

(Public Law 102-4), leading to the recognition of Agent Orange as a presumptive hazard and paving the way for benefits for affected veterans;

Whereas the Agent Orange Act of 1991, and research conducted pursuant to that law, yielded new presumptions of service connection related to herbicide exposure and provided a blueprint for Congress and the Department of Veterans Affairs to address military toxic exposures encountered by succeeding generations of veterans, culminating in the passage of the Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act of 2022 (Public Law 117-168) (commonly known as the "PACT Act");

Whereas the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC, completed in 1982, stands as a lasting tribute to those who lost their lives in the conflict, with its black granite walls inscribed with the names of the fallen, offering a place of reflection and remembrance for their loved ones and fellow citizens;

Whereas the Vietnam Women's Memorial in Washington, DC, dedicated in 1993 as the first national memorial to female veterans, honors the heroic service and sacrifices made by the many women who served in Vietnam, often as medical personnel rendering the final care and comfort to their dying comrades;

Whereas the thousands of Gold Star families that remember loved ones lost continue to maintain the legacy of Vietnam veterans who answered the Nation's call to defend freedom and made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty; and

Whereas The Wall That Heals, a traveling replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and other community-based replica Walls across the country provide veterans and their families with opportunities to pay tribute and find solace: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the 50th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War;

(2) honors and expresses profound gratitude to the men and women of the Armed Forces of the United States who served with bravery, courage, dedication, sacrifice, and selflessness in the Vietnam War;

(3) remembers and pays tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice during the Vietnam War and those who remain missing in action from that conflict;

(4) commends the work of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) in its continued mission to bring home the 1,545 members of the Armed Forces of the United States who remain missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam War, and urges DPAA to redouble efforts to bring all of the United States' fallen sons and daughters home;

(5) acclaims the work of the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration for its mission to recognize, thank, and honor Vietnam veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice;

(6) acknowledges the challenges and hardships faced by Vietnam veterans upon their return home and reaffirms the Nation's respect and appreciation for their service;

(7) recognizes the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, The Wall That Heals, and other tribute sites as enduring symbols of remembrance and national gratitude;

(8) commits to ensuring the well-being and support of Vietnam veterans, particularly those affected by Agent Orange and herbicide exposure;

(9) underscores the importance of a new spirit of 21st century cooperation and partnership between former enemies engaging in diplomatic, economic, and security cooperation;

(10) calls upon the people of the United States to observe National Vietnam War Veterans Day on March 29 and remember the commitment to duty demonstrated by Vietnam veterans;

(11) reaffirms the importance of educating future generations about the Vietnam War and the sacrifices made by those who served, ensuring their legacy is never forgotten; and

(12) lauds the Veterans History Project at the Library of Congress, which continues to gather firsthand accounts and record the recollections of veterans who served in the Vietnam War, preserving their stories for future generations of Americans.

SENATE RESOLUTION 496—EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF NOVEMBER 8, 2025, AS "NATIONAL FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE CELEBRATION DAY"

Mr. MARSHALL (for himself, Mr. WARNOCK, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. LUJAN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MERKLEY, and Ms. COLLINS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 496

Whereas a "first-generation college student" means an individual whose parents did not complete a baccalaureate degree, or in the case of any individual who regularly resided with and received support from only 1 parent, an individual whose parent did not complete a baccalaureate degree;

Whereas November 8 honors the anniversary of the signing of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.) by President Lyndon B. Johnson on November 8, 1965;

Whereas the Higher Education Act of 1965 was focused on increasing postsecondary education access and success for students, particularly low-income and first-generation college students;

Whereas the Higher Education Act of 1965 helped usher in programs necessary for low-income, first-generation college students to access, remain in, and complete postsecondary education, including the Federal TRIO programs under chapter 1 of subpart 2 of part A of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a-11 et seq.) and the Federal Pell Grant program under section 401 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a);

Whereas the Federal TRIO programs are the primary national effort supporting underrepresented students in postsecondary education and are designed to identify individuals from low-income backgrounds that would be first-generation college students and prepare them for postsecondary education, provide them support services, and motivate and prepare them for doctoral programs;

