

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Ohio Senate transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Energy, the Secretary of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, the members of the Ohio Congressional Delegation, and the news media of Ohio.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CARPER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works:

Report to accompany S. 4367, a bill to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-227).

By Mr. PETERS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 3067. A bill to require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to conduct an evaluation and submit to Congress a report on ways to reduce the complexity of the cost effectiveness requirements for hazard mitigation assistance, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-228).

S. 3558. A bill to prohibit contracting with certain biotechnology providers, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-229).

By Mr. SANDERS, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, without amendment with a preamble:

S. Res. 837. An original resolution authorizing the President of the Senate to certify the report of the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate regarding the refusal of Dr. Ralph de la Torre to appear and testify before the Committee (Rept. No. 118-230).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Ms. WARREN (for herself and Mr. CRUZ):

S. 5134. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to expand eligibility for individual and public assistance to certain areas and to include cumulative damage from multiple natural catastrophes in the definition of major disaster, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 5135. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase penalties for unauthorized disclosure of taxpayer information; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 5136. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of Plum Island; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HAGERTY (for himself, Mr. KAINÉ, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. BUDD, and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. 5137. A bill to identify property located in the territory of certain foreign trade partners that is owned or controlled by United

States persons, necessary to access a port, harbor, or marine terminal, and has been nationalized or expropriated, and to prohibit certain actions by vessels that have landed at such ports, harbors, or marine terminals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TILLIS (for himself, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. BUDD, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. PETERS, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 5138. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the criteria for approval of certain independent study programs for purposes of the educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. HAGERTY, Ms. LUMMIS, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. DAINES, and Mr. MORAN):

S. 5139. A bill to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to address emerging growth companies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. ROMNEY (for himself, Ms. HASSAN, Ms. ERNST, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 5140. A bill to extend by 5 years the term of the Special Inspector General for Pandemic Recovery; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. MARSHALL):

S. 5141. A bill to provide for health coverage with no cost-sharing for additional breast screenings for certain individuals at greater risk for breast cancer; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HELMY (for himself and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 5142. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the national program for traumatic brain injury surveillance and registries; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. CRUZ):

S. Res. 836. A resolution recognizing Hispanic Restaurant Week and the contributions of Hispanic restaurant owners and employees to the restaurant industry; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. Res. 837. An original resolution authorizing the President of the Senate to certify the report of the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate regarding the refusal of Dr. Ralph de la Torre to appear and testify before the Committee; from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; placed on the calendar.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CASEY, Mr. RISCH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. THUNE, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Ms. SINEMA, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. CAPITO, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. CRUZ, Ms. WARREN, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. KING, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. KAINÉ, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. SCHMITT, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms.

HIRONO, Mr. KELLY, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. PADILLA, and Mr. SUL-LIVAN):

S. Res. 838. A resolution expressing support for the designation of November 17, 2024, as "National Warrior Call Day" and recognizing the importance of connecting warriors in the United States to support structures necessary to transition from the battlefield, especially peer-to-peer connection; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. CARPER):

S. Res. 839. A resolution designating September 2024 as "National Student Parent Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. WICKER, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. WARNER, and Mrs. HYDE-SMITH):

S. Res. 840. A resolution supporting the designation of the week of September 15 through September 21, 2024, as "Telehealth Awareness Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. REED, Mr. CASEY, Mr. HAWLEY, and Mr. GRAMHAM):

S. Res. 841. A resolution designating September 2024 as "National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. LANKFORD, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Ms. ERNST, and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. Res. 842. A resolution designating the week beginning October 20, 2024, as "National Character Counts Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. HICKENLOOPER (for himself and Mr. BUDD):

S. Res. 843. A resolution designating October 2024 as "National Learning Disabilities Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. PADILLA, and Mr. RISCH):

S. Res. 844. A resolution recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of National Forensic Science Week; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 633

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 633, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Everett Alvarez, Jr., in recognition of his service to the United States.

S. 711

At the request of Mr. BUDD, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES) and the Senator from California (Ms. BUTLER) were added as cosponsors of S. 711, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the invaluable service that working dogs provide to society.

S. 1028

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1028, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand health care and benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs for military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

S. 1907

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. BRITT), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) and the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD) were added as cosponsors of S. 1907, a bill to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to enhance penalties for theft of a firearm from a Federal firearms licensee.

S. 2067

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2067, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to award grants to nonprofit organizations to assist such organizations in carrying out programs to provide service dogs to eligible veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 2555

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 2555, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to expand and improve the enforcement capabilities of the Attorney General, and for other purposes.

S. 4129

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. ROMNEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4129, a bill to contribute funds and artifacts to the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library in Medora, North Dakota.

