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AMENDMENT NO. 4179

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4179 intended to be proposed to H.R. 6938, a bill making consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4180

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. Kaine) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 4180 intended to be proposed to H.R. 6938, a bill making consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4181

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4181 intended to be proposed to H.R. 6938, a bill making consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 581—HONORING THE LIFE OF CORPORAL GRADE ONE MATTHEW T. “TY” SNOOK OF THE DELAWARE STATE POLICE

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER (for herself and Mr. COONS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 581

Whereas Corporal Grade One Matthew T. “Ty” Snook was a devoted law enforcement officer who served the State of Delaware with honor, integrity, and courage;

Whereas Corporal Grade One Snook was a husband, a father, a son, a brother, a coach, and a mentor whose life reflected a deep commitment to family, service, and community;

Whereas Corporal Grade One Snook was a 10-year veteran of the Delaware State Police and was widely respected by his colleagues for his professionalism and dedication;

Whereas Corporal Grade One Snook served as a field training officer beginning in 2018, helping to shape and mentor the next generation of Delaware State Troopers, and trained more than 20 troopers who continue to serve the State;

Whereas Corporal Grade One Snook was known for his love of coaching and mentoring young people and for his steadfast commitment to the community he served;

Whereas, on December 23, 2025, Corporal Grade One Snook was tragically killed in the line of duty while working an overtime assignment at a Division of Motor Vehicles (referred to in this preamble as “DMV”) facility near New Castle, Delaware;

Whereas Corporal Grade One Snook was killed during an act of senseless violence while protecting DMV employees and members of the public during the holiday season;

Whereas more than 50 employees and members of the public were present at the facility

at the time of the shooting and Corporal Grade One Snook gave directions and pushed an employee out of harm’s way, even after being mortally wounded himself, to save the lives of others while giving his own;

Whereas Delawareans mourn the loss of Corporal Grade One Snook and recognize his extraordinary sacrifice;

Whereas the service of Corporal Grade One Snook exemplified the highest ideals of law enforcement and public service;

Whereas Corporal Grade One Snook is remembered as an American hero whose legacy will endure through his family, the Delaware State Police, and the community he served; and

Whereas the sacrifice made by Corporal Grade One Snook stands as a solemn reminder of the risks faced daily by law enforcement officers across the United States; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) honors the life and service of Corporal Grade One Matthew T. “Ty” Snook of the Delaware State Police;

(2) expresses its deepest condolences to the family of Corporal Grade One Snook, including his wife, Lauren Snook, his daughter, Letty Snook, his parents, Matthew and Karen Snook, his brother, Joshua Snook, and his sister, Kassi Dunphy;

(3) recognizes the noble acts Corporal Grade One Snook performed in the line of duty, sacrificing his own life on December 23, 2025, to save the lives of others; and

(4) reaffirms its support for law enforcement officers and public servants who dedicate their lives to keeping our communities safe.

SENATE RESOLUTION 582—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION ABSOLUTE RESOLVE

Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. CRAMER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 582

Whereas, between 2000 and 2013, Nicolás Maduro served in various offices in the Government of Venezuela, including in the National Assembly, as Minister of Foreign Affairs, and as Vice President;

Whereas, on April 14, 2013, Nicolás Maduro came to occupy the office of President of Venezuela following the death of former Venezuelan President Hugo Chávez, and later through an election that was marred by irregularities;

Whereas, on May 20, 2018, Nicolás Maduro declared victory in a fraudulent presidential election in which major opposition parties and leaders were banned from participating and of which more than 50 countries, including the United States, refused to recognize the results;

Whereas, on January 23, 2019, the National Assembly of Venezuela refused to recognize Nicolás Maduro as President of Venezuela and named, as the Interim President of Venezuela, Juan Guaidó, who was so recognized by the United States and more than 23 other countries;

Whereas, on July 28, 2024, Nicolás Maduro declared victory in a second fraudulent presidential election, the results of which were not recognized by more than 50 countries, including the United States, the European Union, and numerous Latin American and Caribbean nations;

Whereas, on January 10, 2025, Nicolás Maduro held an illegitimate presidential in-

auguration in Venezuela, which was condemned by the Government of the United States;

Whereas, according to a March 2020 estimate by the Government of the United States, under Nicolás Maduro, Venezuela was a major transit country for cocaine shipments to the United States, South America, and Europe, accounting for 200 to 250 metric tons annually (or 10 to 13 percent of the estimated global production of cocaine);

Whereas the Department of State found that the Maduro regime “failed to make any meaningful efforts to stem drug production or trafficking and in fact created conditions that allow drug traffickers and other transnational criminal organizations (TCOs) to operate with impunity”;

Whereas drug trafficking in Venezuela enriched and empowered the family of Nicolás Maduro, including his wife, Cilia Flores, who took bribes to ensure safe passage of trafficked cocaine, and his son, Nicolás Ernesto Maduro Guerra, who allowed state assets to be used in drug trafficking;

Whereas the Cartel de los Soles is a Venezuelan drug trafficking organization comprised of high-ranking Venezuelan officials who abused their positions in the Venezuelan government and military to flood the United States with cocaine and harm Americans;

Whereas, effective November 24, 2025, the Department of State designated the Cartel de los Soles as a foreign terrorist organization;

Whereas Nicolás Maduro helped manage and ultimately led the *Cartel de los Soles* as he rose to power in Venezuela;

Whereas *Tren de Aragua* is a transnational criminal organization, originating in Venezuela, which engages in mass illegal migration to the United States and commits brutal crimes, including murder, kidnapping, extortion, and human, drug, and weapons trafficking, with the objective of harming United States citizens;

Whereas numerous members and leaders of *Tren de Aragua* have been indicted on murder-for-hire, drug trafficking, firearms, and other offenses within the United States;

Whereas, effective February 20, 2025, the Department of State designated *Tren de Aragua* as a foreign terrorist organization;

Whereas *Tren de Aragua* coordinated with, and operated in conjunction with, the Maduro-led *Cartel de los Soles* to flood the United States with cocaine;

Whereas, the Revolutionary Forces of Colombia (FARC) and its successor organizations, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia – People’s Army (FARC-EP) and *Segunda Marquetalia* and the National Liberation Army (ELN), control drug trafficking routes in the border region between Venezuela and Colombia;

Whereas, the FARC was designated as a foreign terrorist organization on October 8, 1997, prior to its dissolution, its successor organizations, the FARC-EP and *Segunda Marquetalia*, have been designated as foreign terrorist organizations since November 30, 2021, and the ELN has been designated as a foreign terrorist organization since October 8, 1997;

Whereas, the Department of State found the FARC, FARC-EP, and ELN maintained close ties to the de facto authorities of Venezuela and Maduro continued to give safe haven to these organizations;

Whereas the United States has imposed individual, financial, and sectoral sanctions on the Government of Venezuela, the Maduro regime, and its supporters, including by—

(1) prohibiting the Government of Venezuela from accessing United States financial markets beginning on August 24, 2017;

(2) establishing a framework on November 1, 2018 to block the assets of the Government

of Venezuela in the United States in certain economic sectors;

(3) generally freezing the assets of the Government of Venezuela in the United States beginning on August 5, 2019;

(4) imposing Office of Foreign Assets Control sanctions on September 12, 2024, and January 10, 2025, on numerous Venezuelan officials who enabled Maduro to maintain power despite his 2024 election defeat;

(5) imposing Office of Foreign Assets Control sanctions on December 11, 2025 on nephews of Cilia Flores and others who engaged in deceptive and unsafe oil-shipping practices to provide financial resources to support the Maduro regime; and

(6) imposing Office of Foreign Assets Control sanctions on December 19, 2025 on several additional family members and associates of Nicolás Maduro and Cilia Flores for being complicit in, or directly engaging in, transactions that supported the Maduro regime;

Whereas, on June 11, 2022, Nicolás Maduro signed a 20-year cooperation agreement with the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran designed to resist global sanctions against the 2 regimes;

Whereas Iran's terrorist proxy, Lebanese Hezbollah, which has found safe haven in Venezuela, engages in drug trafficking, money laundering, and illicit smuggling to fund its terrorist activities around the world;

Whereas the Maduro regime was supported by Lebanese Hezbollah as a hub for transnational organized crime and international terrorism in the Western Hemisphere;

Whereas, beginning in 2006, the Secretary of State has annually determined that Venezuela has failed to comply with the first section 40A of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2781), which requires full cooperation with United States antiterrorism efforts;

