

(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.

## TRIBUTE TO RANDY SIKOWSKI

Ms. DUCKWORTH. Mr. President, I come to the floor today to honor a soldier's soldier, a person who taught me what kind of friend, what kind of helicopter pilot, what kind of leader I wanted to be—my friend, Randy Sikowski, sitting next to me here today.

I would start off by telling some stories about Randy from our Army days, but—well, he knows me very well, as well as I know him, and he knows where my bodies are buried, and I know where his are buried. I don't want him telling any similar stories about me in return. So, for my own sake, I am going to hold my tongue on those. Instead, let me just say that this man and I have been in the trenches together, quite literally.

Yes, he is someone who has been a vital member of my office's leadership team for the past 8 years, but my journey with Randy started long, long before anyone ever called me "Senator DUCKWORTH." It started when I was still called "Lieutenant Duckworth."

Randy was always 6 to 18 months ahead of me in the hierarchy, as we climbed our way up the Army career ladder from young lieutenants to captains to majors. He was always someone I looked up to, though, at the time, I would never have told him that.

In fact, our two assault helicopter companies were often rivals. He was Alpha Company commander; I was Bravo Company commander. We each thought our company was the best.

But he always was the kind of pilot, the kind of military tactician, the kind of officer I knew I wanted to be. To this day, when an intern or a young staffer asks me for career advice, I think to myself: They need to find themselves a Randy Sikowski—a mentor whom you can learn from, yet who isn't too far ahead of you in your career, close enough that their footsteps are still visible in the sand in front of you to follow, close enough that their hand is still out on that ladder a step above you—right there—to help you climb up to that next rung.

Look, the Army is really, really good at decisiveness, but Randy—well, Randy has taught me thoughtfulness, and that lesson changed my life.

Looking back at our time together in Iraq, I think we worked so well with each other because we complemented one another. He was the battalion operational officer, and I was his assistant. I was the hothead. He was the voice of reason—the adult in the room—who would make me drop and do pushups when I talked back one too many times, much to the delight of our enlisted personnel.

We were the team running the Tactical Operations Center, or the TOC, responsible for the life of every crew member and every passenger we put into those 44 aircraft, making sure that our task force completed every mission assigned to us.

Then, after my shoot-down, he made me feel like he was still with me in every way that mattered, even though we happened to be a half a world apart—him still in the combat zone and me in my hospital bed, yearning to get back to our unit because he knew me, and he knew that, as I was laying in Walter Reed, I would have traded anything to be back in the blistering heat and suffocating dust of Iraq if it meant just one more day, one more hour, one more mission with my buddies.

So Randy lived up to his end of the Soldier's Creed. He made sure I knew that he would never leave his fallen comrade no matter how long it took me to get back up.

More than a decade later, when I was fortunate enough to get elected to this Chamber, I gave Randy a call. By then, he was a colonel, a rank I was not ever going to achieve. He had retired from the Army by then. He had earned a break, but here I was, asking him to get back in the game: to take on another tireless, often thankless job to serve his Nation once more—this time, by helping to lead our downstate team.

First off, I told him I was a Democrat, but he didn't seem to even consider the politics of it all. All he asked was:

What is the job?

I replied:

Helping out Illinoisans. Looking out for Americans. Taking care of our veterans.

He said:

That's what I do.

And, buddy, truer words have never been spoken.

Randy has led our downstate operations with humility, integrity, and a rock-solid sense of purpose. He has been the calm in the chaos. And, well, I was elected in 2016, so there has been a lot of chaos. But through it all, he has been a steady hand, a quiet force, making sure we were always oriented true north and making sure our work actually improved people's lives. It is a rare, special gift that I have been able to serve alongside someone who mentored me.

Randy, as you head off into the sunset—or, in your case, the pickleball court—please know how grateful I am for your leadership, for your friendship, for your loyalty—loyalty to this office, yes, but also, more importantly, to this Nation that you have served so well for so long.

Congratulations on your retirement, my friend. Thank you for saying yes when I called you that day. Thank you for choosing to continue wearing the flag of our great Nation on your shoulder, facing forward as always, because you cared that much about keeping this country we love as strong as she should be. Thank you for making me a better person. Thank you for showing me who I wanted to be when I grow up.

I love you, and I am going to miss you, dammit.

I yield the floor.

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ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 3 P.M.  
MONDAY

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate stands adjourned until 3 p.m. on Monday.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 3:16 p.m., adjourned until Monday, May 19, 2025, at 3 p.m.

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CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate May 15, 2025:

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

SEAN DONAHUE, OF FLORIDA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.