

Whereas, since the signing of the Dayton Peace Accords, the Government and people of Bosnia and Herzegovina have been working in partnership with the international community towards building a peaceful and democratic society based on the rule of law, respect for human rights, and a free-market economy: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) condemns human rights abuses that took place during the conflict in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and reconfirms the joint United States and EU commitment to promote and protect human rights, democracy, and the rule of law worldwide;

(2) commends the commitment of the Government and people of Bosnia and Herzegovina to peace and cooperation 25 years after the Dayton Peace Accords;

(3) encourages the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina to continue pursuing NATO and EU membership;

(4) encourages the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina to continue its progress towards solving its constitutional issues and improving its economic policy as it advances towards NATO and EU memberships;

(5) reiterates the importance of the Dayton Peace Accords as the basis of constitutional reform in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the promotion of political, economic, legal, and religious equality through the goals and values laid out by the EU;

(6) urges the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina to pursue constitutional reforms, needed to reconcile the past to seek empathy and respect as foundations to build a common future;

(7) urges the United States Government to work closely with the governments of the countries that border Bosnia and Herzegovina—especially those who are signatories of the Dayton Peace Accords—to support full implementation of the Stabilization and Association Agreement between the EU and the Balkan States, which requires regional cooperation; and

(8) recognizes the State of Ohio and the greater Dayton community for their role in fostering the Dayton Peace Accords, and for continuing to support diplomacy, security, and peace around the world.

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**SENATE RESOLUTION 730—SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF THE WEEK BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 20, 2020, AS “NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK” AND COMMENDING THE ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT OF THE SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THEIR IMPACT ON THEIR COMMUNITIES**

Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. RISCH, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. CARPER, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. COONS, Mr. LANKFORD, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. ERNST, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MCSALLY, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. PETERS, Mr. HAWLEY, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. COTTON, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. YOUNG, and Mr. ROMNEY)) sub-

mitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 730

Whereas 2020 marks the 57th anniversary of “National Small Business Week”;

Whereas every President for more than half a century has proclaimed a week celebrating the significance of small businesses across the United States;

Whereas there are more than 30,000,000 small businesses in the United States;

Whereas small businesses in the United States—

(1) employ nearly half of the workforce of the United States;

(2) make up 99.7 percent of all employers in the United States;

(3) employ veterans;

(4) produce 1/3 of the exports of the United States; and

(5) account for nearly half of private sector output;

Whereas, as of 2020, 9.1 percent of all small business owners in the United States are veterans;

Whereas, on July 30, 1953, Congress created the Small Business Administration to aid, counsel, assist, and protect the small business community; and

Whereas 2 out of every 3 new jobs in the United States are created by small businesses: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) supports the designation of the week beginning September 20, 2020, as “National Small Business Week”;

(2) celebrates the entrepreneurial spirit of the small business owner in the United States;

(3) understands the importance of creating a small business climate that allows for sustained economic recovery;

(4) celebrates the invaluable contribution small businesses make to the United States as the backbone of the economy;

(5) supports increasing consumer awareness of the value and opportunity small businesses bring to their local communities;

(6) understands the importance of providing more access and resources to minority-owned and underserved firms; and

(7) understands the need to provide further assistance and relief to the small businesses of the United States during unprecedented times.

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**SENATE RESOLUTION 731—SUPPORTING LIGHTS ON AFTER-SCHOOL, A NATIONAL CELEBRATION OF AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS HELD ON OCTOBER 22, 2020**

Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Ms. SMITH, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. Kaine, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. CASEY) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 731

Whereas more than 30,000,000 children in the United States have parents who work outside the home;

Whereas high-quality programs that expand learning opportunities for children, such as afterschool, before-school, summer, and expanded learning opportunities, provide safe, challenging, engaging, and fun learning experiences, including experiences that encourage the study of science, technology, engineering, and math that help children and youth develop social, emotional, physical, cultural, and academic skills;

Whereas, during the COVID-19 crisis, afterschool programs have risen to the moment to support children by—

(1) innovating to provide virtual programming to keep children engaged;

(2) caring for children of essential workers;

(3) providing meals and learning supports; and

(4) supporting the wellbeing of children and families;

Whereas high-quality afterschool programs and high-quality expanded learning opportunities provide students with hands-on, engaging lessons that are aligned with the school day;

Whereas high-quality afterschool programs complement regular and expanded school days and support working families by ensuring that the children of those families are safe and productive during the hours parents are working;

Whereas high-quality afterschool programs engage families, schools, and diverse community partners in advancing the well-being of children and youth in the United States;

Whereas high-quality afterschool programs that partner with high-quality community-based organizations build stronger communities by integrating schools with the larger community; and

Whereas Lights On Afterschool, a national celebration of afterschool, before-school, summer, and expanded learning opportunities programs held on October 22, 2020, highlights the critical importance of those high-quality programs to children and the families and communities of those children: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate supports Lights On Afterschool, a national celebration of afterschool programs held on October 22, 2020.

