

(1) Jordan Bowers and Faith Torrez received 5 All-America honors in all 4 events and in the all-around, the second time in program history that 2 Sooners earned 5 All-America honors in the same season;

(2) Dani Sievers received a second-team All-America honor for floor routine;

(3) Lily Pederson received second-team All-America honors for vault and bars;

(4) Elle Mueller received a second-team All-America honor for vault; and

(5) Addison Fatta earned a first-team All-America honor in the all-around; and

Whereas Jordan Bowers won the individual all-around national title, the 22nd in program history: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the 2025 University of Oklahoma women's gymnastics team for their hard work and dedication to the sport and for the excitement they bring to the University of Oklahoma, the State of Oklahoma, and to Sooners everywhere; and

(2) congratulates the 2025 University of Oklahoma women's gymnastics team on a wonderful season.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 197—COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT'S WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2025 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

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

S. RES. 197

Whereas, on Sunday, April 6, 2025, the University of Connecticut's women's basketball team (referred to in this preamble as the "UConn Huskies") won the 2025 National Collegiate Athletic Association (referred to in this preamble as "NCAA") Division I Women's Basketball National Championship (referred to in this preamble as the "National Championship"), defeating the University of South Carolina Gamecocks with a score of 82 to 59, at Amalie Arena in Tampa, Florida;

Whereas this is twelfth National Championship title for the UConn Huskies, the most for any school in the history of NCAA Division I men's or women's basketball;

Whereas, during the 2025 NCAA National Championship tournament, the UConn Huskies defeated 3 number 1-seeded teams by an average of 23 points;

Whereas Geno Auriemma, the UConn Huskies head coach, alongside Chris Dailey, the UConn Huskies associate head coach, won their twelfth National Championship title, the most in the history of NCAA Division I men's or women's basketball;

Whereas Azzi Fudd was named the Final Four's "Most Outstanding Player", scoring 24 points in the championship game;

Whereas Paige Bueckers passed Maya Moore for the most career NCAA tournament points by a UConn player with 477;

Whereas Sarah Strong set a record for points by a freshman in a single NCAA tournament with 114; and

Whereas the University of Connecticut has won a total of 18 national championships between its basketball programs, with 12 in women's basketball and 6 in men's basketball: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) commends the University of Connecticut women's basketball team for win-

ning the 2025 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women's Basketball National Championship;

(2) congratulates the fans, students, and faculty of the University of Connecticut; and

(3) respectfully requests that the Secretary of the Senate transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to—

(A) the president of the University of Connecticut, Radenka Maric;

(B) the head coach of the University of Connecticut women's basketball team, Geno Auriemma; and

(C) the associate head coach of the University of Connecticut women's basketball team, Chris Dailey.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 198—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SHOULD WITHDRAW A REDUCTION IN PUBLIC NOTICE AND COMMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. KING, Mr. WELCH, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. SMITH, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. WARNER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

S. RES. 198

Whereas public participation in the regulatory process is essential to the formulation of fair and sound policy;

Whereas open rulemaking mitigates the possibility of arbitrary, harmful, and ill-advised rulemaking;

Whereas the Department of Health and Human Services has successfully adhered to Administrative Procedure Act notice and comment period procedures for 54 years;

Whereas the daily lives of millions of Americans are profoundly affected by the regulations that are issued by the Department of Health and Human Services; and

Whereas it is critical that program beneficiaries, State and local governments, human services providers, and organizations continue to be afforded the opportunity for input whenever Health and Human Services regulatory changes are proposed:

Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that the Secretary of Health and Human Services should withdraw the notice published in the Federal Register on March 3, 2025 (90 Fed. Reg. 11029) that would reduce public notice and comment opportunities, and affirm practices as in effect on February 27, 2025, which involve the public in rule-making procedures.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 199—EXPRESSING SUPPORT AND APPRECIATION FOR THE EFFORTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA AND THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA TO DEFEND DEMOCRACY AND COMBAT MALIGN RUSSIAN INTERFERENCE

Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. TILLIS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

S. RES. 199

Whereas the Republic of Romania and the Republic of Moldova are committed to supporting democracy, the rule of law, and the sovereignty and territorial integrity of countries in eastern Europe;

Whereas, in 2024, the Government of the Russian Federation attempted to undermine the democratic systems, economic prosperity, and energy security of Romania and Moldova as part of a wider campaign to expand its malign influence and promote broader instability across Europe and the world;

Whereas, despite growing pressure from Russian leaders, the people and institutions of Romania and Moldova remain committed to supporting democratic values and combating the effects of malign Russian pressure campaigns in eastern Europe;

Whereas Romania—

(1) is a crucial leader of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (referred to in this preamble as "NATO"), has made significant investments in military infrastructure and capabilities in order to protect NATO's eastern flank, and spent 2.2 percent of its gross domestic product on defense spending during 2024, which surpasses the requirement set forth in the Wales Summit Declaration of 2014;

(2) is a vital member of the European Union that has led efforts to support the entry of other eastern European countries into NATO, including Moldova;

(3) has the energy resources to help counter Russia's weaponization of energy supplies, including natural gas, against Europe; and

