

proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following Senate resolutions: S. Res. 791, S. Res. 792, and S. Res. 793.

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

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

Mr. WELCH. I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be agreed to, the preambles be agreed to, and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table en bloc.

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

The resolutions were agreed to.

The preambles were agreed to.

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

MORNING BUSINESS

REMEMBERING CARVER MCGRUFF

Mr. YOUNG. Madam President, I rise today to in honor of Hoosier Hero Carver McGriff.

A great Hoosier is gone, and with him, another link to our Greatest Generation is lost. Carver McGriff of Indianapolis, who died on July 20 at the age of 99, never considered himself a hero or sought the many honors he received.

After all, thousands of other boys stormed the beaches of Normandy. As Carver would remind us, he was just among the fortunate who came home. But a few of those honors bear mentioning: the Bronze Star, two Purple Hearts, the French Legion of Honor medal. Characteristically, on his induction into the Indiana Military Veterans Hall of Fame, Carver said, "I have no idea what I did to deserve it, not very much."

Let the record show, here is what he did to deserve it and why he was a hero:

As part of the 90th Infantry Division, he manned a machine-gun on Utah Beach, surrounded by the enemy during Operation Overlord. He took artillery fire in both legs and one arm, was captured by the Germans, and spent a month as a prisoner of war. Injuries prevented further Active Duty, but after his rescue, he remained with the Army until the war was won and the Axis defeated.

Like so many other Americans, he then came home, started a career, raised a family, and contributed to his community. He tried his hand at business, but Carver's calling was the ministry. He served for 26 years as the senior pastor at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Indianapolis, growing its congregation dramatically during his tenure.

Carver rarely celebrated his part in winning the war and spoke of his service humbly. What he took from this difficult period of his life was a sense of grace, inspired by the humanity he saw

in the worst moments of combat: the French priest who offered him and other hungry Americans food and the common citizenship among soldiers that mattered more than color or creed.

What he thought of most often, though, were those boys who did not come home. In later years, when he would guide tours across Normandy, Carver would point to the crosses standing in the American Cemetery. Then he would ask his companions to pick one out, say the name engraved on it, and offer a prayer for the soldier resting under it. "It has been a long time since someone has said a prayer for that boy, but you can," he would remind them.

And we can do the same. I ask my fellow Americans to join in saying a prayer for Carver McGriff and extending condolences to his beloved wife Marianne, their three daughters, and nine grandchildren. But as we mourn his loss, we also celebrate an incredible life, full of years and purpose, led with humility and courage.

If, in the decades ahead, future Americans ever wonder why we referred to this generation as the Greatest, they need only look to the example of Carver McGriff, not simply because of his valor in a war, but because of how he lived his life and served his country long after it was over. Great, indeed.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO DALE DANNEWITZ

• Mr. CRAMER. Madam President, it is an honor to recognize the nearly half century of distinguished service of a remarkable North Dakotan who retired this year.

Dale Dannewitz began his locomotive railroad engineering career on July 24, 1978, with what is now Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railroad. This came after earning a degree in diesel mechanics at what is now Williston State College, working at Cummins, Inc., and completing an apprenticeship with Burlington Northern. In these 50 years, Dale performed his duties with great skill and dedication.

He began working on trains in the Minot area, then ran routes between Minot and Glasgow, MT. He was a distributive power mentor in Minot for a year before spending 4 years as a foreman of engines in Mandan. He completed the rest of his career as an engineer in Minot.

For a few years, he was a team member for the Trauma Response Action Involvement Network, a group of engineers and their spouses who provided counsel and support to people impacted by a train crossing accident or event. He was also a volunteer for Operation Lifesaver, Inc., a rail safety education nonprofit which helps students and young drivers understand the safety precautions around railroad tracks and highway-rail grade crossings.

Over these years, Dale has had a front row seat watching technology and design advancements in railroad transportation. As he was quoted in Railway Age magazine in an article at the time of his retirement, he said, "I've enjoyed everything and learned to take the safe route, always—it's what it's all about. It was a good ride."

It is people like Dale Dannewitz who have ensured the safe movement of products and commodities across the continent by rail. On behalf of all North Dakotans, I thank him for his service and congratulate him on his well-earned retirement. May you enjoy many years of health and happiness in the future.●

TRIBUTE TO KATHARINE BERKOFF

• Mr. TESTER. Madam President, I rise today to recognize an outstanding Montanan who today took home the bronze Olympic medal in women's 100m backstroke.

Katharine Berkoff, a Missoula native and Hellgate High School graduate, has been setting records since high school. She made her name on the national stage at just 17 years old and has already led an impressive career in and out of the pool. Today, she rose to the top among the best of the best when she finished the 100m backstroke in just 57.98 seconds, earning her spot on the Olympic podium.

Katharine, you have made Montana proud. Team USA is lucky to have you.

