

(1) condemns the Government of the People's Republic of China for its systematic campaign of transnational repression;

(2) affirms that all individuals residing in the United States have the right to live free from foreign government intimidation, coercion, and surveillance;

(3) declares that acts of transnational repression carried out by the Government of the People's Republic of China in the United States violate our Nation's sovereignty and democratic values;

(4) recognizes that the Government of the People's Republic of China's harassment, threats, or unlawful detention of the family members of such individuals who are residing in the People's Republic of China or regions controlled by the Government of the People's Republic of China is an extension of this repression and a violation of basic human rights; and

(5) supports efforts by the United States Government to investigate, disrupt, and hold accountable those who carry out or enable such activities.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 227—CON-DEMNING HAMAS FOR ITS PREMEDITATED, COORDINATED, AND BRUTAL TERRORIST ATTACKS ON OCTOBER 7, 2023, AGAINST ISRAEL AND DEMANDING THAT HAMAS IMMEDIATELY RELEASE ALL REMAINING HOSTAGES AND RETURN THEM TO SAFETY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

Ms. ROSEN (for herself, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CASSIDY, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. KIM, and Mr. COONS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

**S. RES. 227**

Whereas, on October 7, 2023, Hamas, the United States-designated and Iran-backed terror group, launched premeditated, coordinated, and brutal terrorist attacks from the Gaza Strip into Israel, targeting the Israeli people;

Whereas, on October 7, 2023, Hamas invaded more than 20 communities bordering the Gaza Strip and attacked innocent young people attending the Tribe of Nova music festival;

Whereas, on October 7, 2023, Hamas killed more than 1,200 people and wounded nearly 4,000 people;

Whereas Hamas posted and live streamed footage of executing Israeli civilians, including entire families being slaughtered and horrific acts of violence targeting young children;

Whereas Hamas and other terrorist organizations kidnapped more than 250 hostages, comprised of more than 20 nationalities, into Gaza;

Whereas Hamas committed acts of sexual violence on October 7th, and returned hostages confirmed they were subjected to acts of sexual violence and psychological torture while held in captivity by Hamas;

Whereas the hostages that were taken include children, women, men, and the elderly;

Whereas 196 hostages, 147 alive, have been released or rescued by the Israel Defense Forces and 58 remain in captivity, including 4 United States nationals, Itay Chen, Omer Neutra, Judi Weinstein, and Gad Haggai;

Whereas the United States Government secured the release of Edan Alexander on May 12, 2025;

Whereas, upon their release in the early part of 2025, hostages were paraded through

Gaza and forced to participate in staged propaganda displays;

Whereas, according to testimonials from released hostages, hostages were held in brutal conditions, given barely any food or water, confined to cages, physically abused, psychologically tormented, and struggled to breathe with minimal airflow while held underground;

Whereas some hostages are known to be in dire need of urgent medical assistance;

Whereas Hamas has executed hostages in captivity and has threatened additional executions and to broadcast the executions publicly;

Whereas Hamas has engaged in psychological warfare by forcing hostages to participate in cruel propaganda videos that torment the hostages' families;

Whereas Hamas is inhumanely holding onto the bodies of deceased hostages as bargaining chips, including United States hostages, depriving families of a proper burial and closure;

Whereas Common Article 3 of the 1949 Geneva Conventions states that the taking of hostages is and shall remain prohibited at any time and in any place whatsoever; and

Whereas the deliberate murder and hostage-taking of innocent civilians are prohibited by international law: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) condemns Hamas in the harshest terms for its premeditated, coordinated, and brutal terrorist attacks on Israel;

(2) decries Hamas's abductions and threats made against hostages, including threats to use hostages as human shields;

(3) demands that Hamas provide access and medical care to all hostages;

(4) demands that Hamas immediately release all remaining 58 hostages and return them to safety;

(5) recognizes that the taking of hostages is a violation of international humanitarian law;

(6) applauds the Administration for securing the release of Edan Alexander and calls on the White House to continue taking all possible steps to secure the release of all the hostages held captive by Hamas; and

(7) expresses sympathy to the hostages and those wounded, and to their families for this travesty to justice and personal hardship, and mourns those killed by Hamas on October 7, 2023, and during captivity.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 228—SUPPORTING MAY 2, 2025, AS "NATIONAL SPACE DAY" IN RECOGNITION OF THE SIGNIFICANT POSITIVE IMPACT THE AEROSPACE COMMUNITY HAS AND WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE ON THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

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

**S. RES. 228**

Whereas the aerospace industry and other government partners, including the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (referred to in this preamble as "NASA") and the Armed Forces of the United States, have led the way in space applications, exploration, scientific research, and security in the 20th and 21st centuries;

Whereas Congress has spearheaded the space endeavors of the United States by founding NASA and the Space Force, supporting the national security space enter-

prise, fostering the commercial space sector's growth, and cementing partnerships with key research centers such as The Aerospace Corporation, Project Air Force, the Center for Naval Analysis, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, and all other entities and agencies driving the United States' global leadership and innovation in space;

Whereas NASA developed the Apollo Space Program that launched numerous space exploration missions, including the Apollo 11 moon landing on July 20, 1969;

Whereas NASA continues to develop far-reaching and high-profile programs and vehicles that expand our scientific ability while inspiring leagues of students, such as the Space Shuttle, which accomplished 135 crewed transportation missions from Earth-to-orbit from 1981 to 2011, the 5 Mars rover vehicles that have explored the surface of Mars since 1997, and the developing moon exploration program Artemis;

Whereas the James Webb Space Telescope represents a pinnacle of international collaboration in space exploration, led by NASA, showcasing the commitment of the United States to leading globally coordinated scientific endeavors to unlock insights into our cosmic origins and our future;

Whereas aerospace scientists, engineers, astronauts, and others, due to their ingenuity, continue to invent a wide variety of space-related technologies and applications that have benefitted humankind, such as the global positioning system, which is now used daily and whose invention is 1 example of the life-changing impact space-related technologies have on our way of life;

Whereas the aerospace industry and its academic partners have not only aided the United States in space exploration and research but also in space-related domains such as national security, science, agriculture, health and medicine, education, and space tourism;

Whereas science, technology, engineering, and math (referred to in this preamble as "STEM") engagement has been a primary focus of NASA's mission and a critical initiative for commercial space companies, space museums, and STEM education centers, such as the Cosmosphere in Hutchinson, Kansas, Space Center Houston in Houston, Texas, and the Seattle Museum of Flight in Seattle, Washington in an effort to build the workforce of the future;

Whereas the accelerated growth in enthusiasm, interest, and investment in space is continuing a long-standing tradition in the United States of innovation and scientific discovery;

Whereas the rapid expansion of space exploration and the investments made by leaders in the aerospace industry, Congress, NASA, the Armed Services of the United States, universities, and a myriad of others are inspiring generations of new explorers into the final frontier of space; and

Whereas this rapid growth encourages the promotion of educational initiatives to inspire young minds in STEM fields, fostering the next generation of space enthusiasts: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals and designation of May 2, 2025, as "National Space Day";

(2) recognizes the importance of the entire aerospace community, including government agencies, Federally funded research and development centers, industry and education partners, entrepreneurs, and others;

(3) recognizes all of the contributions made to space applications, exploration, and scientific research; and

(4) recognizes the important partnerships between the aerospace industry and our Armed Forces in protecting and defending the United States of America.

# SENATE RESOLUTION 229—TO AUTHORIZE THE PRODUCTION OF RECORDS BY THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

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

S. RES. 229

Whereas, the Committee on Foreign Relations has received a request from the Department of Justice for access to records relating to a panel discussion attended by committee staff that may be relevant to a case, *United States v. Peter Biar Ajak*, CR-24-00394-PHX-SPL, now pending in the United States District Court for the District of Arizona;

Whereas, by the privileges of the Senate of the United States and Rule XI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, no evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate can, by administrative or judicial process, be taken from such control or possession but by permission of the Senate;

Whereas, when it appears that evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate is needed for the promotion of justice, the Senate will take such action as will promote the ends of justice consistent with the privileges of the Senate: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Foreign Relations, acting jointly, are authorized to provide to the Department of Justice for use in connection with *United States v. Peter Biar Ajak* committee records relating to a panel discussion attended by committee staff.

# SENATE RESOLUTION 230—SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL HOSPITAL WEEK, TO BE OBSERVED FROM MAY 11 THROUGH MAY 17, 2025

Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. KING, Ms. LUMMIS, and Mrs. CAPITO) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 230

Whereas, beginning in 1921, National Hospital Day was established by former President Warren G. Harding to be celebrated annually on May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing, as a way to honor her role in revolutionizing hospital care;

Whereas National Hospital Day was established following the 1918 Influenza Pandemic as a way to foster community trust in hospitals;

Whereas, beginning in 1953, National Hospital Week was established and continues to coincide with the birthday of Florence Nightingale;

Whereas National Hospital Week is a time of year to reflect on the important contributions that hospitals make to provide safe, high-quality health care;

Whereas, in 2025, approximately 6,093 hospitals in the United States provide essential and life-saving health care every day in a variety of hospital settings, including—

(1) 1,377 critical access hospitals, which serve as essential health care hubs that bring medical services closer to individuals who would otherwise have to travel long distances for health care, that provide health care to 1/5 of the United States population residing in rural areas;

(2) nearly 1,700 teaching hospitals, of which roughly 300 are major teaching hospitals

such as university hospitals or academic medical centers, that provide essential training to future medical providers;

(3) 654 non-Federal psychiatric hospitals that are essential partners in addressing mental health and substance abuse disorders across the United States; and

(4) 170 Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers that are uniquely responsible for providing health care to more than 9,100,000 veterans;

Whereas, in 2023, hospitals in the United States provided health care to more than 34,000,000 admitted patients and in 2024 delivered more than 3,600,000 babies;

Whereas, as of April 2025, hospitals employed more than 5,716,000 individuals, including physicians, registered nurses, and allied health professionals;

Whereas non-clinical hospital staff, including sanitation workers, food service workers, and many others, work to keep hospitals open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, in order to ensure hospitals are always available to individuals that need health care;

Whereas hospitals, through direct care and community outreach, can provide the expertise and resources needed to address the unique health care needs that exist in rural and urban areas of the United States; and

Whereas hospitals work collaboratively to uphold the health care system of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of National Hospital Week, to be observed from May 11 through May 17, 2025;

(2) recognizes the significant role that hospitals play in the delivery of health care in the United States; and

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

## AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2227. Mr. THUNE (for Mr. CORNYN) proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 178, honoring the life and legacy of the late George Foreman.

## TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2227. Mr. THUNE (for Mr. CORNYN) proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 178, honoring the life and legacy of the late George Foreman; as follows:

In the twenty-third whereas clause of the preamble, strike “and 11 of his” and insert “and his”.

## AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I have 11 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 COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is author-

ized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 9:45 a.m., to conduct a business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 10:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 1:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 3:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

The Special Committee on Aging is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 3:30 p.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 Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 2:50 p.m., to conduct a closed briefing.

## REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

U.S. SENATE,  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,  
Washington, DC, May 14, 2025.

Hon. JD Vance,  
President of the United States Senate,  
Washington, DC.

SIR: I have the honor to submit a full and complete statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Senate, showing in detail