

Whereas, from sewage garlic to broken magnetic chess pieces, the Chinese Communist Party maintains an appalling record on consumer product safety;

Whereas a 2015 study by the National Institutes of Health determined that human waste is used as an agricultural fertilizer in the People's Republic of China;

Whereas Xi Jinping has doubled down on Communist China's proud tradition of cheating in trade and purposefully ignoring World Trade Organization obligations;

Whereas the People's Republic of China was granted entry into the World Trade Organization in December 2001, and pledged to transition to a more market-oriented economy by reducing state control over trade and investment, removing price controls, protecting intellectual property, and making numerous other promises;

Whereas, as of the date of the introduction of this resolution, the Chinese Communist Party continues to lie and fails to uphold many of their obligations on which their admission to the World Trade Organization was based;

Whereas, under the rule of Xi Jinping, Communist China has become the largest official debt collector in the world, with 80 percent of the overseas lending portfolio of the People's Republic of China going to countries in financial distress;

Whereas the Belt and Road Initiative, developed by Xi Jinping, promises only the loss of sovereignty and long-term economic and environmental devastation;

Whereas the Sino Metals disaster, a story that the Government of the People's Republic of China has worked to suppress in the international press, is yet another example of predatory lending practices by the People's Republic of China;

Whereas, on February 18, 2025, a tailings dam failure at a major Chinese-owned copper mine in northern Zambia released more than 50,000,000 liters of toxic waste into the Kafue River, Zambia's lifeline, devastating the ecosystem, destroying crops, and threatening the health and livelihoods of more than 60 percent of the Zambian population living within the river basin, many of whom depend on the river for drinking water, agriculture, and fishing;

Whereas the pH level, a quantitative measure of the acidity or basicity of aqueous or other liquid solutions, of the Kafue River was at least as low as 1.8 following the spill, transforming the substance of the river from water to something closer to stomach acid, which has a pH level of 1;

Whereas, in June 2025, Chinese nationals were charged in a criminal complaint with conspiracy, smuggling a dangerous biological pathogen into the United States, false statements, and visa fraud;

Whereas the Chinese Communist Party, under the rule of Xi Jinping, has accelerated espionage efforts, including through the 2017 cyberattack of the credit reporting agency Equifax, stealing the addresses, birth dates, Social Security numbers, and other data of 145,000,000 individuals from the United States;

Whereas, from February 2021 to December 2024, more than 60 Chinese Communist Party-related espionage cases have been documented across 20 States, including the opening and operations of clandestine "police stations" on United States soil;

Whereas the Chinese Communist Party, led by Xi Jinping, has increasingly compromised regional and international stability through its commitment to taking Taiwan by force, violating territorial integrity and Air Defense Identification Zone (ADIZ) of Taiwan, supporting state sponsors of terrorism, and aligning itself with the Russian Federation

in the unjustified assault by the Russian Federation against Ukraine;

Whereas, according to data from the Ministry of National Defense of Taiwan, aircraft from the People's Liberation Army conducted more than 3,600 flights into the ADIZ in 2024, setting a new record;

Whereas, in spite of any claim to Taiwan, the Chinese Communist Party, which has not ever ruled Taiwan, continues to cause enormous harm to the well-being of neighboring countries and allies of the United States;

Whereas, under the rule of Xi Jinping, Communist China has engaged in a pattern of harassment and intimidation against Philippine vessels in the West Philippine Sea, endangering Filipino maritime personnel, threatening freedom of navigation, and destabilizing regional peace and stability;

Whereas the People's Republic of China accounts for an estimated 90 percent or more of the total trade of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and purchases up to 90 percent of the oil exports of the Islamic Republic of Iran;

Whereas the Chinese Communist Party, under the rule of Xi Jinping, is pledging the expansion of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor to Taliban-controlled Afghanistan;

Whereas, under the rule of Xi Jinping, the Chinese Communist Party is guilty of orchestrating a horrific, modern-day genocide of the Uyghur people and other Muslim populations in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, also known as East Turkistan;

Whereas, under the rule of Xi Jinping, the Chinese Communist Party holds upwards of 1,000,000 Muslim Uyghurs in prison and labor camps, and forces female spouses of Uyghur men in prison camps to share beds with Han Chinese males assigned by the state;

Whereas the designation of genocide against the Uyghur people was made by President Trump in 2021 and confirmed by the Biden Administration;

Whereas, during the tenure of Xi Jinping as General Secretary, Communist China has harvested the organs of political dissidents, most notably Falun Gong practitioners;

Whereas the Tiananmen Square Massacre of June 3 and June 4, 1989, even 36 years later, continues to serve as a stark reminder of the sheer evil and cowardice of the Chinese Communist Party and the inability of the Chinese Communist Party to squash the aspirations of the Chinese people;

Whereas, in 2020, the Chinese Communist Party significantly expanded mass forced labor in Tibet, and continues to engage in enforced disappearance, torture, cruel, inhumane, and degrading treatment of Tibetans, denying them of their unique cultural identity;

