

experienced or witnessed some form of anti-semitism since the October 7, 2023, Hamas terrorist attacks;

Whereas, in 2025, the Anti-Defamation League recorded 6,274 antisemitic incidents in the United States, which equals an average of 17 incidents per day and represents the third-highest year for antisemitic incidents since the Anti-Defamation League began tracking this data in 1979, with incidents remaining 70 percent higher than in 2022 and nearly double pre-October 7 record highs;

Whereas the Federal Bureau of Investigation has aggregated 2024 hate crime data showing that reported single-bias anti-Jewish hate crime incidents reached a new all-time high, comprising roughly 70 percent of all reported religion-based hate crime incidents in the United States;

Whereas one of the most effective ways to combat antisemitism and hate is through increasing education and awareness about the contributions Jewish Americans have made to the United States through the arts, entertainment, science and technology, the military, the government, business, culinary traditions, and other fields; and

Whereas, as the strength of a society can be measured by how that society protects its minority populations and celebrates their contributions, it is altogether fitting for the United States to once again mark the month of May as "Jewish American Heritage Month": Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the significance of Jewish American Heritage Month as a time to celebrate the contributions of Jewish Americans to the society and culture of the United States;

(2) calls on elected officials, faith leaders, and civil society leaders to condemn and counter all acts of antisemitism;

(3) calls on elected officials and State and local leaders to educate the public on the contributions of the Jewish-American community and uplift Jewish stories and voices;

(4) takes all possible steps to ensure the safety, security, and dignity of American Jews in all aspects of their lives, including at the workplace, college and university campuses, synagogues, and home;

(5) honors the contributions of Jewish-American members of the Armed Forces who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to protect freedom; and

(6) commits to protecting religious freedom in America by ensuring all Americans, including Jewish Americans, can worship without fear of violence or persecution.

SENATE RESOLUTION 739—HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JOHN SEYMOUR, THE LATE SENATOR FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Mr. PADILLA (for himself, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. THUNE, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Mr. ARMSTRONG, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BANKS, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. BUDD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CASSIDY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. DAINES, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. ERNST, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. GALLEGRO, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HAGERTY, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. HEINRICH,

Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. HUSTED, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. JUSTICE, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KELLY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KIM, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEE, Mr. LUJÁN, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. MCCORMICK, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. MOODY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. MORENO, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. OSSOFF, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PETERS, Mr. REED, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. RISCH, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHMITT, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHEEHY, Ms. SLOTKIN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WARNOCK, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. YOUNG) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 739

Whereas John Seymour was born on December 3, 1937, in Chicago, Illinois;

Whereas John Seymour enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, serving his country in uniform from 1955 to 1959;

Whereas John Seymour attended public school in Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania, and graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1962;

Whereas, as a southern California businessman, John Seymour greatly contributed to Orange County's vibrant real estate and housing marketplace, serving as president of the California Association of Realtors in 1980;

Whereas, in 1974, John Seymour was first elected to the Anaheim City Council, representing the city of Anaheim as a council member from 1974 to 1978, and later serving as the Mayor of Anaheim from 1978 to 1982;

Whereas, as Mayor of Anaheim, John Seymour led efforts to secure the relocation of the Los Angeles Rams to Orange County in 1980, championing his community in the process;

Whereas, as Mayor of Anaheim, John Seymour further led initiatives to establish greater trust and public accountability between Anaheim law enforcement and the wider community;

Whereas John Seymour, during his time as a State Senator in the California legislature, as well as in the United States Senate, demonstrated leadership and commitment to causes dearly held by California residents, including special education, women's rights, and environmental stewardship;

Whereas John Seymour was appointed to the United States Senate in 1991 by California Governor Pete Wilson and served in the Senate until 1992;

Whereas, working alongside Senator Alan Cranston, John Seymour helped pass into law a landmark transportation bill, the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (Public Law 102-240; 109 Stat. 1914), securing billions of dollars in funding to benefit the State of California;

Whereas John Seymour led congressional efforts to preserve California's natural beauty, protect its ecosystems, wildlife, and national parks, and stimulate California's industries;

Whereas John Seymour served with distinction, developing a reputation for candor, bipartisanship, and putting people and communities first;

Whereas John Seymour, in his advocacy as a public servant and private citizen, devoted

particular attention to supporting affordable housing initiatives in southern California through steadfast engagement with non-profit organizations;

Whereas John Seymour was a beloved son, husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather; and

Whereas the State of California and the United States have lost a compassionate lawmaker and dedicated public servant: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That—

(1) the Senate—

(A) has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of John Seymour, the late United States Senator for the State of California; and

(B) respectfully requests that the Secretary of the Senate communicate this resolution to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of John Seymour; and

(2) when the Senate adjourns today, it stands adjourned as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late John Seymour.

