

United States from the North Atlantic Treaty and authorizing related litigation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. KAINÉ. Mr. President, through-out his time in office, President Donald Trump repeatedly disparaged our NATO allies and reportedly threatened withdrawal from the NATO alliance, the bedrock of European and American security for over seventy years. Although our current President has re-committed the United States to NATO and our transatlantic partnerships, it is still necessary for the Senate to consider legislation that prevents any President from withdrawing the United States from this critical defense treaty. This legislation would not only help address present national security challenges by reaffirming the U.S. commitment to Europe, it would also provide clarity to important constitutional questions regarding the role of Congress in terminating U.S. participation in treaties and alliances. Particularly with a treaty obligation that is as central to U.S. security as NATO, no President should be allowed to unilaterally withdraw without the advice and consent of the Senate.

Over the past several years, NATO allies, many of whom we have fought alongside since World War II and earlier in some cases, have questioned our allegiance for the first time in the history of NATO. In response to the only invocation of Article 5 of the NATO Treaty following the 9/11 attacks, more than 1,000 servicemembers from these allied nations gave their lives fighting alongside the United States. While the United States must continue to press every country to increase defense spending to meet the agreed-upon goal of 2 percent of GDP by 2024, and ensure that our European allies contribute to their own defense, U.S. withdrawal from NATO should not be considered without Congressional input. For this reason, we must use our constitutional powers of advice and consent and of the purse to block any unilateral executive withdrawal, and preemptively authorize legal proceedings to challenge any decision to terminate U.S. membership.

The legislation I am introducing today with Senators RUBIO, COLLINS, BLUMENTHAL, COONS, DUCKWORTH, DURBIN, FEINSTEIN, GRAHAM, KING, KLOBUCHAR, MERKLEY, MORAN, SHAHEEN, and WARNER would provide the necessary tools to prevent a President from unilaterally withdrawing the United States from the NATO treaty without the consent of Congress. The Senate has repeatedly indicated its support for NATO through previous legislation, including the original vote of 82-13 in 1949 to grant the Senate's consent to join NATO, and the Fiscal Year 2020 National Defense Authorization Act, which called for the United States to "remain ironclad in its commitment to uphold its obligations under the North Atlantic Treaty."

I am proud to have bipartisan support for this bill to ensure that the

safety of the American people is prioritized through our continued membership in NATO, and I look forward to working with my colleagues to ensure that this legislation is swiftly considered by the Senate.

Thank you, Mr. President.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 157—HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIRING ROBERT MONTGOMERY "BOBBY" KNIGHT AS THE HEAD COACH OF THE MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM AT INDIANA UNIVERSITY

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

S. RES. 157

Whereas Coach Bobby Knight had a legendary career as a college basketball head coach for more than 40 years, 29 of which were with Indiana University, starting on March 27, 1971;

Whereas the success of Coach Knight has led to his induction into the National Collegiate Athletic Association (referred to in this preamble as the "NCAA") Hall of Fame and the Indiana University Hoosier Basketball Hall of Fame;

Whereas Coach Knight—

(1) earned an NCAA National Championship as a player at The Ohio State University in 1960;

(2) won 3 NCAA National Championships as the Head Coach of the men's basketball team at Indiana University in 1976, 1981, and 1987; and

(3) won a National Invitational Tournament championship as the Head Coach of the men's basketball team at Indiana University in 1979;

Whereas, during his 29 years at Indiana University, Coach Knight—

(1) coached 11 Big Ten Conference Championship teams;

(2) took 24 teams to the NCAA tournament; and

(3) earned 8 Big Ten Coach of the Year awards and 4 national coach of the year awards;

Whereas the 1975-76 men's basketball team at Indiana University, which was coached by Coach Knight, is the last team to complete the entire regular season and NCAA tournament without a single loss;

Whereas Coach Knight coached the United States men's national basketball team to a gold medal in the 1979 Pan American Games and to a gold medal in the 1984 Olympic Games;

Whereas Coach Knight had an 80 percent graduation rate for his players, with an astounding 98 percent graduation rate for all players who he coached for at least 4 years, more than twice the average graduation rates for other Division I schools;

Whereas, even after 40 years as a head coach, none of the teams coached by Coach Knight were ever cited for a recruiting or academic violation while competing at the highest levels of the sport;

Whereas Coach Knight attained 902 wins during his overall head coaching career at the United States Military Academy, Indiana University, and Texas Tech University, by perfecting—

