

(1) a record 11 NBA championships, received in years 1957, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1968, and 1969;

(2) five Most Valuable Player awards, received in years 1958, 1961, 1962, 1963, and 1965;

(3) twelve All-Star designations, received in years 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, and 1969;

(4) three All-Star Game Most Valuable Player Awards, received in years 1959, 1963, and 1965; and

(5) an NBA Lifetime Achievement Award, received in 2017;

Whereas, in Game 7 of the 1957 NBA Finals between the Celtics and the St. Louis Hawks, during the final minute of regulation, Russell, who scored 19 points and had 32 rebounds, hit a left-handed lay-up and then chased down and blocked a shot in transition, forcing the first of 2 overtimes;

Whereas the Celtics won the game and championship in what fellow Celtics player Tom Heinsohn called the “greatest game ever”;

Whereas Russell was a player-coach for the Celtics from 1966 to 1969, making him the first Black head coach in the history of the 4 major professional sports leagues;

Whereas the strength, courage, and leadership of Russell extended beyond the basketball court to the fight against racism and for civil rights in the United States;

Whereas, in 1961, Russell led his teammates in a boycott of an NBA game in Lexington, Kentucky, to protest racism and discrimination after a local coffee shop refused to serve 2 Black Celtics players;

Whereas Russell marched with the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., during the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom;

Whereas, in 1963, Russell offered support for demonstrations against segregation in Boston public schools and addressed Black students taking part in a sit-in;

Whereas, on June 4, 1967, Russell took part in the Cleveland Summit, where he joined other prominent Black athletes to express solidarity with Muhammad Ali’s decision to refuse to join the Armed Forces upon being drafted to fight in the Vietnam War;

Whereas, on February 15, 2011, President Barack Obama awarded Russell the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor in the United States, stating that “Bill Russell, the man, is someone who stood up for the rights and dignity of all men. He marched with King; he stood by Ali. When a restaurant refused to serve the Black Celtics, he refused to play in the scheduled game. He endured insults and vandalism, but he kept on focusing on making the teammates who he loved better players, and made possible the success of so many who would follow. And I hope that one day, in the streets of Boston, children will look up at a statue built not only to Bill Russell the player, but Bill Russell the man.”;

Whereas, on August 11, 2022, the NBA announced that it will honor the life and legacy Bill Russell by permanently retiring his uniform number, 6, throughout the league, making Russell the first player to have his number retired across the NBA;

Whereas Russell has earned the love, respect, admiration, and gratitude of the city of Boston, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the United States; and

Whereas Russell passed away on July 31, 2022, at age 88: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) honors the legendary life of William “Bill” Felton Russell, a giant on and off the basketball court; and

(2) expresses sincere condolences to the family and friends of Russell as the city of Boston, the Commonwealth of Massachu-

setts, and the United States mourn with them.

SENATE RESOLUTION 760—EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 17 AS “PATRIOT WEEK”

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

S. RES. 760

Whereas the events that led to the signing of the Constitution of the United States by the delegates to the Constitutional Convention on September 17, 1787, have significance for every citizen of the United States and are honored in public schools across the United States on Constitution Day, which is September 17 of each year;

Whereas the rule of law, the social compact, democracy, liberty, equality, and unalienable human rights are the essential values upon which the United States flourishes;

Whereas diversity is one of the greatest strengths of the United States, and the motto inscribed on the Great Seal of the United States, “E pluribus unum”, Latin for “out of many, one”, symbolizes that individuals in the United States from all walks of life are unified by shared values;

Whereas exceptional, visionary, and indispensable individuals such as Thomas Paine, Patrick Henry, John Adams, John Marshall, George Washington, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, Rosa Parks, Harriet Tubman, Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, Martin Luther King, Jr., Thomas Jefferson, and James Madison founded or advanced the United States;

Whereas the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States, the Declaration of Sentiments and Resolutions signed in Seneca Falls, New York, the Gettysburg Address, the Emancipation Proclamation, and the “I Have a Dream” speech delivered by Martin Luther King, Jr., express sentiments that have advanced liberty in the United States; and

Whereas the Bennington flag (commonly known as the “76 flag”), the Betsy Ross flag, the current flag of the United States, the flag of the women’s suffrage movement, the Union flag (commonly known as the “Fort Sumter flag”), the Gadsden flag, and the flags of the States are physical symbols of the history of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the designation of the week of September 11 through September 17 as “Patriot Week”;

(2) recognizes that understanding the history of the United States and the first principles of the United States is indispensable to the survival of the United States as a free people;

(3) acknowledges, in great reverence to the victims of the September 11, 2001, attacks, that citizens of the United States should take time to honor the first principles, founders, documents, and symbols of their history;

(4) recognizes that each generation should renew the spirit of the United States based on the first principles, historical figures, founding documents, and symbols of the United States; and

(5) encourages citizens, schools and other educational institutions, and Federal, State, and local governments and their agencies to recognize and participate in Patriot Week by honoring, celebrating, and promoting the

study of the history of the United States so that all people of the United States may offer the reverence that is due to the free republic.