SENATE RESOLUTION 740—EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF MAY 2026 AS "MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH"

Mr. PETERS (for himself, Ms. ERNST, Mr. KING, and Mr. CURTIS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 740

Whereas, according to the Motorcycle Industry Council, motorcycling is a great tradition enjoyed by an estimated 30,000,000 individuals annually in the United States, representing approximately 9 percent of the population;

Whereas motorcycles are a valuable component of the transportation mix;

Whereas motorcycles are fuel-efficient and decrease congestion while having little impact on the transportation infrastructure of the United States;

Whereas the motorcycling community promotes rider safety education, licensing, and motorcycle awareness;

Whereas the motorcycling community is committed to decreasing motorcycle crashes through training and safety education, personal responsibility, and increased public awareness;

Whereas, according to the Motorcycle Industry Council, approximately 87 percent of motorcycles are operated on highways in conjunction with other vehicles;

Whereas motorcyclist fatalities occur more frequently than passenger vehicle motorist fatalities;

Whereas, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (referred to in this preamble as "NHTSA"), 46 percent of 2-vehicle crashes involving a motorcycle and another type of vehicle that result in a motorcyclist fatality involve a vehicle turning left into the path of a motorcycle;

Whereas motorcycle awareness is critical to ensuring all road users watch out for motorcycles, in order to decrease motorcycle crashes; and

Whereas NHTSA promotes Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month to encourage riders to be properly licensed, receive training, and wear personal protective equipment, and to remind all riders and motorists to always share the road: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the designation of May 2026 as "Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month";

(2) recognizes the contribution of motorcycles to the transportation mix;

(3) encourages motorcycle awareness by all road users;

(4) recognizes that motorcyclists have a right to the road and that all motorists should safely share the roadways;

(5) encourages rider safety education, training, and proper gear for safe motorcycle operation; and

(6) supports the goals of Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. CURTIS. Mr. President, I have six 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 Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 2 p.m., to conduct a subcommittee hearing.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 8 a.m., to conduct a business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 3 p.m., to conduct a closed briefing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMERGING THREATS AND CAPABILITIES

The Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities of the Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 3 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, I first ask unanimous consent that my legislative

fellow Patrick McCormick be granted floor privileges for duration of his legislative fellowship with my office.

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

APPOINTMENT

The presiding officer. The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105-292, as amended by Public Law 106-55, Public Law 107-228, and Public Law 112-75, appoints the following individuals to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom: Rachel K. Laser of the District of Columbia (reappointment) and Gunisha Kaur of New York.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JOHN SEYMOUR, THE LATE SENATOR FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Ms. LUMMIS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consideration of S. Res. 739, submitted earlier today.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 739) honoring the life and legacy of John Seymour, the late Senator for the State of California.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Ms. LUMMIS. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 739) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF MAY 2026 AS "MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH"

Ms. LUMMIS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 740, which was submitted earlier today.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 740) expressing support for the designation of May 2026 as "Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month".

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Ms. LUMMIS. 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 with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 740) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026

Ms. LUMMIS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 20; 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, and the Senate be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each; further, that at 11:15 a.m. the Senate proceed to executive session and execute the order in relation to the Rikhye nomination.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Ms. LUMMIS. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand adjourned under the provisions of S. Res. 739.

There being no objection, as a further mark of respect to the late Senator John Seymour, former Senator from California, the Senate, at 7:03 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 10 a.m.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate May 19, 2026:

THE JUDICIARY

SHERIA AKINS CLARKE, OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be vice admiral

REAR ADM. DOUGLAS L. WILLIAMS