

policy, and working to create and sustain an environment where all families can live in peace and all people are valued;

Whereas survivors, advocates, and providers are working together to implement equitable and effective community-based responses to homicide;

Whereas the leadership of surviving family and community members is essential to disrupting cycles of violence and promoting peace in all communities; and

Whereas recognition of the needs of survivors can help combat trauma, foster healing, and inform joy for families and communities impacted by homicide: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) expresses support for the designation of November 20, 2025, through December 20, 2025, as “National Survivors of Homicide Victims Awareness Month”;

(2) supports efforts to—

(A) raise awareness of survivors of homicide victims;

(B) support survivors of homicide victims, including families, schools, and communities, with support services and information; and

(C) encourage research to—

(i) better address the needs of families and communities severely impacted by violence;

(ii) consider ways to improve access to, and the quality of, behavioral health services for survivors of homicide victims; and

(iii) consider ways to take action to raise the national homicide clearance rate, which has remained near 50 percent and is among the lowest in the developed world; and

(3) calls on the people of the United States, interest groups, and affected persons—

(A) to promote awareness of survivors of homicide victims;

(B) to take an active role in the fight to end gun violence and homicide;

(C) to respond to all families suffering in the aftermath of homicide with consistency, compassion, and competence by centering the principles of love, unity, faith, hope, courage, justice, and forgiveness; and

(D) to observe National Survivors of Homicide Victims Awareness Month with appropriate activities.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 505—RECOGNIZING THE SUCCESS OF THE MEMPHIS SAFE TASK FORCE

Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself and Mr. HAGERTY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 505

Whereas Memphis, Tennessee, is a historic city that is full of iconic landmarks including Beale Street, Graceland, and the Memphis Pyramid;

Whereas, due to its central geographic location, Memphis serves as one of the transportation and logistics hubs of America, connecting much of the United States by rail, air, road, and water;

Whereas, since 1973, Memphis has served as the hub of the largest cargo airline in the world, Federal Express;

Whereas crucial events of the civil rights movement and the fight for justice for all occurred in Memphis, including the 1968 strike by sanitation workers;

Whereas, since 1962, Memphis has been home to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, which has provided treatment to children with cancer or other life-threatening diseases at no cost to families;

Whereas the city of Memphis has experienced an unacceptable level of violent crime over the last few years and has been ranked

nationally as one of the most dangerous cities in the United States;

Whereas, according to data from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Memphis in 2024 had the highest rate of violent crime per capita, including some of the highest per capita rates of murder, robbery, aggravated assault, and carjacking;

Whereas President Donald J. Trump made a commitment to the American people to restore law and order in cities throughout the United States and to “Make America Safe Again”;

Whereas, during the summer of 2025, the Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and component agencies launched “Operation Viper” in Memphis, an ongoing FBI mission in Memphis that resulted in nearly 500 arrests of the most violent offenders;

Whereas, on September 15, 2025, President Trump signed a Presidential memorandum entitled “Restoring Law and Order in Memphis,” establishing the Memphis Safe Task Force;

Whereas the Memphis Safe Task Force is a joint Federal task force that, in close coordination with State and local agencies, has the objective of combating and reducing violent crime, aggressively prosecuting criminal defendants, and making Memphis once again a safe place to live and raise a family;

Whereas, in a little more than 50 days, the Memphis Safe Task Force has yielded tremendous results for the people of Memphis, including—

(1) nearly 3,000 arrests, including the arrests of more than 300 known gang members;

(2) over 450 illegal firearms seized; and

(3) over 100 missing children found;

Whereas, since the Federal law enforcement surge in the summer of 2025, violent crime in Memphis has plummeted, with historically low levels of homicide, aggravated assault, and carjacking;

Whereas the Memphis Safe Task Force will serve as a national model for President Trump’s broader mission to reduce violent crime in many of the Nation’s largest cities, including Chicago, Los Angeles, and Portland;

Whereas, thanks to President Trump’s bold leadership and the diligent and coordinated efforts of 13 Federal, State, and local agencies, the city of Memphis is on track to be one of the safest cities in America; and

Whereas the Memphis Safe Task Force will remain in operation for the foreseeable future, making clear that Memphis’s best days lie ahead: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the monumental success that has already been achieved because of the Memphis Safe Task Force and President Donald J. Trump’s decisive leadership; and

(2) commends President Trump, the most pro-law enforcement President in the history of the United States, for his work to make America safe again.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 506—HONORING WADEE ALFAYOUMI, A 6-YEAR-OLD PALESTINIAN-AMERICAN BOY, MURDERED AS A VICTIM OF A HATE CRIME FOR HIS PALESTINIAN-MUSLIM IDENTITY, IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Ms. DUCKWORTH) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 506

