

various challenges, including challenges associated with mental health, educational achievement, workforce development, and criminal violence prevention;

Whereas 92 percent of youth in Big Brothers Big Sisters of America programs feel a greater sense of belonging and view their mentor as a very important adult in their life;

Whereas Big Brothers Big Sisters of America has been supported by a dedicated network of volunteers, donors, and partners, who have generously contributed their time, resources, and expertise to further the mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America; and

Whereas Big Brothers Big Sisters of America raises significant private funding from individuals, corporations, and foundation grants, which compliments its Federal investment: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commends Big Brothers Big Sisters of America for its work mentoring the young people of the United States and strengthening thousands of communities;

(2) acknowledges the 120th anniversary of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America and all of the achievements of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America;

(3) recognizes that access to a positive, sustained mentor can change the life trajectory of a young person; and

(4) supports Big Brothers Big Sisters of America in continuing and expanding programs that support young people.

SENATE RESOLUTION 884—DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 22 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 28, 2024, AS “GOLD STAR FAMILIES REMEMBRANCE WEEK”

Mrs. HYDE-SMITH (for herself and Mr. WARNOCK) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 884

Whereas the last Sunday in September—

(1) is designated as “Gold Star Mother’s Day” under section 111 of title 36, United States Code; and

(2) was first designated as “Gold Star Mother’s Day” under the Joint Resolution entitled “Joint Resolution designating the last Sunday in September as ‘Gold Star Mother’s Day’, and for other purposes”, approved June 23, 1936 (49 Stat. 1895);

Whereas there is no date dedicated to families affected by the loss of a loved one who died in service to the United States;

Whereas a gold star symbolizes a family member who died in the line of duty while serving in the Armed Forces;

Whereas the members and veterans of the Armed Forces, through their service, bear the burden of protecting the freedom of the people of the United States;

Whereas the selfless example of the service of the members and veterans of the Armed Forces, as well as the sacrifices made by the families of those individuals, inspires all individuals in the United States to sacrifice and work diligently for the good of the United States; and

Whereas the sacrifices of the families of the fallen members of the Armed Forces and the families of veterans of the Armed Forces should never be forgotten: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week of September 22 through September 28, 2024, as “Gold Star Families Remembrance Week”;

(2) honors and recognizes the sacrifices made by—

(A) the families of members of the Armed Forces who made the ultimate sacrifice in order to defend freedom and protect the United States; and

(B) the families of veterans of the Armed Forces; and

(3) encourages the people of the United States to observe Gold Star Families Remembrance Week by—

(A) performing acts of service and good will in their communities; and

(B) celebrating families in which loved ones made the ultimate sacrifice so that others could continue to enjoy life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

SENATE RESOLUTION 885—DESIGNATING OCTOBER 2, 2024, AS “ENERGY EFFICIENCY DAY” IN CELEBRATION OF THE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS THAT HAVE BEEN DRIVEN BY PRIVATE SECTOR INNOVATION AND FEDERAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY POLICIES

Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. REED, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. WELCH, Mr. KING, Ms. SMITH, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. HASSAN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. KAINE, Mr. BROWN, Mr. WARNER, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 885

Whereas October has been designated as “National Energy Awareness Month”;

Whereas improvements in energy efficiency technologies and practices, along with policies of the United States enacted since the 1970s, have resulted in energy savings of more than 80,000,000,000,000 British thermal units and energy cost avoidance of more than \$1,000,000,000,000 annually;

Whereas energy efficiency has enjoyed bipartisan support in Congress and in administrations of both parties for more than 50 years;

Whereas bipartisan legislation enacted since the 1970s to advance Federal energy efficiency policies includes—

(1) the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6201 et seq.);

(2) the National Appliance Energy Conservation Act of 1987 (Public Law 100-12; 101 Stat. 103);

(3) the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13201 et seq.);

(4) the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 15801 et seq.);

(5) the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17001 et seq.);

(6) the Energy Efficiency Improvement Act of 2015 (Public Law 114-11; 129 Stat. 182);

(7) the Energy Act of 2020 (Public Law 116-260; 134 Stat. 2418); and

(8) the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117-58; 135 Stat. 429);

Whereas energy efficiency has long been supported by a diverse coalition of businesses (including manufacturers, utilities, energy service companies, and technology firms), public interest organizations, environmental and conservation groups, and State and local governments;