Whereas, in 2020, Communist China enacted a national security law, compromising the basic freedoms of Hong Kongers and unjustly imprisoning political prisoners of conscience, including Apple Daily founder Jimmy Lai;

Whereas, under the rule of Xi Jinping, Communist China has continued to send defectors from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea back to that country, despite an elevated risk of execution and torture for defectors; and

Whereas Christians of all backgrounds are persecuted in the People's Republic of China, especially Christians not adhering to the Catholic or Protestant state-sanctioned "patriotic religious associations", which serve as propaganda arms for the Chinese Communist Party and Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era; Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) condemns the dictator of the People's Republic of China, Xi Jinping, for engaging in a pattern of deceit, undermining prospects

for peace and security, and orchestrating crimes against humanity;

(2) stands in solidarity with the people of the People's Republic of China, and all people around the world who have endured the consequences of rule by the Chinese Communist Party; and

(3) encourages the application of all applicable sanctions authorities against officials of the Chinese Communist Party, including sanctions authorized by the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act (22 U.S.C. 10101 et seq.).

## SENATE RESOLUTION 445—CONGRATULATING PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP FOR ACHIEVING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

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

S. RES. 445

Whereas Palestinian terrorists have attacked the State of Israel for more than 75 years;

Whereas Hamas launched a bombardment of more than 4,000 rockets into Israel from the Gaza Strip on October 7, 2023;

Whereas Hamas killed approximately 1,200 civilians and kidnapped 251 individuals during the October 7 attack;

Whereas the rockets launched by Hamas were intended to massacre and strike fear into the hearts of innocent civilians in Israel;

Whereas, during the ensuing attack, 6,000 Gazans, including 3,800 Hamas terrorists, breached the border into Israel;

Whereas President Donald J. Trump continues to show the world what peace through strength means through his historic and bold actions;

Whereas President Trump led a coalition of nations and leaders throughout the Middle East and across the world to achieve a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas;

Whereas neither President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., nor his autopen were capable of bringing about a resolution to the conflict between Israel and Hamas;

Whereas, mere days before thousands of innocent civilians were murdered, kidnapped, or raped on October 7, 2023, Jake Sullivan, President Biden's National Security Advisor, publicly bragged that "the Middle East region is quieter today than it has been in two decades";

Whereas no other United States president has been able to achieve the seismic accomplishment of bringing stability and security to the Middle East;

Whereas President Trump's Abraham Accords laid the groundwork for this historic peace;

Whereas President Trump worked tirelessly to rescue United States nationals and other individuals who were barbarically kidnapped on October 7, 2023, and held in captivity in the tunnels of Gaza;

Whereas President Trump's peace plan includes a political and economic roadmap for resolving the long-standing Israeli-Palestinian conflict;

Whereas President Trump's plan includes large scale investments and incentives to unleash prosperity throughout the region;

Whereas achieving peace in the Middle East and a truce between Israel and the Palestinians has eluded leaders for decades; and

Whereas the peace plan will bring tranquility and harmony to a region wrecked with turmoil; Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates President Donald J. Trump for the momentous achievement of reaching a cease-fire between Israel and Hamas;

(2) calls on all peace-loving individuals and nations to embrace President Trump's peace plan; and

(3) celebrates the coming peace and prosperity that will benefit millions of individuals.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 446—RECOGNIZING THE 250TH BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY

Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BANKS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BUDD, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. DUCKWORTH, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KELLY, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. PETERS, Mr. REED, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. SHEEHY, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TUBERVILLE, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 446

Whereas, on October 13, 1775, the Continental Congress, representing the citizens of the 13 American colonies, passed a resolution establishing a Continental Navy to protect North American trade from British blockades and predation and to intercept British ships carrying supplies for British forces in North America;

Whereas the founders recognized the essential nature of a Navy to the strength and longevity of the country by providing authority to Congress "To provide and maintain a Navy" in article I, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States;

Whereas the Continental Navy began a proud tradition, carried out for the last 250 years by the United States Navy, to protect the interests of the United States on, under, and above the seas, projecting American values and maintaining the freedom of navigation across the globe;

Whereas, as of the date of this resolution, the United States Navy is a global force of more than 290 ships, 3,700 aircraft, and 590,000 active duty, reserve, and civilian personnel;

Whereas the Navy's Sailors, past and present, have demonstrated unmatched courage, skill, and dedication during every major conflict in the history of the United States;

Whereas the Navy has played a vital role in humanitarian missions, disaster relief, deterrence, and diplomacy, fostering peace and stability in regions far beyond the shores of the United States;

Whereas the Navy remains at the forefront of technological innovation, all-domain warfare, and strategic deterrence in the 21st century;

Whereas the Navy's core values of "Honor, Courage, and Commitment" have guided generations of Sailors and reflect the enduring spirit of service to the country;

Whereas the Navy's 250th birthday provides an opportunity to recognize the sacrifices of Navy families, veterans, and civilians who have supported the fleet and fought for the maritime superiority of the United States;

