

SENATE RESOLUTION 206—SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL NURSES WEEK, TO BE OBSERVED FROM MAY 6 THROUGH MAY 12, 2025

Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. DAINES, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. JUSTICE, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. PETERS, Mr. RISCH, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WELCH, and Mr. TILLIS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

S. RES. 206

Whereas, beginning in 1991, National Nurses Week has been celebrated annually from May 6, also known as “National Recognition Day for Nurses” through May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing;

Whereas National Nurses Week is a time of year to reflect on the important contributions that nurses make in providing safe, high-quality health care;

Whereas nurses serve on the front lines, risking their lives to treat the injured and sick during wartime, natural disasters, and public health emergencies;

Whereas nurses are known to be patient advocates, acting to protect the lives of individuals under their care;

Whereas nurses represent the largest single component of the health care profession, with an estimated population of more than 4,900,000 registered nurses in the United States;

Whereas nurses are leading in the delivery of quality care in a transformed health care system that improves patient outcomes and safety;

Whereas the Future of Nursing reports of the Institute of Medicine and National Academy of Medicine have highlighted the need for the nursing profession to meet the call for leadership in a team-based delivery model;

Whereas, when nurse staffing levels increase, the risk of patient complications and lengthy hospital stays decrease, resulting in cost savings;

Whereas nurses are experienced researchers, and the work of nurses encompasses a wide scope of scientific inquiry, including clinical research, health systems and outcomes research, and nursing education research;

Whereas nurses provide care to all individuals across the United States;

Whereas nurses are well-positioned to provide leadership, increase access to nursing care throughout the United States, and improve health outcomes for all patients;

Whereas nurses are the cornerstone of the public health infrastructure, promoting healthy lifestyles and educating communities on disease prevention and health promotion;

Whereas nurses help inform, educate, and work closely with legislators to improve—

(1) the education, retention, recruitment, and practice of all nurses; and

(2) the health and safety of the patients for whom the nurses care;

Whereas there is a need to—

(1) strengthen nursing workforce development programs at all levels, including the number of doctorally prepared faculty members; and

(2) provide education to the nurse research scientists who can develop new nursing care models to improve the health status of all populations of the United States;

Whereas nurses impact the lives of the people of the United States through every stage of life; and

Whereas nursing has been voted the most honest and ethical profession in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of National Nurses Week, as founded by the American Nurses Association;

(2) recognizes the significant contributions of nurses to the health care system of the United States; and

(3) encourages the people of the United States to observe National Nurses Week with appropriate recognition, ceremonies, activities, and programs to demonstrate the importance of nurses to the everyday lives of patients.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 13—RECOGNIZING THE CRITICAL IMPORTANCE OF THE UNITED STATES SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES COMMUNITY AND EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF SOF WEEK

Ms. ERNST submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services:

S. CON. RES. 13

Whereas Special Operations Forces (hereinafter referred to as “SOF”) encompass highly trained, specialized military units within the Department of Defense, including the Army Special Forces, Psychological Operations Units, Civil Affairs Soldiers, 75th Ranger Regiment, the 160th Aviation Regiment (Night Stalkers), Navy SEALs, Special Warfare Combatant-Craft Crewman, Air Force Special Operations Aviators, Special Tactics Teams, Marine Special Operations (Raiders), and other affiliated units, which embody the highest standards of courage, resilience, and professionalism;

Whereas the SOF community plays a vital role in defending the United States national security interests and is responsible for conducting missions that require unique skills, tactics, and equipment, including campaigning, unconventional warfare, counterterrorism, hostage rescue, and direct action;

Whereas SOF personnel operate under the most challenging and dangerous conditions and conduct military operations in some of the harshest and most volatile environments throughout the world;

Whereas SOF receive specialized training in advanced weapons, language, demolitions, combat medicine, military free-fall, and advanced combat tactics to ensure discrete, precise, and scalable operations;

Whereas the United States must continue to invest in the equipment, training, health, well-being, and transition of SOF members to maintain readiness and honor their valiant service;

Whereas the families of SOF members carry a unique burden, providing steadfast support amid frequent deployments, high operational tempo, and inherent risks; and

Whereas SOF Week, an annual conference for the international SOF community, will convene May 5 through May 8, 2025: Now, therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress—

(1) recognizes the critical importance of the United States Special Operations Forces community to the defense and security of the United States;

(2) commits to honoring the skill, dedication, bravery, and selfless service of SOF personnel and their families; and

(3) supports the designation of “SOF Week” in appreciation of the courage, commitment, and contributions of the SOF community.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I have seven requests for committees to meet during today's session of the Senate. 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 AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 3 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct an open hearing on nominations.

