

Whereas the horror of the attack devastated hundreds of families and left an enduring impact on the Oklahoma community and the United States, demonstrating the devastating consequences of violent acts of terror;

Whereas the people of the United States still remember and mourn those who lost their lives on April 19, 1995, ensuring that their memory and sacrifice will not be forgotten;

Whereas the explosion destroyed one-third of the 9-story Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, creating a 30-foot by 8-foot crater in the street, damaging over 300 other buildings in the surrounding area, including a childcare center in a YMCA building, causing over \$652,000,000 in total damages, permanently wrecking the lives of countless members of the community, and leaving a lasting impact that endures to the date of this resolution;

Whereas the brave heroes of Oklahoma and the United States displayed extraordinary courage and compassion in a perilous moment by responding to the attack, with incredible effort by local, State, Tribal, and Federal law enforcement, firefighters, emergency services, search and rescue teams, and selfless volunteers from all over the United States who saved lives, assisted the survivors, comforted the bereaved, and provided any and all support that was needed, including to those who came to Oklahoma City to aid those affected by the horrific attack, showcasing the resilience of the American spirit;

Whereas, though faced with adversity and overwhelming challenges, courageous men and women demonstrated immense resilience that became the foundation upon which the beautiful story of the strength and hope of Oklahoma was built, setting an example for future generations to overcome tragedy with determination and grace;

Whereas, while this tragedy was one of the most devastating acts of evil in Oklahoma's history, the people of the United States can look back and see how heroically the community responded and be proud of the courage, bravery, and love that was displayed for the world to see;

Whereas the civic community, nonprofit community, art community, faith-based community, houses of worship, and numerous others acted in a self-sacrificial manner and stepped up in a time of desperation to help the people in the community who were impacted by this great tragedy, showcasing the unbreakable spirit of kindness that represents the best of humanity;

Whereas the people of Oklahoma and the United States have established and preserved a permanent Oklahoma City National Memorial to honor those who lost their lives, those who survived, and all who were changed forever;

Whereas the Oklahoma City National Memorial draws hundreds of thousands of visitors from around the world each year to the site of that tragic event, acting as a place of reflection and remembrance;

Whereas the Oklahoma City National Memorial brings comfort, strength, peace, hope, and serenity to the many visitors who come to the memorial and museum each year to remember and to learn, fostering a commitment to a more peaceful society;

Whereas the Oklahoma City National Memorial Foundation holds an annual marathon on the anniversary of the terrorist attack in which thousands of people participate to honor those who lost their lives and the families who were affected by this great tragedy, transforming grief into action and remembrance into renewal;

Whereas the Oklahoma City Bombing Survivor's Network was created by survivors of

the bombing who came together and helped those directly affected by the tragedy by providing space for survivors to share their experiences, strengthen each other, and provide access to therapy services;

Whereas the "Oklahoma Standard" was born out of the Oklahoma City bombing and is a true testament to the spirit of Oklahoma's people and an embodiment of the heart of Oklahoma, inspiring others to act with kindness, service, and resilience and reminding the Nation that goodness prevails even in the face of abhorrent violence;

Whereas the Survivor Tree, an American elm that survived the blast of the Oklahoma City bombing, still stands stronger than ever and serves as a symbol of hope and courage to all those who were affected by the terrorist attack, a living witness to the strength of endurance;

Whereas, in 2025, a sapling from the Survivor Tree was planted on the grounds of the United States Capitol to honor the message of hope and perseverance Oklahomans and the entire United States brought forward after the tragic attack, ensuring its legacy endures and inspires future generations; and

Whereas the 30th anniversary of the terrorist bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, is on April 19, 2025: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) joins with the people of the United States in sending condolences, respect, and prayers to the families, friends, and neighbors of the 168 people killed in the terrorist bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma;

(2) recognizes the remarkable courage and selflessness of countless individuals and organizations both locally and from around the United States who embodied the "Oklahoma Standard" and self-sacrificially provided immediate aid, comfort, and healing to the devastated community following the bombing;

(3) thanks the brave heroes, who aided those in need after the Oklahoma City bombing, who have not been previously thanked or have been underappreciated in the past;

(4) sends the thoughts and prayers of the Senate to those still suffering from the mental and physical injuries from the bombing;

(5) expresses the gratitude of the Senate for the recovery of those who were able to recover from their injuries;

(6) thanks the thousands of first responders, rescue workers, medical personnel, and volunteers from Oklahoma and across the United States who answered the call for help that April morning and in the days and weeks that followed;

(7) resolves to work with the people of the United States to promote the goals and mission established by the Oklahoma City National Memorial on the 30th anniversary of that fateful day;

(8) supports the resolve for the future, written on the wall of the Oklahoma City National Memorial, "We come here to remember those who were killed, those who survived, and those changed forever. May all who leave here know the impact of violence. May this memorial offer comfort, strength, peace, hope, and serenity.";

