

such degree at a rate of pay that is higher than the median wage level for the occupational classification in the area of employment, as determined by the Secretary of Labor; and

“(III) have an approved labor certification under section 212(a)(5)(A)(i); or

“(IV) are the spouses and children of aliens described in subclauses (I) through (III) who are accompanying or following to join such aliens.

“(ii) In this subparagraph, the term ‘STEM field’ means a field of science, technology, engineering, or mathematics described in the most recent version of the Classification of Instructional Programs of the Department of Education taxonomy under the summary group of—

“(I) computer and information sciences and support services;

“(II) engineering;

“(III) mathematics and statistics;

“(IV) biological and biomedical sciences;

“(V) physical sciences;

“(VI) agriculture sciences; or

“(VII) natural resources and conservation sciences.”.

(b) PROCEDURE FOR GRANTING IMMIGRATION STATUS.—Section 204(a)(1)(F) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1154(a)(1)(F)) is amended—

(1) by striking “203(b)(2)” and all that follows through “Attorney General”; and

(2) by inserting “203(b)(2), 203(b)(3), or 201(b)(1)(F) may file a petition with the Secretary of Homeland Security”.

(c) LABOR CERTIFICATION.—Section 212(a)(5)(D) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(5)(D)) is amended by inserting “section 201(b)(1)(F) or under” after “adjustment of status under”.

(d) DUAL INTENT FOR F NONIMMIGRANTS SEEKING ADVANCED STEM DEGREES AT UNITED STATES INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—Notwithstanding sections 101(a)(15)(F)(i) and 214(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(F)(i) and 1184(b)), an alien who is a bona fide student admitted to a program in a STEM field (as defined in subparagraph (F)(ii) of section 201(b)(1) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1151(b)(1))) for a degree at the master’s level or higher at a United States institution of higher education (as defined in section 101(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a))) accredited by an accrediting entity recognized by the Department of Education may obtain a student visa, be admitted to the United States as a nonimmigrant student, or extend or change nonimmigrant status to pursue such degree even if such alien seeks lawful permanent resident status in the United States. Nothing in this subsection may be construed to modify or amend section 101(a)(15)(F)(i) or 214(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(F)(i) or 1184(b)), or any regulation interpreting these authorities for an alien who is not described in this subsection.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 302—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE TO SUPPORT UKRAINE’S ACCESSION INTO THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION (NATO)

Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 302

Whereas the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) was established to provide

“for [the] collective defence and for the preservation of peace and security” of its members through promoting cooperation and committing them to democracy, individual liberty, the rule of law, and the peaceful resolution of disputes;

Whereas, on August 24, 1991, Ukraine became a sovereign, independent nation and started a long process of reforms with the goal of achieving democracy, transparency, and rule of law;

Whereas, on December 5, 1994, Ukraine signed the Budapest Memorandum and surrendered its nuclear weapons, the third largest stockpile in the world at the time, in exchange for nonbinding security guarantees from the United States, the United Kingdom, and the Russian Federation;

Whereas, on April 3, 2008, heads of state and government of the member countries of NATO signed the Bucharest Summit Declaration, which stated, “NATO welcomes Ukraine’s and Georgia’s Euro-Atlantic aspirations for membership in NATO. We agreed today that these countries will become members of NATO. Both nations have made valuable contributions to Alliance operations”;

Whereas, on February 20, 2014, the Russian Federation and its proxies launched an unprovoked invasion of Crimea and annexed the peninsula, and has illegally occupied the peninsula since;

Whereas, on April 6, 2014, the Russian Federation and its proxies launched an operation in the Donetsk and Luhansk provinces of Ukraine and have illegally occupied portions of the Donbas region since;

Whereas, on February 24, 2022, the Russian Federation launched a full-scale, unprovoked invasion of Ukraine, a sovereign nation that borders Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, and Romania, all of whom are members of NATO;

Whereas, on September 30, 2022, Ukraine formally applied to join NATO, and President Volodymyr Zelensky stated, “We are taking our decisive step by signing Ukraine’s application for accelerated accession to NATO.”;

Whereas, on June 17, 2023, President Vladimir Putin confirmed that the Russian Federation had begun to deploy tactical nuclear weapons within the Republic of Belarus, further increasing the threat posed by the Russian Federation to Ukraine, surrounding NATO countries, allies, partners, and United States troops stationed in the region;