Whereas communities across the United States continue to provide critical industrial and workforce support to sustain fleet readiness and national defense; and

Whereas, whether in peace or at war, the people of the United States can rest assured that their Navy is on watch, ever vigilant,

and ready to respond when and where it is needed: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the historic significance of the 250th birthday of the United States Navy;

(2) expresses the appreciation of the people of the United States to the men and women of the Navy, past and present, for their 250 years of dedicated service and defense of the United States; and

(3) reaffirms the Senate's commitment to supporting the United States Navy as a vital instrument of national power and global stability.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 447—DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 25, 2025, AS "NATIONAL ATAXIA AWARENESS DAY", AND RAISING AWARENESS OF ATAXIA, ATAXIA RESEARCH, AND THE SEARCH FOR A CURE

Mrs. HYDE-SMITH (for herself, Mr. MURPHY, and Mrs. CAPITO) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 447

Whereas ataxia is a clinical manifestation indicating degeneration or dysfunction of the brain that negatively affects the coordination, precision, and accurate timing of physical movements;

Whereas ataxia can strike individuals of all ages, including children;

Whereas the term "ataxia" is used to classify a group of rare, inherited neurodegenerative diseases including—

- (1) ataxia telangiectasia;
- (2) episodic ataxia;
- (3) Friedreich's ataxia; and
- (4) spinocerebellar ataxia;

Whereas there are many known types of genetic ataxia, but the genetic basis for ataxia in some patients is still unknown;

Whereas all inherited ataxias affect fewer than 200,000 individuals in the United States, and therefore, are recognized as rare diseases under the Orphan Drug Act (Public Law 97-414; 96 Stat. 2049);

Whereas some genetic ataxias are inherited in an autosomal dominant manner while others are inherited in an autosomal recessive manner;

Whereas ataxia symptoms can also be caused by noninherited health conditions and other factors, including stroke, tumor, cerebral palsy, head trauma, multiple sclerosis, alcohol addiction or misuse, and certain medications;

Whereas ataxia can present physical, psychological, and financial challenges for patients and their families;

Whereas symptoms and outcomes of ataxia progress at different rates and can include—

- (1) lack of coordination;
- (2) slurred speech;
- (3) cardiomyopathy;
- (4) scoliosis;
- (5) eye movement abnormalities;
- (6) difficulty walking;
- (7) tremors;
- (8) trouble eating and swallowing;
- (9) difficulties with other activities that require fine motor skills; and
- (10) death;

Whereas many patients with ataxia require the use of assistive devices, such as wheelchairs and walkers, to aid in their mobility, and many individuals with ataxia may need physical and occupational therapy;

Whereas few treatments and no cures have been approved for ataxia; and

Whereas clinical research to develop safe and effective treatments for ataxia is ongoing: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the need for greater public awareness of ataxia;

(2) designates September 25, 2025, as "National Ataxia Awareness Day";

(3) supports the goals of National Ataxia Awareness Day, which are to—

(A) raise awareness of the causes and symptoms of ataxia among the general public and health care professionals;

(B) improve diagnosis of ataxia and access to care for patients affected by ataxia; and

(C) accelerate ataxia research, including on safe and effective treatment options and, ultimately, a cure;

(4) recognizes the individuals in the United States who face challenges due to having ataxia, and the families of those individuals; and

(5) encourages States, territories, and localities to support the goals of National Ataxia Awareness Day.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 448—DESIGNATING OCTOBER 1, 2025, AS "ENERGY EFFICIENCY DAY" IN CELEBRATION OF THE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS THAT HAVE BEEN DRIVEN BY PRIVATE SECTOR INNOVATION AND FEDERAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY POLICIES

Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. COONS, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. HASSAN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. REED, Ms. SMITH, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WELCH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. HICKENLOOPER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 448

Whereas October has been designated as "National Energy Awareness Month";

Whereas improvements in energy efficiency technologies and practices, along with policies of the United States enacted since the 1970s, have resulted in energy savings of more than 80,000,000,000,000 British thermal units and energy cost avoidance of more than \$1,000,000,000,000 annually;

Whereas energy efficiency has enjoyed bipartisan support in Congress and in administrations of both parties for more than 50 years;

Whereas bipartisan legislation enacted since the 1970s to advance Federal energy efficiency policies includes—

(1) the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6201 et seq.);

(2) the National Appliance Energy Conservation Act of 1987 (Public Law 100-12; 101 Stat. 103);

(3) the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13201 et seq.);

(4) the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 15801 et seq.);

(5) the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17001 et seq.);

(6) the Energy Efficiency Improvement Act of 2015 (Public Law 114-11; 129 Stat. 182);

(7) the Energy Act of 2020 (Public Law 116-260; 134 Stat. 2418); and

(8) the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117-58; 135 Stat. 429);

Whereas energy efficiency has long been supported by a diverse coalition of businesses (including manufacturers, utilities, energy service companies, and technology firms), public interest organizations, environmental and conservation groups, and State and local governments;