

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates March 5, 2021, as “National Speech and Debate Education Day”;

(2) strongly affirms the purposes of National Speech and Debate Education Day; and

(3) encourages educational institutions, businesses, community and civic associations, and all people of the United States to celebrate and promote National Speech and Debate Education Day.

SENATE RESOLUTION 93—CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA CRIMSON TIDE FOOTBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2021 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. SHELBY (for himself and Mr. TUBERVILLE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 93

Whereas the University of Alabama Crimson Tide football team went 13-0 and won the 2021 National Collegiate Athletic Association College Football Playoff National Championship, defeating the Ohio State University Buckeyes by a score of 52 to 24 at the Hard Rock Stadium in Miami, Florida, on January 11, 2021;

Whereas this victory marks the sixth College Football National Championship in the last 11 years for the University of Alabama and the 18th National Championship overall;

Whereas the 2021 National Collegiate Athletic Association College Football Playoff National Championship was the 73rd post-season football bowl appearance and the 44th football bowl victory for the University of Alabama;

Whereas the 2020–2021 Crimson Tide football team won the Southeastern Conference Championship and went 11-0 in conference play, becoming the first team in college football history to win 11 Southeastern Conference games in a single season;

Whereas the 2020–2021 Crimson Tide football team averaged 48.5 points per game, which is the most in Southeastern Conference history;

Whereas the University of Alabama head football coach, Nick Saban, has now won 7 College Football National Championships, setting the record for the most national championships won by a single head coach;

Whereas this victory extends the record of Coach Saban to 170 wins and 23 losses during his tenure as the head football coach of the University of Alabama;

Whereas members of the 2020–2021 Crimson Tide football team have been honored by various awards throughout the season and during the post-season, including the 2020 Heisman Trophy winner, DeVonta Smith;

Whereas Chancellor Finis St. John IV, President Stuart Bell, and Athletic Director Greg Byrne have emphasized the importance of academic success to the Crimson Tide football team and all student-athletes at the University of Alabama; and

Whereas the 2020–2021 Crimson Tide football team has brought great pride and honor to the University of Alabama, loyal fans of the Crimson Tide, and the entire State of Alabama: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the University of Alabama Crimson Tide for an undefeated season and winning the 2021 National Collegiate Athletic Association College Football Playoff National Championship game;

(2) recognizes the achievements of all players, coaches, and staff who contributed to the championship season; and

(3) respectfully requests that the Secretary of the Senate prepare an official copy of this resolution for presentation to—

(A) the President of the University of Alabama, Dr. Stuart Bell;

(B) the Athletic Director of the University of Alabama, Greg Byrne; and

(C) the Head Coach of the University of Alabama Crimson Tide football team, Nick Saban.

SENATE RESOLUTION 94—DESIGNATING THE WEEK BEGINNING FEBRUARY 28, 2021, AS “NATIONAL TRIBAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WEEK”

Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. DAINES, Ms. SMITH, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. BARRASSO, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. CRAMER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. INHOFE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. THUNE, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. KELLY, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. ROUNDS, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. LANKFORD, and Mr. HOEVEN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 94

Whereas there are 37 Tribal Colleges and Universities operating on more than 75 campuses in 16 States;

Whereas Tribal Colleges and Universities are tribally chartered or federally chartered institutions of higher education and therefore have a unique relationship with the Federal Government;

Whereas Tribal Colleges and Universities serve students from more than 230 federally recognized Indian tribes;

Whereas Tribal Colleges and Universities offer students access to knowledge and skills grounded in cultural traditions and values, including indigenous languages, which—

(1) enhances Indian communities; and

(2) enriches the United States as a nation;

Whereas Tribal Colleges and Universities provide access to high-quality postsecondary educational opportunities for—

(1) American Indians;

(2) Alaska Natives; and

(3) other individuals that live in some of the most isolated and economically depressed areas in the United States;

Whereas Tribal Colleges and Universities are accredited institutions of higher education that prepare students to succeed in the global and highly competitive workforce;

Whereas Tribal Colleges and Universities have open enrollment policies, and approximately 15 percent of the students at Tribal Colleges and Universities are non-Indian individuals; and

Whereas the collective mission and the considerable achievements of Tribal Colleges and Universities deserve national recognition: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week beginning February 28, 2021, as “National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week”; and

(2) calls on the people of the United States and interested groups to observe National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week with appropriate activities and programs to demonstrate support for Tribal Colleges and Universities.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. DURBIN. 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 COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 3, 2021, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 3, 2021, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 3, 2021, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 3, 2021, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 3, 2021, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

The Committee on Rules and Administration is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 3, 2021, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 3, 2021, at 10 a.m., to conduct a briefing.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2021

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 12 noon, Thursday, March 4; that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business be closed.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TOMORROW

Mr. DURBIN. 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 5:51 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, March 4, 2021, at 12 noon.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

DILAWAR SYED, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR OF THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, VICE ALTHEA COETZEE.

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be major general

- BRIG. GEN. JOHN M. BREAZEALE
BRIG. GEN. MATTHEW J. BURGER
BRIG. GEN. KENNETH R. COUNCIL, JR.
BRIG. GEN. DANIEL J. HEIRES
BRIG. GEN. ERICH C. NOVAK
BRIG. GEN. JEFFREY T. PENNINGTON
BRIG. GEN. JOHN N. TREE
BRIG. GEN. CONSTANCE M. VON HOFFMAN

IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be brigadier general

- COL. JOSEPH R. CLEARFIELD
COL. MARK H. CLINGAN
COL. SIMON M. DORAN
COL. WALKER M. FIELD
COL. ANTHONY M. HENDERSON
COL. MICHAEL E. MCWILLIAMS
COL. MATTHEW T. MOWERY
COL. ANDREW M. NIEBEL
COL. AHMED T. WILLIAMSON

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be brigadier general

COL. SEAN N. DAY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. MARK A. HASHIMOTO

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major general

- BRIG. GEN. JAY M. BARGERON
BRIG. GEN. BRIAN W. CAVANAUGH
BRIG. GEN. DIMITRI HENRY
BRIG. GEN. RYAN P. HERITAGE
BRIG. GEN. CHRISTOPHER A. MCPHILLIPS
BRIG. GEN. ROBERT B. SOFGE, JR.
BRIG. GEN. MATTHEW G. TROLLINGER