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**SENATE RESOLUTION 732—DESIGNATING NOVEMBER 7, 2020, AS “NATIONAL BISON DAY”**

Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. MORAN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. TESTER, Ms. SMITH, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. THUNE, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. UDALL, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. MARKLEY, and Mr. BENNET) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 732

Whereas, on May 9, 2016, the North American bison was adopted as the national mammal of the United States;

Whereas bison are considered a historical and cultural symbol of the United States;

Whereas bison are integrally linked with the economic and spiritual lives of many Indian Tribes through trade and sacred ceremonies;

Whereas there are approximately 70 Indian Tribes participating in the InterTribal Buffalo Council, which is a Tribal organization incorporated pursuant to section 17 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (commonly known as the “Indian Reorganization Act”) (48 Stat. 988, chapter 576; 25 U.S.C. 5124);

Whereas numerous members of Indian Tribes are involved in bison restoration on Tribal land;

Whereas members of Indian Tribes have a combined herd of almost 20,000 bison on more than 1,000,000 acres of Tribal land;

Whereas bison play an important role in the landscapes and grasslands of the United States;

Whereas bison hold significant economic value for private producers and rural communities;

Whereas, as of 2017, the Department of Agriculture estimates that 182,780 head of bison

were under the stewardship of private producers, creating jobs and contributing to the food security of the United States by providing a sustainable and healthy meat source;

Whereas a bison has been depicted on the official seal of the Department of the Interior since 1912;

Whereas the Department of the Interior has launched the Bison Conservation Initiative, a 10-year cooperative initiative to coordinate the conservation of wild American bison;

Whereas a bison is portrayed on 2 State flags;

Whereas the bison has been adopted by 3 States as the official mammal or animal of those States;

Whereas the buffalo nickel played an important role in modernizing the currency of the United States;

Whereas several sports teams and businesses have the bison as a mascot, which highlights the iconic and cultural significance of bison in the United States;

Whereas indigenous communities and a group of ranchers helped save bison from extinction in the late 1800s by gathering the remaining bison of the diminished herds;

Whereas, on December 8, 1905, William Hornaday, Theodore Roosevelt, and others formed the American Bison Society in response to the near extinction of bison in the United States;

Whereas, on October 11, 1907, the American Bison Society sent 15 captive-bred bison from the New York Zoological Park, now known as the “Bronx Zoo”, to the first big game refuge in the United States, now known as the “Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge”;

Whereas, in 2005, the American Bison Society was reestablished, bringing together bison ranchers, managers from Indian Tribes, Federal and State agencies, conservation organizations, and natural and social scientists from the United States, Canada, and Mexico to create a vision for the North American bison in the 21st century;

Whereas there are bison herds in national wildlife refuges, national parks, and national forests, and on other Federal land;

Whereas there are bison in State-managed herds across 11 States;

Whereas private, public, and Tribal bison leaders are working together to continue bison restoration throughout North America;

Whereas there is a growing effort to celebrate and officially recognize the historical, cultural, and economic significance of the North American bison to the heritage of the United States; and

Whereas members of Indian Tribes, bison producers, conservationists, sportsmen, educators, and other public and private partners have celebrated the annual National Bison Day since 2012 and are committed to continuing this tradition annually on the first Saturday of November; Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates November 7, 2020, the first Saturday of November, as “National Bison Day”; and

(2) encourages the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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**SENATE RESOLUTION 733—RECOGNIZING 2020 AS THE CENTENNIAL OF THE PRESERVATION SOCIETY OF CHARLESTON**

Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

**S. RES. 733**

Whereas the Preservation Society of Charleston, founded in 1920, is the oldest citizen-based preservation organization in the United States;

Whereas the Preservation Society of Charleston played a critical role in positioning the historic and beautiful city of Charleston, South Carolina, as a leader in the protection of architectural resources and vibrant communities by spearheading the effort to pass the first historic district zoning ordinance in the United States in 1931, which is now known worldwide as the “Charleston Ordinance”;

Whereas the Preservation Society of Charleston has a lengthy record of successes in saving iconic buildings and neighborhoods throughout the city of Charleston, including—