I join today with my fellow Senators to congratulate you on this remarkable achievement. I have got a feeling you will continue to do great things.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Kelly, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 4853. A bill to prohibit the Federal Communications Commission from promulgating or enforcing rules regarding disclosure of artificial intelligence-generated content in political advertisements.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with

accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5482. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13441 of August 1, 2007, with respect to Lebanon; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5483. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the text of an amendment to the Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for Cooperation on the Uses of Atomic Energy for Mutual Defense Purposes of July 3, 1958, as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-164. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana urging the United States Congress and the United States Department of Agriculture to grant Louisiana a waiver to allow the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services to remove unhealthy foods from the list of approved foods that may be purchased with Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 105

Whereas, the USDA allows unhealthy, high fat foods to be purchased with SNAP benefits contributing to the unhealthy lifestyle of our most vulnerable population; and

Whereas, in Louisiana, approximately forty percent of adults and twenty percent of students in grades nine through twelve are considered obese; and

Whereas, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that obesity is associated with at least thirteen different types of cancer which make up forty percent of all cancers diagnosed; and

Whereas, children with obesity are more likely to have obesity as adults due to patterns of behavior learned at a young age; and

Whereas, adults with obesity have a higher risk of developing life-threatening illnesses such as heart disease, type-II diabetes, and cancer; and

Whereas, in 2019, annual obesity-related medical care costs in the United States were estimated to be nearly one hundred seventy-three billion dollars; and

Whereas, forty percent of all United States households do not live within one mile of healthy food retailers; and

Whereas, Louisiana has implemented Greaux the Good, a program that allows SNAP benefit recipients to receive a dollar-for-dollar match on their SNAP benefits, to encourage families to buy more fruits and vegetables while supporting small and local food producers; and

Whereas, in 2023, an average of nearly forty-three thousand individuals participated in the SNAP program nationwide at a cost of nearly one hundred thirteen billion dollars; and

Whereas, SNAP was established by federal law to be a cooperative endeavor between a state and the federal government where the program is administered by the state and financed by the federal government; and

Whereas, in Louisiana, SNAP is administered by the Department of Children and Family Services; and

Whereas, the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 defines "food" for the purposes of SNAP as any food or food product for home consumption except alcoholic beverages, tobacco, or hot foods ready for immediate consumption; and

Whereas, the USDA interprets the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to allow SNAP benefit recipients to purchase candy, cakes, potato chips, and other unhealthy foods; and

Whereas, due to the presence of federal law, the Department of Children and Family Services must seek approval from the federal government in the form of a waiver in order to alter the types of food that may be purchased with SNAP benefits. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress and the United States Department of Agriculture to grant Louisiana a waiver to allow the Department of Children and Family Services to remove unhealthy foods from the foods allowed to be purchased with SNAP benefits; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Children and Family Services shall present the rule waiver to the House and Senate committees on health and welfare prior to submitting the rule waiver the United States Department of Agriculture; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Children and Family Services shall work with medical professional and nutrition experts to determine which foods to remove from the list of approved foods to promote the health of children and families receiving SNAP benefits; and be it further

Resolved, That copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the governor, the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-165. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana urging the United States Congress to protect consumers from government interference by opposing congressional efforts to prevent surcharges or an extra fee when a customer chooses to pay with a credit card; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 102

Whereas, Americans have developed an exceptionally advanced and innovative payments system through a steadfast focus on private sector leadership that respects the rights of individuals and companies to make their own informed choices about how they pay and are paid; and

Whereas, the market-based payments approach in this nation responds to the dynamic and diverse needs of American entrepreneurs and consumers rather than operating under static government mandates; and

Whereas, while other nations import payments technology to run their economy, American companies set the standard of the global payments ecosystem; and

Whereas, the importance of prioritizing the protection of consumers from government interference that would shift financial transactions to less secure, less innovative, and potentially risky providers who could place consumers and their financial data in a more vulnerable position; and

Whereas, states should oppose any governmental economic favoritism that would negatively impact consumers, provide less choice and access to popular consumer benefits such as cashback and rewards programs, threaten airline services, or undermine critical payment fraud protections while increasing national security risks; and

Whereas, the commandeering of the payments system by the government or the cen-

tral bank threatens personal privacy, innovation, and American economic leadership; and

Whereas, the United States has the most robust and secure financial system in the world, and a strong network supporting small businesses and protecting consumers; and

Whereas, more than four hundred eighty-six million credit cards are in use in the United States, with more than one hundred ninety-one million Americans holding at least one credit card; and

Whereas, states should protect consumers' right to choose their payment methods and pay transparent prices by preventing the addition of a surcharge or an extra fee when a customer chooses to pay with a credit card; and

Whereas, the credit card payments industry is a healthy and competitive space, and further legislation to impose government-mandated price controls in this area is both unnecessary and harmful to innovation and security; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge the United States Congress to protect consumers from government interference in the free market and any actions that would weaken our national security by opposing congressional efforts to overreach into the wallets of American consumers and small businesses; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-166. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana urging the United States Congress to provide a long-term solution for the housing crisis suffered by Louisiana residents displaced due to the devastation of Hurricane Ida; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 57

Whereas, Hurricane Ida devastated Louisiana on August 29, 2021, destroying property throughout the state, causing many Louisianians to be displaced from their homes; and

Whereas, after Hurricane Ida, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) established a program to reimburse the state for costs incurred by providing temporary shelters in the form of campers; and

Whereas, the federal aid expired in January of 2023; and

Whereas, the state absorbed the costs of over two million dollars per month after the FEMA benefits expired; and

Whereas, the state-sponsored Ida Shelters program ended on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, with five hundred fifty-two residents still participating in the program; and

Whereas, the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) has delayed eviction, while considering whether to donate the camper-residences to the respective parishes or offering the residents an opportunity to purchase the campers at their appraised value; and

Whereas, while GOHSEP's plan may resolve the immediate needs of the displaced residents, a long-term solution rests with the federal government; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana memorializes the Congress of the United States to provide a long-term solution for the housing crisis suffered by Louisiana residents displaced due to the devastation of Hurricane Ida; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the secretary of the