(9) encourages the people of the United States to look to the bravery and selflessness of those who stepped up in a perilous moment in time to help the hurt community in Oklahoma City as an example of resilience, unity, and compassion, and to embody these values in their own communities;

(10) affirms the significance of memorializing that tragic moment in the history of the United States and honoring the victims and survivors of the attack by ensuring that lessons learned from the Oklahoma City bombing shape the Nation's approach to combating violence, demonstrating selfless

compassion to individuals and families affected by tragedies, and inspiring hope for the entire United States and the world;

(11) congratulates the people of Oklahoma City for making tremendous progress over the past 3 decades and demonstrating their steadfast commitment to the ability of hope to triumph over violence;

(12) applauds the people of Oklahoma City as they persevere and stand as a beacon to the rest of the United States and the world, attesting to the strength of goodness in overcoming evil wherever it arises; and

(13) directs the Secretary of the Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Oklahoma City National Memorial Foundation, as an expression of appreciation.

SENATE RESOLUTION 175—RECOGNIZING APRIL 14, 2025, AS "WORLD QUANTUM DAY", AND COMMEMORATING AND SUPPORTING THE GOALS OF WORLD QUANTUM DAY

Mr. YOUNG (for himself, Ms. HASSAN, and Ms. CANTWELL) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 175

Whereas quantum physics describes nature at the scale of atoms and subatomic particles;

Whereas "World Quantum Day" is celebrated by scientists in more than 70 countries to promote public understanding of quantum science and technology around the world;

Whereas the United States has recognized quantum information science, engineering, and technology as a key technology area for economic competition;

Whereas quantum information science, engineering, and technology can solve problems that current technologies and computing methods cannot;

Whereas quantum physics helps us to understand and develop technologies critical to everyday life, such as GPS, semiconductors, and lasers;

Whereas quantum information science, engineering, and technology may be able to make transformative breakthroughs in fields as varied as logistics, material sciences, and life sciences;

Whereas quantum information science is a multidisciplinary field, bridging science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (referred to in this preamble as "STEM");

Whereas STEM is a critical part of education for children, and aptitude in STEM is essential for a knowledge-based society and for economic competition;

Whereas the United States needs to reinforce STEM education for all students in order to better prepare children for future careers in emerging technologies, including quantum, to succeed in a 21st-century economy;

Whereas STEM can be a fun and interesting part of education for children, and learning about quantum principles of superposition and entanglement can be an engaging way to teach children and attract children to study STEM;

Whereas 2025 marks 100 years since the inception of quantum mechanics, and the United Nations has proclaimed 2025 as the "International Year of Quantum Science and Technology";

Whereas the Planck constant is a fundamental constant governing quantum physics, which is used to define universal measurements such as the kilogram; and

Whereas the rounded first significant digits of the Planck constant are 4.14, and thus April 14 of each year is internationally recognized as “World Quantum Day”: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes April 14, 2025, as “World Quantum Day”;

(2) supports the goals of World Quantum Day to recognize and celebrate the role that quantum physics plays in our daily lives; and

(3) encourages schools and educators to observe World Quantum Day with appropriate activities that teach students about quantum physics and engage students in the study of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

SENATE RESOLUTION 176—DESIGNATING APRIL 5, 2025, AS “GOLD STAR WIVES DAY”

Mr. BUDD (for himself, Mr. KELLY, and Mr. BOOZMAN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 176

Whereas the Senate honors the sacrifices made by the surviving spouses and families of the fallen members of the Armed Forces of the United States;

Whereas Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. represents the surviving spouses and families of the members and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States who have died on active duty or as a result of a service-connected disability;

Whereas the primary mission of Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. is to provide advocacy, services, support, and friendship to the surviving spouses and children of the fallen members and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States;

Whereas the first meeting of Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. was held on April 5, 1945;

Whereas, in 1945, Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. was organized with the help of Eleanor Roosevelt to assist the families left behind by the fallen members and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States;

Whereas April 5, 2025, marks the 80th anniversary of the first meeting of Gold Star Wives of America, Inc.;

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

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

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates April 5, 2025, as “Gold Star Wives Day”;

(2) honors and recognizes—

(A) the contributions of the members of Gold Star Wives of America, Inc.; and

(B) the dedication of the members of Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. to the members and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States; and

(3) encourages the people of the United States to observe Gold Star Wives Day to promote awareness of—

(A) the contributions and dedication of the members of Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. to the members and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States; and

(B) the important role that Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. plays in the lives of the surviving spouses and families of the fallen members and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 177—RECOGNIZING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INCORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI, AND THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CITY

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

S. RES. 177

Whereas, prior to 1719, the Vicksburg and Warren County region in the State of Mississippi was the home of several Indian Tribes, including—

- (1) the Tunica;
- (2) the Yazoo;
- (3) the Koroa;
- (4) the Ofo; and
- (5) the Tioux;

Whereas, in 1719, the first European settlement in the Vicksburg and Warren County region, Fort St. Pierre, was established by French settlers as a trading place;

Whereas, in 1791, the Spanish briefly established a military post in the Vicksburg and Warren County region after Native American uprisings displaced the French;

