEL C. APICELLA, JR., and ending JEFFREY A. TRANBERG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 6, 2020.

PN1369 MARINE CORPS nomination of Jackie W. Morgan, Jr., which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 6, 2020.

PN1370 MARINE CORPS nomination of Jacob R. Lewis, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 6, 2020.

PN1371 MARINE CORPS nominations (2) beginning NATHANIEL W. BAKER, III, and ending JAMES R. STRAND, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 6, 2020.

PN1372 MARINE CORPS nomination of Robert W. Puckett, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 6, 2020.

PN1373 MARINE CORPS nomination of John A. Yukica, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 6, 2020.

PN1374 MARINE CORPS nominations (3) beginning DAVID S. GERSEN, and ending AMBROSIO V. PANTOJA, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 6, 2020.

PN1376 MARINE CORPS nominations (2) beginning RYAN M. CLEVELAND, and ending CHRISTIAN D. GALBRAITH, which

nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 6, 2020.

PN1405 MARINE CORPS nominations (4) beginning DANIEL P. COULTES, and ending SEAN R. MCMAHON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 9, 2020.

PN1406 MARINE CORPS nomination of Matthew H. Hilton, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 9, 2020.

#### IN THE NAVY

PN1360 NAVY nomination of Adam B. Tomlinson, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 6, 2020.

PN1361 NAVY nomination of Bridgette L. Riley, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 6, 2020.

PN1362 NAVY nomination of Warren L. Brookes, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 6, 2020.

PN1363 NAVY nominations (2) beginning LARA H. SPENCE, and ending JOHN E. D. YONGE, III, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 6, 2020.

### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now resume legislative session.

### RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following Senate resolutions which were submitted earlier today: S. Res. 476, S. Res. 477, and S. Res. 478.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions en bloc.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be agreed to, the preambles be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, all en bloc.

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

The resolutions were agreed to.

The preambles were agreed to.

(The resolutions, with their preambles, are printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

### UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that on Tuesday, January 21, from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m., while the Senate is sitting as a court of impeachment and notwithstanding the Senate's adjournment, the Senate can receive House messages and executive matters, committees be authorized to report legislative and executive matters, and Senators be allowed to submit statements for the RECORD, bills and resolutions and cosponsor requests, and, where applicable, the Secretary of the Senate, on behalf of the Presiding Officer, be permitted to refer such matters.

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

### ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2020, AND TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Friday, January 17, for a pro forma session only, with no business being conducted; further, when the Senate adjourns on Friday, January 17, it next convene at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21; further, following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day and morning business be closed; finally, following leader remarks, the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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

### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. TOMORROW

Mr. MCCONNELL. 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 4:01 p.m., adjourned until Friday, January 17, 2020.

### CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate January 16, 2020:

#### IN THE AIR FORCE

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF LORELEE L. STOCK, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH SHANNAN L. CORBIN AND ENDING WITH JOSHUA D. YANOVIAK, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JANUARY 6, 2020.

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF KRAEGEN J. BRAMER, TO BE MAJOR.

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF LISA A. NEMETH, TO BE COLONEL.

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF ROZENA A. CHAN, TO BE MAJOR.

#### IN THE ARMY

ARMY NOMINATION OF SHAUN J. ARREDONDO, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATION OF STEVEN K. UHLMAN, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATION OF CHRISTOPHER M. FEROLI, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATION OF RICHARD A. MALAGA, TO BE COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF TAD T. TSUNEYOSHI, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF JOHN F. LOPEZ, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATION OF DIEGO L. BECERRA III, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF TIMOTHY P. BEHNKE, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATION OF SANDRA L. MOLTENI, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH BENJAMIN A. ACCINELLI AND ENDING WITH MATTHEW G. WYATT, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JANUARY 9, 2020.

ARMY NOMINATION OF JUSTIN D. CONSIDINE, TO BE COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH PAUL T. AGENA AND ENDING WITH PHILLIP E. PETERS, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JANUARY 9, 2020.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH MICHAEL V. DOMENIC AND ENDING WITH CHRISTOPHER GUNDERSEN, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JANUARY 9, 2020.