Whereas, since 1980, the United States has more than doubled its energy productivity, realizing twice the economic output per unit of energy consumed;

Whereas more than 2,200,000 individuals in the United States are currently employed across the energy efficiency sector, as the United States has doubled its energy productivity, and business and industry have become more innovative and competitive in global markets;

Whereas the Department of Energy is the principal Federal agency responsible for renewable energy technologies and energy efficiency efforts;

Whereas cutting energy waste saves the consumers of the United States billions of dollars on utility bills annually; and

Whereas energy efficiency policies, financing innovations, and public-private partnerships have contributed to a reduction in energy intensity in Federal facilities by nearly 50 percent since the mid-1970s, which results in direct savings to United States taxpayers: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates October 2, 2024, as “Energy Efficiency Day”; and

(2) calls on the people of the United States to observe Energy Efficiency Day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

SENATE RESOLUTION 886—EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 24, 2024, TO OCTOBER 31, 2024, AS “BAT WEEK”

Mr. WELCH (for himself, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 886

Whereas bats are vital to the sustainability of natural ecosystems, national economies, and human health by controlling damaging insect pests, pollinating plants that produce fruits and vegetables, dispersing seeds to ensure healthy functioning forests and fields, and saving farmers in the United States more than \$3,000,000,000 in pest control every year;

Whereas bats have captured the human imagination through backyard sightings, folklore, art, myths, and legends, making outreach and education about the importance of bats instrumental;

Whereas bats are present throughout the world, except in extremely cold regions, and are the second-largest order of mammals with over 1,400 species;

Whereas white-nose syndrome, a fungal disease that has killed millions of bats in North America, has now spread to 40 States and 12 species of hibernating bats;

Whereas the disease has caused significant declines in populations of the tricolored bat, the little brown bat, and the northern long-eared bat, which is listed as endangered by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.);

Whereas the Department of the Interior, through the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the United States Geological Survey, the National Park Service, and the Bureau of Land Management, is leading the international response to the disease in partnership with the United States Forest Service and more than 150 Federal and State agencies, Tribes, nongovernmental organizations, and universities;

Whereas the United States Geological Survey and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service co-lead the multinational, multi-agency North American Bat Monitoring Program, which, since 2015, has consolidated nearly 94,000,000 records from partners in 49 States, 9 Canadian Provinces, and 20 Tribal

organizations, demonstrating the power of collaborative conservation science to monitor changes in North American bat populations;

Whereas the United States Geological Survey conducts scientific research on bats that helps resource managers and policymakers make informed decisions regarding the conservation of bats across North America; and

Whereas, in the past decade, the international partnership of States, Tribes, Federal agencies, non-governmental organizations, and other institutions has made extraordinary progress to understand white-nose syndrome, slow the spread of the disease, and develop treatments that hold promise for ending this epidemic: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) expresses support for the designation of the week of October 24, 2024, to October 31, 2024, as “Bat Week”;

(2) encourages the observance of Bat Week with appropriate events and activities;

(3) acknowledges the important role bats play as pollinators and pest control for agriculture; and

(4) intends to—

(A) continue working to conserve bat species and their habitat; and

(B) work to defeat the disease known as white-nose syndrome.

SENATE RESOLUTION 887—EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF OCTOBER 7 THROUGH OCTOBER 12, 2024, AS “NATIONAL 4-H WEEK”

Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CASSIDY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. DAINES, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LUJÁN, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. MORAN, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. RISCH, Mr. RUBIO, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. WARNOCK, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. KING, Mr. HOEVEN, Ms. ERNST, Mr. ROUNDS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. WICKER, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. YOUNG) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 887

Whereas 4-H is the largest youth development organization in the United States, supporting nearly 6,000,000 young people across the United States;

Whereas 4-H helps young people become confident, independent, resilient, and compassionate leaders;

Whereas 4-H is delivered by the Cooperative Extension System, a community of more than 110 land-grant colleges and universities across the United States that provides experiences for young people to learn through hands-on projects in the important areas of health, science, agriculture, and civic engagement;

Whereas the National Institute of Food and Agriculture of the Department of Agriculture serves as the Federal partner of 4-H in collaboration with land-grant colleges and universities, the Cooperative Extension System, and National 4-H Council;