Whereas Wadee Alfayoumi, a 6-year-old Palestinian-Muslim-American boy, was loved

by his family and friends as an energetic, loving, and joyous light who brought sunshine to his loved ones and classmates;

Whereas, on October 14, 2023, at 11:30 a.m., Wadee Alfayoumi was brutally stabbed 26 times by a hate-driven perpetrator and tragically succumbed to his injuries;

Whereas Wadee Alfayoumi’s perpetrator was convicted of murder and hate crimes and sentenced to 53 years in prison, as there is evidence the perpetrator yelled during the brutal killing, “All Muslims must die” and was observed to be a consumer of media containing dehumanizing and hateful rhetoric that is anti-Muslim and anti-Palestinian;

Whereas Wadee Alfayoumi was born and raised in the United States, and his family wanted the United States to provide them a life of safety away from dehumanizing and hateful rhetoric toward Palestinian people;

Whereas no one should be a target of hate because of their ethnicity or religion, whether such ethnicity or religion is expressed verbally or through how one dresses, such as through the wearing of a hijab, keffiyeh, niqab, burqa, kufi, turban, mitpahaht, tichel, shpitzel, sheitel, kippah, or yarmulke;

Whereas dehumanizing rhetoric can fuel sentiments of hate that result in violence against those who belong or who are perceived to belong to a certain ethnic or religious group;

Whereas the Palestinian community’s migration to the United States dates back to the late 19th century;

Whereas the United States is home to one of the largest Palestinian diasporas in the world that is made up of lawyers, doctors, teachers, business owners, law enforcement, and others, all of whom contribute to the history, arts, commerce, promise, and character of the United States;

Whereas Wadee Alfayoumi shared a heritage, history, love, culture, tradition, and brilliance belonging to the Palestinian people and was a symbol of another great Palestinian life full of promise;

Whereas Palestinian children, Israeli children, children in the United States, and those all across the globe deserve to live in peace and be free from discrimination, hate crimes, and violence; and

Whereas Israel’s military campaign in Gaza has had a devastating impact on children, with over 20,000 children killed in the last 23 months, according to Save the Children: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate recognizes that—

(1) the United States lost the beautiful light of Wadee Alfayoumi because of hate;

(2) it is the duty of elected officials and media to tell the truth without dehumanizing rhetoric when informing the public of factual information;

(3) freedom of speech and peaceful protest are constitutionally protected and a fundamental cornerstone of democracy; and

(4) the United States has zero tolerance for hate crimes, Islamophobia, anti-Semitism, and anti-Palestinian and anti-Arab discrimination.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 507—DESIGNATING NOVEMBER 20, 2025, AS “NATIONAL RURAL HEALTH DAY”

Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BRITT, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAINES, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. JUSTICE, Mr. LANKFORD, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. RISCH, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. WICKER, Mr. MULLIN, Mr.

HAWLEY, Mr. WELCH, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. MERKLEY) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 507

Whereas over 66,300,000 hardworking individuals in the United States live in rural communities;

Whereas individuals in the United States in rural areas live in pursuit of the common good and keep values of the United States alive by fostering a spirit of generosity and respect among neighbors;

Whereas rural health care providers and patients showcase a selfless and community-minded spirit;

Whereas rural areas in the United States are places of opportunity for—

(1) mission-minded health professionals to provide individualized care to patients and entire communities; and

(2) fueling innovations in rural health infrastructure, quality, and delivery of health care;

Whereas rural health care providers are—

(1) uniquely positioned to provide value-based holistic care; and

(2) known and trusted by their patients;

Whereas rural residents tend to experience lower life expectancy and poorer health status due to structural, behavioral, and geographic factors;

Whereas rural residents face barriers to accessing health care due to a shortage of primary and specialized health care providers, lack of reliable transportation or transportation options, increased exposure to public health and occupational hazards, and higher rates of uninsured and underinsured individuals;

Whereas rural health facilities in the United States face systemic challenges, including clinician workforce shortages and lower volumes of services spread over fixed costs;

Whereas the systemic challenges rural health facilities face have contributed to 153 rural hospital closures or hospital conversions since 2010;

Whereas 50 percent of rural hospitals in the United States are operating with negative margins and nearly 432 rural hospitals are vulnerable to closure, further demonstrating the need to accelerate efforts to reinforce the rural health safety net;

Whereas the systemic challenges rural health facilities face make it increasingly difficult for rural health care facilities to keep their doors open to serve patients;

Whereas National Rural Health Day was established to honor rural communities in the United States and the contributions and efforts of rural communities in addressing the unique challenges facing rural health care;

Whereas the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health has recognized National Rural Health Day to be the third Thursday of each November since 2011, in collaboration with partners such as the National Rural Health Association; and

Whereas National Rural Health Day will be recognized this year on November 20, 2025; Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates November 20, 2025, as “National Rural Health Day”;

