

and health care continues to sweep across the United States;

Whereas violence against LGBTQ+ people of the United States remains an evil and destructive form of identity-based hate that destroys lives and runs contrary to the values of the United States;

Whereas the people of the United States commend the club patrons Richard M. Fierro, Drea Norman, and Petty Officer Thomas James, whose bravery in disarming the perpetrator undoubtedly saved countless lives;

Whereas the people of the United States commend the service of the Colorado Springs Police Department that responded to and investigated the shooting and the prosecution team from the District Attorney's Office of Colorado's Fourth Judicial District that worked to bring the perpetrator to justice;

Whereas Club Q plans to reopen at a new location, and local community organizations, the city of Colorado Springs, survivors, and victims' families are working together to establish a plan for a public memorial; and

Whereas the LGBTQ+ community of Colorado Springs, local social service organizations, and clinical partners are collaborating to open a new resource center to provide long term support for those impacted by the attack on Club Q, and the greater LGBTQ+ community: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the 1 year remembrance of the anti-LGBTQ+ attack that occurred on November 19–20, 2022, at Club Q, an LGBTQ+ bar in Colorado Springs, Colorado; and

(2) expresses continued solidarity and support to the survivors of the Club Q shooting, the Colorado Springs LGBTQ+ community, and the families, friends, and loved ones affected by the tragedy.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 468—DESIGNATING NOVEMBER 26, 2023, AS “DRIVE SAFER SUNDAY”

Mr. WARNOCK (for himself and Mrs. CAPITO) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 468

Whereas motor vehicle travel is the primary means of transportation in the United States;

Whereas every individual traveling on roads and highways needs to drive in a safer manner in order to reduce deaths and injuries that result from motor vehicle crashes;

Whereas, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, wearing a seat belt saves more than 15,000 lives each year;

Whereas the Senate wants all people of the United States to understand the life-saving importance of wearing a seat belt and encourages motorists to drive safely, not just during the holiday season, but every time they get behind the wheel; and

Whereas the Sunday after Thanksgiving is one of the busiest highway traffic days of the year: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) encourages—

(A) high schools, colleges, universities, administrators, teachers, primary schools, and secondary schools to launch campus-wide educational campaigns to urge students to focus on safety when driving;

(B) national trucking firms—

(i) to alert employee drivers to be especially focused on driving safely on the Sunday after Thanksgiving; and

(ii) to publicize the importance of the day through use of Citizens Band radios and truck stops across the United States;

(C) clergies to remind their members to travel safely when attending services and gatherings;

(D) law enforcement personnel to remind drivers and passengers to drive safely, particularly on the Sunday after Thanksgiving; and

(E) the people of the United States to use the Sunday after Thanksgiving as an opportunity to educate themselves about highway safety; and

(2) designates November 26, 2023, as “Drive Safer Sunday”.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 469—COMMEMORATING AND CONGRATULATING THE LAS VEGAS ACES BASKETBALL TEAM ON WINNING THE 2023 WOMEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself and Ms. ROSEN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 469

Whereas, on October 18, 2023, the professional women's basketball team the Las Vegas Aces (referred to in this resolution as the “Aces”) won the 2023 Women's National Basketball Association (referred to in this resolution as the “WNBA”) championship;

Whereas the Aces became the first back-to-back WNBA champions in 21 years;

Whereas the Aces defeated the New York Liberty in Game 4 of the 2023 WNBA Finals, winning the championship 3 games to 1;

Whereas the championship is the second for the Aces franchise and also marks the third major league professional sports championship in the history of the city of Las Vegas and the State of Nevada;

Whereas Aces head coach Becky Hammon led the team to the championship, becoming the first WNBA head coach to win back-to-back championships in 21 years and first head coach to win the title in her first 2 seasons;

Whereas Aces player A’ja Wilson was named—

(1) WNBA Finals Most Valuable Player, finishing Game 4 of the Finals with a game high 24 points in the 70–69 win to help clinch the championship for the Aces; and

(2) WNBA Defensive Player of the Year, her second consecutive Defensive Player of the Year honor;

Whereas Aces player Alysha Clark won the WNBA Sixth Player of the Year Award for being the league's most valuable player for her team coming off the bench as a substitute;

Whereas Aces players Kierstan Bell, Alaina Coates, Sydney Colson, Cayla George, Chelsea Gray, Candace Parker, Kelsey Plum, Kiah Stokes, Riquna Williams, and Jackie Young should be congratulated for their dedication, teamwork, and display of impressive athletic talent;

