

(1) designates October 2024 as “National Principals Month”;

(2) honors the contributions of principals in elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools in the United States; and

(3) supports the goals and ideals of National Principals Month.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 877—DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 6, 2024, THROUGH OCTOBER 12, 2024, AS “NATIONAL COMMUNITY POLICING WEEK”**

Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. PETERS, and Ms. ROSEN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 877

Whereas police officers are indispensable members of the community who put their lives on the line to protect others;

Whereas promoting strong relationships, founded in trust and mutual respect, between law enforcement officers and the communities they serve helps ensure the safe and effective execution of the law;

Whereas relationships developed through community policing help protect both law enforcement officers and civilians;

Whereas law enforcement officers and communities that work together to address public safety concerns can create lasting solutions to difficult challenges;

Whereas community policing has helped produce reductions in both violent and property crime;

Whereas events in recent years have sparked a nationwide call to improve the interactions between law enforcement officers and the communities they serve, particularly communities of color;

Whereas community policing facilitates peaceful dialogue, capable of fostering understanding and trust, between law enforcement officers and civilians;

Whereas community policing informs the public about the challenges that law enforcement officers face in executing their duties and provides law enforcement officers insight into the concerns of community members;

Whereas a long-term commitment to community policing is necessary to eliminate the underlying causes of crime;

Whereas the advancement of community policing should be supported to ensure that State and local law enforcement agencies have necessary resources; and

Whereas community policing has been recognized as an important tool for improving the relationship between law enforcement officers and the communities they serve: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week of October 6, 2024, through October 12, 2024, as “National Community Policing Week”; and

(2) supports community policing and encourages the people of the United States, law enforcement agencies, and elected officials to identify ways in which communities can improve public safety, strengthen relationships, and build trust.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 878—HONORING THE LIFE, LEGACY, AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF JAMES EARL JONES**

Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. PETERS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 878

Whereas James Earl Jones was born on January 17, 1931, to Robert Earl Jones and Ruth Connolly Jones in Arkabutla, Mississippi;

Whereas, at the age of 5, Mr. Jones moved to Dublin, Michigan, with his maternal grandparents, John Henry Connolly and Maggie Connolly, who raised him;

Whereas, as a young boy, Mr. Jones spoke few words, suffering from a debilitating stutter;

Whereas, in high school, an English teacher discovered Mr. Jones’s gift for writing and convinced him to read his poetry aloud, leading Mr. Jones to overcome his stutter;

Whereas, in 1949, Mr. Jones enrolled at the University of Michigan, where he joined the Reserve Officers’ Training Corps and initially prepared to study medicine before switching to drama;

Whereas, in 1953, Mr. Jones commissioned in the United States Army, training at Fort Benning in Georgia, before being assigned to Camp Hale near Leadville, Colorado, and later being discharged as a first lieutenant;

Whereas, in 1955, Mr. Jones moved to New York, New York, to study at the American Theatre Wing, paying his way by working as a janitor;

Whereas, in 1958, Mr. Jones performed in his first Broadway production, *Sunrise at Campobello*, which launched his stage career;

Whereas, over the course of his 60-year career, Mr. Jones gave life to nearly 90 television network dramas and episodic series, over 110 movies, and countless plays, including a 30-month span in which he appeared in 18 different stage productions;

Whereas, in 1960, Mr. Jones joined Joseph Papp’s New York Shakespeare Festival, paving the way for his performances in “*Henry V.*,” “*Romeo and Juliet*,” “*Richard III*,” “*A Midsummer Night’s Dream*,” and “*Othello*”;

Whereas, in 1964, Mr. Jones debuted in the Cold War satire “*Dr. Strangelove*,” which established him in Hollywood, both on screen and behind the microphone, his voice exuding a timeless depth and intensity which drew listeners in and left a lasting impression;

Whereas, in 1969, Mr. Jones was the first celebrity guest on “*Sesame Street*,” appearing in the second-ever episode of the children’s series and slowly reciting the alphabet;

Whereas Mr. Jones spent his career as a pioneer for Black actors of his generation, as exemplified in his becoming one of the first Black actors to have a continuing role on a daytime soap opera in “*As the World Turns*” and in becoming the first Black actor to win a 1969 Tony Award in the play category for his performance in “*The Great White Hope*”;

Whereas, in 1977, Mr. Jones gave voice to Darth Vader in George Lucas’s “*Star Wars*,” even humbly requesting that his name not appear in the credits out of deference to a co-star;