Whereas Vicksburg and Warren County was recognized as part of the United States following the American Revolution;

Whereas, in 1811, early settlers of the United States began a community in the Vicksburg area on the east bank of the Mississippi River;

Whereas, in 1816, a Methodist minister, Newitt Vick, established a mission on the land that became Vicksburg, Mississippi (referred to in this preamble as “Vicksburg”), which is named his honor;

Whereas, on January 29, 1825, Vicksburg was incorporated and quickly grew as a center for commerce and agriculture;

Whereas, during the Civil War, Vicksburg was the location of the historic 47-day Siege of Vicksburg, from May 18 to July 4, 1863;

Whereas the surrender of Vicksburg on July 4, 1863, along with the Battle of Gettysburg the day prior, marked the historic turning point of the Civil War;

Whereas, in 1866, the Vicksburg National Cemetery was established by the War Department pursuant to the Joint Resolution entitled “A Resolution respecting the Burial of Soldiers who died in the military Service of the United States during the Rebellion”, approved April 13, 1866 (14 Stat. 353);

Whereas, as of 2025, Vicksburg National Cemetery is the second largest national cemetery in the United States;

Whereas, on February 21, 1899, President William McKinley signed into law an Act entitled “An Act to establish a national military park to commemorate the campaign, siege, and defense of Vicksburg” (16 U.S.C. 430h), establishing the Vicksburg National Military Park;

Whereas, in 1901, President McKinley became the first President to visit Vicksburg;

Whereas the Vicksburg Military Park preserves the site of the Battle of Vicksburg, spanning 20 miles of original and reconstructed trenches, and boasts over 1,300 monuments, making it 1 of the largest collections of commemorative military art in the United States;

Whereas, in 1873, a Vicksburg office of the Corps of Engineers was established to coordinate Federal and local river management and flood control efforts;

Whereas, in 1894, the first bottling of Coca-Cola occurred at the Biedenharn Candy Company in Vicksburg, which now serves as a Coca-Cola Museum;

Whereas, in 1865, the first Black-owned bank in the United States, The Freedman’s Bank, was established in Vicksburg;

Whereas shoes were sold as a pair for the first time in 1884 by Phil Gilbert’s Shoe Parlor in Vicksburg;

Whereas Vicksburg has a rich history rooted in riverboats, and the Sprague, recognized as the largest and most powerful stern wheel towboat, set an all-time world record in 1907 for towing 60 barges of coal, weighing 67,307 tons, covering an area of 6½ acres, and measuring 925 feet by 312 feet;

Whereas during the Great Flood of 1927, Vicksburg was significantly impacted and experienced 56.2 feet of flooding;

Whereas, in 1937, the Blue Room opened in Vicksburg, which became a legendary venue with notable performances by artists like Ray Charles, B.B. King, Louis Armstrong, and others;

Whereas, in 1975, Hinds Community College opened a Vicksburg branch as a high school vocational program, offering career and technical education programs that provided important job and skills training;

Whereas, in 2002, the Vicksburg branch of Hinds Community College became the Vicksburg campus, offering college-level programs and degrees and officially cementing the presence of an accredited academic institution in Warren County;

Whereas, in 2009, the Southeast Regional Campus of the AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps opened in Vicksburg;

Whereas Vicksburg proudly hosts Corps of Engineers installations, including—

- (1) the Engineer Research and Development Center;
- (2) the Mississippi Valley Division headquarters; and
- (3) the Vicksburg District headquarters;

Whereas Vicksburg is home to the community of Marcus Bottom and became a key area for the development of blues, jazz, and gospel music in the first half of the 20th century;

Whereas Vicksburg has been home to several notable individuals, including activist Dr. Myrlie Evers-Williams, educator Ida Louise Jackson, and President Ulysses S. Grant;

Whereas Vicksburg has a deep-rooted tradition in faith and religious diversity, exemplified by—

- (1) the establishment of Catholic education in 1860;
- (2) the founding of the oldest African American Methodist Episcopal Church in Mississippi in 1864;
- (3) the dedication of the first Jewish synagogue in the State of Mississippi in 1870; and
- (4) the establishment of the first Antiochian Orthodox Church in the State of Mississippi in 1906;

Whereas modern-day Vicksburg and Warren County benefit from a capable leadership that works to build on the position of Vicksburg as an historic, river-bound economic crossroad to create new economic opportunities for its residents;

Whereas, in 2024, Vicksburg was named Newsweek’s Best Historical Small Town in America;

Whereas, in 2025, Main Street America named Vicksburg Main Street as a 2025 Great American Main Street Award Semifinalist;

Whereas the Thad Cochran Mississippi Center for Innovation and Technology, established in 2024, drives innovation, entrepreneurship, research, and technological advancement in the community;

Whereas Vicksburg city events contribute to the cultural life and historical understanding of the State of Mississippi, including—

- (1) the Annual Miss Mississippi Pageant and Parade;