

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the “Combating Global Poverty Through Energy Development Act”.

**SEC. 2. OPPOSITION TO RESTRICTIONS BY INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ON FINANCING OF CERTAIN ENERGY PROJECTS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall instruct the United States Executive Director of each covered international financial institution to use the voice, vote, and influence of the United States—

(1) to oppose any rule, regulation, policy, or guideline that would restrict, prohibit, or have the effect of restricting or prohibiting, the financing of coal, oil, natural gas, or civil nuclear energy projects; and

(2) to rescind each rule, regulation, policy, or guideline that, as of the date of the enactment of this Act, restricts or prohibits such financing.

(b) REVERSAL OF POLICIES AT INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT.—The Secretary shall instruct the United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development to immediately and vigorously pursue policy changes at the Bank, through formal initiatives and through bilateral discussions, that will result in the reversal of the Bank’s—

(1) restrictions on financing coal power generation;

(2) prohibitions on financing upstream oil and gas exploration and production; and

(3) prohibition on financing of civil nuclear energy projects.

(c) LIMITATION ON FUNDS FOR INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT.—Not more than 50 percent of amounts made available for the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for fiscal year 2026 or any fiscal year thereafter may be obligated or expended until the Secretary certifies to the appropriate congressional committees that the Bank—

(1) has rescinded any rule, regulation, policy, or guideline that restricts or prohibits, or would have the effect of restricting or prohibiting, the financing of any coal, oil, natural gas, or civil nuclear energy project; and

(2) has in effect a policy promoting the financing of coal, oil, natural gas, and civil nuclear energy projects.

(d) PROMOTION OF FINANCING OF ENERGY PROJECTS.—The Secretary, in collaboration with the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Energy, the President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, the Chief Executive Officer of the United States International Development Finance Corporation, and the heads of other appropriate Federal agencies, shall identify steps the United States can take to promote international financing of energy projects, including coal, oil, and natural gas projects, in order to help developing countries access affordable and reliable power.

(e) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report that includes the following:

(1) A list of all of the rules, regulations, policies, or guidelines of each covered international financial institution that would restrict, prohibit, or have the effect of restricting or prohibiting, the financing of coal, oil, natural gas, or civil nuclear energy projects.

(2) A detailed description of the efforts of the United States Executive Director of each such institution to eliminate those rules, regulations, policies, or guidelines.

(3) A description of the steps identified under subsection (d) and progress made in implementing those steps.

(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The term “appropriate congressional committees” means the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives.

(2) COVERED INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTION.—The term “covered international financial institution” means any of the following:

(A) The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

(B) The International Development Association.

(C) The International Finance Corporation.

(D) The International Monetary Fund.

(E) The Inter-American Development Bank.

(F) The Inter-American Investment Corporation.

(G) The North American Development Bank.

(H) The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

(I) The African Development Bank.

(J) The African Development Fund.

(K) The Asian Development Bank.

(3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Treasury.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself and Mr. COONS):

S. 1797. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to mental health services under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 1797

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the “Expanding Seniors Access to Mental Health Services Act”.

**SEC. 2. IMPROVED ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES UNDER THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.**

(a) ACCESS TO CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER SERVICES PROVIDED TO RESIDENTS OF SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES.—

(1) EXCLUSION OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER SERVICES FROM THE SKILLED NURSING FACILITY PROSPECTIVE PAYMENT SYSTEM.—Section 1888(e)(2)(A)(iii) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395yy(e)(2)(A)(iii)) is amended by adding at the end the following new subclause:

“(VII) Clinical social worker services (as defined in section 1861(hh)(2)).”.

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 1861(hh)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(hh)(2)) is amended by striking “and other than services furnished to an inpatient of a skilled nursing facility which the facility is required to provide as a requirement for participation”.

(b) ACCESS TO THE COMPLETE SET OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER SERVICES.—Section 1861(hh)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(hh)(2)), as amended by subsection (a)(2), is amended—

(1) by striking “for the diagnosis and treatment of mental illnesses (other than services” and inserting “, including services for the diagnosis and treatment of mental illnesses or services for health and behavior assessment and intervention (identified as of

January 1, 2023, by HCPCS codes 96156, 96158–96161, 96164–96168, and 96170–96171 (and any succeeding codes)) but not including services”; and

(2) by striking “inpatient of a hospital)” and inserting “inpatient of a hospital.”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to items and services furnished on or after January 1, 2026.

**SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS****SENATE RESOLUTION 231—RECOGNIZING THE ROLES AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE TEACHERS OF THE UNITED STATES IN BUILDING AND ENHANCING THE CIVIC, CULTURAL, AND ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF THE UNITED STATES**

Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. CRAMER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KING, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. KAINE, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WELCH, and Mrs. SHAHEEN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 231

Whereas education and knowledge are the foundation of the current and future strength of the United States;

Whereas teachers and other education staff have earned and deserve the respect of their students and communities for the selfless dedication of the teachers and staff to community service and the futures of the children of the United States;

Whereas the purposes of National Teacher Appreciation Week, celebrated from May 5, 2025, through May 9, 2025, are—

(1) to raise public awareness of the unquantifiable contributions of teachers; and

(2) to promote greater respect and understanding for the teaching profession; and

Whereas students, schools, communities, and a number of organizations representing educators are recognizing the importance of teachers during National Teacher Appreciation Week: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) thanks the teachers of the United States; and

