

(1) maritime and transnational security;
 (2) economic prosperity and security;
 (3) critical and emerging technologies; and
 (4) humanitarian assistance and emergency response;

Whereas the United States, Japan, and the other Quad members jointly stated on July 1, 2025, “We remain seriously concerned about the situation in the East China Sea and South China Sea. We reiterate our strong opposition to any unilateral actions that seek to change the status quo by force or coercion.”;

Whereas the United States, Japan, the Republic of the Philippines, and Australia have deepened quadrilateral cooperation to advance the national security, economic security, and energy security interests of their respective countries;

Whereas the Government of Japan-sponsored Japan Exchange and Teaching Program has more than 40,000 United States alumni and represents one of many exchanges that have cemented our close people-to-people ties;

Whereas, as of July 2025, 208 United States Government officials have traveled to Japan under the United States-sponsored and Japan-supported Mansfield Fellowship, which has deepened the United States-Japan alliance by promoting firsthand knowledge of Japanese government policies and processes relating to aerospace, energy policy, and cybersecurity, among other areas;

Whereas more than 1,600,000 individuals visit Washington, D.C. every year to celebrate the National Cherry Blossom Festival, which serves as a reminder of the enduring friendship between the United States and Japan;

Whereas the Government of Japan announced that it is gifting an additional 250 cherry blossom trees to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence; and

Whereas, in March 2026, Prime Minister Takaichi Sanae will visit the United States at the invitation of President Donald J. Trump; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) welcomes Prime Minister Takaichi Sanae to the United States;

(2) reaffirms the strong and enduring alliance between the Governments of the United States and Japan, rooted in a shared commitment to upholding peace, security, and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region and around the world;

(3) stands ready to support efforts to build a more capable and modernized alliance to address regional and global challenges to national security, economic security, and energy security;

(4) applauds the commitment of the Government of Japan to defense modernization, including the achievement of its goal to increase defense spending to 2 percent of its gross domestic product before the end of its current fiscal year on March 31, 2026;

(5) reaffirms the commitment of the United States to the defense of Japan under Article V of the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security Between the United States and Japan, done at Washington January 19, 1960;

(6) reaffirms that—

(A) the Senkaku Islands fall within the scope of Article V of the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security Between the United States and Japan; and

(B) the United States remains opposed to any unilateral attempts to change the status quo by force or coercion in the East China Sea or undermine Japan’s administration of these islands, or in the South China Sea;

(7) recognizes the entry into force of Japan’s Legislation for Peace and Security on March 29, 2016, which enables Japan—

(A) to seamlessly respond to any situations to secure the lives and peaceful livelihood of its people; and

(B) to contribute to the peace and stability of the international community;

(8) recognizes the unprecedented convergence of the strategies for national security and defense strategies between our nations and the need to further bolster deterrence in the Indo-Pacific;

(9) supports the determination of Japan to achieve the immediate resolution of the abduction issue and calls on the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea to release any abductees;

(10) supports Japan’s efforts to expand national security and economic security cooperation with other allies and partners of the United States, including the Republic of Korea, Australia, the Philippines, Taiwan, and India;

(11) applauds continuing advancements—

(A) in trilateral cooperation among the United States, Japan, and the Republic of Korea, among the United States, Japan, and Australia, and among the United States, Japan, and the Philippines;

(B) in quadrilateral cooperation among the United States, Japan, Australia, and India and among the United States, Japan, the Philippines, and Australia; and

(C) in bilateral relations between Japan and the Republic of Korea;

(12) encourages efforts to strengthen engagement with Japan in bilateral and multilateral forums, including the Quad;

(13) calls for continued cooperation between the Governments of the United States and Japan in promoting our shared democratic values, rule of law, and respect for internationally-recognized human rights; and

(14) commits to strengthening and deepening diplomatic, economic, security, and people-to-people ties between the United States and Japan.

SENATE RESOLUTION 653—DESIGNATING MARCH 21, 2026, AS “NATIONAL WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE DAY”

Ms. ERNST (for herself, Ms. SMITH, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. RICKETTS, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. RISCH, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. JUSTICE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mrs. MOODY, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. DAINES, Mr. BOOZMAN, Ms. ALSBROOKS, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. COONS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. WELCH, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MORAN, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mrs. BRITT) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

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Whereas the United States proudly recognizes agriculture as one of the most impactful industries of the United States and acknowledges the countless women who help agriculture prosper both in the United States and abroad;

Whereas there are more than 1,200,000 female agricultural producers in the United States, making up more than 1/3 of the agricultural producers in the United States;

Whereas, in 2022, farms operated by women in the United States sold \$222,000,000,000 in agricultural products, accounting for 41 percent of the total agriculture sales in the United States for that year;

Whereas, in addition to leading farming operations, women working in agriculture

make a difference across the United States in various commodity and industry fields, including research and development, manufacturing, sales and distribution, agricultural education, agribusiness, and advocacy, which extend benefits to individuals across the globe through the international trade of the United States;

Whereas the United States recognizes that women are vital in fostering the next generation of the agricultural workforce by promoting science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and agricultural education and entrepreneurial and community initiatives by serving as mentors for the 4-H Program, the National FFA Organization, the Cooperative Extension System, and numerous postsecondary agricultural science educator programs;