Whereas behind the Aces players is a team of coaches and support staff without whom those players could not have been successful;

Whereas Aces owner Mark Davis continues to lead professional team owners as a champion for women in sports, investing significantly in the Aces team, facilities, and staff, and advancing the game of basketball;

Whereas the Aces organization remains committed to enriching and impacting the Las Vegas community, actively participating in community efforts through partnerships with schools and community-based organizations; and

Whereas the Aces represent their loyal fans, the Las Vegas community, and the en-

tire State of Nevada with a commitment to excellence: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) commends and congratulates the Aces on winning the 2023 WNBA championship and completing a successful 2023 season;

(2) recognizes the achievements of all players, coaches, and staff who contributed to the success of the Aces during the 2023 season; and

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

(A) Aces owner Mark Davis;

(B) Aces President Nikki Fargas and General Manager Natalie Williams; and

(C) Aces Head Coach Becky Hammon.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 470—DESIGNATING NOVEMBER 16TH, 2023, AS “NATIONAL RURAL HEALTH DAY”

Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Ms. SMITH, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BENNET, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. MARSHALL, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. DAINES, Ms. ERNST, Mr. HAWLEY, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. THUNE, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. WICKER, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. HEINRICH) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 470

Whereas over 60,000,000 hardworking individuals in the United States live in rural communities;

Whereas, according to the Bureau of the Census, 97 percent of the total landmass of the United States is designated as “rural”;

Whereas individuals in the United States in rural areas live in pursuit of the common good and keep values of the United States alive by fostering a spirit of generosity and respect among neighbors;

Whereas rural health care providers and patients showcase a selfless and community-minded spirit;

Whereas rural areas in the United States are places of opportunity for—

(1) mission-minded health professionals to provide individualized care to rural communities; and

(2) fueling innovations in rural health infrastructure, quality, and delivery of health care;

Whereas health care providers in rural areas are uniquely positioned to provide value-based holistic care;

Whereas rural health care providers are known and trusted by their patients;

Whereas residents in rural areas tend to experience lower life expectancy and poorer health status due to structural, behavioral, and geographic factors;

Whereas residents in rural areas face barriers accessing health care due to higher rates of uninsurance and underinsurance, lack of reliable transportation options, increased exposure to public health and occupational hazards, and a limited number of available providers, especially those providing specialized care;

Whereas rural health facilities in the United States face systemic challenges, including clinician workforce shortages, difficulty accessing certain technologies such as telehealth, and lower volumes of services spread over fixed costs;

Whereas the systemic challenges rural health facilities face have contributed to 150 rural hospital closures since 2010;

Whereas the systemic challenges rural health facilities face have made it more difficult for all rural health care facilities to keep their doors open and serve patients;

Whereas National Rural Health Day was established to honor rural communities in the United States and the contributions and efforts of rural communities in addressing the unique challenges facing rural health care;

Whereas the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health has recognized National Rural Health Day to be the third Thursday of each November since 2011, in collaboration with partners such as the National Rural Health Association; and

Whereas National Rural Health Day will be recognized this year on November 16, 2023: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates November 16, 2023, as “National Rural Health Day”;

(2) recognizes and supports the goals and ideals of National Rural Health Day;

(3) celebrates rural health care providers and the millions of individuals in the United States that rural health care providers serve; and

(4) expresses a commitment to advancing policies to improve health care accessibility and affordability in rural areas of the United States.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 471—EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE GOALS OF NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY AND NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH BY PROMOTING NATIONAL AWARENESS OF ADOPTION AND THE CHILDREN AWAITING FAMILIES, CELEBRATING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES INVOLVED IN ADOPTION, AND ENCOURAGING THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES TO SECURE SAFETY, PERMANENCY, AND WELL-BEING FOR ALL CHILDREN**

Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. CRAMER, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CASEY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAINES, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. KING, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. RISCH, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Ms. SMITH, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BRAUN, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, and Mr. THUNE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 471

Whereas there are millions of unparented children in the world, including 391,000 children in the foster care system in the United States, approximately 114,000 of whom are waiting for families to adopt them;

Whereas the average length of time a child spends in foster care waiting to be adopted is 33.7 months;

Whereas, for many unparented children, the wait for a loving family, in which the children are nurtured, comforted, and protected, seems endless;