(2) promotes the profession of teaching and the contributions of educators by encouraging students, parents, school administrators, and public officials to recognize National Teacher Appreciation Week.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 232—DESIGNATING MAY 2025 AS “NATIONAL BRAIN TUMOR AWARENESS MONTH”**

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

S. RES. 232

Whereas it is estimated that more than 93,000 individuals in the United States will be diagnosed with a primary brain tumor each year;

Whereas it is estimated that more than 1,000,000 individuals are living with a brain tumor in the United States;

Whereas, in the United States, brain tumors are—

(1) the leading cause of death from cancer in children who are under 14 years of age and teens who are under 19 years of age; and

(2) the second-leading cause of death from cancer in young adults who are between 15 and 39 years of age;

Whereas the average 5-year survival rate for an individual in the United States following the diagnosis of a primary malignant brain tumor is only 35.7 percent;

Whereas it is estimated that 18,330 individuals in the United States will die as a result of a malignant brain tumor in 2025;

Whereas brain tumors may be malignant or benign but can be life-threatening in either case;

Whereas treatment of brain tumors is complicated by the fact that more than 100 types of brain tumors exist;

Whereas the treatment and removal of brain tumors present significant challenges due to the uniquely complex and fragile nature of the brain;

Whereas brain tumors affect the primary organ in the human body that controls not only cognitive ability, but the actions of every other organ and limb in the body, leading to brain tumors being described as a disease that affects the whole individual;

Whereas brain tumor research is supported by several private, nonprofit research foundations and by Federal medical research institutions;

Whereas basic research may fuel advancements and the development of new treatments for brain tumors;

Whereas obstacles to the development of new treatments for brain tumors remain, and there are limited strategies for the screening or early detection of brain tumors;

Whereas, despite the high number of individuals diagnosed with a brain tumor every year and the devastating prognosis for those individuals, only a few treatments have been approved for malignant brain tumors since the 1980s;

Whereas none of the treatments for malignant brain tumors extend survival by more than 2 years on average or are considered to be curative;

Whereas the mortality rates associated with brain tumors have changed little during the 30 years preceding the date of introduction of this resolution;

Whereas there is a need for greater public awareness of brain tumors, including the difficulties associated with research on brain tumors and the opportunities for advances in brain tumor research and treatment; and

Whereas May 2025, during which brain tumor advocates nationwide unite in awareness, outreach, and advocacy activities, is an appropriate month to recognize as "National Brain Tumor Awareness Month": Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates May 2025 as "National Brain Tumor Awareness Month";

(2) encourages increased public awareness of brain tumors to honor the individuals who have lost their lives to a brain tumor or currently live with a brain tumor diagnosis;

(3) supports efforts to develop better treatments for brain tumors that will improve the quality of life and the long-term prognosis of individuals diagnosed with a brain tumor;

(4) expresses its support for individuals who are battling brain tumors, as well as the families, friends, and caregivers of those individuals; and

(5) urges a collaborative approach to brain tumor research, which is a promising means of advancing understanding of, and treatment for, brain tumors.

# SENATE RESOLUTION 233—COM- MENDING AND CONGRATU- LATING THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2025 NA- TIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MEN'S BASKET- BALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mrs. MOODY (for herself and Mr. SCOTT of Florida) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 233

Whereas, on Monday, April 7, 2025, the University of Florida men's basketball team (referred to in this preamble as the "Florida Gators") won the 2025 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Men's Basketball Championship with a 65-63 win over the University of Houston Cougars;

Whereas this is the Florida Gators' third national championship and first under Coach Todd Golden, who is in his fourth season coaching the team;

Whereas Coach Golden is the eighth youngest coach to win the NCAA Men's Basketball National Championship;

Whereas Walter Clayton, Jr. was named the Most Outstanding Player of the NCAA tournament, averaging 22.5 points and going a perfect 11-of-11 from the free throw line in the Final Four;

Whereas Will Richard led the Florida Gators with 18 points and 8 rebounds during the championship game, propelling the team to victory; and

Whereas the University of Florida is the only NCAA Division I school to hold 3 national titles in men's basketball (2006, 2007, 2025) and football (1996, 2006, 2008) and is the only NCAA Division I school to win a national title in basketball and football in the same year: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) commends the University of Florida men's basketball team for winning the 2025 National Collegiate Athletic Association Men's Basketball Championship;

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

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

(A) Dr. W. Kent Fuchs, interim president of the University of Florida;

(B) Scott Stricklin, director of athletics at the University of Florida; and

(C) Todd Golden, head coach of the University of Florida men's basketball team.

## AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. BUDD. 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 ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a receive testimony in open session.

### 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 Thursday, May 15, 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 Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 10 a.m., to consider nominations.

### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 10:30 a.m., to conduct an executive business meeting.

### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 10:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

### 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 Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct an executive session on a nomination.

### COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

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

## ORDERS FOR MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025

Mr. BUDD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 3 p.m. on Monday, May 19; 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; further, that notwithstanding rule XXII, the cloture motions filed on May 15 ripen at 5:30 p.m. and the Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar No. 125, Charles Kushner; finally, if any nominations are confirmed during Monday's session, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

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

## ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. BUDD. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand adjourned under the previous order, following the remarks of Senator DUCKWORTH.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BUDD). The Senator from Illinois.