Whereas 2026 is the International Year of the Woman Farmer, highlighting and celebrating the vital role that women play in agriculture globally;

Whereas March is National Women’s History Month; and

Whereas female professionals, instructors, and leaders in the agricultural field should be celebrated for their efforts during National Ag Week, which takes place between March 15 and March 21, 2026: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates March 21, 2026, as “National Women in Agriculture Day”;

(2) recognizes the important role of women in agriculture as producers, educators, leaders, mentors, and more; and

(3) encourages all citizens—

(A) to recognize women working in agriculture; and

(B) to praise the significant positive impact those women have on the food resources and the agricultural workforce of the United States by encouraging and empowering women—

(i) to enter the agricultural field, which is a high-demand field of work;

(ii) to cultivate opportunities to lead; and

(iii) to feed a hungry world.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 4657. Mr. JOHNSON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, to establish the Veterans Advisory Committee on Equal Access, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4658. Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4420 proposed by Mr. THUNE (for Mr. SCHMITT) to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4659. Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4420 proposed by Mr. THUNE (for Mr. SCHMITT) to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4660. Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4420 proposed by Mr. THUNE (for Mr. SCHMITT) to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4661. Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4420 proposed by Mr. THUNE (for Mr. SCHMITT) to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4662. Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4420 proposed by Mr. THUNE (for Mr. SCHMITT) to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4663. Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4420 proposed by Mr. THUNE

(for Mr. SCHMITT) to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4664. Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4420 proposed by Mr. THUNE (for Mr. SCHMITT) to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4665. Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4420 proposed by Mr. THUNE (for Mr. SCHMITT) to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4666. Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4420 proposed by Mr. THUNE (for Mr. SCHMITT) to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4667. Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4420 proposed by Mr. THUNE (for Mr. SCHMITT) to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4668. Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4420 proposed by Mr. THUNE (for Mr. SCHMITT) to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4669. Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4420 proposed by Mr. THUNE (for Mr. SCHMITT) to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4670. Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4671. Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4672. Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4673. Mr. GALLEGRO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4674. Ms. HIRONO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4420 proposed by Mr. THUNE (for Mr. SCHMITT) to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4675. Ms. HIRONO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4420 proposed by Mr. THUNE (for Mr. SCHMITT) to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4676. Ms. HIRONO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4420 proposed by Mr. THUNE (for Mr. SCHMITT) to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4677. Mr. COONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 4680. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4681. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 4683. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him

to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4684. Ms. HIRONO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4685. Ms. HIRONO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4686. Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. REED, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Mr. LUJÁN, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mr. DURBIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4687. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4688. Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. LUJÁN, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4689. Mr. BLUMENTHAL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4690. Mr. Kaine submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 4693. Mr. Kaine submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4694. Mr. KIM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4420 proposed by Mr. THUNE (for Mr. SCHMITT) to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4695. Mr. KIM (for himself and Mrs. MURRAY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4696. Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4420 proposed by Mr. THUNE (for Mr. SCHMITT) to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4697. Mr. WELCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4698. Mr. WELCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4699. Mr. WELCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4700. Mr. WELCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4701. Mr. WELCH (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. LUJÁN, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4702. Mr. WELCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4703. Mr. MARKEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4704. Mr. MARKEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4705. Mr. MARKEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4706. Mr. KIM (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. MURPHY, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4707. Mr. CORNYN proposed an amendment to the bill S. 4123, to prohibit preferential screening for Members of Congress at airports, and for other purposes.

SA 4708. Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. GALLEGRO, and Mr. KELLY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1383, to establish the Veterans Advisory Committee on Equal Access, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 4657. Mr. JOHNSON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1383, to establish the Veterans Advisory Committee on Equal Access, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

(1) the term “agency”—

(A) means each authority of the executive, legislative, or judicial branch of the Government of the United States; and

(B) includes each element of the District of Columbia public employer, as defined in section 1341(c) of title 31, United States Code;

(2) the term “covered contractor” means a contractor—

(A) with which an agency has a contract; and

(B) that, under the contract described in subparagraph (A)—

(i) provides support to an employee described in paragraph (3)(A); and

(ii) is required to perform work during a lapse in regular appropriations with respect to the agency to which the contractor provides support, as described in clause (i), based on a determination by the head of that agency that incurring an obligation to pay for that support in advance of available appropriations would be permissible under applicable law, including section 1341 of title 31, United States Code;

(3) the term “covered employee”—

(A) means each employee of an agency, without regard to whether, for any portion of the period beginning on October 1, 2025, and ending on the date of enactment of this Act—

(i) the head of that agency determined that the individual was an excepted employee or an employee performing emergency work; or

(ii) the individual was subject to furlough;

(B) includes—

(i) a member of the uniformed services on active duty; and

(ii) a member of a reserve component who, during a lapse in regular appropriations with respect to the applicable agency, performs active service or inactive duty training; and

(C) only includes an individual described in subparagraph (A) or (B) who was an employee or member on, or had accepted an offer of employment with the agency or had enlisted in or accepted an appointment to