

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the resolutions drafted, introduced, and adopted by cities and localities across the United States declaring racism a public health crisis;

(2) declares racism a public health crisis in the United States;

(3) commits to—

(A) establishing a nationwide strategy to address health disparities and inequities across all sectors in society;

(B) dismantling systemic practices and policies that perpetuate racism;

(C) advancing reforms to address years of neglectful and apathetic policies that have led to poor health outcomes for members of racial and ethnic minority groups; and

(D) promoting efforts to address the social determinants of health for all racial and ethnic minority groups in the United States; and

(4) places a charge on the people of the United States to move forward with urgency to ensure that the United States stands firmly in honoring its moral purpose of advancing the self-evident truths that all people are created equal, that they are endowed with certain unalienable rights, and that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

SENATE RESOLUTION 576—EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE WEEK OF MARCH 4 THROUGH MARCH 8, 2024, AS “NATIONAL SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING WEEK” TO RECOGNIZE THE CRITICAL ROLE SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING PLAYS IN SUPPORTING THE ACADEMIC SUCCESS AND OVERALL WELL-BEING OF STUDENTS, EDUCATORS, AND FAMILIES

Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. KING, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. BUTLER, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

S. RES. 576

Whereas, according to research conducted by both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Harvard University, the COVID-19 pandemic heightened the urgency to provide greater assistance to students, educators, and families to address the mental health, behavioral, and other systemic challenges that impede the academic and developmental improvement and success of students;

Whereas decades of research demonstrate how social and emotional learning (referred to in this preamble as “SEL”) promotes academic achievement, mental wellness, healthy behaviors, and long-term success;

Whereas, according to a study by researchers at the Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning, Loyola University of Chicago, and the University of Illinois at Chicago, SEL programs that addressed the 5 core competencies (self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision making) increased academic performance by 11 percentile points, improved the ability of students to manage stress, and improved the attitudes of students about themselves, others, and school;

Whereas, according to a study by researchers at Yale University, the University of

Rochester, the University of Maryland, and Loyola University of Chicago, students participating in SEL at school had higher “school functioning”, including grades, test scores, attendance, homework completion, and engagement;

Whereas a study in the Journal of Benefit-Cost Analysis found that, on average, for every dollar spent on the evidence-based SEL programs examined, there was an \$11 return on investment;

Whereas, according to a study published by the American Public Health Association, the development of social and emotional skills in kindergarten has been associated with improved outcomes for young adults later in life, resulting in reduced societal costs for public assistance, public housing, police involvement, and detention;

Whereas, in response to a Pew Research Center survey of parents of K–12 students, 66 percent of the parents said that schools teaching children to develop social and emotional skills was “very important” and another 27 percent of the parents said that such teaching was “somewhat important”;

Whereas EdWeek Research Center found that 83 percent of educators indicated that SEL is “somewhat” or “very” helpful for the academic learning of students;

Whereas research from Yale University, the University of Cantabria, Jagiellonian University, and Pennsylvania State University indicates that educators who demonstrate greater social and emotional competence are frequently more capable of protecting themselves from burnout; and

Whereas the week of March 4 through March 8, 2024, would be an appropriate period to designate as “National Social and Emotional Learning Week”: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the designation of “National Social and Emotional Learning Week”;

(2) recognizes the role that social and emotional learning plays in promoting academic achievement, mental and behavioral health, and future career success for students;

(3) expresses support for expanding access to social and emotional learning for each student and teacher; and

(4) encourages the people of the United States to identify opportunities among Federal agencies to advance social and emotional learning to support students, parents, educators, and their communities.

SENATE RESOLUTION 577—RECOGNIZING AND HONORING BURNSVILLE, MINNESOTA, LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIRST RESPONDERS FOR THEIR HEROIC ACTIONS

Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Ms. SMITH) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 577

Whereas Burnsville Police Officers Paul Elmstrand and Matthew Ruge and Firefighter/Paramedic Adam Finseth died in the line of duty on February 18, 2024, while responding to a domestic situation in Burnsville, Minnesota;

Whereas Officer Paul Elmstrand dedicated over 6 years of service to the Burnsville Police Department, joined the department in 2017 as a Community Service Officer and was promoted to Officer in 2019, and served as part of the department’s mobile command staff, peer team, honor guard, and field training unit;

Whereas Officer Matthew Ruge dedicated over 3 years of service to the Burnsville Po-

lice Department, joining the department in 2020, where he was a physical evidence officer and a member of the crisis negotiation team;

