

Whereas basic research may fuel advancements and development of new treatments for brain tumors;

Whereas obstacles to the development of new treatments for brain tumors remain, and there are limited strategies for the screening or early detection of brain tumors;

Whereas, despite the high number of individuals diagnosed with a brain tumor every year and the devastating prognoses for those individuals, only 5 drugs and 1 medical device are approved by the Food and Drug Administration to treat primary brain tumors;

Whereas the mortality rates associated with brain tumors have changed little during the 30-year period preceding the date of introduction of this resolution;

Whereas there is a need for greater public awareness of brain tumors, including the difficulties associated with research on brain tumors and the opportunities for advances in brain tumor research and treatment; and

Whereas May 2022, during which brain tumor advocates nationwide unite in awareness, outreach, and advocacy activities, is an appropriate month to recognize as “National Brain Tumor Awareness Month”: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates May 2022 as “National Brain Tumor Awareness Month”;

(2) encourages increased public awareness of brain tumors to honor the individuals who have lost their lives to a brain tumor or currently live with a brain tumor diagnosis;

(3) supports efforts to develop better treatments for brain tumors that will improve the quality of life and the long-term prognoses of individuals diagnosed with a brain tumor;

(4) expresses its support for individuals who are battling brain tumors, as well as the families, friends, and caregivers of those individuals; and

(5) urges a collaborative approach to brain tumor research, which is a promising means of advancing understanding of, and treatment for, brain tumors.

SENATE RESOLUTION 649—CONGRATULATING THE NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY BEARCATS MEN’S BASKETBALL TEAM ON WINNING THE 2022 MEN’S DIVISION II NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

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

S. RES. 649

Whereas, on March 26, 2022, the Northwest Missouri State University Bearcats men’s basketball team (referred to in this preamble as “the Bearcats”) clinched their fourth National Collegiate Athletics Association National Championship (referred to in this preamble as “NCAA National Championship”) in 6 years in a triumphant 67–58 victory over the Augusta University Jaguars;

Whereas the Bearcats should be proud of the storied history of the Northwest Missouri State University basketball program, dating back to 1905, the year during which the University was founded;

Whereas the Bearcats should be commended for their achievements and dedication during the 2021–2022 season;

Whereas the victory of the Bearcats in the 2022 Men’s Division II NCAA National Championship, which marked the third consecutive NCAA National Championship for the team, cemented the place of the Bearcats in

Men’s Division II NCAA National Championship basketball history as the first “threepeat”;

Whereas the Augusta University Jaguars should be commended on their efforts and success during an unprecedented season amid the coronavirus pandemic;

Whereas the city of Evansville, Indiana, and the National Collegiate Athletics Association should be commended for their efforts in providing a safe environment for the student athletes and staff during the championship tournament;

Whereas the Bearcats went 6–0 during the 2022 NCAA National Championship tournament with an average margin of victory of 14 points;

Whereas the Bearcats clinched a first round victory against Minnesota State University Moorhead with a score of 69–54;

Whereas the Bearcats clinched a second round victory against Washburn University with a score of 70–55;

Whereas the Bearcats clinched a third round victory against Augustana University with a score of 70–56;

Whereas the Bearcats clinched a quarterfinals victory against Bentley University with a score of 61–43;

Whereas the Bearcats clinched a semifinals victory against Black Hills State University with a score of 70–57;

Whereas the Bearcats claimed their third consecutive NCAA National Championship title by defeating Augusta University with a score of 67–58;

Whereas Trevor Hudgins should be commended for his role in the victory of the Bearcats by scoring a game-high 31 points;

Whereas 3 members of the Bearcats scored in the double digits and should be commended for their scoring efforts:

- (1) Trevor Hudgins;
- (2) Luke Waters; and
- (3) Mitch Mascari;

Whereas Trevor Hudgins and Luke Waters should be celebrated for their selection to the Elite Eight National Collegiate Athletics Association All-Tournament Team;

Whereas Trevor Hudgins was awarded “Most Outstanding Player of Division II Men’s Basketball Elite Eight” and an award for a second consecutive National Association of Basketball Coaches Division II Player of the Year;

Whereas Ben McCollum was selected for the Clarence “Big House” Gaines Coach of the Year award for the third time in his career and the National Association of Basketball Coaches Division II Coach of the Year for the fifth time in his career;

Whereas the entire Northwest Missouri State University basketball program should be commended for their Division II record of 17 consecutive tournament wins;

Whereas the Bearcats won their ninth consecutive Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association regular season title;

Whereas the Bearcats captured their tenth Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association Tournament championship with an 84–76 win over Washburn on March 6, 2022 at Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Missouri;

Whereas the entire Bearcats roster contributed to the NCAA National Championship victory, including Daniel Abreu, Byron Alexander, Diego Bernard, Blake Danitschek, Wes Dreamer, Trevor Hudgins, Isaiah Jackson, Mitch Mascari, Luke Moustakas, Spencer Schomers, Christian Stanislav, and Luke Waters;

