

Whereas Israeli military operations in Lebanon during the 2026 war have been characterized by the destruction of thousands of civilian homes, residential buildings, and religious sites, and by mass evacuation orders resulting in the displacement of more than 1,000,000 people;

Whereas, according to Lebanon's National Council for Scientific Research, since February 28, 2026, Israeli operations across Lebanon have destroyed or damaged more than 60,000 housing units;

Whereas press reports indicate that Israel Defense Forces have used bulldozers and controlled demolitions to destroy dozens of centuries-old villages, mosques, and churches across southern Lebanon, with the New York Times reporting the controlled destruction of "at least two dozen towns and villages near the border, with damage to government offices as well as civilian infrastructure, including schools, hospitals and mosques";

Whereas the destruction of civilian homes in Lebanon has been enabled by the imposition of unilaterally declared "evacuation zones," which have displaced more than 1,000,000 people, including 700,000 who were forcibly displaced from a single Beirut neighborhood;

Whereas Israeli officials have spoken of occupying a "security zone" and indefinitely occupying Lebanon to the Litani River;

Whereas Article 53 of the Fourth Geneva Convention prohibits the destruction of property by occupying powers "except where such destruction is rendered absolutely necessary by military operations";

Whereas the "extensive destruction and appropriation of property, not justified by military necessity and carried out unlawfully and wantonly" is a breach of the Fourth Geneva Convention and a war crime under section 2441 of title 18, United States Code; and

Whereas intentionally directing attacks against civilian objects is a war crime: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved,

SECTION 1. REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON ISRAEL'S HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES.

(a) STATEMENT REQUESTED.—The Senate requests that the Secretary of State, not later than 30 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution, submit to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives, pursuant to section 502B(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2304(c)), a statement regarding Israel's human rights practices that has been prepared in collaboration with the Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor and the Office of the Legal Adviser.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The statement submitted under subsection (a) should include—

(1) all available credible information concerning alleged violations of internationally recognized human rights by the Government of Israel since February 28, 2026, including—

(A) the full scale and scope of the Israeli government's destruction of homes and civilian infrastructure in Lebanon since February 28, 2026, including the destruction of religious, educational, and medical facilities, and the razing of objects indispensable to the survival of the civilian population, including farmland and orchards; and

(B) an assessment of civilian casualties in unilaterally imposed "evacuation zones" and the denial of the right to life in the context of the armed conflict in Lebanon caused by indiscriminate or disproportionate operations in such zones, including the use of so-called "double tap" strikes on civilians; and

(2) other information with regard to operations by the Israeli armed forces in Lebanon since February 28, 2026, including—

(A) an assessment of whether United States-provided bulldozers, munitions, and defense articles or services have been used in mass destruction or demolition operations, or civilian harm incidents in Lebanon;

(B) a description of any actions taken by the Secretary of State to solicit a determination from the Office of the Legal Adviser of whether actions by the Government of Israel in Lebanon present risks of violating international humanitarian law or of constituting war crimes or gross violations of human rights for purposes of compliance with the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151 et seq.); and

(C) a description of any actions taken by the Secretary of State to seek information and a determination on whether Israel's operations in Lebanon violate Israel's assurances to the United States Government that United States-provided defense articles and services would be used in accordance with international humanitarian law and for "legitimate self-defense".

SENATE RESOLUTION 798—DESIGNATING JUNE 2026 AS "GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH"

Mr. DAINES (for himself and Mr. PETERS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 798

Whereas hundreds of millions of individuals in the United States participate in outdoor recreation annually;

Whereas Congress enacted the Outdoor Recreation Jobs and Economic Impact Act of 2016 (Public Law 114-249; 130 Stat. 999) to assess and analyze the outdoor recreation economy of the United States and the effects attributable to the outdoor recreation economy on the overall economy of the United States;

Whereas the Outdoor Recreation Satellite Account, updated in March 2026 by the Bureau of Economic Analysis of the Department of Commerce, shows that outdoor recreation generated \$696,700,000,000 in economic output in 2024, comprising approximately 2.4 percent of the current-dollar gross domestic product of the United States;

Whereas the Outdoor Recreation Satellite Account shows that, in 2024, real gross output for the outdoor recreation economy increased 2.0 percent, outdoor recreation compensation increased 5.2 percent, and employment increased 1.1 percent;

Whereas the Great American Outdoors Act (Public Law 116-152; 134 Stat. 682) provides billions of dollars to help eliminate the maintenance backlog on public lands and waters and fully funds the Land and Water Conservation Fund;

Whereas regular outdoor recreation is associated with economic growth, positive health outcomes, and better quality of life;

Whereas outdoor recreation activities at the Federal, State, and local levels have seen a recent surge in participation;

Whereas many outdoor recreation businesses are small businesses that are cornerstones of rural communities, and outdoor recreation is part of the national heritage of the United States;

Whereas it is imperative that the United States ensures that access to outdoor recreation is available to all its people for generations to come; and

Whereas June 2026 is an appropriate month to designate as "Great Outdoors Month" to provide an opportunity to celebrate the im-

portance of the great outdoors: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates June 2026 as "Great Outdoors Month"; and

(2) encourages all individuals in the United States to responsibly participate in recreation activities in the great outdoors during June 2026 and year round.