S. 4243

At the request of Ms. BUTLER, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. BRITT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4243, a bill to award posthumously the Congressional Gold Medal to Shirley Chisholm.

S. 4280

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4280, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to require skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities for the intellectually disabled, and inpatient rehabilitation facilities to permit essential caregivers access during any period in which regular visitation is restricted.

S. 4400

At the request of Mrs. BRITT, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4400, a bill to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to carry out a study and rulemaking on the definition of the term "small entity" for purposes of the securities laws, and for other purposes.

S. 4436

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4436, a bill to improve the safety of infant formula through test-

ing of infant formula for microorganisms and toxic elements, and for other purposes.

S. 4528

At the request of Mr. BRAUN, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) were added as cosponsors of S. 4528, a bill to award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal to Marshall Walter "Major" Taylor in recognition of his significance to the nation as an athlete, trail-blazer, role model, and equal rights advocate.

S. 4778

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) were added as cosponsors of S. 4778, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make the exclusion for certain employer payments of student loans under educational assistance programs permanent.

S. 4826

At the request of Ms. ERNST, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4826, a bill to provide that persons having seriously delinquent tax debts shall be ineligible for employment by the Internal Revenue Service.

S. 4900

At the request of Ms. BUTLER, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4900, a bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to incentivize certain preparedness measures, and for other purposes.

S. 4917

At the request of Mrs. BRITT, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) and the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY) were added as cosponsors of S. 4917, a bill to amend the Federal securities laws to enhance 403(b) plans, and for other purposes.

S. 4932

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4932, a bill to amend the National Quantum Initiative Act to provide for a research, development, and demonstration program, and for other purposes.

S. 4967

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. BRITT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4967, a bill to amend the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to reauthorize and update the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 4988

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4988, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the individuals who fought for or with the United States against the armed forces

of Imperial Japan in the Pacific theater and the impacted Sashinax people on Attu, whose lives, culture, and community were irrevocably changed from December 8, 1941, to August 15, 1945.

S. 5045

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. SCHMITT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5045, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to modify a provision relating to criminal penalties for damaging or destroying pipeline facilities, and for other purposes.

S. 5113

At the request of Mr. CRAMER, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5113, a bill to delay the application of a certain rule for members of the Armed Forces and diplomats stationed in a foreign country and for individuals with service animals, and for other purposes.

S. 5122

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5122, a bill to establish the Julius Rosenwald and Rosenwald Schools National Historical Park, and for other purposes.

S. 5124

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of Florida, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN) were added as cosponsors of S. 5124, a bill to require the United States Secret Service to provide protection to major Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates and their spouses at the same level of protection provided to the President, and for other purposes.

S. 5132

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 5132, a bill to promote the economic security and safety of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 103

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 103, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission relating to "Safeguarding and Securing the Open Internet; Restoring Internet Freedom".

S. RES. 822

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 822, a resolution designating September 2024 as "National Voting Rights Month".

S. RES. 832

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Michigan

(Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 832, a resolution supporting the designation of September 19, 2024, as “National Stillbirth Prevention Day”, recognizing tens of thousands of families in the United States that have endured a stillbirth, and seizing the opportunity to keep other families from experiencing the same tragedy.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 836—RECOGNIZING HISPANIC RESTAURANT WEEK AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF HISPANIC RESTAURANT OWNERS AND EMPLOYEES TO THE RESTAURANT INDUSTRY

Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. CRUZ) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 836

Whereas Hispanic Restaurant Week is celebrated from September 22, 2024, through October 3, 2024, during the national celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15, 2024, through October 15, 2024;

Whereas, in 2020, the Bureau of the Census estimated that 41,817 owners of accommodation and food service businesses were Hispanic;

Whereas the restaurant industry plays a significant role in the economy of the United States as the second-largest private sector employer in the United States;

Whereas 25.9 percent of workers in the restaurant industry are Hispanic;

Whereas, according to a 2023 State of Latino Entrepreneurship report, published by the Stanford Graduate School of Business, during the last decade, Hispanic entrepreneurs have started small businesses, including restaurants, at a higher rate than any other demographic;

Whereas, of the nearly 5,000,000 Hispanic-owned businesses in the United States, the restaurant industry has the second highest number of Hispanic owners;

Whereas 8 in 10 restaurant owners started their restaurant industry careers in entry-level positions;

Whereas 63 percent of adults in the United States have worked in the restaurant industry, making it “the Nation’s training ground”;

Whereas the restaurant industry employs more minority managers than any other industry: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) celebrates Hispanic Restaurant Week; and

(2) acknowledges—

(A) the contributions of Hispanic owners and staff of the restaurant industry to the United States economy; and

(B) the fact that the restaurant industry provides restaurant owners, chefs, dishwashers, and other staff the opportunity to work hard, persevere, support their families, and live the American Dream.