Whereas the entire Bearcats coaching staff contributed to the NCAA National Championship victory, including Ben McCollum, Zach Schneider, Xavier Kurth, Dray Starzl, Jaran Richman, and Jake Coffman; and

Whereas the 3 consecutive NCAA National Championship victories of the Bearcats provide a sense of excitement and pride for the City of Maryville, Missouri, and Bearcat nation across Missouri: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the Northwest Missouri State University Bearcats men’s basketball team, the entire Northwest Missouri State University community, Mayor of Maryville Tye Parsons, University President Dr. John Jasinski, Governor Mike Parson, and fans of the Bearcats on the National Collegiate Athletics Association National Championship victory; and

(2) respectfully directs the Secretary of the Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to—

(A) President of Northwest Missouri State University John Jasinski;

(B) Head Coach of the Northwest Missouri State University men’s basketball team Ben McCollum; and

(C) Mayor of Maryville, Missouri, Tye Parsons.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I have two 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 FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at 2:15 p.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a closed hearing.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that several individuals serving on the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works majority staff and one individual in my personal office be granted privileges of the floor for the remainder of the Congress. Their names include Janine Barr, Mayely Boyce, Susan Kimball, Milo Goodell, Matthew Marzano, Grace Fluharty, Connor Ransom, Alex Smith, and James Drueckhammer.

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

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 3807, H.R. 3967, AND H.R. 6833

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Madam President, I understand there are three bills at the desk, and I ask for their first reading en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bills by title for the first time.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3807) to amend the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to increase appropriations to the Restaurant Revitalization Fund, and for other purposes.

A bill (H.R. 3967) to improve health care and benefits for veterans exposed to toxic substances, and for other purposes.

A bill (H.R. 6833) to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act, the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to establish requirements with respect to cost-sharing for certain insulin products, and for other purposes.

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. I now ask for a second reading, and I object to my own request, all en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection having been heard, the bills will receive their second reading on the next legislative day.

DESIGNATING THE LAST WEEK-END OF JUNE 2022 TO COMMEMORATE THE FIRST WEEKEND OF THE 1969 HARLEM CULTURAL FESTIVAL AND THE FIRST FULL WEEKEND OF MAY TO COMMEMORATE THE FINAL WEEK-END OF THE NEW ORLEANS JAZZ AND HERITAGE FESTIVAL OF 1970

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 647, submitted earlier today.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 647) designating the last weekend of June 2022 to commemorate the first weekend of the 1969 Harlem Cultural Festival and the first full weekend of May to commemorate the final weekend of the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival of 1970.

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

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 647) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

NATIONAL BRAIN TUMOR AWARENESS MONTH

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 648, submitted earlier today.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 648) designating May 2022 as "National Brain Tumor Awareness Month".

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

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 648) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

CONGRATULATING THE NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY BEARCATS MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM ON WINNING THE 2022 MEN'S DIVISION II NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 649 submitted earlier today.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 649) congratulating the Northwest Missouri State University Bearcats men's basketball team on winning the 2022 Men's Division II National Collegiate Athletics Association National Championship.

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

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 649) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Connecticut.

ROBB ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SHOOTING

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Madam President, we are nearing the end of the session, when we will go back to our homes for the evening, but when the families of 18 children and 4 great educators go home tonight, their homes will never be the same again.

There are no words in a place filled with words during today and every day in this place when we are in session. There are no words today to capture the heartbreak, the gut-wrenching grief and pain that those families will feel and that I remember feeling almost 10 years ago when we stood in the space just outside the firehouse in Sandy Hook, as parents learned that their 20 children would not be coming home that night.

The same bottomless grief is hitting the families in Texas, in Uvalde, where they have lost children. And there are no words also to capture the deep, abiding pain that will last forever. That pain will be with them—a hole in their hearts, a place at their tables, a room in their houses that never will be filled again, and hugs that they will never feel, cheeks that will never be kissed.

This Nation, like their families, is torn apart by violence—needless, senseless gun violence—every day in America. And the mystery is why the greatest Nation on Earth continues to tolerate it. It is no longer surprising or stunning. It is no longer unfathomable or unforeseeable.

It is incomprehensible that this great Nation is blocked by Members of this body from taking action that can forestall and prevent it. Why, the outrage that we feel, the grief that pervades America on these occasions has not caused action. And this body has been complicit by its inaction. In fact, it isn't this body. It is Members of this body, principally on the other side of the aisle. Let's be blunt. I will never forget hearing from that gallery those words: "Shame. Shame on you," when we failed to adopt commonsense measures—a background check proposal, even though we had 55 votes. I can still hear those words. "Shame."

And had we acted, who knows what tragedy could have been averted? We don't know and we can't tell and we never will be able to fathom whether