Whereas it was not until the third film in the original *Star Wars* trilogy, “*Return of the Jedi*,” that Mr. Jones would be credited as the voice of Darth Vader;

Whereas, in 1982, Mr. Jones wed the late Cecilia Hart, who had played Desdemona to his *Othello*, and together they had a son, Flynn Earl Jones;

Whereas, in 1994, Mr. Jones embodied the voice of Mufasa in Disney’s “*The Lion King*” and was the only cast member to reprise his role in the 2019 remake of the film;

Whereas, in 2015, at the age of 84, Mr. Jones returned to Broadway to appear in the revival of the 1976 play “*The Gin Game*”;

Whereas, in 2022, a Broadway theater, formerly known as the “Cort,” was renamed the

James Earl Jones Theatre in his honor, the same house in which Mr. Jones began his career in 1958;

Whereas Mr. Jones earned a remarkable number of awards and accolades throughout his career in theater and film, including—

(1) a National Medal of the Arts from President George Bush in 1992;

(2) the Kennedy Center Honor in 2002;

(3) the Honorary Award for Lifetime Achievement at the 2011 Academy Awards;

(4) the Lifetime Achievement in the Theatre at the 2017 Tony Awards;

(5) two Primetime Emmy Awards, 2 Tony Awards, a Golden Globe Award, and a Grammy Award for individual performances; and

(6) a rare EGOT tally, achieving the “grand slam” of American show business by winning Emmy, Grammy, Oscar, and Tony awards; and

Whereas, on September 9, 2024, Mr. Jones passed away at 93 years old—Mississippi losing a beloved son, and the world losing an extraordinary talent: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) honors the life and legacy of James Earl Jones for his contribution to theater, film, his State, and his country;

(2) recognizes that the voice and heart of Mr. Jones will be remembered for generations to come;

(3) extends its heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Jones; and

(4) requests that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the family of Mr. Jones as a token of the Senate’s respect and admiration for his life’s work.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 879—PERMITTING THE COLLECTION OF CLOTHING, TOYS, FOOD, AND HOUSEWARES DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN SENATE BUILDINGS**

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

S. RES. 879

Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*,

**SECTION 1. COLLECTION OF CLOTHING, TOYS, FOOD, AND HOUSEWARES DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN SENATE BUILDINGS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of the rules or regulations of the Senate—

(1) a Senator, officer of the Senate, or employee of the Senate may collect from another Senator, officer of the Senate, or employee of the Senate within a Senate building or other office secured for a Senator non-monetary donations of clothing, toys, food, and housewares for charitable purposes related to serving persons in need or members of the Armed Forces and the families of those members during the holiday season, if the charitable purposes do not otherwise violate any rule or regulation of the Senate or Federal law; and

(2) a Senator, officer of the Senate, or employee of the Senate may work with a non-profit organization with respect to the delivery of donations described under paragraph (1).

(b) EXPIRATION.—The authority provided by this resolution shall expire at the end of the second session of the 118th Congress.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 880—SUPPORTING AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS AND LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL, A NATIONAL CELEBRATION OF AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS HELD ON OCTOBER 24, 2024**

Ms. SMITH (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KAINE, Mr. CASEY, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. BRAUN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 880

Whereas millions of children in the United States have parents who work outside the home;

Whereas high-quality programs that expand learning opportunities for children, such as afterschool, before-school, summer, and expanded learning opportunities, provide safe, challenging, engaging, and fun learning experiences, including experiences that encourage the study of science, technology, engineering, and math that help children and youth develop social, emotional, physical, cultural, and academic skills;

Whereas high-quality afterschool programs and high-quality expanded learning opportunities provide students with hands-on, engaging lessons that are aligned with the school day;

Whereas high-quality afterschool programs complement regular and expanded school days and support working families by ensuring that the children of those families are safe and productive during the hours parents are working;

Whereas high-quality afterschool programs engage families, schools, and diverse community partners in advancing the well-being of children and youth in the United States;

Whereas high-quality afterschool programs that partner with high-quality community-based organizations build stronger communities by integrating schools with the larger community; and

Whereas Lights On Afterschool, a national celebration of afterschool, before-school, summer, and expanded learning opportunities programs will be held on October 24, 2024, to highlight the critical importance of those high-quality programs to children and the families and communities of those children: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate supports Lights On Afterschool, a national celebration of afterschool programs held on October 24, 2024.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 881—DESIGNATING OCTOBER 26, 2024, AS THE “DAY OF THE DEPLOYED”**

Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Mr. DAINES, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Ms. ROSEN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 881