Whereas the Federal Pell Grant program under section 401 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a) is the primary Federal investment in financial aid for low-income college students and is used by students at institutions of higher education of their choice;

Whereas first-generation college students may face additional academic, financial, and social challenges that their peers do not face in pursuing higher education;

Whereas 54 percent of all college students pursuing degrees at the time of the introduction of this resolution are first-generation college students;

Whereas the Council for Opportunity in Education and FirstGen Forward, formerly

the Center for First-generation Student Success, jointly launched the inaugural First-Generation College Celebration in 2017; and

Whereas the First-Generation College Celebration has continued to grow, and institutions of higher education, corporations, nonprofit organizations, and elementary and secondary schools now celebrate November 8 as "First-Generation College Celebration Day": Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) expresses support for the designation of November 8, 2025, as "National First-Generation College Celebration Day"; and

(2) urges all people of the United States to—

(A) celebrate "National First-Generation College Celebration Day" throughout the United States;

(B) recognize the important role that first-generation college students play in helping to develop the future workforce; and

(C) celebrate the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.) and its programs that help underrepresented students access higher education.

SENATE RESOLUTION 497—PERMITTING THE COLLECTION OF CLOTHING, TOYS, FOOD, AND HOUSEWARES DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN SENATE BUILDINGS

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

S. RES. 497

Resolved,

SECTION 1. COLLECTION OF CLOTHING, TOYS, FOOD, AND HOUSEWARES DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN SENATE BUILDINGS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of the rules or regulations of the Senate—

(1) a Senator, officer of the Senate, or employee of the Senate may collect from another Senator, officer of the Senate, or employee of the Senate within a Senate building or other office secured for a Senator non-monetary donations of clothing, toys, food, and housewares for charitable purposes related to serving persons in need or members of the Armed Forces and the families of those members during the holiday season, if the charitable purposes do not otherwise violate any rule or regulation of the Senate or Federal law; and

(2) a Senator, officer of the Senate, or employee of the Senate may work with a nonprofit organization with respect to the delivery of donations described under paragraph (1).

(b) EXPIRATION.—The authority provided by this resolution shall expire at the end of the first session of the 119th Congress.

SENATE RESOLUTION 498—HONORING DR. JANE GOODALL AND HER LEGACY AS AN ETHOLOGIST, CONSERVATIONIST, AND ACTIVIST

Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. TILLIS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. WELCH) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 498

Whereas Dr. Jane Goodall, born Valerie Jane Morris-Goodall on April 3, 1934, was a

world-renowned ethologist, conservationist, and activist;

Whereas Dr. Goodall immersed herself in the study of chimpanzees in their natural habitat within Gombe Stream National Park in Gombe, Tanzania;

Whereas Dr. Goodall was one of the first female wildlife field researchers, inspiring countless other women to follow in her footsteps;

Whereas Dr. Goodall's findings on the tool-making practices of chimpanzees revolutionized the field of primatology and forever changed the way animals are perceived and studied;

Whereas the Jane Goodall Institute, established in 1977 by Dr. Goodall, spearheads the world's longest-running field research into great apes, supports the protection and restoration of the natural world, is an innovative leader in advancing community led conservation, and promotes environmental education;

Whereas Dr. Goodall, through the Jane Goodall Institute, has provided over 300 scholarships to young women to support their education and has paved the way for women in science;

Whereas the Tchimpounga Rehabilitation Center was established by the Jane Goodall Institute in the Republic of Congo in 1991 to care for chimpanzees orphaned by the illegal commercial bushmeat and pet trades and has cared for over 200 chimpanzees in its 30-year existence;

Whereas Dr. Goodall was named a United Nations Messenger of Peace in 2002, the highest honor of the United Nations, to recognize her peace building work through the Roots & Shoots youth program;

Whereas the Roots & Shoots youth program has inspired over 1,470,000 young people in over 65 countries to engage in activities that make a difference in their communities;

Whereas Dr. Goodall transformed traditional conservation through the Lake Tanganyika Catchment Reforestation and Education (TACARE) program, which prioritizes community-centered conservation in designing the future;

Whereas Dr. Goodall became a beacon of hope through her numerous books and documentaries, inspiring individuals of all ages to work towards a brighter future; and

Whereas Dr. Goodall built a legacy of environmental activism, humanity, and infectious compassion: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) uses April 3, 2025, and April 3, 2026, to commemorate the birth of Dr. Jane Goodall and to celebrate the extraordinary contributions of Dr. Goodall and the impact she had on the world;

(2) proclaims April 3, 2025, and April 3, 2026, as “Jane Goodall Day” across the country; and

(3) expresses gratitude to Dr. Goodall for her unwavering dedication to the well-being of animals, conservation, and the planet as a whole.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 3937. Ms. COLLINS proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 5371, making continuing appropriations and extensions for fiscal year 2026, and for other purposes.