- (1) the Dock Street Theater;
- (2) the Lining House;
- (3) the Old Exchange Building;
- (4) Rainbow Row; and
- (5) countless other historic buildings on the peninsula of Charleston;

Whereas the Preservation Society of Charleston was founded by a woman, Susan Pringle Frost, whose vision, determination, and energy set the preservation movement on a new path in the early 20th century;

Whereas, for 100 years, the Preservation Society of Charleston has provided countless avenues for women’s leadership, boasting exemplary leaders such as—

- (1) Elizabeth O’Neill Verner;
- (2) Dorothy Legge;
- (3) Elizabeth Jenkins Young; and
- (4) Jane Thornhill;

Whereas, in the words of an award citation from the American Institute of Architects, the Preservation Society of Charleston is “as much a part of Charleston history as a protector of it” and has “wrought a standard of commitment to community befitting the beauty and rich legacy of the city it has served”;

Whereas, through innovative programs such as the Charleston Justice Journey and the Thomas Mayhem Pinckney Alliance, the Preservation Society of Charleston recognizes the contributions of African Americans to the built environment and history of Charleston; and

Whereas the Preservation Society of Charleston has established itself as the leading voice in advocating for a livable and human city, showing itself consistently and repeatedly to be small but mighty, thoughtful but nimble, and principled, professional, and unafraid; Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate recognizes 2020 as the centennial of the Preservation Society of Charleston.

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**SENATE RESOLUTION 734—DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 21 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 25, 2020, AS ‘NATIONAL FALLS PREVENTION AWARENESS WEEK’ TO RAISE AWARENESS AND ENCOURAGE THE PREVENTION OF FALLS AMONG OLDER ADULTS**

Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. CASEY, Ms. MCSALLY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. HAWLEY, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BRAUN, and Ms. SINEMA) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

**S. RES. 734**

Whereas individuals who are 65 years of age or older (referred to in this preamble as

“older adults”) are the fastest growing segment of the population in the United States, and the number of older adults in the United States will increase from approximately 56,100,000 in 2020 to an estimated 73,100,000 by 2030;

Whereas approximately 30 percent of older adults in the United States fall each year, with each 10-year increment in age increasing the risk of falls;

Whereas falls are the leading cause of both fatal and nonfatal injuries among older adults;

Whereas, in 2018, older adults reported 35,600,000 falls, with approximately 8,400,000 of those falls resulting in an injury that limited regular activities or resulted in a medical visit;

Whereas, in 2018, approximately 3,000,000 older adults were treated in hospital emergency departments for fall-related injuries, and more than 950,000 of those older adults were subsequently hospitalized;

Whereas, in 2018, more than 32,000 older adults died from injuries related to unintentional falls, and the death rate from falls of older adults in the United States is expected to continue to sharply rise to more than 100,000 per year by 2030;

Whereas, in 2015—

(1) the total direct medical cost of fall-related injuries for older adults, adjusted for inflation, was approximately \$50,000,000,000;

(2) with respect to nonfatal falls, Medicare paid approximately \$28,900,000,000, Medicaid paid approximately \$8,700,000,000, and private and other payers paid approximately \$12,000,000,000; and

(3) overall medical spending for fatal falls was estimated to be \$754,000,000;

Whereas, if the rate of increase in falls is not slowed, the annual cost of fall injuries will surpass \$101,000,000,000 by 2030; and

Whereas evidence-based programs reduce falls by utilizing cost-effective strategies, such as exercise programs to improve balance and strength, medication management, vision improvement, reduction of home hazards, and falls prevention education; Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week of September 21 through September 25, 2020, as “National Falls Prevention Awareness Week”;

(2) recognizes that there are proven, cost-effective falls prevention programs and policies;

(3) commends the 73 member organizations of the Falls Free Coalition and the falls prevention coalitions in 43 States and the District of Columbia for their efforts to work together to increase education and awareness about preventing falls among older adults;

(4) encourages businesses, individuals, Federal, State, and local governments, the public health community, and health care providers to work together to raise awareness of falls in an effort to reduce the incidence of falls among older adults in the United States;

(5) recognizes the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for its work developing and evaluating interventions for all members of health care teams to make falls prevention a routine part of clinical care;

(6) recognizes the Administration for Community Living for its work to promote access to evidence-based programs and services in communities across the United States;

(7) encourages State health departments and State units on aging, which provide significant leadership in reducing injuries and related health care costs by collaborating with organizations and individuals, to reduce falls among older adults; and

(8) encourages experts in the field of falls prevention to share their best practices so