

(1) 1,383 critical access hospitals, which serve as essential healthcare hubs that bring medical services closer to individuals who would otherwise have to travel long distances for healthcare, that provide healthcare to 1/5 of the United States population residing in rural areas;

(2) nearly 1,700 teaching hospitals, of which roughly 300 are major teaching hospitals such as university hospitals or academic medical centers, that provide essential training to future medical providers;

(3) 656 non-Federal psychiatric hospitals that are essential partners in addressing mental health and substance abuse disorders across the United States; and

(4) 170 Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers that are uniquely responsible for providing healthcare to more than 9,100,000 veterans;

Whereas, in 2025, hospitals in the United States provided healthcare to more than 35,658,583 admitted patients and in 2025 delivered more than 3,600,000 babies;

Whereas, as of March 2026, hospitals employed more than 5,759,900 individuals, including physicians, registered nurses, and allied health professionals;

Whereas non-clinical hospital staff, including sanitation workers, food service workers, and many others, work to keep hospitals open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, in order to ensure hospitals are always available to individuals that need healthcare;

Whereas hospitals, through direct care and community outreach, can provide the expertise and resources needed to address the unique healthcare needs that exist in rural and urban areas of the United States; and

Whereas hospitals work collaboratively to uphold the healthcare system of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of National Hospital Week, to be observed from May 10 through May 16, 2026;

(2) recognizes the significant role that hospitals play in the delivery of healthcare in the United States; and

(3) encourages the people of the United States to observe National Hospital Week with appropriate recognition, ceremonies, activities, and programs to demonstrate the importance of hospitals to the everyday lives of patients and communities.

SENATE RESOLUTION 737—RECOGNIZING NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THE CHALLENGES OF CHILDREN IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM AND TO ENCOURAGE CONGRESS TO IMPLEMENT POLICIES TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF CHILDREN IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM

Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. LUJAN, Mr. DAINES, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. WARNER, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. BARRASSO, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. YOUNG, Mrs. BRITT, Mrs. CAPITO, Ms. ROSEN, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Mr. HUSTED) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 737

Whereas National Foster Care Month was established more than 30 years ago—

(1) to bring foster care issues to the forefront;

(2) to highlight the importance of permanency for every child; and

(3) to recognize the essential role that foster parents, social workers, and advocates

have in the lives of children in foster care throughout the United States;

Whereas all children deserve a safe, loving, and permanent home;

Whereas the primary goal of the foster care system is to ensure the safety and well-being of children while working to provide a safe, loving, and permanent home for each child;

Whereas there are approximately 331,747 children living in foster care in the United States;

Whereas there were approximately 175,008 youths that entered the foster care system in 2025 in the United States, and more than 67,249 youths were awaiting adoption at the end of 2025;

Whereas approximately 51,603 children entered foster care in 2025 due to parental drug abuse;

Whereas children of color are more likely to stay in the foster care system for longer periods of time and are less likely to be reunited with their biological families;

Whereas foster parents are the front-line caregivers for children who cannot safely remain with their biological parents, and foster parents provide physical care, emotional support, and education advocacy, and are the largest cohort of families that provide permanent homes for children leaving through adoption;

Whereas children in foster care who are placed with relatives, compared to children placed with non-relatives—

(1) have more stability, including fewer changes in placements;

(2) have more positive perceptions of their placements;

(3) are more likely to be placed with their siblings; and

(4) demonstrate fewer behavioral problems;

Whereas some relative caregivers receive less financial assistance and support services than do foster caregivers;

Whereas an increased emphasis on prevention and reunification services is necessary to reduce the number of children that enter or re-enter the foster care system;

Whereas approximately 15,030 youths aged out of foster care in 2025 without a legal permanent connection to an adult or family;

Whereas youth who age out of foster care lack the security or support of a biological or adoptive family and frequently struggle to secure affordable housing, obtain health insurance, pursue higher education, and acquire adequate employment;

Whereas foster care is intended to be a temporary placement, but children remain in the foster care system for an average of 22.9 months;

Whereas approximately 1/3 of children in foster care experience more than 2 placements while in care, which often leads to the disruption of routines, including changing schools, and moving away from siblings, extended families, and familiar surroundings;

Whereas youth in foster care are much more likely to face educational instability, with a study showing that 75 percent of foster youth experienced an unscheduled school change during a school year, compared to less than 40 percent of youth not in foster care;

Whereas children entering foster care often confront the widespread misperception that children in foster care are disruptive, unruly, and dangerous, even though placement in foster care is based on the actions of a parent or guardian, not the child;

Whereas 30 percent of children in foster care are taking not less than 1 anti-psychotic medication, and 34 percent of those children are not receiving adequate treatment planning or medication monitoring;

Whereas, due to heavy caseloads and limited resources, the average annual turnover

rate is between 23 percent and 60 percent for child welfare workers;

Whereas States, localities, and communities should be encouraged to invest resources in preventative and reunification services and post-permanency programs to ensure that more children and older youth in foster care are provided safe, loving, and permanent placements;

Whereas, in 2018, Congress passed the Family First Prevention Services Act (Public Law 115-123; 132 Stat. 232), which provided new investments in prevention and family reunification services to help more families stay together and ensure more children are in safe, loving, and permanent homes;

Whereas Federal legislation during the past 4 decades, including the Adoption Assistance and Child Welfare Act of 1980 (Public Law 96-272; 94 Stat. 500), the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997 (Public Law 105-89; 111 Stat. 2115), the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-351; 122 Stat. 3949), the Child and Family Services Improvement and Innovation Act (Public Law 112-34; 125 Stat. 369), the Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act (Public Law 113-183; 128 Stat. 1919), and the Supporting America's Children and Families Act (Public Law 118-258; 138 Stat. 2947) provided new investments and services to improve the outcomes of children in the foster care system;

Whereas May 2026 is an appropriate month to designate as “National Foster Care Month” and provides an opportunity to acknowledge the child welfare workforce, foster parents, the advocacy community, and mentors for their dedication, accomplishments, and the positive impact they have on the lives of children; and

Whereas much remains to be done to ensure that all children have a safe, loving, nurturing, and permanent family, regardless of age or special needs: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the designation of May 2026 as “National Foster Care Month”;

(2) recognizes National Foster Care Month as an opportunity to raise awareness about the challenges that children face in the foster care system;

(3) encourages Congress to implement policies to improve the lives of children in the foster care system;

(4) acknowledges the unique needs of children in the foster care system;

(5) recognizes foster youth throughout the United States for their ongoing tenacity, courage, and resilience while facing life challenges;

(6) acknowledges the exceptional alumni of the foster care system who serve as advocates and role models for youths who remain in care;

(7) honors the commitment and dedication of the individuals who work tirelessly to provide assistance and services to children in the foster care system;

(8) supports the designation of May 31, 2026, as “National Foster Parent Appreciation Day”;

(9) recognizes National Foster Parent Appreciation Day as an opportunity to recognize the efforts of foster parents to provide safe and loving care for children in need and to raise awareness about the increasing need for foster parents to serve in their communities; and

(10) reaffirms the need to continue working to improve the outcomes of all children in the foster care system through initiatives designed—

(A) to support vulnerable families;

(B) to prevent families from entering the foster care system and reunite families in cases where reunification is in the best interest of the child;

(C) to promote adoption in cases where reunification is not in the best interests of the child;

(D) to adequately serve those children brought into the foster care system; and

(E) to facilitate the successful transition into adulthood for youth that age out of the foster care system.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I have three requests for committees to meet during today's session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority Leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today's session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet in closed and open session during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at 8 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs is authorized to meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at 9 a.m., to conduct an executive business meeting.

COMMEMORATING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COLUMBINE DAY OF SERVICE AND HONORING THE MEMORIES OF THE VICTIMS, SURVIVORS, AND THEIR FAMILIES

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration and the Senate now proceed to S. Res. 680.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 680) commemorating the 10th anniversary of the Columbine Day of Service and honoring the memories of the victims, survivors, and their families.

There being no objection, the committee was discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 680) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in the RECORD of April 20, 2026, under "Submitted Resolutions.")

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF APRIL 2026 AS "NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH", AND THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH.

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from further consideration and the Senate now proceed to S. Res. 706.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 706) expressing support for the designation of April 2026 as "National Child Abuse Prevention Month", and the goals and ideals of National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

There being no objection, the committee was discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. CRAMER. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 706) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in the RECORD of April 29, 2026, under "Submitted Resolutions.")

RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY

Mr. CRAMER. 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. 733, S. Res. 734, S. Res. 735, S. Res. 736, S. Res. 737.

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

Mr. CRAMER. 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 were agreed to.

The preambles were agreed to.

(The resolutions, with their preambles, are printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 3 p.m. on Monday, May 18; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two

leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, morning business be closed, and the Senate proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the nominations to be considered en bloc pursuant to S. Res. 690, postcloture; further, that at 5:30 p.m., all postcloture time be expired and the Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations en bloc; finally, that if any nominations are confirmed during Monday's session of the Senate, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's actions.

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

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand adjourned under the previous order, following the remarks of Senators SCHATZ, HIRONO, and CORTEZ MASTO.

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

The Senator from Hawaii.

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII MEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Mr. SCHATZ. Mr. President, on Monday, the University of Hawaii men's volleyball team won the national championship, prevailing over the University of California at Irvine in a four-set thriller. Every player played his part, and the win caps off one of the most successful seasons in the team's history. It also marks the third NCAA championship in men's volleyball.

As head coach Charlie Wade said after the game, "Volleyball is a big deal in our community, it just is." For many at home, volleyball is life. If you didn't grow up playing the sport yourself, you had a cousin or a friend or an auntie or an uncle who did. And every person in Hawaii—and I mean everybody—has been to a middle school or high school or college volleyball game.

That kind of love for this sport is what has made UH a volleyball powerhouse, and it is why we continue to attract and produce some of the best players in the world. Monday's win wasn't just for the incredible athletes on the court. It was a win for the coaches, the staff, the family, the friends, and the fans who supported them along the way. And it was a win for the entire State of Hawaii. This victory belongs to Hawaii.

So congratulations to the 'Bows on their well-deserved victory. We are all so proud of you. Aloha.

Now, I would like to yield the floor to my great partner representing Hawaii in the U.S. Senate, Senator HIRONO.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Hawaii.