SENATE RESOLUTION 761—DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 24, 2022, AS “GOLD STAR FAMILIES REMEMBRANCE WEEK”

Mrs. HYDE-SMITH (for herself, Mr. WARNOCK, and Mr. SCOTT of Florida) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 761

Whereas the last Sunday in September—

(1) is designated as “Gold Star Mother’s Day” under section 111 of title 36, United States Code; and

(2) was first designated as “Gold Star Mother’s Day” under the Joint Resolution entitled “Joint Resolution designating the last Sunday in September as ‘Gold Star Mother’s Day’, and for other purposes”, approved June 23, 1936 (49 Stat. 1895);

Whereas there is no date dedicated to families affected by the loss of a loved one who died in service to the United States;

Whereas a gold star symbolizes a family member who died in the line of duty while serving in the Armed Forces;

Whereas the members and veterans of the Armed Forces, through their service, bear the burden of protecting the freedom of the people of the United States;

Whereas the selfless example of the service of the members and veterans of the Armed Forces, as well as the sacrifices made by the families of those individuals, inspires all individuals in the United States to sacrifice and work diligently for the good of the United States; and

Whereas the sacrifices of the families of the fallen members of the Armed Forces and the families of veterans of the Armed Forces should never be forgotten: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week of September 18 through September 24, 2022, as “Gold Star Families Remembrance Week”;

(2) honors and recognizes the sacrifices made by—

(A) the families of members of the Armed Forces who made the ultimate sacrifice in order to defend freedom and protect the United States; and

(B) the families of veterans of the Armed Forces; and

(3) encourages the people of the United States to observe Gold Star Families Remembrance Week by—

(A) performing acts of service and good will in their communities; and

(B) celebrating families in which loved ones made the ultimate sacrifice so that others could continue to enjoy life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

SENATE RESOLUTION 762—HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II AND EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO HER FAMILY AND THE UNITED KINGDOM ON HER PASSING

Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. RISCH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr.

CORNYN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. COONS, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. PADILLA, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. WARNOCK, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. HASSAN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. KAINE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. SMITH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. MORAN, Mr. REED, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. YOUNG, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. CARPER, Mr. KING, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. PETERS, Mr. MANCHIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BURR, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. ROMNEY, Mr. DAINES, Mr. OSSOFF, Mr. KELLY, Mr. LANKFORD, and Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 762

Whereas Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor was born on April 21, 1926, to the Duke and Duchess of York;

Whereas, during the Second World War in 1945, then-Princess Elizabeth joined the Auxiliary Territorial Service and became the first female member of the Royal Family to join the Armed Services as a full-time active member;

Whereas, following the death of King George VI, Queen Elizabeth II ascended to the throne on February 6, 1952, as sovereign of the United Kingdom;

Whereas Queen Elizabeth II conducted her first state visit to the United States in October 1957, where she met with President Dwight D. Eisenhower;

Whereas, during her reign, Queen Elizabeth II has—

(1) visited the United States on 4 state visits, participated in 5 state dinners, and conducted 2 unofficial visits; and

(2) met with 13 United States Presidents, more than any other head of state;

Whereas, during her reign, Queen Elizabeth II bore witness to significant scientific and diplomatic advances, such as the first moon landing and the fall of the Berlin Wall;

Whereas, on May 16, 1991, Queen Elizabeth II became the first British monarch to address Congress, where she celebrated the longstanding partnership between the United States and the United Kingdom;

Whereas Queen Elizabeth II has invited 15 British prime ministers to form a government in her name, bearing witness to historic and enduring political, diplomatic, and economic relations with the United States and mutual allies;

Whereas, during her reign, Queen Elizabeth II witnessed the self-determination of former British colonies around the world;

Whereas His Royal Highness, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, served the British people and the Commonwealth of Nations alongside Queen Elizabeth II for their 73 years of marriage;

Whereas Queen Elizabeth II passed away on September 8, 2022, at Balmoral in Scotland; and

Whereas Queen Elizabeth II, on her passing, was the longest reigning monarch in the history of the British monarchy, serving 70 years, 7 months, and 3 days: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) remembers Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, and her more than 70 years of service

in support of the British people and the Commonwealth of Nations;

(2) expresses gratitude to Queen Elizabeth II for her efforts to maintain strong bilateral relations between the United Kingdom and the United States; and

(3) extends condolences to the family of Queen Elizabeth II, to the people of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and to the peoples of the Commonwealth of Nations.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I have four 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 ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing on a nomination.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Claire Gute and Ashley Martin, interns in my office, be granted floor privileges for the remainder of the Congress.

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

RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following Senate resolutions, introduced earlier today: S. Res. 759, S. Res. 760, and S. Res. 761.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions en bloc.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be agreed to, the preambles be agreed to, and that the motions to re-

consider be considered made and laid upon the table, all en bloc.

The resolutions (S. Res. 759, S. Res. 760, and S. Res. 761) were agreed to.

The preambles were agreed to.

(The resolutions, with their preambles, were printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the chairman of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 117-81, appoints the following individual to serve as a member of the Commission on the National Defense Strategy: The Honorable Alissa M. Starzak of the District of Columbia.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II AND EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO HER FAMILY AND THE UNITED KINGDOM ON HER PASSING

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 762, which was 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. 762) honoring the life and accomplishments of Queen Elizabeth II and expressing condolences to her family and the United Kingdom on her passing.

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

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. I further ask 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. 762) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

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

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2022

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, September 14, and 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; that upon the conclusion of morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the Montecalvo nomination postcloture; further, that all