(1) the motion offense, which emphasized discipline, teamwork, selflessness, and pe-

rimeter passing to control the game and increase the percentage of successful shots; and

(2) smothering man-to-man defense;

Whereas Coach Knight had a reputation as a passionate player and coach, a man who never accepted defeat, who pushed himself and his teams to achieve, and created a persona in line with the great Vince Lombardi and Woody Hayes;

Whereas Coach Knight never focused his coaching on winning a game, but on the effort it took to become a champion, saying "The will to succeed is important, but what's more important is the will to prepare"; and

Whereas Coach Knight earned the NCAA Naismith Award for Men's Outstanding Contribution to Basketball in 2007: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) Coach Robert Montgomery "Bobby" Knight set the standard for excellence as a collegiate men's basketball coach at Indiana University;

(2) the success of Coach Knight was in turn the success of the entire Indiana University system and a source of continuing pride for the entire State of Indiana;

(3) we honor the drive, determination, and character of Coach Knight and all that Coach Knight did in educating and mentoring hundreds of Indiana University players over 3 decades;

(4) few can ever achieve greatness, but Coach Knight has propelled young men to touch greatness for at least a moment, giving them experiences and lessons that have shaped their entire lives; and

(5) for all the memories, Coach Knight, we give you a heartfelt thank you.

SENATE RESOLUTION 158—SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK

Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. BURR) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:

S. RES. 158

Whereas public safety telecommunications professionals play a critical role in emergency response;

Whereas the work that public safety telecommunications professionals perform goes far beyond simply relaying information between the public and first responders;

Whereas, when responding to reports of missing, abducted, and sexually exploited children, the information obtained and actions taken by public safety telecommunications professionals form the foundation for an effective response;

Whereas, when a hostage taker or suicidal individual calls 911, the first contact that individual has is with a public safety telecommunications professional, whose negotiation skills can prevent the situation from worsening;

Whereas, during crises, public safety telecommunications professionals, while collecting vital information to provide situational awareness for responding officers—

(1) coach callers through first aid techniques; and

(2) give advice to those callers to prevent further harm;

Whereas the work done by individuals who serve as public safety telecommunications professionals has an extreme emotional and

physical toll on those individuals, which is compounded by long hours and the around-the-clock nature of the job;

Whereas public safety telecommunications professionals should be recognized by all levels of government for the lifesaving and protective nature of their work;

Whereas major emergencies, including natural disasters and the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, highlight the dedication of public safety telecommunications professionals and their important work in protecting the public and police, fire, and emergency medical officials; and

Whereas public safety telecommunications professionals are often called as witnesses to provide important testimony in criminal trials: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week;

(2) honors and recognizes the important and lifesaving contributions of public safety telecommunications professionals in the United States; and

(3) encourages the people of the United States to remember the value of the work performed by public safety telecommunications professionals.

SENATE RESOLUTION 159—DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF APRIL 17, 2021, THROUGH APRIL 25, 2021, AS “NATIONAL PARK WEEK”

Mr. KING (for himself, Mr. DAINES, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. RUBIO, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. REED, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. SMITH, Mr. WICKER, Mr. WARNER, Mr. COTTON, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BURR, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. TILLIS, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. COONS, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. BENNET, Ms. HASSAN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. KAINE, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. CARPER, Mr. MARSHALL, and Mr. TESTER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 159

Whereas, on March 1, 1872, Congress established Yellowstone National Park as the first national park for the enjoyment of the people of the United States;

Whereas, on August 25, 1916, Congress established the National Park Service with the mission to preserve unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of current and future generations;

Whereas the National Park Service continues to protect and manage the majestic landscapes, hallowed battlefields, and iconic cultural and historical sites of the United States;

Whereas the units of the National Park System can be found in every State and many territories of the United States and many of the units embody the rich natural and cultural heritage of the United States, reflect a unique national story through people and places, and offer countless opportunities for recreation, volunteerism, cultural exchange, education, civic engagement, and exploration;

Whereas visits and visitors to the national parks of the United States are important economic drivers for the economy, responsible for \$21,000,000,000 in spending in 2019;

Whereas the dedicated employees of the National Park Service carry out their mission to protect the units of the national parks system of the United States so that the vibrant culture, diverse wildlife, and priceless resources of these unique places will endure for perpetuity; and

Whereas the people of the United States have inherited the remarkable legacy of the National Park System and are entrusted with the preservation of the National Park System throughout its second century: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week of April 17, 2021, through April 25, 2021, as “National Park Week”; and

(2) encourages the people of the United States and the world to responsibly visit, experience, and support the treasured national parks of the United States while protecting public health during the coronavirus pandemic.

