

time of dinosaurs, making them among the oldest fish species still in existence;

Whereas lake sturgeon are slow to reproduce as they may not spawn until they are at least 10 to 30 years old, and they only spawn every 4 years on average;

Whereas lake sturgeon are found across the Great Lakes, the Northeastern United States, and Southeastern Canada;

Whereas lake sturgeon are bottom-dwelling fish that require extensive areas of shallow water to feed on a wide variety of organisms;

Whereas historical overfishing, invasive species, and habitat degradation have caused declines in the population of local lake sturgeon;

Whereas many States list lake sturgeon as an endangered, threatened, or otherwise protected species;

Whereas lake sturgeon serve an important role as an indicator of an ecosystem's health;

Whereas lake sturgeon attract the attention of the public because of their large size and prehistoric body;

Whereas many Federal agencies, States, Tribes, and local communities are collaborating on lake sturgeon management programs that are reestablishing healthy lake sturgeon populations; and

Whereas lake sturgeon have cultural importance for many Indigenous communities, representing a traditional food source: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate encourages—

(1) continued collaboration among Federal, State, Tribal, and other partners to manage and increase lake sturgeon populations across their extensive range;

(2) continued collaboration with Canada to jointly manage and increase lake sturgeon populations in our shared waters;

(3) continued efforts to identify, protect, and restore the habitat of lake sturgeon;

(4) continued efforts to prevent and control the spread of invasive species and restore the reproductive habitat of lake sturgeon;

(5) increased public awareness of lake sturgeon; and

(6) the education of anglers and local communities on the proper ways to handle lake sturgeon if caught.

SENATE RESOLUTION 684—RECOGNIZING THE 56TH ANNIVERSARY OF EARTH DAY AND THE LEADERSHIP OF ITS FOUNDER, SENATOR GAYLORD NELSON

Ms. BALDWIN submitted the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Environmental and Public Works.

Whereas Earth Day is observed annually around the world to demonstrate support for preserving, protecting, and defending the environment, the planet, and the inhabitants of the planet;

Whereas Senator Gaylord Nelson, a native of Clear Lake, Wisconsin—

(1) established Earth Day as an event and movement led by young people;

(2) is recognized as one of the leading environmentalists of the 20th century; and

(3) received the Presidential Medal of Freedom for his public leadership;

Whereas the Earth Day movement established by Senator Gaylord Nelson helped launch an era of international environmental awareness and activism;

Whereas young individuals were critical in the organization and mobilization of 20,000,000 individuals on the first Earth Day in 1970, making that celebration the largest environmental grassroots event in history at that time;

Whereas ongoing environmental degradation, accelerating climate change, and increasingly severe weather events threaten the well-being and livelihoods of the individuals of the United States and individuals around the world, including—

(1) coastal communities, which are especially vulnerable and are experiencing erosion, flooding, and pollution; and

(2) rural and agricultural communities, which are facing increased risk of drought, diseases, pests, and soil degradation;

Whereas pollution, environmental degradation, and the climate crisis are generational justice issues that disproportionately impact young individuals and future generations, who will face difficulties accessing clean water and clean air;

Whereas low-income communities and communities of color continue to face disproportionate harm from climate change, pollution, and environmental degradation;

Whereas multiple national and international scientific reports have concluded that the climate crisis is a threat to the planet that requires urgent action;

Whereas the first Earth Day spurred broad support for environmental conservation and contributed to the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency and the enactment of bipartisan legislation with bedrock Federal environmental protections, including the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.), the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.), and the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.);

Whereas the United States has experienced a youth-led resurgence in environmental and climate activism that has led to hundreds of thousands of individuals in the United States demanding climate action; and

Whereas the mission and purpose of Earth Day remain relevant in 2026, for a new generation to face environmental challenges that lie ahead: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes April 22, 2026, as the 56th anniversary of Earth Day; and

(2) commends the leadership and vision of the founder of Earth Day, Senator Gaylord Nelson.

SENATE RESOLUTION 685—DESIGNATING APRIL 22, 2026, AS “NATIONAL ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY AWARENESS DAY”

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

S. RES. 685

Whereas assistive technology is any item, piece of equipment, or product system that is used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional capabilities of a person with a disability or an older adult;

Whereas an assistive technology service is any service that directly assists an individual with a disability or an older adult in the selection, acquisition, or use of an assistive technology device;

Whereas, in 2024, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that 1 in 4 individuals in the United States, or almost 70,000,000 individuals, have a disability;

Whereas, during the 2022–2023 school year, the Department of Education reported that there were more than 9,500,000 children with disabilities;

Whereas the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that, among adults 65 years of age and older, 2 in 5 have a disability;

Whereas assistive technology enables individuals with disabilities and older adults to

be included in their communities, including by making their classrooms and workplaces more inclusive;

Whereas assistive technology devices and services are necessities, not luxury items, for millions of individuals with disabilities and older adults, without which they would be unable to live in their communities, access education, or obtain, retain, and advance gainful, competitive, and integrated employment;

Whereas the availability of assistive technology in the workplace promotes economic self-sufficiency, enhances work participation, and is critical to the employment of individuals with disabilities and older adults; and

Whereas State assistive technology programs support a continuum of services that include—

(1) the exchange, repair, recycling, and other reutilization of assistive technology devices;

(2) device loan programs that provide short-term loans of assistive technology devices to individuals, employers, public agencies, and others;

(3) the demonstration of devices to inform decision making; and

(4) State financing to help individuals purchase or obtain assistive technology through a variety of initiatives, such as financial loan programs, leasing programs, and other financing alternatives that give individuals affordable, flexible options to purchase or obtain assistive technology: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates April 22, 2026, as “National Assistive Technology Awareness Day”; and

(2) commends—

(A) assistive technology specialists and program coordinators for their hard work and dedication in serving individuals with disabilities in finding the proper assistive technology to meet their individual needs; and

(B) professional organizations and researchers dedicated to facilitating the access and acquisition of assistive technology for individuals with disabilities and older adults in need of assistive technology devices.

