

(6) John E. Jacob between 1982 and 1994;  
(7) Hugh B. Price between 1994 and 2003;  
and

(8) Marc H. Morial since 2003;

Whereas the 8 leaders of the National Urban League were strengthened by an interracial board of trustees comprised of key figures from businesses in the United States, labor unions, community organizations, and religious and academic institutions;

Whereas the National Urban League—

(1) is the oldest and largest community-based organization of its kind in the United States; and

(2) provides direct services in the areas of education, health care, housing, jobs, and justice that improve the lives of more than 2,000,000 individuals across the United States;

Whereas the employees of the headquarters of the National Urban League in New York City and its Washington Bureau in Washington, D.C., spearhead the efforts of the local affiliates of the National Urban League through the development of signature programs, public policy research, and advocacy;

Whereas, on its 110th anniversary, the National Urban League can look back with great pride on its extraordinary accomplishments;

Whereas the research arm of the National Urban League—

(1) was established in 1921 by renowned researcher Dr. Charles S. Johnson; and

(2) has released numerous publications, including *Opportunity: Journal of Negro Life* between 1923 and 1949, *State of Black America* since 1976, and other pertinent studies documenting and elevating social consciousness;

Whereas, in 1962, the Washington Bureau of the National Urban League was established, which serves as the research, policy, and advocacy arm of the National Urban League and gives voice to voiceless individuals on issues before Congress and the administration of the President;

Whereas, during the 1960s, the National Urban League—

(1) became a major force in the civil rights arena and worked closely with A. Phillip Randolph, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and many other exceptional leaders to advance civil rights, voting rights, and fair housing legislation; and

(2) saw tremendous growth in its partnership with the Federal Government to address race relations, deliver aid to urban areas, and improve housing, education, healthcare, and assistance to minority-owned businesses;

Whereas, in 1964, the National Urban League, through its affiliate network, helped register more than 500,000 Black voters;

Whereas, in 1972, the Citizenship Education department of the National Urban League was established, which offers local citizenship education programs, voter registration drives, and get out the vote campaigns;

Whereas the Citizenship Education department published the *Power of the Ballot*, registered 75,000 new Black voters as part of a 17-city voter registration drive, and, in 2020, has intensified efforts to register Black voters get out the vote and challenge voter suppression;

Whereas the 90 local affiliates and 11,000 volunteers of the National Urban League, which are located in 36 States and the District of Columbia, provide services across 300 communities;

Whereas the signature programs of the National Urban League—

(1) are evidence-based, data-informed, and scalable; and

(2) demonstrably enhance the economic and educational status of the communities the programs serve;

Whereas, since 2004, the Entrepreneurship Center Program, which is a part of the En-

trepreneurship and Business Services division of the National Urban League, has served approximately 185,000 minority-owned businesses, helped those businesses secure more than \$1,000,000,000 in financing, bonding capacity, and contracting opportunities, and created or saved more than 170,000 full-time and part-time jobs;

Whereas, since 2008, more than 315,000 individuals have received assistance through the Comprehensive Housing Counseling and Financial Empowerment programs of the Housing and Community Development division of the National Urban League;

Whereas Restore Our Homes, which is the foreclosure prevention initiative of the National Urban League, has helped more than 25,000 individuals avoid foreclosure, and the Home Purchase program of the National Urban League has assisted 7,200 individuals to become first-time homeowners;

Whereas, since 2008, Project Ready, which is the signature program of the Education and Youth Development division of the National Urban League, has helped 18,000 students in grades 8 through 12 progress academically, benefit from cultural enrichment opportunities, and develop important skills, attitudes, and aptitudes that position them for success during and after high school;

Whereas, since 2010, the Equity and Excellence Project of the National Urban League has enabled the affiliates of the National Urban League to expand their education advocacy and engagement work in cities and States across the United States;

Whereas, in 2013, the Rebuild America Initiative, which is a program of the Workforce Development division of the National Urban League, has helped more than 250,000 unemployed and underemployed adults, including young adults, reentry adults, and mature adults, to secure full-time employment or career advancement opportunities;

Whereas the National Urban League—

(1) has been a leader in the United States in the fight against unfair laws and economic and racial inequality; and

(2) is dedicated to eradicating social and economic injustices through the development of programs, public policy research, and advocacy for policies and services that close equality and equity gaps;

Whereas, through the work of the Equitable Justice and Democracy Program, the National Urban League advocates for justice and fairness for all individuals through the removal of unjust systemic barriers in the criminal justice system of the United States, the protection of voting rights, and the preservation of freedoms to fully participate in the democracy and civic processes of the United States;

Whereas, throughout 110 years of service, the National Urban League has been pivotal in improving the lives of millions of African Americans and individuals who are members of other underserved communities by helping those individuals to combat poverty, achieve civil rights, and gain economic prosperity; and

Whereas the National Urban League remains an essential organization today: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the National Urban League on 110 years of service empowering African Americans and other underserved communities while helping to foster a more just, equitable, and inclusive United States;

(2) expresses deep gratitude for the hard-working and dedicated men and women of the National Urban League and the affiliates and auxiliaries of the National Urban League, who, for more than 110 years, have challenged unjust systems and broken down economic and social barriers; and

(3) commends the ongoing and tireless efforts of the National Urban League to continue—

(A) addressing racial and economic inequality; and

(B) fighting for the rights of all people of the United States to live with freedom, dignity, and prosperity.

## AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

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## TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

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Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Timely Reauthorization of Necessary Stem-cell Programs Lends Access to Needed Therapies Act of 2020” or the “TRANSPLANT Act of 2020”.

### SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF THE C.W. BILL YOUNG CELL TRANSPLANTATION PROGRAM.

(a) ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETINGS.—Subsection (a) of section 379 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 274k) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

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(1) TECHNICAL CLARIFICATION.—Effective as if included in the enactment of Public Law 114-104 (the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Reauthorization Act of 2015), the amendment to section 379(d)(2)(B) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 274k(d)(2)(B)) in section 2(a)(2) of Public Law 114-104 is amended by inserting “goal of increasing collections of high quality” before “cord blood units.”.

(2) ELIMINATING DEADWOOD.—Subparagraph (B) of section 379(d)(2) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 274k(d)(2)) is amended by striking the second and third sentences in such subparagraph.

(c) PERIODIC REVIEW OF STATE OF SCIENCE.—Section 379 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 274k) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

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“(2) RECOMMENDATIONS.—Not later than June 30, 2024, the Secretary shall—

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(d) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—Section 379B of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 274m) is amended by striking “\$33,000,000 for fiscal year 2015 and \$30,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2016 through 2020” and inserting “\$30,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021 through 2025”.

### SEC. 3. CORD BLOOD INVENTORY.

Subsection (g) of section 2 of the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 274k note) is amended to read as follows:

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### SEC. 4. ADVANCING THE FIELD OF REGENERATIVE MEDICINE.

Section 402 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 282) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(o) **REGENERATIVE MEDICINE.**—The Director of NIH shall, as appropriate, continue to consult with the directors of relevant institutes and centers of the National Institutes of Health, other relevant experts from such institutes and centers, and relevant experts within the Food and Drug Administration, to further the field of regenerative medicine using adult stem cells, including autologous stem cells, therapeutic tissue engineering products, human cell and tissue products, human gene therapies, and genetically modified cells.”.

### SEC. 5. GAO REPORT ON REGENERATIVE MEDICINE WORKFORCE.

Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives a report that assesses a specialized health care workforce in the field of regenerative medicine. The report shall include—

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(A) positions necessary for the collection and transplantation of stem cell therapeutics, including bone marrow and cord blood; and

(B) positions in the field of regenerative medicine using adult stem cells and related to product development;

(2) the identification of gaps, if any, in the projected workforce capacity for—

(A) positions described in paragraph (1)(A); and

(B) the field of regenerative medicine using adult stem cells, including workforce gaps related to the development of new cellular therapies using adult stem cells;

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(4) recommendations, if any, for improving the workforce capacity related to—

(A) the positions described in paragraph (1)(A); or

(B) the field of regenerative medicine using adult stem cells.

### MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 5014

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I understand there is a bill at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the title of the bill for the first time.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 5014) to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for automatic continuing resolutions.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I now ask for a second reading, and in order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The bill will be read for the second time on the next legislative day.

### SIGNING AUTHORITY

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the senior Senator from Alaska and the senior Senator from Nebraska be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions on Friday, December 11.

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

### HBCU PROPELLING AGENCY RELATIONSHIPS TOWARDS A NEW ERA OF RESULTS FOR STUDENTS ACT

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask the Chair to lay before the Senate the message to accompany S. 461.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair lays before the Senate the message from the House.

The Presiding Officer laid before the Senate the following message from the House of Representatives:

*Resolved*, That the bill from the Senate (S. 461) entitled “An Act to strengthen the capacity and competitiveness of historically Black colleges and universities through robust public-sector, private-sector, and community partnerships and engagement, and for other purposes.”, do pass with an amendment.

### MOTION TO CONCUR

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I move to concur in the House amendment, and I know of no further debate on the motion.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there is no further debate, the question is on agreeing to the motion to concur.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

### TIMELY REAUTHORIZATION OF NECESSARY STEM-CELL PROGRAMS LENDS ACCESS TO NEEDED THERAPIES ACT OF 2020

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Sen-

ate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 4764, which was received from the House.

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

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4764) to reauthorize the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. MCCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the Alexander substitute amendment at the desk be considered agreed to and the bill, as amended, be considered read a third time.

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

The amendment (No. 2704) in the nature of a substitute was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: In the nature of a substitute)

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