Whereas National 4-H Week showcases the incredible ways 4-H provides opportunities for all young people and highlights the remarkable members of 4-H in all 50 States and across the globe who work each day to make a positive impact on other individuals;

Whereas the 4-H network of nearly 500,000 volunteers and 3,500 professionals provides caring and supportive mentoring to all members of 4-H, helping members to grow into true leaders, entrepreneurs, and visionaries; and

Whereas members of 4-H will celebrate National 4-H Week during the week of October 7 through October 12, 2024: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the designation of October 7 through October 12, 2024, as “National 4-H Week”;

(2) recognizes the important role of 4-H as the youth development program of the Cooperative Extension System and the Department of Agriculture in the United States;

(3) encourages all citizens to recognize 4-H for the significant impact the organization and members have made and continue to make by empowering youth with the skills needed to lead for a lifetime; and

(4) celebrates the work of 4-H in developing engaged, healthy, and productive citizens who are “Beyond Ready” for work and life in a world of change.

SENATE RESOLUTION 888—HONORING THE LIFE OF JAMES RALPH SASSER, FORMER SENATOR FOR THE STATE OF TENNESSEE

Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BRAUN, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BUDD, Ms. BUTLER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CASSIDY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. ERNST, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. HELMY, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KELLY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEE, Mr. LUJÁN, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. MULLIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. OSSOFF, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PETERS, Mr. REED, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROMNEY, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHMITT, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. SINEMA, Ms. SMITH, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. VANCE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WARNOCK, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. YOUNG) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 888

Whereas James Ralph Sasser (referred to in this preamble as “Senator Sasser”)—

(1) was born in Memphis, Tennessee, in 1936;

(2) attended the University of Tennessee from 1954 to 1955;

(3) graduated from Vanderbilt University in 1958; and

(4) received a law degree from Vanderbilt University Law School in 1961;

Whereas, as a student at Vanderbilt University, Senator Sasser met Mary Gorman, to whom he was married for over 60 years;

Whereas, after graduating from law school, Senator Sasser was admitted to the Tennessee Bar and began practicing law in Nashville, Tennessee;

Whereas Senator Sasser began his lifetime of service to the United States by serving in the United States Marine Corps Reserve from 1957 to 1963;

Whereas Senator Sasser was first elected to the Senate in 1976, where he served with honor and distinction for 3 terms;

Whereas, from 1989 to 1995, Senator Sasser was chairman of the Committee on the Budget of the Senate, where he helped negotiate and pass budget deals under Presidents George H. W. Bush and Bill Clinton;

Whereas, from 1996 to 1999, Senator Sasser adeptly served as the Ambassador to China under President Clinton;

Whereas, during his tenure as Ambassador to China, Senator Sasser and his staff—

(1) worked to improve relations between the United States and China, which included arranging mutual state visits such as—

(A) Chinese President Jiang Zemin visiting the United States in 1997; and

(B) President Clinton visiting China in 1998; and

(2) bravely withstood days of violent protests against the United States Embassy in Beijing, China;

Whereas, following his retirement as Ambassador to China, Senator Sasser served as a visiting professor at George Washington University and later as a professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill;

Whereas Senator Sasser served the State of Tennessee proudly and leaves behind a legacy of distinguished service to—

(1) the State of Tennessee; and

(2) the citizens of the State of Tennessee;

Whereas the State of Tennessee and the United States are immensely grateful for the lifelong commitment of Senator Sasser to public service; and

Whereas Senator Sasser is survived by—

(1) his wife, Mary Gorman Sasser;

(2) his son, James Gray Sasser;

(3) his daughter, Elizabeth Sasser;

(4) his 2 sisters, Jo Marilyn O'Brien and Phyllis Donnally; and

(5) 4 grandchildren: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That—

(1) the Senate—

(A) has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of James Ralph Sasser, former Senator for the State of Tennessee; and

(B) respectfully requests that the Secretary of the Senate—

(i) communicate this resolution to the House of Representatives; and

(ii) transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the family of James Ralph Sasser; and

(2) when the Senate adjourns today, it stands adjourned as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late James Ralph Sasser.

SENATE RESOLUTION 889—DESIGNATING OCTOBER 30, 2024, AS A NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR THE WORKERS OF THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROGRAM OF THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr.