

HOLLEN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. WELCH):

S.J. Res. 186. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to the fundamental right to vote; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S.J. RES. 186

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein). That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States:

“ARTICLE —

“SECTION 1. Every citizen of the United States, who is of legal voting age, shall have the fundamental right to vote in any public election held in the jurisdiction in which the citizen resides.

“SECTION 2. The fundamental right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State or political subdivision within a State unless such denial or abridgment is in furtherance of a compelling governmental interest and is the least restrictive means of furthering that compelling governmental interest.

“SECTION 3. The portion of section 2 of the fourteenth article of amendment to the Constitution of the United States that consists of the phrase ‘or other crime,’ is repealed.

“SECTION 4. The Congress shall have the power to enforce this article and protect against any denial or abridgement of the fundamental right to vote by legislation.”.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 687—SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF THE WEEK OF APRIL 27 THROUGH MAY 1, 2026, AS “NATIONAL SPECIALIZED INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL APPRECIATION WEEK”

Ms. HASSAN (for herself and Mr. KAINE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

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Whereas there are more than 1,000,000 specialized instructional support personnel serving the schools and students of the United States, including—

- (1) school counselors;
- (2) school social workers;
- (3) school psychologists; and
- (4) other qualified professional personnel, such as—
 - (A) school nurses;
 - (B) psychologists;
 - (C) social workers;
 - (D) occupational therapists;
 - (E) physical therapists;
 - (F) art therapists;
 - (G) dance and movement therapists;

- (H) music therapists;
- (I) speech-language pathologists; and
- (J) audiologists;

Whereas specialized instructional support personnel provide school-based prevention and early intervention services to reduce barriers to learning;

Whereas specialized instructional support personnel work with teachers, school leaders, and parents to ensure that all students are successful in school;

Whereas specialized instructional support personnel encourage multidisciplinary collaboration to promote student and school success;

Whereas specialized instructional support personnel provide educational, social, emotional, and behavioral interventions and activities that support—

- (1) student learning; and
- (2) teaching;

Whereas specialized instructional support personnel help to create environments that are safe, supportive, and conducive to learning;

Whereas safe and supportive school environments are associated with improved academic performance;

Whereas specialized instructional support personnel support—

- (1) student communication;
- (2) the development of social skills by students;
- (3) the physical wellness of students;
- (4) the physical development of students; and
- (5) the behavioral, emotional, and mental health of students; and

Whereas specialized instructional support personnel serve all students who struggle with barriers to learning: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the designation of April 27 through May 1, 2026, as “National Specialized Instructional Support Personnel Appreciation Week”;

(2) recognizes that specialized instructional support personnel implement evidence-based practices to improve student outcomes;

(3) commends—

(A) those individuals who work as specialized instructional support personnel; and

(B) the individuals and organizations that support the efforts made by specialized instructional support personnel to promote and improve the availability of specialized instructional support services;

(4) encourages Federal, State, and local policymakers to work together to raise awareness of the importance of specialized instructional support personnel in school climate and education efforts;

(5) recognizes the important role of specialized instructional support personnel in efforts to improve mental health, reduce drug use, and improve overall community safety for students; and

(6) encourages experts to share best practices so that others can replicate the success of those experts.

SENATE RESOLUTION 688—EX-PRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE STAFF OF PUBLIC, SCHOOL, ACADEMIC, AND SPECIAL LIBRARIES IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE ESSENTIAL SERVICES THOSE LIBRARIES PROVIDE TO COMMUNITIES, RECOGNIZING THE NEED FOR FUNDING COMMENSURATE WITH THE BROAD SCOPE OF SOCIAL SERVICE AND COMMUNITY SUPPORTS PROVIDED BY LIBRARIES, PRESERVING THE RIGHT OF ALL CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES TO FREELY ACCESS INFORMATION AND RESOURCES IN THEIR COMMUNITIES, SUPPORTING A STRONG UNION VOICE FOR LIBRARY WORKERS, AND DEFENDING THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF LIBRARY STAFF

Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. REED, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WYDEN, and Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

S. RES. 688

Whereas library staff are cornerstones of their communities in the United States, providing visitors with access to books and media, delivering high-quality programming to visitors of all ages, ensuring equitable internet access for all, and linking people to crucial information about accessing social services;

Whereas libraries are an economic powerhouse in their communities, providing resources to small business owners, job seekers, and individuals learning new skills;

Whereas, in recent years, library staff have been called on to address the fallout from difficult public crises in the United States, taking on roles that exceed the traditional role of providing a space for, and access to, educational and cultural enrichment;

Whereas library staff provide lifesaving care to members of their communities who are suffering the effects of the ongoing and tragic opioid epidemic in the United States, including being called on to administer medication to treat overdoses;

Whereas libraries are a safe haven for individuals and families who are unhoused, and library workers provide the supportive community environment and resources needed by unhoused individuals and families;

Whereas libraries are often the only source of internet for underserved communities;

Whereas library staff maintained public access to essential library services and were relied on to distribute personal protective equipment and provide testing to the public during the worst days of the COVID-19 pandemic;

Whereas libraries have met an expanded and intensified demand for community, public health, and safety net services, often while contending with severe funding cuts, creating unsustainable and frequently unsafe working conditions for library staff;

Whereas the EveryLibrary Institute recently found that Project 2025 encourages the mistreatment and misrepresentation of minority communities as well as the harassment of library staff;

Whereas, on March 14, 2025, President Trump signed Executive Order 14238 (90 Fed.

Reg. 13043, relating to continuing the reduction of the Federal bureaucracy) to eliminate the Institute of Museum and Library Services;

Whereas eliminating the Institute of Museum and Library Services would harm the ability of libraries to provide critical resources to millions of people in the United States, especially in rural, Tribal, and other underserved communities;

Whereas the health and survival of democracy in the United States requires that everyone be able to exercise rights to information and services, and it is especially important for young people to have the opportunity to learn, encounter, and debate all manner of ideas, including controversial ones;

Whereas students have been shown to spend more time reading and exhibit higher reading scores when given access to diverse titles, and library staff play a crucial role in curating diverse book offerings for young readers;

Whereas a fundamental responsibility of the job of library staff is making decisions about the books and media in their collections and assisting visitors in accessing those materials without fear of censorship or reprisal for fulfilling the role of providing information and resources to the public;

Whereas PEN America found 6,870 instances of book bans in school libraries and classrooms during the 2024 to 2025 school year;

Whereas libraries and library staff are more capable of providing their communities with access to a diverse, inclusive, and comprehensive selection of books and media when they operate free from threats of book bans and censorship;

Whereas library staff have faced termination and criminalization for refusing to remove banned books from their libraries;

Whereas, from 2024 to 2025, there were deplorable incidents throughout the United States that were orchestrated to intimidate library staff and prevent them from fulfilling their central work responsibility to provide the public with free and unfettered access to information;

Whereas library staff across the United States are mobilizing for a collective union voice in their workplaces to elevate their profession, to ensure safe and adequately resourced spaces that meet the needs of the communities they serve, and to protect the essential role of libraries in the democracy of the United States; and

Whereas the week of April 19 through April 25, 2026, would be an appropriate time to celebrate "National Library Week": Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commends the work of library staff in the United States;

(2) supports the goals and ideals of National Library Week;

(3) recognizes that libraries and library staff provide critical infrastructure for the United States and are essential to the future of the United States;

(4) supports the prioritization of full funding of library services at the Federal, State, and local levels to ensure the continuation and improvement of library services;

(5) reaffirms—

(A) the fundamental right of the people of the United States to access information, which is made real through the efforts of library staff;

(B) the fundamental right of library workers to organize and collectively bargain at work and to have a protected voice in their workplace; and

(C) the civil rights of library workers to exercise their responsibilities to the public without threats or intimidation; and

(6) recognizes the right of library staff—

(A) to speak out on matters of public concern;

(B) to address themselves to elected officials and to the administration of the entities that employ library staff; and

(C) to inform the people of the United States about their right to free and unfettered access to information, and about threats to that access.