Whereas, in 2021, 14,380 children were at risk of aging out of foster care by reaching adulthood without being placed in a permanent home;

Whereas, every day, loving and nurturing families are strengthened and expanded when committed and dedicated individuals make an important difference in the life of a child through adoption;

Whereas, while nearly a quarter of individuals in the United States have considered adoption, a majority of individuals in the United States have misperceptions about the process of adopting children from foster care and the children who are eligible for adoption;

Whereas family reunification, kinship care, and domestic and intercountry adoption promote greater permanency and stability for children;

Whereas the Children's Bureau, an office of the Administration for Children and Families within the Department of Health and Human Services, supports programs, research, and monitoring to help eliminate barriers to adoption and find permanent families for children;

Whereas National Adoption Day is a collective national effort to find permanent, loving families for children in the foster care system;

Whereas, since the first National Adoption Day in 2000, more than 75,000 children have joined permanent families on National Adoption Day;

Whereas the President traditionally issues an annual proclamation to declare the month of November as National Adoption Month, and the President has proclaimed November 2023 as National Adoption Month; and

Whereas the Saturday before Thanksgiving has been recognized as National Adoption Day since at least 2000, and in 2023, the Saturday before Thanksgiving is November 18: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month;

(2) recognizes that every child should have a permanent and loving family; and

(3) encourages the people of the United States to consider adoption during the month of November and throughout the year.

**AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED**

SA 1366. Mr. PAUL proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 6363, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2024, and for other purposes.

SA 1367. Mr. PETERS proposed an amendment to the bill S. 3000, to repeal Freedom Support Act section 907 waiver authority with respect to assistance to Azerbaijan.

SA 1368. Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. BALDWIN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 106, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to award grants to States to improve outreach to veterans, and for other purposes.

SA 1369. Mr. SCHUMER (for Mr. BRAUN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1510, to amend provisions relating to the Office of the Inspector General of the Government Accountability Office, and for other purposes.

**TEXT OF AMENDMENTS**

**SA 1366.** Mr. PAUL proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 6363, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2024, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the appropriate place in division A, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_.** **FIFTEEN PERCENT REDUCTION IN CONTINUING FUNDING EXCEPT FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AND DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND RESCISSION OF IRS ENFORCEMENT FUNDS.**

Division A of the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2024 and Other Extensions Act (Public Law 118-15), as amended by section 101 of this division, is further amended by inserting after section 146 the following:

“SEC. 147. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), the rate for operations provided by section 101 of this division is hereby reduced by 15.0 percent.

“(b) The rate for operations shall not be reduced under subsection (a) with respect to the appropriation Act described in section 101(3) (relating to the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2023) or the appropriation Act described in section 101(10) (relating to the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023).

“SEC. 148. Of the unobligated balances of amounts appropriated or otherwise made available for enforcement activities of the Internal Revenue Service by section 10301(1)(A)(ii) of Public Law 117-169 (commonly known as the “Inflation Reduction Act of 2022”) as of the date of enactment of this Act, \$30,000,000,000 are hereby rescinded.”.

**SA 1367.** Mr. PETERS proposed an amendment to the bill S. 3000, to repeal Freedom Support Act section 907 waiver authority with respect to assistance to Azerbaijan; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the “Armenian Protection Act of 2023”.

**SEC. 2. FREEDOM SUPPORT ACT SECTION 907 WAIVER REPEAL.**

The President may not exercise the waiver authority provided pursuant to title II of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2002 (Public Law 107-115) (22 U.S.C. 5812 note), under the heading “ASSISTANCE FOR THE INDEPENDENT STATES OF THE FORMER SOVIET UNION” under subsection (g), with respect to amounts appropriated or otherwise made available for fiscal years 2024 or 2025.

**SA 1368.** Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. BALDWIN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 106, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to award grants to States to improve outreach to veterans, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**SECTION 1. AUTHORITY FOR SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO AWARD GRANTS TO STATES TO IMPROVE OUTREACH TO VETERANS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 63 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating sections 6307 and 6308 as sections 6308 and 6309, respectively; and

(2) by inserting after section 6306 the following new section 6307:

**“§ 6307. Grants to States to improve outreach to veterans**

“(a) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this section to provide for assistance by the Secretary to States to carry out programs that improve covered outreach and assistance to veterans and the spouses, children, and parents of veterans, to ensure that such individuals are fully informed about, and assisted in