

S. Res. 107, a resolution expressing support for the designation of the week of March 3 through March 7, 2025, as “National Social and Emotional Learning Week” to recognize the critical role social and emotional learning plays in supporting the academic success and overall well-being of students, educators, and families.

S. RES. 195

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the names of the Senator from California (Mr. SCHIFF) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as co-sponsors of S. Res. 195, a resolution requesting information on El Salvador’s human rights practices pursuant to section 502B(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

## SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

### SENATE RESOLUTION 200—EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF MAY 5, 2025, AS THE “NATIONAL DAY OF AWARENESS FOR MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS”

Mr. DAINES (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. SHEEHY, Mr. MORAN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. ROUNDS, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. GALLEGO, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KELLY, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. SULLIVAN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 200

Whereas, according to a 2016 study commissioned by the Department of Justice’s National Institute of Justice, more than 4 in 5 (84.3 percent) American Indian and Alaska Native women experienced violence in their lifetime, with 56.1 percent being a result of sexual violence and 55 percent being from intimate partner violence;

Whereas, according to 2017 data, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found homicide was the sixth-leading cause of death for American Indian and Alaska Native women and girls under 44 years of age, with murder rates more than 10 times the national average;

Whereas approximately 1,500 American Indian and Alaska Native missing persons have been entered into the National Crime Information Center index throughout the United States, and approximately 2,700 cases of murder and nonnegligent homicide offenses involving American Indian and Alaska Native victims have been reported to the Federal Government’s Uniform Crime Reporting Program;

Whereas, according to a 2020 joint study completed by the State of Hawaii and the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women, 64 percent of human trafficking victims in Hawaii identified as at least part Native Hawaiian;

Whereas the current local, State, and Federal funding available in Indian country is inadequate to address the basic, emergency, and long-term service needs of victims and negatively impacts Tribal governments’ ability to distribute lifesaving resources;

Whereas, in 2019, Operation Lady Justice was launched through Executive Order 13898 (84 Fed. Reg. 7521), which established the Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives aimed at mitigating the missing and murdered Indigenous women (referred to in this preamble as “MMIW”) crisis by improving the investigatory and prosecutorial capabilities of Federal justice agencies and generating new guidelines for data sharing and law enforcement responses;

Whereas, in 2020, Savanna’s Act (Public Law 116-165), which directed the Attorney General to develop new law enforcement protocols when investigating MMIW, and the Not Invisible Act (Public Law 116-166), which initiated a joint commission between the Department of the Interior and the Department of Justice to combat violent crime within Tribal communities, were signed into law;

Whereas, in 2021, the Department of the Interior created a Missing and Murdered Unit within the Office of Justice Services of the Bureau of Indian Affairs to expand cross-departmental and interagency collaboration for the purposes of investigating cases of missing and murdered Indigenous people at the request of Tribal leadership; and

Whereas, in previous years, May 5th has been designated as a day of remembrance for “Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls” in honor of the birth date of Hanna Harris, a member of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, who was murdered after being reported missing by her family in Lame Deer, Montana: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) expresses support for the designation of May 5, 2025, as the “National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls”;

(2) calls on the people of the United States and interested groups to—

(A) commemorate the lives of missing and murdered American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian women whose cases are documented and undocumented in public records and the media; and

(B) demonstrate solidarity with the families of victims in light of those tragedies;

(3) recommends that the Department of Justice’s National Institute of Justice commission a new study on missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls to ensure up-to-date statistics are made public regarding the current state of the missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls crisis given 9 years have passed since their 2016 study was published; and

(4) recognizes that, despite the positive efforts made, there is more work to be done to address this nationwide crisis.

### SENATE RESOLUTION 201—EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE WEEK OF MAY 4, 2025, THROUGH MAY 10, 2025, AS “NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK” TO CELEBRATE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF SMALL BUSINESSES AND ENTREPRENEURS IN EVERY COMMUNITY IN THE UNITED STATES

Ms. ERNST (for herself, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HUSTED, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. KING, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. SMITH, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. CASSIDY, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. LUJÁN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. DAINES, Mr. REED, Mr.

