

Tribal nations mobilized to respond to the fires;

Whereas the firefighters and first responders risked life and limb to preserve and protect lives and property;

Whereas hundreds of volunteers worked tirelessly to tend to those who had lost their homes or loved ones;

Whereas individuals across the United States and around the world expressed their support and sorrow for those affected by the fires;

Whereas, 1 year later, the rebuilding process in the Pacific Palisades, Altadena, and other communities across Southern California continues; and

Whereas continued coordination between Federal, State, and local authorities is required to ensure that those affected by the fires obtain the relief and support they need; Now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) honors and remembers those who lost their lives in the wildfires;

(2) recognizes and commends the bravery and selflessness of the first responders who risked their lives to respond and extinguish the wildfires; and

(3) affirms its commitment to helping Southern California communities continue to rebuild.

SENATE RESOLUTION 578—CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON MEN'S SOCCER TEAM ON WINNING THE 2025 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION DIVISION 1 MEN'S SOCCER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

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

S. RES. 578

Whereas, on December 15, 2025, the University of Washington Huskies men's soccer team (the "Washington Huskies") secured a 3–2 overtime win against No. 15 seed North Carolina State to win the national championship before an estimated 10,000 fans;

Whereas this win marks the first national title in program history;

Whereas, during the 2025 playoffs, the Washington Huskies defeated the Oregon State Beavers, the Southern Methodist University Mustangs, the Stanford Cardinal, the Maryland Terrapins, and the Furman Paladins, before defeating the North Carolina State Wolfpack in the championship game to win the College Cup;

Whereas Zach Ramsey and Joe Dale scored the 2 goals during regulation time and Harrison "Harry" Bertos scored the winning goal for the Washington Huskies during overtime in the championship game;

Whereas every member of the Washington Huskies men's soccer team contributed to the successful 2025 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I National Championship season and the championship match;

Whereas the coaches and staff of the Washington Huskies men's soccer team played a vital role in the success of the Washington Huskies during the 2025 season;

Whereas the Washington Huskies overcame a 3-game losing streak at the end of the regular season to win all 6 of their NCAA tournament games away from home, becoming the first team to win 6 road matches in the tournament; and

Whereas the Washington Huskies showed immense strength, resilience, and teamwork

to win the national championship; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the University of Washington men's soccer team for an incredible season and for winning the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division 1 Men's Soccer National Championship;

(2) recognizes the achievements of all players, coaches, and staff who contributed to the team's success; and

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

(A) Jamie Clark, head coach;

(B) Patrick Chun, athletic director; and

(C) Dr. Robert J. Jones, president of the University of Washington.

SENATE RESOLUTION 579—AFFIRMING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY PROGRAM TO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES AND EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT SOCIAL SECURITY MUST BE PRESERVED, PROTECTED, AND STRENGTHENED FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS

Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Mr. Kaine, Mr. KING, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. DURBIN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 579

Whereas, on August 14, 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 301 et seq.) into law, establishing a foundational commitment by the United States to provide economic security for its senior citizens;

Whereas the Social Security program has served as the cornerstone of retirement security for generations of individuals in the United States, providing vital retirement, disability, and survivor benefits to millions;

Whereas the Social Security program has successfully paid scheduled benefits throughout its 90-year history, delivering on the promise earned by workers in the United States and their families through a lifetime of contributions;

Whereas the Social Security program remains the primary source of income for millions of seniors, individuals with disabilities, and surviving family members, and its continued strength is vital to the economic well-being of the United States;

Whereas the Social Security program faces significant long-term financial challenges that require thoughtful and responsible action to ensure its continued stability and effectiveness;

Whereas preserving and strengthening the Social Security program is a bipartisan responsibility that requires cooperation and leadership from policymakers; and

Whereas increased public awareness, education, and dialogue are essential to ensure that the Social Security program remains strong and solvent for current and future generations; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) reaffirms its bipartisan commitment to preserving and protecting the Social Security program for current and future generations;

(2) affirms that an automatic, across-the-board cut in benefits would disrupt the retirement security of tens of millions of people in the United States and must be avoided; and

(3) calls upon Members of Congress to work in a bipartisan manner to develop and enact

legislation that ensures the long-term solvency of the Social Security program and protects seniors, individuals with disabilities, and families in the United States for generations to come.