Whereas Firefighter/Paramedic Adam Finseth dedicated 5 years of service to the Burnsville Fire Department, served as a water rescue trainer and on Burnsville’s Health and Wellness Committee, and was an Army veteran serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom;

Whereas Officers Paul Elmstrand and Matthew Ruge and Firefighter/Paramedic Adam Finseth will be remembered as heroes who protected their community and loved their families and friends;

Whereas Police Sergeant Adam Medlicott was injured and hospitalized while responding to the call; and

Whereas Sergeant Adam Medlicott has served with the Burnsville Police Department since 2014 in various roles, including as a patrol officer, drug recognition specialist, and field training officer, and was promoted to sergeant in 2022: Now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) expresses deep condolences to the families and colleagues of Burnsville, Minnesota, Police Officers Paul Elmstrand and Matthew Ruge and Firefighter/Paramedic Adam Finseth, who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty and whose sacrifice will not be forgotten;

(2) honors the bravery of Police Sergeant Adam Medlicott;

(3) recognizes all of the countless selfless and heroic actions carried out by local law enforcement and first responders;

(4) expresses strong support for law enforcement and first responders in Minnesota and across the United States who protect and serve their communities; and

(5) acknowledges the importance of honoring and remembering fallen law enforcement and first responders killed in the line of duty.

SENATE RESOLUTION 578—CONGRATULATING THE KANSAS CITY CHIEFS ON THEIR VICTORY IN SUPER BOWL LVIII IN THE SUCCESSFUL 104TH SEASON OF THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Mr. HAWLEY (for himself, Mr. SCHMITT, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. MARSHALL) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 578

Whereas, on Sunday, February 11, 2024, the Kansas City Chiefs defeated the San Francisco 49ers by a score of 25 to 22 to win Super Bowl LVIII in Las Vegas, Nevada;

Whereas the Chiefs made their fourth Super Bowl appearance and third Super Bowl win in 5 years;

Whereas this win marks the first time in nearly 20 years and the ninth time in NFL history that a team has won back-to-back Super Bowls;

Whereas the Chiefs came back after trailing the 49ers by 10 points with under 4 minutes remaining in the first half, making this the third time in 5 years that the Chiefs have recovered from a 10-point deficit in the Super Bowl;

Whereas head coach Andy Reid led the Chiefs to victory and became the fifth head coach to earn 3 Super Bowl victories;

Whereas quarterback Patrick Mahomes completed 34 of 46 pass attempts for 333 yards and 2 touchdowns, rushed 9 times for 66 yards, and was named Super Bowl Most Valuable Player, making him the third player to have won the award 3 times;

Whereas kicker Harrison Butker completed a perfect postseason in field goal attempts, set a new Super Bowl record with a 57-yard field goal, scored more than half of the Chiefs' total points by being 4-for-4 in field goal attempts and 1-for-1 in point-after-touchdown attempts, and made a crucial field goal at the end of the fourth quarter that tied the score and sent the game into overtime;

Whereas tight end Travis Kelce led the team in receiving with 9 receptions for 93 yards;

Whereas running back Isiah Pacheco rushed 18 times for 59 yards and had 6 receptions for 33 yards;

Whereas wide receiver Mecole Hardman had 3 receptions for 57 yards and scored the game-winning touchdown with 3 seconds remaining in overtime;

Whereas, in overtime, defensive tackle Chris Jones prevented the offense from making a critical touchdown, creating a pathway to victory for the Chiefs;

Whereas the Chiefs' defense blocked a point-after-touchdown attempt by the 49ers in the fourth quarter;

Whereas, for the second time in NFL history, the Super Bowl went into overtime, and the Chiefs completed a 75-yard drive to win the game;

Whereas the game-winning drive started with a fourth-and-1 scramble from Patrick Mahomes and ended with a pivotal 7-yard catch from Travis Kelce, setting up a first-and-goal championship-winning touchdown for Mecole Hardman;

Whereas the entire Chiefs' roster contributed to the Super Bowl victory;

Whereas the Chiefs had 3 players ranked in the top 10 of the NFL Top 100 Players of 2023, being the only team with multiple top 10 selections this year and the second team ever with 3 players in the top 10;

Whereas Arrowhead Stadium, home of the Chiefs, holds the world record for loudest crowd roar at a sporting event with 142.2 decibels;

Whereas the victory of the Kansas City Chiefs in Super Bowl LVIII instills a sense of pride for Chiefs fans in the State of Missouri, the State of Kansas, and across the Midwest; and

Whereas people all over the world are asking, "How 'bout those Chiefs?": Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the Kansas City Chiefs and their entire staff, Mayor of Kansas City Quinton Lucas, Governor of Missouri Mike Parson, and fans everywhere of the Kansas City Chiefs for their victory in Super Bowl LVIII; and

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

(A) the chairman and chief executive officer of the Kansas City Chiefs, Clark Hunt;

(B) the president of the Kansas City Chiefs, Mark Donovan; and

(C) the head coach of the Kansas City Chiefs, Andy Reid.