(2) recognizes and supports the goals and ideals of National Rural Health Day;

(3) celebrates rural health care providers and the millions of individuals in the United States that rural health care providers serve; and

(4) expresses a commitment to advancing policies to improve health care accessibility

and affordability in rural areas of the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 508—DESIGNATING NOVEMBER 8, 2025, AS “NATIONAL SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS (STEM) DAY” AND CELEBRATING THE IMPORTANCE OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS IN EDUCATION AND THE WORKFORCE IN THE UNITED STATES

Ms. ROSEN (for herself and Mrs. CAPITO) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 508

Whereas the National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics shows that nearly 36,000,000 people of the United States are employed in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (referred to in this preamble as “STEM”) occupations in the United States;

Whereas the Bureau of Labor Statistics shows that STEM occupations are projected to grow by more than 8 percent between 2024 and 2034;

Whereas approximately 870,000 new STEM job openings will become available within the next decade;

Whereas, in 2019, only 20 percent of high school graduates in the United States were fully prepared for college-level STEM curriculum courses;

Whereas women are largely underrepresented in the STEM workforce and hold less than ⅓ of all STEM jobs;

Whereas the National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics shows that, in 2021, Hispanic workers represented only 15 percent of the STEM workforce and Black workers represented only 9 percent; and

Whereas teaching STEM subjects to students in the classroom can help inspire them to consider STEM career paths: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates November 8, 2025, as “National Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Day”;

(2) celebrates the importance of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in education and the workforce in the United States; and

(3) urges the people of the United States to observe National STEM Day with appropriate programs and activities.

SENATE RESOLUTION 509—DESIGNATING OCTOBER 16, 2025, AND OCTOBER 16, 2026, AS “WORLD FOOD DAY”

Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. MORAN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 509

Whereas hundreds of millions of people around the world are experiencing hunger and malnutrition;

Whereas an estimated 2,300,000,000 people are estimated to have been moderately or severely food insecure in 2024, an increase of 336,000,000 since 2019 and a clear example that the number of people affected by hunger continues to grow at an alarming pace;

Whereas women and children suffer the most serious effects of hunger and malnutrition;

Whereas millions of children die each year from hunger-related illness and disease;

Whereas many people suffer permanent physical or mental impairment because of vitamin or protein deficiencies due to malnutrition;

Whereas those in rural areas experience disproportionate levels of hunger;

Whereas an estimated 673,000,000 people, or 8.2 percent of the global population, experienced food insecurity in 2024 with hunger continuing to rise in most subregions of Africa and western Asia;

Whereas, according to the 2025 Global Report on Food Crises, the total number of people facing high levels of acute food insecurity nearly tripled between 2016 and 2024, rising from 105,200,000 people in 48 countries to approximately 295,300,000 people in 53 countries and territories;

Whereas the same study found that between 2016 and 2024, the number of people experiencing the most extreme level of food insecurity increased more than tenfold, from 155,000 to almost 2,000,000;

Whereas intensifying conflict, weather extremes, and other factors have exacerbated an already untenable food insecurity crisis;

Whereas the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) has confirmed 2 famines, noted that 1 country is currently at risk of famine, and identified 3 countries facing catastrophic levels of acute food insecurity that require urgent and immediate action;

Whereas the number of people unable to afford a healthy diet remained unacceptably high at 2,600,000,000 globally in 2024;

Whereas the United States has a long tradition of demonstrating humanitarian concern for the hungry and malnourished people of the world;

Whereas there is an ever-increasing concern in the United States and in other countries about threats to the future food supply, including—

- (1) misuse and overuse of land and water;
- (2) loss of biological diversity;
- (3) conflict due to scarcity of natural resources;
- (4) erosion of genetic resources on a global scale; and
- (5) transboundary pests and diseases, such as the Desert Locust for plants and screw-worm for livestock;

Whereas the world community increasingly and consistently calls upon the United States to resolve food problems stemming from natural- and human-made disasters by providing humanitarian assistance;

Whereas the United States—

- (1) plays a major role in the development and implementation of international food and agricultural trade standards and practices; and
- (2) recognizes the positive role that global food trade can play in enhancing human nutrition and alleviating hunger;

Whereas, although progress has been made in reducing the rate of hunger and malnutrition in the United States, certain groups remain vulnerable to malnutrition and related diseases and global hunger and malnutrition rates continue to climb;

Whereas the conservation of natural resources, the preservation of biological diversity, and strong public and private agricultural research programs are required for the United States to—

- (1) remain food secure;
- (2) continue to aid the hungry and malnourished people of the world;
- (3) assist in building more resilient global food systems; and
- (4) preserve and sustain our forests, land, oceans, and waterways;

Whereas the United States is a world leader in the development of agricultural innovation and technology aimed at enhancing the