(4) has provided critical support to Ukraine since Russia's unprovoked, full-scale war of aggression began on February 24, 2022, including by providing energy, economic, humanitarian, and military assistance to Ukraine and facilitating the transit of Ukrainian grain across the Black Sea;

Whereas Romania's commitment to robust transatlantic relations and leadership within NATO have made it a target for Russian interference, including during Romania's presidential election on November 24, 2024, which was targeted by a digital campaign backed by a state actor intended to influence the results of the election;

Whereas this digital campaign attempted to manipulate the election in favor of candidates who supported Russian President Vladimir Putin, were critical of NATO, and were critical of Romanian assistance to Ukraine;

Whereas Romania has scheduled a new presidential election to take place in May 2025;

Whereas Moldova—

(1) has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to strengthening its democracy and deepening its European integration;

(2) applied for European Union membership in March 2022, was granted candidate status in June 2022, and began accession negotiations in June 2024;

(3) codified its commitment to joining the European Union in October 2024 through a Constitutional Referendum;

(4) has made tremendous strides in its efforts to join the European Union by 2035, including ongoing efforts to ensure its laws, institutions, and regulations comply with European Union accession standards and regulations; and

(5) has provided substantial humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people following Russia's unprovoked invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022;

Whereas Moldova's democratic and pro-European Union aspirations have made it a target for Russian interference, including—

(1) Russia's weaponization of energy supplies against Moldova by halting the flow of natural gas to Transnistria, where Moldova's main electricity power plant is located, causing serious consequences for Moldovans, including blackouts and a dramatic increase in the cost of energy in the winter months of 2025; and

(2) Russia's efforts to influence Moldova's 2024 elections, including its presidential election and European Union constitutional referendum, in favor of pro-Russia, anti-European Union candidates and platforms, including through—

(A) fake bomb threats against polling stations abroad and preparations to instigate violent demonstrations;

(B) explicit vote-buying campaigns; and

(C) cyber operations against government and private-sector targets, including Moldova's Central Electoral Commission; Whereas Moldova's parliamentary elections are scheduled to take place after the current parliament's term ends in July 2025; and

Whereas international efforts to support Moldova's democracy and address the impacts of Russia's weaponization of natural gas must increase in order to counter Russian interference ahead of the 2025 parliamentary elections: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) expresses robust support and appreciation for the efforts of the Governments of Romania and of Moldova and their people as they work to strengthen state sovereignty and democracy in eastern Europe, despite tremendous pressure from Russia;

(2) applauds the partnership between Romania and Moldova in the energy sector as a model of reducing reliance on the use of Russian energy exports;

(3) expresses support for Romania's critical role within the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the European Union;

(4) expresses support for Moldova's aspirations to join the European Union;

(5) condemns Russian efforts to pressure, coerce, or otherwise manipulate democratic sovereign states, including Romania and Moldova;

(6) urges the international community, including the European Union, to increase their support for Romania and Moldova's democracies in advance of their respective elections in 2025, including by—

(A) releasing the full European Commission report detailing the extent of Russian interference in the 2024 Romanian presidential election, including through TikTok; and

(B) administering appropriate disciplinary action and best practices for combating such interference in future elections; and

(7) urges the United States Government—

(A) to strengthen bilateral and multilateral engagements with Romania and Moldova in support of democracy and state sovereignty in eastern Europe; and

(B) to strengthen support for Romanian and Moldovan security and election integrity in advance of presidential elections and parliamentary elections set to be held in May and September, respectively.

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. TUBERVILLE. Mr. President, I have five requests for committees to meet during today's session of the Sen-

ate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority Leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today's session of the Senate:

#### COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 1, 2025, at 9:30 a.m., to consider nominations in open session.

#### COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 1, 2025, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing in open session.

#### COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 1, 2025, at 10 a.m., to consider a nomination.

#### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 1, 2025, at 10:30 a.m., to consider nominations.

#### COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 1, 2025, at 10:15 a.m., to conduct an executive business meeting.

#### PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Milande Watson of my team be granted floor privileges for the remainder of the Congress.

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

#### MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 1582

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I understand there is a bill at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill by title for the first time.

The senior assistant executive clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1582) to provide for the regulation of payment stablecoins, and for other purposes.

Mr. CORNYN. I now ask for a second reading and, in order to put the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bill will be read for a second time the next legislative day.

#### RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following resolutions that are at the desk: S. Res. 196, OU Women's Gymnastics; and S. Res. 197, UConn Women's Basketball.

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

Mr. CORNYN. 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, all 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.")

#### ORDERS FOR MONDAY, MAY 5, 2025

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate complete its business today, it stand adjourned until 3 p.m. on Monday, May 5; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each; finally, that all postcloture time on the Bisignano nomination be expired and the Senate vote on the confirmation of the nomination at a time to be determined by the majority leader in consultation with the Democratic leader on Tuesday, May 6; and that, if confirmed, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

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

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, we will have one rollcall vote at 5:30 p.m. on Monday on the motion to proceed to H.J. Res. 61.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, MAY 5, 2025, AT 3 P.M.

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 3:23 p.m., adjourned until Monday, May 5, 2025, at 3 p.m.