Whereas the People's Republic of China and the Chinese Communist Party provided critical support to empower the Maduro regime to stay in power in Venezuela through the sale of Chinese military radar, riot control vehicles, and digital tools to control the Venezuelan people's access to information;

Whereas the Russian Federation helped the Maduro regime evade United States sanctions, including through subsidiaries of the Russian state-controlled Rosneft Oil Company, which brokered the sale and transport of Venezuelan crude oil in 2020;

Whereas the Russian Federation both provided military equipment and sent its military personnel to lend support to the Maduro regime in an effort to increase its footprint in the Western Hemisphere;

Whereas the November 2025 National Security Strategy of the United States of America states, "We will deny non-Hemispheric competitors the ability to position forces or other threatening capabilities, or to own or control strategically vital assets, in our Hemisphere";

Whereas, in 2020, Nicolás Maduro, Cilia Flores, and other Maduro regime officials were indicted in the Southern District of New York on charges including narco-terrorism, conspiracy to import cocaine, and possession of machine guns and destructive devices;

Whereas, in 2025, a superseding indictment was filed in the Southern District of New York and both Nicolás Maduro and Cilia Flores remain under indictment and will have to answer for their crimes in a court of law;

Whereas President Trump offered multiple diplomatic off-ramps, but was repeatedly rebuffed by Nicolás Maduro;

Whereas, on January 3, 2026, the United States military, in cooperation with the in-

telligence community and law enforcement agencies, carried out "Operation Absolute Resolve", a meticulously planned operation resulting in the successful capture of Nicolás Maduro and his wife, Cilia Flores; and

Whereas Operation Absolute Resolve precisely targeted and neutralized Venezuelan air defenses and the Cuban intelligence agents responsible for Maduro's personal protection, demonstrating the United States military's superior capabilities integration and professionalism: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports President Trump's decisive military and law enforcement effort under Operation Absolute Resolve to arrest Nicolás Maduro and bring him to justice;

(2) commends the Trump Administration for taking resolute action and praises the bravery and gallantry of United States servicemembers and law enforcement officers who participated in Operation Absolute Resolve; and

(3) supports President Trump's efforts to assist the Venezuelan people in their fight for freedom.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 4183. Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. HICKENLOOPER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 6938, making consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4184. Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. HICKENLOOPER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 6938, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4185. Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. HICKENLOOPER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 6938, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4186. Mr. BUDD (for himself and Mr. LANKFORD) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 6938, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4187. Mr. BUDD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution S.J. Res. 98, to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities within or against Venezuela that have not been authorized by Congress; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4188. Mr. SCHIFF (for himself and Mr. BENNET) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 6938, making consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4189. Mrs. BLACKBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 6938, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4190. Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Ms. CANTWELL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 6938, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4191. Mr. THUNE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 6938, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4192. Mrs. BLACKBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 6938, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 4195. Mr. CRUZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution S.J. Res. 98, to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities within or against Venezuela that have not been authorized by Congress; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4196. Mr. CRUZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution S.J. Res. 98, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4197. Mr. CRUZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution S.J. Res. 98, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4198. Mr. CRUZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution S.J. Res. 98, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4199. Mr. CRUZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution S.J. Res. 98, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4200. Mr. WYDEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 6938, making consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4201. Mr. LUJÁN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 6938, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4202. Mr. LUJÁN (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 6938, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4203. Mr. LUJÁN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 6938, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4204. Mr. LUJÁN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 6938, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4205. Mr. WHITEHOUSE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 6938, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4206. Mr. WHITEHOUSE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 6938, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4207. Ms. DUCKWORTH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 6938, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4208. Mr. THUNE proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 6938, supra.

SA 4209. Mr. THUNE proposed an amendment to amendment SA 4208 proposed by Mr. THUNE to the bill H.R. 6938, supra.

SA 4210. Mr. THUNE proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 6938, supra.

SA 4211. Mr. THUNE proposed an amendment to amendment SA 4210 proposed by Mr. THUNE to the bill H.R. 6938, supra.

SA 4212. Mr. THUNE proposed an amendment to amendment SA 4211 proposed by Mr. THUNE to the amendment SA 4210 proposed by Mr. THUNE to the bill H.R. 6938, supra.

SA 4213. Mr. WYDEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 6938, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4214. Mr. PADILLA submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 6938, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4215. Mr. PADILLA submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 6938, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4216. Mr. PADILLA submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him