SENATE RESOLUTION 686—RECOGNIZING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE MONTH IN APRIL AS A CELEBRATION OF MORE THAN 1,000 INSTITUTIONS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES SUPPORTING ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION, WORK-FORCE TRAINING, AND MORE BROADLY SUSTAINING AND ADVANCING THE ECONOMIC PROSPERITY OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. REED) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 686

Whereas the first public community college, known today as Joliet Junior College in Illinois, opened its doors to 6 students in 1901 as an experiment to accommodate those who wanted to pursue a college education without leaving their community;

Whereas the term “community college” was popularized by the President’s Commission on Higher Education in 1947, in recognition of the community-centered nature of the emerging sector of institutions;

Whereas local community and educational leaders throughout the United States developed community colleges at a dramatic pace over several decades to meet their people’s needs for educational and economic opportunity;

Whereas, today, 1,024 community colleges, including 924 public, 36 Tribal, and 64 independent community colleges serve 10,500,000 credit and noncredit students;

Whereas recent enrollment data shows that community colleges are the leading source of postsecondary growth, with enrollment increasing by 4 percent, demonstrating continued progress in student access and participation;

Whereas public community colleges are an affordable option charging an average of \$4,050 for annual tuition and fees for in-district students, have an average student age of 27, and serve students who often are working, low-income, parents, veterans, or the first in their family to go to college;

Whereas community colleges are the primary educational institution serving workforce development needs in the United States and are responding to current economic conditions by educating professionals in fields ranging from the semiconductor and construction industries to nursing and other health care professions;

Whereas 49 percent of all students who completed a bachelor’s degree at a 4-year institution in the 2015-2016 academic year had been enrolled at a 2-year public institution in the previous decade;

Whereas the median distance from each student’s home to a community college is only 10 miles;

Whereas 82 percent of public high schools offer dual enrollment programs allowing their students to take college classes, usually at their local community college, offering opportunity to save time and money in college and jumpstart career exploration;

Whereas alumni of America’s community colleges generated \$898,500,000,000 in added income to the national economy in fiscal year 2020 and constituted 4.1 percent of the total gross domestic product for that year;

Whereas every dollar of public funding for community colleges returns \$6.80 in tax revenue; and

Whereas celebrating Community College Month in April provides the people of the United States with an opportunity to recognize the value of institutions that have long supported American prosperity and competitiveness and community vitality and that will be important to the economic future of the United States; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate recognizes the significance of Community College Month in April as an opportunity to celebrate over 1,000 community colleges throughout the United States serving local and regional needs and strengthening the United States economy.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 4794. Mr. HAWLEY proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 33, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2026 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2027 through 2035.

SA 4795. Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, and Mr. WARNOCK) submitted an amendment in-

tended to be proposed by her to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 33, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4796. Mrs. SHAHEEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 33, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4797. Mrs. SHAHEEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 33, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4798. Mr. LUJÁN (for himself, Mr. REED, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Mr. KIM, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BENNET, and Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 33, supra.

SA 4799. Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Mr. KIM, and Mr. LUJÁN) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 33, supra.

SA 4800. Mr. MURPHY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 33, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4801. Mr. MURPHY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 33, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4802. Mr. MURPHY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 33, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4803. Mr. HICKENLOOPER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 33, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4804. Mr. HICKENLOOPER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 33, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4805. Mr. HICKENLOOPER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 33, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4806. Mr. HICKENLOOPER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 33, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4807. Mr. HICKENLOOPER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 33, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4808. Mr. HICKENLOOPER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 33, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4809. Mr. COONS (for himself and Ms. WARREN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 33, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4810. Mr. COONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 33, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4811. Mr. COONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 33, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4812. Mr. COONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 33, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4813. Mr. COONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 33, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4814. Mr. COONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 33, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4815. Ms. HASSAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her

to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 33, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4816. Ms. HASSAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 33, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4817. Ms. HASSAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 33, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4818. Ms. HASSAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 33, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4819. Ms. HASSAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 33, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4820. Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. REED, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 33, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4821. Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Mr. VAN HOLLEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 33, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4822. Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Mr. VAN HOLLEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 33, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4823. Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Mr. VAN HOLLEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 33, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4824. Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. KELLY, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 33, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4825. Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. GALLEGU, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. KING) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 33, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4826. Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. GALLEGU, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. KING) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 33, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4827. Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. GALLEGU, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. KING) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 33, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4828. Mr. KIM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 33, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4829. Mr. KIM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 33, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4830. Mr. KIM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 33, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4831. Mr. KIM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 33, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4832. Mr. KIM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 33, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4833. Mr. KIM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 33, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4834. Mr. HICKENLOOPER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by