Whereas, on July 7, 2023, NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg stated that, at the NATO Summit 2023, NATO leaders “will agree a multi-year program of assistance to ensure full interoperability between the Ukrainian armed forces and NATO” and “will reaffirm that Ukraine will become a member of NATO and unite on how to bring Ukraine closer to its goal”;

Whereas, on August 24, Ukraine celebrates their independence day and commemorates the date on which they left the Soviet Union to become a sovereign and democratic state;

Whereas NATO members “are determined to safeguard the freedom, common heritage and civilisation of their peoples”, which Ukraine has done since the first day of the Russian Federation’s unprovoked full-scale invasion more than 500 days ago; and

Whereas, with support from NATO members and partner nations around the world, Ukraine continues to counter the Russian Federation’s aggression; Now, therefore be it

Resolved,

SECTION 1. SENSE OF THE SENATE.

The Senate—

(1) stands with the people of Ukraine and supports the accession of Ukraine into NATO as soon as possible;

(2) urges the President to engage with NATO leaders to develop a clear, comprehen-

sive pathway for Ukraine’s accession into NATO;

(3) views the accession of Ukraine into NATO as critical to preventing future wars, promoting peace, and ensuring the future security of Europe and the world; and

(4) supports the Government and people of Ukraine in this unprovoked war that has stretched over 500 days, as they continue to defend their sovereignty and fight to remain an independent, free, and democratic nation.

SEC. 2. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.

Nothing in this resolution may be construed as authorizing the use of military force or the introduction of United States forces into hostilities.

SENATE RESOLUTION 303—CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FAIRBANKS RIFLE TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2023 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP, THE PROGRAM’S 11TH TITLE OVERALL

Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. SULLIVAN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 303

Whereas the University of Alaska Fairbanks rifle team (referred to in this preamble as the “Nanooks”) won the 2023 National Collegiate Athletic Association (referred to in this preamble as the “NCAA”) championship where the team was awarded 12 individual and 1 team Collegiate Rifle Coaches Association (referred to in this preamble as the “CRCA”) All-American Honors;

Whereas, the Nanooks have won—

(1) eleven NCAA championships;

(2) three consecutive NCAA championships; and

(3) the second-most national championships in NCAA rifle competition history;

Whereas, at the 2023 NCAA championship, the Nanooks placed first with a score of 4729;

Whereas the Nanooks placed first in the individual smallbore category with a score of 2349;

Whereas the Nanooks placed first in the individual air rifle category with a score of 2380;

Whereas Rylan Kissell was awarded the First Team CRCA All-American Aggregate, First Team CRCA All-American Air Rifle, First Team CRCA All-American Smallbore, and CRCA Most Valuable Shooter;

Whereas Sára Karasová was awarded the Second Team CRCA All-American Aggregate, First Team CRCA All-American Smallbore, and Second Team CRCA All-American Air Rifle;

Whereas Gavin Barnick was awarded the Second Team CRCA All-American Aggregate, First Team CRCA All-American Smallbore, and Honorable Mention CRCA All-American Air Rifle;

Whereas Rachael Charles was awarded the Honorable Mention CRCA All-American Aggregate and Second Team CRCA All-American Smallbore;

Whereas the full roster, consisting of Gavin Barnick, Tobias Bernhoft-Osa, Rachael Charles, Peter Fiori, Marina Gonzalez Mazo, Sára Karasová, Rylan Kissell, and Kellen McAferty, received the CRCA Scholastic Academic All-American honors this season; and

Whereas the Nanooks Head Coach, Will Anti, led the team to 11 wins and 0 losses during the 2022 to 2023 season, which included winning the 2023 National Collegiate Athletic Association championship: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the University of Alaska Fairbanks rifle team for winning the 2023 National Collegiate Athletic Association championship;

(2) recognizes the exceptional standard set by—

(A) head coach Will Anti; and

(B) the athletes on the University of Alaska Fairbanks rifle team; and

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

(A) the president of the University of Alaska, Pat Pitney;

(B) the chancellor of the University of Alaska Fairbanks, Dan White; and

(C) the athletics director of the University of Alaska Fairbanks, Brock Anundson, and the head coach of the University of Alaska Fairbanks rifle team, Will Anti.