JUSTICE, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. TILLIS, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. SHEEHY, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. MARSHALL, Ms. WARREN, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. WELCH, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. COONS, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. KELLY, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. WARNOCK, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HAWLEY, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. OSSOFF, Mr. BANKS, Ms. ROSEN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. KAINE, Mr. SCHMITT, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. BUDD, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. LUMMIS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. PETERS, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. WARNER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. GALLEGO, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. WICKER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 201

Whereas a “National Small Business Week” has been declared by every President since 1963;

Whereas there are more than 34,500,000 small businesses in the United States that support more than 59,000,000 jobs;

Whereas small businesses play an integral role in building the economy of the United States; and

Whereas May 4, 2025, through May 10, 2025, would be an appropriate week to celebrate “National Small Business Week”: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) honors and celebrates the entrepreneurial spirit and contributions of small businesses in every community in the United States;

(2) applauds the efforts and achievements of the owners of small businesses and their employees in every community of the United States;

(3) recognizes that, in the face of significant challenges, the owners of small businesses have demonstrated incredible resilience; and

(4) supports the designation of the week of May 4, 2025, through May 10, 2025, as “National Small Business Week”.

### SENATE RESOLUTION 202—RECOGNIZING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF “COMMUNITY COLLEGE MONTH” IN APRIL 2025 AS A CELEBRATION OF THE MORE THAN 1,000 COMMUNITY COLLEGES THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES THAT SUPPORT ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION, WORKFORCE TRAINING, AND MORE, AND BROADLY SUSTAIN AND ADVANCE THE ECONOMIC PROSPERITY OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. WELCH, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. KING, Mr. CRAPO, and Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 202

Whereas the first public community college, known today as Joliet Junior College in

Illinois, opened its doors to 6 students in 1901 as an experiment to accommodate those who wanted to pursue a college education without leaving their community;

Whereas the term “community college” was popularized by the President’s Commission on Higher Education in 1947 in recognition of the community-centered nature of this emerging sector of institutions;

Whereas local community and educational leaders throughout the United States developed community colleges at a dramatic pace over several decades to meet their people’s needs for educational and economic opportunity;

Whereas today 1,026 community colleges, including 921 public, 36 tribal, and 69 independent colleges, serve 10,200,000 credit and noncredit students;

Whereas public community colleges are an affordable option, charging an average annual tuition and fees for in-district students of \$3,990, have an average student age of 27, and serve students who often are working, low-income, parents, veterans, or the first in their family to go to college;

Whereas community colleges are the primary educational institution serving workforce development needs in the United States and are responding to current economic conditions by educating professionals in fields ranging from the semiconductor and construction industries to nursing and other health care professions;

Whereas community colleges enrolled 43.1 percent of all undergraduate students during the 2022–2023 academic year;

Whereas the median distance from the home of a student attending community college to the community college is only 10 miles;

Whereas 82 percent of public high schools offer dual enrollment programs, allowing their students to take college classes, usually at their local community college, and offering them an opportunity to save time and money in college and jumpstart career exploration;

Whereas alumni of the community colleges of the United States generated \$898,500,000,000 in added income to the national economy in fiscal year 2020, equal to 4.1 percent of the total gross domestic product of the United States;

Whereas every dollar of public funding for community colleges returns \$6.80 in tax revenue generated; and

Whereas celebrating “Community College Month” in April 2025 provides the people of the United States with an opportunity to recognize the value of institutions that have long supported the prosperity, competitiveness, and community vitality of the United States and that will be important to the economic future of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate recognizes the significance of “Community College Month” in April 2025 as an opportunity to celebrate the over 1,000 community colleges throughout the United States that serve local and regional needs and strengthen the economy of the United States.

# SENATE RESOLUTION 203—EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF MAY 2025 AS “RENEWABLE FUELS MONTH” TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANT ROLE THAT RENEWABLE FUELS PLAY IN REDUCING CARBON IMPACTS, LOWERING FUEL PRICES FOR CONSUMERS, SUPPORTING RURAL COMMUNITIES, AND LESSENING RELIANCE ON FOREIGN ADVERSARIES

Mr. RICKETTS (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. ERNST, Mr. MORAN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. MARSHALL, Ms. SMITH, Mr. ROUNDS, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

S. RES. 203

Whereas the United States is the largest producer of biofuels in the world, which contributes to the domestic economy, creates jobs, and reduces greenhouse gas emissions;

Whereas ethanol is a renewable fuel made of biomass from plant materials;

Whereas, in 2024, more than 55,810 jobs in the United States were directly associated with the ethanol industry, with an additional 258,089 indirect and induced jobs supported across all sectors of the economy;