SENATE RESOLUTION 799—EXPRESSING THE CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE AND HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE VICTIMS ON THE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MASS SHOOTING AT THE FOURTH OF JULY PARADE IN HIGHLAND PARK, ILLINOIS, ON JULY 4, 2022

Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Ms. DUCKWORTH) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 799

Whereas, on July 4, 2022, a gunman opened fire at the corner of Central Avenue and Second Street in Highland Park, Illinois, during the annual Fourth of July parade;

Whereas the gunman took the lives of 7 individuals and injured 48 more individuals;

Whereas the 7 individuals who lost their lives that day were—

(1) Katherine Goldstein, age 64, of Highland Park, Illinois, a beloved wife and mother, who was known for her kind, caring personality, and for bringing neighbors delicious baked goods during the holidays;

(2) Irina McCarthy, age 35, of Highland Park, Illinois, a wife and mother of 2-year-old Aiden, who met her husband Kevin through their mutual work in the pharmaceutical industry;

(3) Kevin McCarthy, age 37, of Highland Park, Illinois, a husband and father of 2-year-old Aiden, who died protecting his son from gunfire;

(4) Stephen Straus, age 88, of Highland Park, Illinois, a brother, husband, father, and grandfather, who was a joke-teller and avid reader and greatly enjoyed the Art Institute of Chicago and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra;

(5) Jacquelyn Sundheim, age 63, of Highland Park, Illinois, a kind and caring wife and mother, who was a lifelong member of North Shore Congregation Israel, in Glencoe, where she also taught preschool and served as the events coordinator;

(6) Nicolas Toledo-Zaragoza, age 78, of Morelos, Mexico, who was attending the parade with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; and

(7) Eduardo Uvaldo, age 69, of Waukegan, Illinois, who was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather;

Whereas dozens of individuals were wounded by gunfire or injured fleeing the scene of the mass shooting;

Whereas the Highland Park Police Department and the Highland Park Fire Department led dozens of agencies in responding to the shooting with bravery and professionalism, including—

(1) the Illinois State Police;

(2) the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives;

(3) the Federal Bureau of Investigation;

(4) the United States Secret Service;

(5) the United States Marshals Service;

(6) the Naval Criminal Investigative Service;

(7) the Lake County Major Crimes Task Force;

(8) the Chicago Police Department;

- (9) the Lake County Sheriff's Office;
- (10) the Cook County Sheriff's Office;
- (11) the Northwest Central Dispatch System;
- (12) the Regional Emergency Dispatch Center (RED Center);
- (13) the Glenview Public Safety Dispatch Center;
- (14) the Highland Park Community Emergency Response Team (CERT);
- (15) the Deerfield-Bannockburn Fire Protection District;
- (16) the Northbrook Fire Department;
- (17) the Winnetka Fire Department;
- (18) the Northfield Fire Department;
- (19) the Buffalo Grove Fire Department;
- (20) the Prospect Heights Fire Department;
- (21) the Libertyville Fire Department;
- (22) the Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Protection District;
- (23) the Evanston Fire Department;
- (24) the Glenview Fire Department;
- (25) the Lake Bluff Fire Department;
- (26) the Skokie Fire Department;
- (27) the Wilmette Fire Department;
- (28) the Des Plaines Fire Department;
- (29) the Glencoe Department of Public Safety;
- (30) the Lake Forest Fire Department;
- (31) the Morton Grove Fire Department;
- (32) the Park Ridge Fire Department;
- (33) the Waukegan Fire Department;
- (34) the Niles Fire Department;
- (35) the Addison Fire Protection District;
- (36) the Streamwood Fire Department;
- (37) the Hanover Park Fire Department;
- and
- (38) the police departments of—
 - (A) Addison;
 - (B) Antioch;
 - (C) Arlington Heights;
 - (D) Bannockburn;
 - (E) Barrington;
 - (F) Barrington Hills;
 - (G) Bartlett;
 - (H) Berwyn;
 - (I) Buffalo Grove;
 - (J) Carpentersville;
 - (K) Cary;
 - (L) Crystal Lake;
 - (M) Deerfield;
 - (N) Des Plaines;
 - (O) Elk Grove Village;
 - (P) Elmhurst;
 - (Q) Evanston;
 - (R) Fox Lake;
 - (S) Franklin Park;
 - (T) Glencoe;
 - (U) Glenview;
 - (V) Grayslake;
 - (W) Gurnee;
 - (X) Hanover Park;
 - (Y) Harwood Heights;
 - (Z) Hoffman Estates;
 - (AA) Inverness;
 - (BB) Kenilworth;
 - (CC) Kildeer;
 - (DD) Lake Bluff;
 - (EE) Lake Forest;
 - (FF) Lake Villa;
 - (GG) Lake Zurich;
 - (HH) Libertyville;
 - (II) Lincolnshire;
 - (JJ) Lincolnwood;
 - (KK) McHenry;
 - (LL) Morton Grove;
 - (MM) Mount Prospect;
 - (NN) Mundelein;
 - (OO) Niles;
 - (PP) Norridge;
 - (QQ) North Chicago;
 - (RR) North Riverside;
 - (SS) Northbrook;
 - (TT) Northfield;
 - (UU) Palatine;
 - (VV) Prospect Heights;
 - (WW) Riverwoods;
 - (XX) Rolling Meadows;