SENATE RESOLUTION 160—COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE STANFORD UNIVERSITY CARDINAL WOMEN’S BASKETBALL TEAM ON WINNING THE 2021 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION DIVISION I WOMEN’S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. PADILLA) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to.:

S. RES. 160

Whereas, on April 4, 2021, the Stanford University Cardinal women’s basketball team won the third National Collegiate Athletic Association (referred to in this preamble as the “NCAA”) Division I women’s basketball championship (referred to in this preamble as the “national championship”) in school history by defeating the University of Arizona Wildcats by a score of 54 to 53, completing the season with an overall record of 31-2;

Whereas head coach Tara VanDerveer has led the Cardinal to 3 national championship titles during her tenure at Stanford University, as well as 13 NCAA Final Four appearances, 23 Pac-12 regular-season titles, 14 Pac-12 Tournament crowns, and 32 trips to the NCAA Tournament;

Whereas senior guard Kiana Williams—

(1) led the Cardinal in scoring throughout the regular season with 14 points per game; and

(2) was named Most Outstanding Player of the Pac-12 Conference Women’s Basketball Tournament, scoring 26 points in the tournament title game;

Whereas sophomore guard Haley Jones, named the Most Outstanding Player of the Final Four, showed tenacity and leadership on the journey to the national championship, including by—

(1) making a last-minute shot to defeat the University of South Carolina Gamecocks in the semi-final game; and

(2) scoring 17 points in the national championship game to defeat the University of Arizona Wildcats;

Whereas all of the following players should be congratulated for their dedication, teamwork, and display of impressive athletic talent: Francesca Belibi, Cameron Brink, Jenna Brown, Agnes Emma-Nnopus, Lacie Hull,

Lexie Hull, Alyssa Jerome, Haley Jones, Hannah Jump, Ashten Prechtel, Jana Van Gytenbeek, Kiana Williams, and Anna Wilson;

Whereas behind the players is a team of staff, without whom the players could not have been successful;

Whereas the Cardinal displayed confidence and poise, surviving 2 last-second shots to defeat the University of South Carolina Gamecocks and the University of Arizona Wildcats to win the 2021 national championship;

Whereas the members of the 2020-2021 Stanford University Cardinal women’s basketball team have continuously pursued excellence in both athletics and academics;

Whereas the Cardinal resiliently withstood immense challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, including extended changes to housing and playing accommodations, to post an impressive season of 31 wins and only 2 losses and championship titles in both the Pac-12 women’s basketball tournament and the Pac-12 regular season;

Whereas the accomplishments of the Cardinal in their 2020-2021 season highlight the persistence, skill, and sportsmanship of the Cardinal; and

Whereas the Cardinal represent their loyal fans, current students, and alumni with heart and a commitment to excellence: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commends and congratulates the Stanford University Cardinal on winning the 2021 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I women’s basketball championship and completing a successful 2020-2021 season;

(2) recognizes the achievements of all players, coaches, and staff who contributed to the success of the Cardinal during the 2020-2021 season; and

(3) respectfully requests that the Secretary of the Senate transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to—

(A) Stanford University President Marc Tessier-Lavigne;

(B) Stanford University Director of Athletics Bernard Muir; and

(C) Stanford University women’s basketball team head coach Tara VanDerveer.

SENATE RESOLUTION 161—COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE BAYLOR UNIVERSITY MEN’S BASKETBALL TEAM ON WINNING THE 2021 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION DIVISION I MEN’S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. PAUL) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 161

Whereas, on April 5, 2021, the men’s basketball team of Baylor University won its first National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I men’s basketball championship (referred to in this preamble as the “national championship”) by defeating Gonzaga University by a score of 86-70 and completing the season with an impressive overall record of 28-2;

Whereas Head Coach Scott Drew fulfilled a promise he pledged to Baylor fans when he first came to Baylor University in 2003 that he would help lead the Bears to a national championship;

Whereas junior guard Jared Butler, named the Most Outstanding Player of the Final Four, exhibited impressive skill and exemplary leadership by leading the Bears