Whereas the ethanol industry created \$28,300,000,000 in household income and contributed more than \$53,000,000,000 to the gross domestic product of the United States;

Whereas ethanol and feed co-product production provide a valuable market for United States corn, as a typical dry mill ethanol plant adds nearly \$2 of additional value, or 55 percent, to every bushel of corn processed;

Whereas ethanol use reduces greenhouse gas emissions by between 44 and 52 percent compared to gasoline, and by displacing hydrocarbon substances like aromatics in gasoline, ethanol also helps reduce emissions of air toxins, particulate matter, carbon monoxide, nitrous oxides, and exhaust hydrocarbons;

Whereas, in 2024, ethanol played a vital role in bolstering the energy independence of the United States by supplementing nearly 630,000,000 barrels of imported crude oil;

Whereas, in 2024, ethanol exports reached a record 1,930,000,000 gallons, an increase of over 500,000,000 gallons compared to 2023;

Whereas  $\frac{1}{3}$  of every bushel processed by an ethanol plant is used to make distillers grains, one of the most efficient and desirable animal feeds available;

Whereas biodiesel is a drop-in replacement for petroleum-based diesel fuel that is produced from renewable resources such as recycled cooking oil, soybean oil, distillers corn oil, canola oil, and animal fats;

Whereas renewable diesel is an advanced biofuel, made from the same feedstocks as biodiesel, that reduces greenhouse gas emissions, while meeting the same standard specification for diesel fuels as petroleum-based diesel;

Whereas biofuel production uses more than 1,000,000,000 pounds of soybean oil per month and generates increasing amounts of soybean meal for feed markets, driving a 30 percent increase in crush capacity across the United States;

Whereas the biodiesel and renewable diesel sectors generated a total economic impact of \$42,400,000,000, supporting 107,400 United States jobs and contributing \$5,800,000,000 in wages;

Whereas biodiesel and renewable diesel can be used in existing diesel engines without modification and are available throughout the United States;

Whereas advanced biofuels like biodiesel and renewable diesel reduce greenhouse gas emissions by at least 50 percent compared to petroleum-based diesel;

Whereas biodiesel emits up to 80 percent less particulate matter than petroleum-based diesel, improving air quality and health outcomes;

Whereas the production of biodiesel and renewable diesel adds to the total domestic fuel supply, reducing the price of all diesel fuel at the pump;

Whereas, without the renewable fuel standard helping to drive production of biodiesel and renewable diesel, the value of soybeans grown by farmers in the United States would decrease by 10 percent;

Whereas sustainable aviation fuel is made from renewable biomass and waste resources and can deliver the performance of petroleum-based jet fuel; and

Whereas sustainable aviation fuel can be blended with conventional jet fuel and the use of sustainable or blended aviation fuel requires no infrastructure or equipment changes: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) supports the designation of May 2025 as “Renewable Fuels Month”; and

(2) recognizes—

(A) the important role renewable fuels play in reducing the carbon impact of the United States;

(B) the ability of renewable fuels to lower fuel prices for consumers;

(C) the support to rural communities that renewable fuel industries provide; and

(D) the opportunity that the production of renewable fuels provides to lessen the reliance of the United States on foreign adversaries.

# SENATE RESOLUTION 204—RECOGNIZING ESCALATING THREATS TO FREEDOM OF THE PRESS AND FREEDOM OF SPEECH WORLDWIDE, INCLUDING INCREASING HARM TO JOURNALISTS REPORTING IN CONFLICT ZONES AND UNDER REPRESSIVE REGIMES, REAFFIRMING THE VITAL ROLE THAT A FREE AND INDEPENDENT PRESS PLAYS IN UPHOLDING DEMOCRACY, FOSTERING ECONOMIC PROSPERITY, AND KEEPING THE PUBLIC INFORMED, AND REAFFIRMING FREEDOM OF THE PRESS AS A PRIORITY OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IN SUPPORTING DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND GOOD GOVERNANCE IN COMMEMORATION OF “WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY” ON MAY 3, 2025

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

S. RES. 204

Whereas freedom of the press is foundational to American democracy and has been enshrined in the First Amendment to the United States Constitution and in various State constitutions;

Whereas a free and independent press around the world supports United States foreign policy goals of countering authoritarianism and promoting democratic governance by refuting propaganda and enhancing public accountability, transparency, and participation in civil society;