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SENATE RESOLUTION 689—CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA AIKEN WOMEN'S POLO TEAM ON WINNING THE 2026 UNITED STATES POLO ASSOCIATION DIVISION I WOMEN'S NATIONAL INTERCOLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 689

Whereas, on March 22, 2026, the University of South Carolina Aiken (referred to in this preamble as "USCA") women's polo team secured a 15 to 6 win against Texas A&M University to win the 2026 United States Polo Association Division I Women's National Intercollegiate Championship;

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

Whereas this win marks the first undefeated season in program history;

Whereas every member of the USCA women's polo team contributed to the successful 2026 United States Polo Association Division I intercollegiate championship season and national title victory;

Whereas the coaches and staff of the USCA women's polo team played a vital role in the success of the USCA Pacers during the 2026 season; and

Whereas the USCA Pacers showed immense strength, resilience, and teamwork to win the national championship: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the University of South Carolina Aiken women's polo team for an incredible season and for winning the United States Polo Association Division I Women's National Intercollegiate Championship;

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

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

(A) Brianna Jane Jordan, team member;

(B) Madison Ann Jordan, team member;

and

(C) Winifred Anne Branscum, team member.

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SENATE RESOLUTION 690—AUTHORIZING THE EN BLOC CONSIDERATION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION OF CERTAIN NOMINATIONS ON THE EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. THUNE submitted the following resolution; which was submitted and read:

S. RES. 690

Resolved, That it shall be in order to move to proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following nominations on the Executive Calendar:

(1) Calendar Number 615: Andrew Benson, of Maine, to be United States Attorney for the District of Maine for the term of 4 years.

(2) Calendar Number 616: William Boyle, of North Carolina, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina for the term of 4 years.

(3) Calendar Number 617: Kevin Holmes, of Arkansas, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Arkansas for the term of 4 years.

(4) Calendar Number 618: Brian David Miller, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania for the term of 4 years.

(5) Calendar Number 619: Richard Price, of Missouri, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri for the term of 4 years.

(6) Calendar Number 620: Darin Smith, of Wyoming, to be United States Attorney for the District of Wyoming for the term of 4 years.

(7) Calendar Number 621: Gregory LoGerfo, of Massachusetts, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, with the rank and status of Ambassador at Large.

(8) Calendar Number 622: Eric Meyer, of California, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

(9) Calendar Number 623: Jennifer Wicks McNamara, of Virginia, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

(10) Calendar Number 624: Frank Weiland, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs).

(11) Calendar Number 648: Daniel Edwards, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

(12) Calendar Number 649: Steven Haines, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

(13) Calendar Number 650: Robert Harvey, of Florida, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for a term expiring June 30, 2029.

(14) Calendar Number 652: Thomas Govan, Jr., of Alabama, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Alabama for the term of 4 years.

(15) Calendar Number 653: Zachary Keller, of Louisiana, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Louisiana for the term of 4 years.

(16) Calendar Number 654: Ryan Raybould, of Texas, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Texas for the term of 4 years.

(17) Calendar Number 664: Gregory Gilmore, of Illinois, to be United States Attorney for the Central District of Illinois for the term of 4 years.

(18) Calendar Number 665: Douglas Weaver, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the term of 5 years expiring June 30, 2031. (Reappointment)

(19) Calendar Number 666: Stevan Pearce, of New Mexico, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

(20) Calendar Number 667: David LaCerte, of Louisiana, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2031. (Reappointment)

(21) Calendar Number 668: Kyle Haustveit, of North Dakota, to be Under Secretary of Energy.

(22) Calendar Number 675: Robert Rotter, of Iowa, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Iowa for the term of 4 years.

(23) Calendar Number 676: Daniel Satterlee, of South Dakota, to be United States Marshal for the District of South Dakota for the term of 4 years.