

Whereas, the impact of the LaVetCorps program is significant, providing practical assistance in life-changing ways as in the current year, LaVetCorps navigators have served more than two thousand veterans and military-connected students, with more than one hundred of these referrals directly connecting to earned federal VA benefits; and

Whereas, LaVetCorps navigators have provided direct assistance through the LDVA and outside community agencies that has prevented evictions, prevented unnecessary student debt and provided critical immediate support for veteran students in crisis; and

Whereas, LaVetCorps has raised military awareness on campuses statewide while providing peer mentoring and has been responsible for organizing more than two hundred volunteers in various community service projects around the state; and

Whereas, LaVetCorps is viewed by higher education officials as an essential investment in veteran students and navigators provide a critical level of support to recruit, retain, and support veterans in their academic and personal journeys: Now, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States to fully fund the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) and its programs in FY 2021; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress.

POM-206. A resolution adopted by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Gautier, Mississippi relative to assessments on tenants, owners, or occupiers of the Singing River Mall site; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-207. A petition from a citizen of the State of Texas relative to a constitutional amendment on the subject and wording of bills or resolutions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. WICKER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1640. A bill to require compliant flame mitigation devices to be used on portable fuel containers for flammable liquid fuels, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116-235).

By Mr. INHOFE, from the Committee on Armed Services, without amendment:

S. 4049. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2021 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. DAINES (for himself and Ms. SINEMA):

S. 4035. A bill establish and provide for the use of amounts in a Trail Stewardship for Economic Recovery Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BRAUN:

S. 4036. A bill to amend the Revised Statutes to reform the defense of qualified immunity in the case of any action under section 1979, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. LOEFFLER:

S. 4037. A bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to protect the credit of patients with substantial medical bills; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 4038. A bill to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish a grant program for tree planting to reduce residential energy consumption; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. LOEFFLER:

S. 4039. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the permissible first-dollar coverage of telehealth services for purposes of health savings accounts; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. LOEFFLER:

S. 4040. A bill to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to protect the rights of citizens under the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. BARASSO, Mr. CRAMER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. INHOFE, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. LANKFORD, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 4041. A bill to assist the American energy sector in retaining jobs during challenging economic times; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. HARRIS, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 4042. A bill to protect agricultural workers from the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MARKEY, and Ms. ROSEN):

S. 4043. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to develop a comprehensive database and repository on military aviators and conduct a study on such aviators to determine the incidence of cancer diagnosis and mortality among such aviators, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 4044. A bill to improve the provision of financial literacy training and information relating to the Blended Retirement System to members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN)):

S. 4045. A bill to reduce and eliminate threats posed by nuclear weapons to the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 4046. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program to award grants to eligible entities to purchase, and as applicable install, zero emissions port equipment and technology, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. HARRIS (for herself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. WARREN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, and Mr. REED):

S. 4047. A bill to permit the Secretary of the Treasury to provide direct funding to

certain entities; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. HARRIS (for herself and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 4048. A bill to modify the deadlines for completing the 2020 decennial census of population and related tabulations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 4049. An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2021 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Armed Services; placed on the calendar.

By Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mr. KING):

S. 4050. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to use authorities under the Defense Production Act of 1950 to prioritize contracts necessary to promote pandemic preparedness and response, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. COTTON, and Mrs. BLACKBURN):

S. 4051. A bill to improve the ability of law enforcement agencies to access encrypted data, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. GRAHAM:

S. Res. 636. A resolution recognizing the 75th anniversary of the commencement of continuous operations of the Stars and Stripes newspaper in the Pacific and the invaluable service of the Stars and Stripes as the "hometown newspaper" for members of the Armed Forces, civilian employees, and family members stationed across the globe; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. SCOTT of Florida):

S. Res. 637. A resolution commemorating the 35th anniversary of United States broadcasting to Cuba; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. LOEFFLER:

S. Con. Res. 40. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that undue restrictions on the right of law-abiding gun owners to carry a firearm for self-defense outside of the home violate the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 123

At the request of Ms. ERNST, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 123, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into a contract or other agreement with a third party to review appointees in the Veterans Health Administration who had a license terminated for cause by a State licensing board for care or services rendered at a non-Veterans Health Administration facility and to provide individuals treated by such an appointee with notice if it is determined that an

episode of care or services to which they received was below the standard of care, and for other purposes.