SENATE RESOLUTION 837—AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE TO CERTIFY THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS OF THE SENATE REGARDING THE REFUSAL OF DR. RALPH DE LA TORRE TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Mr. SANDERS submitted the following resolution; from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions which was placed on the calendar:

S. RES. 837

Whereas the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate (referred to in this preamble as the “Committee”) is currently conducting a duly authorized investigation into the bankruptcy of Steward Health Care Systems LLC;

Whereas, on July 25, 2024, the Committee issued a duly authorized subpoena to Dr. Ralph de la Torre, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Steward Health Care Systems LLC, directing him to testify before the Committee on September 12, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.;

Whereas, on September 4, 2024, counsel for Dr. de la Torre submitted to the Committee objections to the compelled testimony under the subpoena issued by the Committee and indicated Dr. de la Torre’s intent to decline to comply with the subpoena;

Whereas, having considered the legal objections that had been submitted by counsel for Dr. de la Torre, the Committee overruled those objections in their entirety on September 5, 2024, and ordered and directed that Dr. de la Torre comply with the subpoena issued by the Committee to testify at 10:00 a.m. on September 12, 2024; and

Whereas Dr. de la Torre has refused to comply with the subpoena by the Committee as ordered and directed by the Committee: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That pursuant to sections 102 and 104 of the Revised Statutes (2 U.S.C. 192, 194), the President of the Senate shall certify the report of the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate, detailing the refusal of Dr. Ralph de la Torre, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Steward Health Care Systems LLC, to appear and testify before the Committee, to the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, to the end that Dr. de la Torre be proceeded against in the manner and form provided by law.

SENATE RESOLUTION 838—EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF NOVEMBER 17, 2024, AS “NATIONAL WARRIOR CALL DAY” AND RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF CONNECTING WARRIORS IN THE UNITED STATES TO SUPPORT STRUCTURES NECESSARY TO TRANSITION FROM THE BATTLEFIELD, ESPECIALLY PEER-TO-PEER CONNECTION

Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CASEY, Mr. RISCH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. THUNE, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Ms. SINEMA, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. CAPITO, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. BOOKER,

Mr. CRUZ, Ms. WARREN, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. KING, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. KAINE, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. SCHMITT, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KELLY, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. PADILLA, and Mr. SULLIVAN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 838

Whereas establishing an annual “National Warrior Call Day” will draw attention to the members of the Armed Forces and veterans whose connection to one another is key to supporting the members of the Armed Forces and veterans in the United States who may be dangerously disconnected from family, friends, and support systems;

Whereas the number of suicides of members of the Armed Forces serving on active duty was 492 in 2022;

Whereas, in 2022, the total count of Armed Forces suicide deaths went down, but the overall rate of Armed Forces suicide deaths per 100,000 went up by 3 percent;

Whereas, in 2021, there were 6,392 veteran suicide deaths, and the unadjusted rate of suicide in 2021 among veterans was 33.9 per 100,000;

Whereas, after adjusting for sex and age, the rate of veteran suicide in 2021 was nearly 72 percent higher than the rate of suicide in non-veteran adults;

Whereas a greater number of veterans have died by suicide in the 10 years preceding the adoption of this resolution than members of the Armed Forces who died from combat in Vietnam;

Whereas many of the veterans who die by suicide have had no known contact with the Department of Veterans Affairs;

Whereas a myriad of factors leads to increased isolation and disconnection, further exacerbating mental and physical ailments such as post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, anxiety, and depression;

Whereas invisible wounds linked to an underlying and undiagnosed traumatic brain injury can present as or exacerbate mental health conditions, a problem that can be addressed through appropriate medical treatment;

Whereas additional research is needed to highlight the connection between traumatic brain injury as a root cause of invisible wounds and suicide by members of the Armed Forces and veterans; and

Whereas November 17, 2024, would be an appropriate day to designate as “National Warrior Call Day”: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the designation of November 17, 2024, as “National Warrior Call Day”;

(2) encourages all individuals in the United States, especially members of the Armed Forces serving on active duty and veterans, to call a warrior, have an honest conversation, and connect them with support, understanding that making a warrior call could save a life; and

(3) implores all individuals in the United States to recommit themselves to engaging with members of the Armed Forces and veterans through “National Warrior Call Day” and other constructive efforts that result in solutions and treatment for the invisible scars that can afflict veterans and members of the Armed Forces.