Whereas more than 2,000,000 individuals serve as members of the Armed Forces of the United States, including the reserve components of the Armed Forces;

Whereas several hundred thousand members of the Armed Forces are serving overseas in every region of the world;

Whereas more than 2,000,000 members of the Armed Forces have deployed to the area of operations of the United States Central Command since the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks;

Whereas, in the decades following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, members

of the Armed Forces deployed in two major wars and countless operations throughout the world, and their service and bravery helped protect the United States from further terrorist attacks;

Whereas the United States is kept strong and free by the loyal military personnel from the total force of the Armed Forces, which includes the Active Duty components, the National Guard, and the Reserves, who protect the precious heritage of the United States through their declarations and actions;

Whereas the United States remains committed to providing the fullest possible accounting for personnel missing from past conflicts ranging from World War II through current day conflicts;

Whereas members of the Armed Forces serving at home and abroad have courageously answered the call to duty to defend the ideals of the United States and to preserve peace and freedom around the world;

Whereas members of the Armed Forces are called upon to respond to an increasingly complex and wide-ranging set of global threats to the United States;

Whereas members of the Armed Forces continue to come under enemy fire while deployed, risking their lives to protect Americans at home.

Whereas the United States remains committed to easing the transition from deployment abroad to service at home for members of the Armed Forces and the families of the members;

Whereas members of the Armed Forces personify the virtues of patriotism, service, duty, courage, and sacrifice;

Whereas the families of members of the Armed Forces make important and significant sacrifices for the United States; and

Whereas the Senate has designated October 26 as the “Day of the Deployed” since 2011: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates October 26, 2024, as the “Day of the Deployed”;

(2) honors the deployed members of the Armed Forces of the United States and the families of the members;

(3) calls on the people of the United States to reflect on the service of those members of the Armed Forces, wherever the members serve, past, present, and future; and

(4) encourages the people of the United States to observe the “Day of the Deployed” with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 882—DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 23 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 27, 2024, AS “NATIONAL CLEAN ENERGY WEEK”**

Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. ROMNEY, Mr. REED, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WARNOCK, Ms. SMITH, Mr. COONS, Mr. TILLIS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. KING, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. CAPITO, and Mr. HICKENLOOPER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 882

Whereas, across the United States, clean and readily abundant forms of energy are powering more homes and businesses than ever before;

Whereas clean energy generation is readily available from zero- and low-emissions sources;

Whereas the clean energy sector is a growing part of the economy and has been a key driver of economic growth in the United States in recent years;

Whereas technological innovation can further reduce costs, enhance reliability, and increase deployment of clean energy sources;

Whereas the report of the Department of Energy entitled “United States Energy & Employment Report 2024” found that, in 2023, the energy and energy efficiency sectors in the United States employed approximately 8,350,000 individuals;

Whereas the scaling of affordable and exportable clean energy is essential to reducing global emissions;

Whereas clean energy jobs contribute to the growth of local economies; and

Whereas innovative clean energy solutions and clean energy jobs are part of the energy future of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week of September 23 through September 27, 2024, as “National Clean Energy Week”;

(2) encourages individuals and organizations across the United States to support commonsense solutions that address the economic, environmental, and energy needs of the United States in the 21st century;

(3) supports reliable and affordable energy for the people of the United States; and

(4) recognizes the role of entrepreneurs and small businesses in ensuring the leadership of the United States in the global energy marketplace and in supporting low-cost, clean, and reliable energy in the United States.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 883—RECOGNIZING BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF AMERICA ON ITS 120TH ANNIVERSARY**

Mr. YOUNG (for himself, Ms. HASSAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. KING, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. CASEY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. REED, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. PETERS, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mrs. CAPITO, and Mr. BOOKER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 883

Whereas, in 1904, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America was founded as a positive disruption to society by making valuable mentorship the alternative to sending kids to the juvenile justice system;

Whereas, as of 2024, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America has more than 230 local agencies in more than 5,000 communities in all 50 States and the District of Columbia to inspire and engage youth to achieve their full potential;

Whereas Big Brothers Big Sisters of America—

(1) operates under the belief that inherent in every child is incredible potential; and

(2) establishes powerful connections through meaningful matches of volunteer mentors and young people from age 5 through young adulthood;

Whereas, since its founding, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America has served adult volunteers, young people, and families, and built a strong network of an estimated 20,000,000 alumni and champions;

Whereas mentoring is an evidence-based and effective method to support the emotional, social, physical, educational, and economic success of young people;

Whereas Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, through its efforts in communities across the United States, has significantly impacted the ability of young people to meet