SA 3938. Mr. PAUL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3937 proposed by Ms. COLLINS to the bill H.R. 5371, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3939. Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5371, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3940. Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3937 proposed by Ms. COLLINS to the bill H.R. 5371, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3941. Mr. THUNE (for Mr. PAUL (for himself and Mr. WYDEN)) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 3937 proposed by Ms. COLLINS to the bill H.R. 5371, supra.

SA 3942. Mr. THUNE proposed an amendment to amendment SA 3941 proposed by Mr. THUNE (for Mr. PAUL (for himself and Mr. WYDEN)) to the amendment SA 3937 proposed by Ms. COLLINS to the bill H.R. 5371, supra.

SA 3943. Mr. THUNE proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 5371, supra.

SA 3944. Mr. THUNE proposed an amendment to amendment SA 3943 proposed by Mr. THUNE to the bill H.R. 5371, supra.

SA 3945. Mr. THUNE proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 5371, supra.

SA 3946. Mr. THUNE proposed an amendment to amendment SA 3945 proposed by Mr. THUNE to the bill H.R. 5371, supra.

SA 3947. Mr. THUNE proposed an amendment to amendment SA 3946 proposed by Mr. THUNE to the amendment SA 3945 proposed by Mr. THUNE to the bill H.R. 5371, supra.

SA 3948. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5371, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3949. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5371, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3950. Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. WELCH, and Ms. SLOTKIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3937 proposed by Ms. COLLINS to the bill H.R. 5371, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 3937. Ms. COLLINS proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 5371, making continuing appropriations and extensions for fiscal year 2026, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Continuing Appropriations, Agriculture, Legislative Branch, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Extensions Act, 2026”.

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SEC. 3. REFERENCES.

Except as expressly provided otherwise, any reference to “this Act” contained in any division of this Act shall be treated as referring only to the provisions of that division.

SEC. 4. EXPLANATORY STATEMENT.

The explanatory statement regarding this Act, printed in the Senate section of the Congressional Record on or about November 9, 2025, and submitted by the chair of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate, shall have the same effect with respect to the allocation of funds and implementation of divisions B through D of this Act as if it were a joint explanatory statement of a committee of conference.

SEC. 5. STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS.

The following sums in this Act are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026.

DIVISION A—CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2026

The following sums are hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and out of applicable corporate or other revenues, receipts, and funds, for the several departments, agencies, corporations, and other organizational units of Government for fiscal year 2026, and for other purposes, namely:

SEC. 101. Such amounts as may be necessary, at a rate for operations as provided in the applicable appropriations Acts for fiscal year 2025 and under the authority and conditions provided in such Acts, for continuing projects or activities (including the costs of direct loans and loan guarantees) that are not otherwise specifically provided for in this Act, that were conducted in fiscal year 2025, and for which appropriations, funds, or other authority were made available in the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2025 (division A of Public Law 119-4), except sections 1110, 1113, and 1114; the proviso in paragraph (4) of section 1602; and sections 1708 and 1808; and except section 540 of division C, and sections 110 and 112 of division D of Public Law 118-42, as continued in effect by section 1101 of division A of Public Law 119-4; and except section 7069(b) of division F of Public Law 118-47, as continued in effect by section 1101 of division A of Public Law 119-4.

SEC. 102. (a) No appropriation or funds made available or authority granted pursuant to section 101 for the Department of Defense shall be used for:

(1) the new production of items not funded for production in fiscal year 2025 or prior years;

(2) the increase in production rates above those sustained with fiscal year 2025 funds; or

(3) the initiation, resumption, or continuation of any project, activity, operation, or