SENATE RESOLUTION 304—CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA SOFTBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2023 WOMEN'S COLLEGE WORLD SERIES, THE SEVENTH NATIONAL TITLE IN PROGRAM HISTORY

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

S. RES. 304

Whereas the University of Oklahoma Sooners softball team (referred to in this preamble as the "Sooners") swept Florida State University on June 8, 2023, to win the 2023 Women's College World Series hosted in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma;

Whereas the victory is the third straight national title and the seventh overall national championship for the program;

Whereas the Sooners defeated ninth seed Stanford and third seed Florida State to win a fifth championship in 7 seasons;

Whereas the 2023 national championship is the third consecutive for the Sooners, making Oklahoma one of just 2 schools to have accomplished this feat;

Whereas the Sooners—

(1) finished the regular season with 61 wins and just 1 loss, resulting in a winning percentage of .984, the best winning percentage of any team in NCAA Division I softball history; and

(2) extended the NCAA Division 1 record winning streak to 53 games;

Whereas, over the past 3 years, the Sooners have a record of 176 wins and 8 losses;

Whereas the Sooners became the first team in history to lead the Nation in batting average, earned run average, and fielding percentage in the same season;

Whereas, under the leadership of Coach Patty Gasso, the Sooners have won the Big 12 Conference regular season title 15 times, been to the NCAA Tournament 28 times, been to the NCAA Women's College World Series 16 times, and won 7 championships;

Whereas Jayda Coleman was named Big 12 Player of the Year, which marks the fourth consecutive season a Sooner has won the award;

Whereas 7 Sooners were awarded National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-American Honors, including 5 on the first team; and

Whereas the University of Oklahoma finished number 1 in the NCAA women's softball final ranking: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the University of Oklahoma women's softball team for winning the 2023 Women's College World Series;

(2) recognizes the exemplary standard set by Coach Patty Gasso, staff, and the student athletes;

(3) celebrates alongside the students, faculty, and staff at the University of Oklahoma and all fans of the University of Oklahoma Sooners softball team; and

(4) respectfully requests that the Secretary of the Senate send a copy of this resolution to—

(A) the president of the University of Oklahoma, Joseph Harroz, Jr.;

(B) the athletic director of the University of Oklahoma, Joe Castiglione; and

(C) the head coach of the women's softball team, Patty Gasso.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 935. Mr. SCHUMER (for Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. WICKER)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2226, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2024 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

SA 936. Mr. SCHUMER proposed an amendment to amendment SA 935 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. WICKER)) to the bill S. 2226, supra.

SA 937. Mr. LANKFORD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2226, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 938. Mr. LANKFORD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2226, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 939. Mr. LANKFORD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2226, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 940. Mr. LANKFORD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2226, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 941. Mr. DAINES submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2226, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 942. Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. RISCH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 935 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. WICKER)) to the bill S. 2226, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 943. Mr. LANKFORD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2226, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 944. Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2226, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 945. Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. ROMNEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2226, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 946. Mr. MURPHY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2226, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 947. Mr. WARNER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2226, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 948. Ms. ROSEN (for herself, Ms. ERNST, Ms. DUCKWORTH, and Mr. SULLIVAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2226, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 949. Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. WARNOCK) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S.

2226, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 950. Ms. ERNST (for herself and Ms. WARREN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2226, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 951. Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Mr. RISCH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2226, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 952. Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Mr. RISCH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2226, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 953. Mr. OSSOFF (for himself and Mr. ROUNDS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2226, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 954. Mr. LANKFORD (for himself and Ms. SINEMA) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2226, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 955. Mr. GRASSLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2226, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 956. Mr. HAGERTY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2226, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 957. Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2226, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 958. Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself and Mr. YOUNG) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2226, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 959. Mr. ROUNDS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2226, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 960. Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, and Mr. HICKENLOOPER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2226, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 961. Mr. ROUNDS (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2226, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 962. Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. KAINE, Mr. SCHATZ, and Mrs. SHAHEEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 935 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. WICKER)) to the bill S. 2226, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 963. Mr. SCHMITT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2226, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 964. Ms. LUMMIS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2226, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 965. Mr. MENENDEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2226, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 966. Mr. MENENDEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2226, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 967. Mr. MENENDEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2226, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 968. Mrs. GILLIBRAND submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2226, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 969. Mr. FETTERMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2226, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.