S. 159

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mrs. LOEFFLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 159, a bill to implement equal protection under the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States for the right to life of each born and preborn human person.

S. 631

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 631, a bill to provide for the admission of the State of Washington, D.C. into the Union.

S. 1273

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1273, a bill to amend title 17, United States Code, to establish an alternative dispute resolution program for copyright small claims, and for other purposes.

S. 1781

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. GARDNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1781, a bill to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal years 2020 through 2022 to provide assistance to El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras through bilateral compacts to increase protection of women and children in their homes and communities and reduce female homicides, domestic violence, and sexual assault.

S. 1938

At the request of Ms. DUCKWORTH, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1938, a bill to provide for grants for States that require fair and impartial police training for law enforcement officers of that State and to incentivize States to enact laws requiring the independent investigation and prosecution of the use of deadly force by law enforcement officers, and for other purposes.

S. 1944

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1944, a bill to fully fund the Prevention and Public Health Fund and reaffirm the importance of prevention in the United States healthcare system.

S. 2233

At the request of Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2233, a bill to nullify the effect of the recent executive order that requires Federal agencies to share citizenship data.

S. 2585

At the request of Ms. ERNST, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mrs. LOEFFLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2585, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act and Public

Health Service Act to improve the reporting of abortion data to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and for other purposes.

S. 2715

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2715, a bill to develop and implement policies to advance early childhood development, to provide assistance for orphans and other vulnerable children in developing countries, and for other purposes.

S. 2920

At the request of Ms. ERNST, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mrs. LOEFFLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2920, a bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, and for other purposes.

S. 3350

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 3350, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to deem certain State Veterans homes meeting certain health and safety standards as meeting conditions and requirements for skilled nursing facilities under the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

S. 3489

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN), the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN), the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. JONES), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY), the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL), the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3489, a bill to support children and students in responding to safety and health risks presented by qualifying emergencies, and for other purposes.

S. 3595

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3595, a bill to require a longitudinal study on the impact of COVID-19.

S. 3703

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. GARDNER), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) and the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) were added as cosponsors of S. 3703, a bill to amend the Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act to improve the prevention of elder abuse and exploitation of individ-

uals with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

S. 3751

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3751, a bill to amend the CARES Act to provide the Special Inspector General for Pandemic Recovery with additional personnel authorities, and for other purposes.

S. 3874

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN), the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNETT), the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) were added as cosponsors of S. 3874, a bill making additional supplemental appropriations for disaster relief requirements for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes.

S. 3876

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3876, a bill to make a technical correction relating to the treatment of refunds of merchandise processing fees under the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement Implementation Act.

S. 3963

At the request of Ms. HARRIS, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3963, a bill to protect certain whistleblowers seeking to ensure accountability and oversight of the Nation's COVID-19 pandemic response, and for other purposes.

S. 3985

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. TOOMEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3985, a bill to improve and reform policing practices, accountability, and transparency.

S. 3990

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. PERDUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3990, a bill to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to make the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection an independent Financial Product Safety Commission, and for other purposes.

S. 4001

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mrs. LOEFFLER) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 4001, a

bill to amend title IX of the Social Security Act to improve emergency unemployment relief for governmental entities and nonprofit organizations.

S. 4012

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. GARDNER) was added as a sponsor of S. 4012, a bill to establish a \$120,000,000,000 Restaurant Revitalization Fund to provide structured relief to food service or drinking establishments through December 31, 2020, and for other purposes.

S. 4019

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. SASSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4019, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to designate Juneteenth National Independence Day as a legal public holiday.

S. 4021

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) were added as cosponsors of S. 4021, a bill to accelerate rural broadband deployment.

S. RES. 613

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mrs. LOEFFLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 613, a resolution calling for justice for George Floyd and opposing calls to defund the police.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MARKEY, and Ms. ROSEN):

S. 4043. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to develop a comprehensive database and repository on military aviators and conduct a study on such aviators to determine the incidence of cancer diagnosis and mortality among such aviators, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I rise to speak in support of the "Military Aviators Cancer Incidence Study Act," which I introduced today.

This legislation would require the Department of Defense to conduct a study to determine if there is a higher incidence of cancers occurring in military aviators as compared to similar age groups in the general population.