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 Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 9:45 a.m., to consider nominations.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 11:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a closed business meeting.

FOREIGN TRAVEL FINANCIAL REPORTS

In accordance with the appropriate provisions of law, the Secretary of the Senate herewith submits the following reports for standing committees of the Senate, certain joint committees of the Congress, delegations and groups, and select and special committees of the Senate, relating to expenses incurred in the performance of authorized foreign travel:

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95–384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS FOR TRAVEL FROM JAN. 1 TO MAR. 31, 2025

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem	Transportation	Miscellaneous	Total
		U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Senator Lisa Murkowski:					
United States	U.S. Dollar		35.00		35.00
Dana Herndon:					
United States	U.S. Dollar		275.00		275.00
Daniel Mencher:					
United States	U.S. Dollar		275.00		275.00
Brian Daner:					
New Zealand	New Zealand Dollar	569.00			569.00
United States	U.S. Dollar		2,208.21		2,208.21
Delegation Expenses: *					
New Zealand	New Zealand Dollar			620.00	620.00
Abigail Kane:					
Germany	Euro	2,964.00			2,964.00
United States	U.S. Dollar		11,465.51		11,465.51
Delegation Expenses: *					
Germany	Euro			3,999.63	3,999.63
Jessica Berry:					
New Zealand	New Zealand Dollar	569.00			569.00
United States	U.S. Dollar		14,000.00		14,000.00
Blaise Sheridan:					
New Zealand	New Zealand Dollar	569.00			569.00
United States	U.S. Dollar		14,000.00		14,000.00
Delegation Expenses: *					
New Zealand	New Zealand Dollar			1,240.00	1,240.00
Margaret Flynn Sapia:					
Malta	Euro	270.00			270.00
Moldova	Moldovan Leu	91.00			91.00
Romania	Romanian Leu	662.06			662.06
United States	U.S. Dollar		16,736.81		16,736.81
Delegation Expenses: *					
Romania	Romanian Leu			1,145.00	1,145.00
Total		5,694.06	58,995.53	7,004.63	71,694.22

* Delegation expenses include payments and reimbursements to the Department of State under authority of Sec. 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended by Section 22 of P.L. 95–384, and S. Res. 179 agreed to May 25, 1977.

SENATOR SUSAN COLLINS,
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations, Apr. 23, 2025.

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Senator Richard Blumenthal:					
Germany	US Dollar	1,483.88			1,483.88
Israel	US Dollar	1,286.03			1,286.03
United States	US Dollar		7,125.81		7,125.81
Jason Maroney:					
Germany	US Dollar	1,240.62			1,240.62
Israel	US Dollar	1,008.11			1,008.11
United States	US Dollar		7,125.81		7,125.81
Delegation Expenses: *					
Germany	Euro			10,168.00	10,168.00
Delegation Expenses: *					
Israel	New Israeli Sheqel			3,411.95	3,411.95
Delegation Expenses: *					
Jordan	Jordanian Dinar			672.86	672.86
Senator Joni Ernst:					
Germany	US Dollar	606.00			606.00
United States	US Dollar		6,856.21		6,856.21
Delegation Expenses: *					
Germany	Euro			5,084.00	5,084.00
Senator Tim Kaine:					
Finland	US Dollar	337.00			337.00
United States	US Dollar		4,694.62		4,694.62
Kaitlin Kleiber:					
Finland	US Dollar	775.57			775.57
United States	US Dollar		4,694.62		4,694.62
Delegation Expenses: *					
Finland	Euro			2,254.75	2,254.75
Senator Mark Kelly:					
Ukraine	US Dollar	1,124.00			1,124.00
United States	US Dollar		12,264.41		12,264.41
Jen Cox:					
Ukraine	US Dollar	1,124.00			1,124.00
United States	US Dollar		12,264.41		12,264.41
Delegation Expenses: *					
Poland	Zloty			4,330.22	4,330.22
Delegation Expenses: *					
Ukraine	Hryvnia			2,405.17	2,405.17
Senator Gary Peters:					
Bangladesh	US Dollar	695.34			695.34
Bhutan	US Dollar	955.09			955.09
Thailand	US Dollar	236.21			236.21
United States	US Dollar		22,269.11		22,269.11
Sari Cureton:					
Bangladesh	US Dollar	32.28			32.28
Bhutan	US Dollar	105.89			105.89
Thailand	US Dollar	52.21			52.21
United States	US Dollar		20,139.61		20,139.61