- (YY) Rosemont;
- (ZZ) Round Lake;
- (AAA) Round Lake Beach;
- (BBB) Round Lake Park;
- (CCC) Schiller Park;
- (DDD) Skokie;
- (EEE) Streamwood;
- (FFF) Vernon Hills;
- (GGG) Wauconda;
- (HHH) Waukegan;
- (III) Western Springs;
- (JJJ) Wheeling;
- (KKK) Wilmette;
- (LLL) Winnetka;
- (MMM) Winthrop Harbor; and
- (NNN) Zion;

Whereas the emergency responders and the doctors, nurses, and other health care providers at Highland Park Hospital, Glenbrook Hospital, Evanston Hospital, Northwestern Medicine Lake Forest Hospital, Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, and University of Chicago Medicine Comer Children's Hospital provided professional and dedicated care to the victims;

Whereas, during the year following the shooting, many volunteer counselors traveled to North Shore School District 112 and Township High School District 113 to assist the community in the process of healing;

Whereas members of the Highland Park, Highwood, Waukegan, and North Chicago communities, along with communities across the entire North Shore, the State of Illinois, the United States, and the world remain united in support of the victims of this horrific massacre and their families on its 4-year anniversary;

Whereas, according to the Gun Violence Archive, the tragic mass shooting that occurred in Highland Park was 1 of 10 mass shootings that occurred on July 4, 2022; and

Whereas senseless gun violence has caused devastation, trauma, and grief to too many families and communities across the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) expresses sincere condolences to the families, friends, and loved ones of Katherine Goldstein, Irina McCarthy, Kevin McCarthy, Stephen Straus, Jacquelyn Sundheim, Nicolas Toledo-Zaragoza, and Eduardo Uvaldo, the victims of the devastating shooting along the parade route on July 4, 2022, in Highland Park, Illinois;

(2) honors the lives and memory of the victims, with gratitude for their selfless dedication to others;

(3) continues to extend support to the individuals who were injured and subjected to the trauma of the shooting;

(4) expresses gratitude to the law enforcement officers, medical personnel, and emergency responders who responded to the shooting with professionalism, dedication, and bravery; and

(5) stands in solidarity with the victims of senseless gun violence in communities across the United States.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 35—PROVIDING FOR A JOINT SESSION OF THE CONGRESS IN PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, ON THURSDAY, JULY 2, 2026, IN HONOR OF THE SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

Mr. KIM (for himself and Mr. MCCORMICK) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration:

S. Cong. Res.

Whereas the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was founded in 1682;

Whereas Philadelphia has become known as the Nation's birthplace for the critical role it played in the founding of the United States of America;

Whereas Philadelphia was the meeting place for the first Continental Congress, the second Continental Congress, and the Constitutional Convention;

Whereas Philadelphia served as the capital of the United States from 1790 through 1800;

Whereas, on July 4, 1776, the Second Continental Congress approved the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia, at the Pennsylvania State House, now known as Independence Hall;

Whereas the Declaration of Independence officially severed the 13 colonies' ties to the British Crown;

Whereas Independence Hall is 1 of only 26 cultural World Heritage sites in the United States of America;

Whereas Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, became the first World Heritage City in the United States of America;

Whereas, shortly after the conclusion of the Constitutional Convention, Benjamin Franklin proclaimed of the Rising Sun Armchair at Independence Hall, "I have often looked at that picture behind the president without being able to tell whether it was rising or setting. But now at length I have the happiness to know that it is a rising and not a setting sun";

Whereas across from Independence Hall stands the Liberty Bell, displaying the phrase "Proclaim Liberty Throughout All the Land Unto All the Inhabitants thereof";

Whereas only on 2 occasions since the United States Capitol moved to Washington, District of Columbia, in 1800 has Congress convened outside of the District of Columbia;

Whereas, on July 16, 1987, Congress met at Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to "honor the bicentennial of the Constitution" and commemorate "the 200th anniversary of the Great Compromise of the Constitutional Convention";

Whereas, on September 6, 2002, Congress met at Federal Hall in New York, New York, "in remembrance of the victims and heroes of September 11, 2001, and in recognition of the courage and spirit of the City of New York"; and

Whereas, July 4, 2026, will serve as the semiquincentennial, or 250th anniversary, of the founding of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That, in honor of the semiquincentennial of the Declaration of Independence, the two Houses of the Congress shall assemble in a joint session at the Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on Thursday, July 2, 2026, for the purpose of commemorating the Declaration of Independence.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 6020. Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. KING, Mr. KELLY, and Ms. COLLINS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 4784, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2027 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 6021. Mrs. SHAHEEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 4784, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.