It has been reported that the prevalence of cancer is particularly high among military aviators, particularly among fighter pilots in the United States Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps.

There have been several alarming clusters of cancer diagnoses at military installations, including at Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake in California and Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in North Carolina.

Four commanding officers who served at Naval Air Weapons Station

China Lake have died of cancer. Each officer had completed thousands of flight hours in advanced jets.

According to a study by the U.S. Air Force in 2008 titled "Cancer in Fighters," six pilots and weapons systems officers for the F-15E Strike Eagle at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, aged 33 to 43, were diagnosed with cancer between 2002 and 2005. Each officer had completed at least 2,100 flight hours.

A study by the U.S. Air Force in 2010 reported on a cluster of seven members of the Air Force Special Operations Command diagnosed with brain cancer among crew members of the C-130 between 2006 and 2009. The individuals affected were three C-130 pilots, two flight engineers, one loadmaster, and one navigator assigned to different installations around the world.

And yet, there has been no comprehensive study conducted of cancer rates among military aviators.

One challenge of extracting findings from previous studies by the Navy or the Air Force on cancer rates is that each study focused on pilots who are active duty members of the Armed Forces and did not include the medical records of former pilots who are veterans, which is the population in which cancer most often appears.

Members of the Armed Forces who serve full military careers are not likely to be counted in data captured by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Members who served 20 years or more are eligible for health care under the TRICARE program, which is managed by the Department of Defense.

Also, many members pursue private sector jobs after separating from the Armed Forces and receive health care outside of the Federal Government. Those factors have made it difficult to see if the health issues that families of military aviators are experiencing are part of larger trend.

#### HOW THE BILL WOULD HELP

Our bill would require the Department of Defense in conjunction with the National Institutes of Health, the National Cancer Institute, and the Department of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study across the United States Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps to determine whether there is a higher incidence of cancers occurring among military aviators as compared to similar age groups in the general population.

If the study determines a higher rate of cancer among military aviators, the Department of Defense would then move into a second phase of the study and report to Congress on the following:

Carcinogens associated with military flight operations;

The operating environments where aviators might have been exposed to increased radiation;

Duty stations, dates of service, aircraft flown, and additional duties that could have increased the risk of cancer for each affected military aviator;

Locations where a military aviator served or additional duties of a mili-

tary aviator associated with higher incidences of cancer;

Potential exposures due to service in the Armed Forces that are not related to aviation, such as exposure to burn pits or toxins in contaminated water; and

The appropriate age to begin screening military aviators for cancer based on several variables.

#### CONCLUSION

Military aviators take enough risks while serving our country without also having to worry about contracting cancer from radiation exposure.

The high prevalence of cancer among these pilots is deeply concerning, particularly the clusters of cases at China Lake.

We must determine why these aviators are getting cancer and if their jobs are exposing them to dangerous carcinogens.

The study is an important step to help us understand what is happening and how we can better protect our military men and women. I hope my colleagues will join me in support of this bill.

Thank you Mr. President. I yield the floor.

#### SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 636—RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COMMENCEMENT OF CONTINUOUS OPERATIONS OF THE STARS AND STRIPES NEWSPAPER IN THE PACIFIC AND THE INVALUABLE SERVICE OF THE STARS AND STRIPES AS THE "HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER" FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES, CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES, AND FAMILY MEMBERS STATIONED ACROSS THE GLOBE

Mr. GRAHAM submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 636

Whereas May 14, 2020, marks the 75th anniversary of the commencement of continuous operations, in service to the military community of the United States, of Stars and Stripes in the Pacific, a military newspaper established in Honolulu to provide an independent, uncensored news source for members of the Armed Forces fighting in World War II;

Whereas Stars and Stripes was heralded for indispensable service when it was initially established during the Civil War and again during World War I, when General John J. Pershing reestablished Stars and Stripes to provide news and information as an important morale-building force for soldiers serving in the American Expeditionary Force;

Whereas, after its permanent formation in World War II, Stars and Stripes started printing in Tokyo, Japan, on October 3, 1945, working in requisitioned space formally occupied by the Japan Times, and excelled in its mission across every theater of war, leading President Harry S. Truman to say later, "In Africa, Europe and the Pacific, The Stars and Stripes has established itself as a cherished and important soldier's institution.";