SENATE RESOLUTION 580—DIRECTING THE ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL TO PROMINENTLY DISPLAY, IN A PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE LOCATION IN THE SENATE WING OF THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL, A PLAQUE HONORING THE MEMBERS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONDING ON JANUARY 6, 2021, UNTIL THE PLAQUE CAN BE PLACED IN ITS PERMANENT LOCATION

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

S. RES. 580

Whereas the United States owes its deepest gratitude to those officers of the United States Capitol Police and the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia, as well as officers from other Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies and protective entities, who valiantly protected the United States Capitol, Members of Congress, and staff on January 6, 2021;

Whereas section 214 of division I of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (2 U.S.C. 2131 note prec.; 136 Stat. 527) directed that a plaque be placed on the western front of the United States Capitol to honor the extraordinary individuals who bravely protected and defended this symbol of democracy on January 6, 2021; and

Whereas their heroism should never be forgotten; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Architect of the Capitol shall prominently display the plaque produced pursuant to section 214 of division I of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (2 U.S.C. 2131 note prec.; 136 Stat. 527) in a publicly accessible location in the Senate wing of the United States Capitol until such time as the plaque can be placed at a permanent location on the western front of the United States Capitol.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 25—RECOGNIZING THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE JANUARY 8, 2011, TUCSON, ARIZONA, SHOOTING AND HONORING THE SURVIVORS AND VICTIMS, INCLUDING FORMER CONGRESSWOMAN GABBY GIFFORDS, A GUN VIOLENCE SURVIVOR AND ONE OF THE MOST INFLUENTIAL VOICES OF COURAGE IN THE UNITED STATES IN THE FIGHT TO END GUN VIOLENCE

Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Mr. KELLY, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. GALLEGOS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. KIM, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. Kaine, Mr. REED, Mr. LUJÁN, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. PETERS, Mr. COONS, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. CORTEZ

MASTO, Mr. WELCH, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. MARKEY) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. CON. RES. 25

Whereas, on January 8, 2011, a tragic act of gun violence occurred in Tucson, Arizona, during a “Congress on Your Corner” event hosted by Congresswoman Gabby Giffords, resulting in the deaths of 6 individuals and the injury of 13 others, including Congresswoman Giffords;

Whereas among those killed were Chief Judge for the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona John Roll, Gabriel “Gabe” Zimmerman (a congressional staff member to Congresswoman Gabby Giffords and the first known congressional staffer killed while serving), Dorothy “Dot” Morris, Phyllis Schneck, Dorwan Stoddard, and 9-year-old Christina-Taylor Green;

Whereas Ron Barber, who was serving as District Director to Congresswoman Gabby Giffords at the time of the attack and later became a Member of the House of Representatives, was critically injured while performing his public duties, and has since demonstrated extraordinary resilience and continued commitment to public service;

Whereas Pamela Simon, a congressional staff member dedicated to supporting the work of Congresswoman Gabby Giffords and the constituents of the 8th district of Arizona, was also injured in the attack and continues to exemplify perseverance as a survivor and advocate;

Whereas the attack shocked the United States, underscoring the dangers of political violence and the importance of civility, empathy, and respect in American democracy;

Whereas the people of Tucson and the State of Arizona came together with resilience, compassion, and unity after the attack, inspiring the nation with their strength in the face of tragedy;

Whereas former Congresswoman Gabby Giffords has, in the years since the attack, become a champion of courage and perseverance, dedicating her recovery and her voice to preventing gun violence and promoting civility in public life; and

Whereas countless people of the United States, community organizations, law enforcement officers, and first responders have worked in the years since the attack to honor the victims through acts of service, advocacy, and civic engagement: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress—

(1) honors the memory of the 6 individuals whose lives were lost on January 8, 2011, and expresses continued support for all survivors and families affected by the tragedy;

(2) recognizes the courage and leadership of former Congresswoman Gabby Giffords and her ongoing work to promote civility, bipartisanship, and solutions to prevent gun violence;

(3) commends the people of Tucson and first responders for their strength, compassion, and heroism in responding to the attack; and

(4) reaffirms its dedication to promoting a respectful dialogue, condemning political violence and hate, and maintaining the core principles of peaceful self-governance.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Daniel Ohlstein, a fellow in my office, be granted floor privileges for the rest of this month.

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

RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following resolutions, which are at the desk: S. Res. 577, S. Res. 578, and S. Res. 579.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions en bloc.

Ms. MURKOWSKI. I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be agreed to; the preambles be agreed to; and

that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, all en bloc.

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

The resolutions (S. Res. 577, S. Res. 578, and S. Res. 579) were agreed to.

The preambles were agreed to.

(The resolutions, with their preambles, are printed in today’s RECORD under “Submitted Resolutions.”)

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 6938

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I understand that there is a bill at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill by title for the first time.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 6938) making consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes.

Ms. MURKOWSKI. I now ask for a second reading, and in order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The bill will be read for the second time on the next legislative day.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I move to adjourn until 4:27 p.m. today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 4:26 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, January 8, 2026, at 4:27 p.m.