SENATE RESOLUTION 579—TO AUTHORIZE TESTIMONY AND REPRESENTATION IN UNITED STATES V. KENYON

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

S. RES. 579

Whereas, in the case of *United States v. Kenyon*, Cr. No. 23-101, pending in the United States District Court for the District of Co-

lumbia, the prosecution has requested the production of testimony from Daniel Schwager, a former employee of the Office of the Secretary of the Senate;

Whereas, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 704(a)(2) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 2 U.S.C. §§288b(a) and 288c(a)(2), the Senate may direct its counsel to represent current and former officers and employees of the Senate with respect to any subpoena, order, or request for evidence relating to their official responsibilities;

Whereas, by the privileges of the Senate of the United States and Rule XI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, no evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may, by the judicial or administrative process, be taken from such control or possession but by permission of the Senate; and

Whereas, when it appears that evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may promote the administration of justice, the Senate will take such action as will promote the ends of justice consistent with the privileges of the Senate: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That Daniel Schwager, a former employee of the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, is authorized to provide relevant testimony in the case of *United States v. Kenyon*, except concerning matters for which a privilege should be asserted.

SEC. 2. The Senate Legal Counsel is authorized to represent Mr. Schwager, and any current or former officer or employee of the Secretary's office, in connection with the production of evidence authorized in section one of this resolution.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1616. Mr. ROUNDS (for himself and Ms. SMITH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4366, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1617. Mr. CRUZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4366, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1618. Mr. SCHUMER proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 4366, supra.

SA 1619. Mr. SCHUMER proposed an amendment to amendment SA 1618 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER to the bill H.R. 4366, supra.

SA 1620. Mr. SCHUMER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4366, supra.

SA 1621. Mr. SCHUMER proposed an amendment to amendment SA 1620 submitted by Mr. SCHUMER to the bill H.R. 4366, supra.

SA 1622. Mr. SCHUMER proposed an amendment to amendment SA 1621 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER to the amendment SA 1620 submitted by Mr. SCHUMER to the bill H.R. 4366, supra.

SA 1623. Mr. LEE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4366, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1624. Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. RISCH, Mr. COTTON, Mr. BARRASSO, and Mr. BRAUN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4366, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1625. Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. RISCH, Mr. COTTON, Mr. BARRASSO, Mrs. CAPITO, and Mr. BRAUN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4366, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1626. Mr. SCHMITT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4366, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 1616. Mr. ROUNDS (for himself and Ms. SMITH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4366, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in title II of division F, insert the following:

SEC. _____. (a) In fiscal year 2024, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (referred to in this section as the "Secretary") may waive or specify alternative requirements for any provision of section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q) (as in effect before the date of enactment of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12701 et seq.)) and section 811 of the American Homeownership and Economic Opportunity Act of 2010 (12 U.S.C. 1701q note; Public Law 106-569), except for requirements relating to fair housing, non-discrimination, labor standards, and the environment, in order to facilitate prepayment of any indebtedness relating to any remaining principal and interest under a loan made under section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q) (as in effect before the date of enactment of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12701 et seq.)) for a property that consists of not more than 15 units, is located in a municipality with a population of not more than 15,000 individuals, is within 5 years of maturity, is no longer effectively serving a need in the community, is functionally obsolescent, and for which the Secretary has determined that the property prepayment is part of a transaction, including a transaction involving transfer or replacement contracts described in subsection (b), that will provide rental housing assistance for the elderly or persons with disabilities on terms of at least equal duration and at least as advantageous to existing and future tenants as the terms required by current loan agreements entered into under any provisions of law.

(b)(1) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, in order to preserve affordable housing resources, upon a prepayment of a loan described in subsection (a), the Secretary may transfer or replace the contract for assistance at such prepaid property with a project-based subsidy contract under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f) to 1 or more multifamily housing projects located in the same State as the prepaid property, for the benefit of the elderly or persons with disabilities who are eligible to receive housing assistance under such section 8, to assist the same number of units at the receiving multifamily housing project or projects.

(2) The Secretary may fund a transferred or replaced contract described in paragraph (1) from amounts available to the Secretary under the heading "Project-Based Rental Assistance".

SA 1617. Mr. CRUZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4366, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs,