

and to champion independent living by providing information, resources, technical assistance related to home and community-based services, and supporting family caregivers;

(10) calls on the Department of Housing and Urban Development to provide accessible and inclusive homes and communities that increase the options available for accessible, inclusive, and equitable housing for individuals with disabilities;

(11) calls on the Department of Transportation to create accessible transit and airports and increase the hiring, promotion, and retention of individuals with disabilities in the transportation workforce;

(12) calls on the Federal Communications Commission to provide information, resources, and technical assistance to enable individuals with disabilities to have full and equitable access to communications and telecommunications services and technologies; and

(13) calls on the Federal Emergency Management Agency to continue to implement a whole community approach and to increase inclusivity and accessibility in emergency preparedness.

SENATE RESOLUTION 815—COMMENDING THE CHICAGO CUBS BASEBALL TEAMS AS IT CELEBRATES ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY ON AUGUST 29, 2026

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

S. RES. 815

Whereas the Chicago Cubs became a charter member of the National League of Professional Baseball Clubs in 1876;

Whereas, since 1876, more than 182,000,000 fans have attended games of the Chicago Cubs, and millions more have listened to games on the radio and watched games on television across the United States and the world;

Whereas the founding team had only 11 players for the entire season which consisted of James White, Cal McVey, Ross Barnes, John Peters, Adrian "Cap" Anson, John Glenn, Paul Hines, Bob Addy, Oscar Bielaski, Fred Andrus, and Albert G. Spalding;

Whereas Albert G. Spalding, a native of Illinois, and founder of the sporting goods company which still bears his name today, served as the pitcher and manager;

Whereas the 1906 Chicago Cubs won 116 games, finishing 116-36, before losing the World Series to the Chicago White Sox;

Whereas the team's season record of 116 wins during the 154-game season of 1906 is still a Major League Baseball record today;

Whereas the Chicago Cubs won both the 1907 and 1908 World Series against the Detroit Tigers playing at the West Side Grounds;

Whereas the Chicago Cubs have played at Wrigley Field since 1916, which is a designated National Historic Landmark and the second-oldest active ballpark in Major League Baseball;

Whereas Wrigley Field was the last baseball stadium to have lights installed in 1988, the first stadium to have an organ playing music, the first stadium to build permanent concession stands, and the first stadium to have a live broadcast of games;

Whereas "Wrigleyville" is the vibrant neighborhood that surrounds Wrigley Field, providing a location for fans to support surrounding small businesses, galvanize the city

of Chicago, and come together to root the Chicago Cubs to victory;

Whereas, for more than 50 years, Harry Caray, with his trademark shout of "Holy Cow" that is known to baseball fans across the world, who broadcasted thousands of baseball games before ending his career with the Chicago Cubs, earned his induction into the National Sportscasters and Sports-writers Hall of Fame, the Baseball Hall of Fame, and the National Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame;

Whereas legendary broadcaster Jack Brickhouse, who served as the voice of the Chicago Cubs on the radio from 1940-1944, became the television announcer from 1947-1981, and was known for his "Hey-Hey!" catchphrase, was inducted into the Chicago Cubs Hall of Fame and awarded the National Baseball Hall of Fame's Ford C. Frick Award;

Whereas Pat Hughes, the Chicago Cubs lead play-by-play radio announcer, whose voice is woven into the fabric of sports culture in Chicago, called the 2016 World Series championship that ended the 108-year drought for the Cubs, and was inducted into the Chicago Cubs Hall of Fame and awarded the National Baseball Hall of Fame's Ford C. Frick Award;

Whereas, between 1948 and 2019, WGN-TV revolutionized baseball broadcasting and brought Chicago Cubs baseball to the masses, airing more than 7,000 Cubs games and helping spread the thrills of Cubs baseball through its unsurpassed sports coverage and its historic partnership with the team;

Whereas the Chicago Cubs have won 8 division titles, 17 National League pennants, and 3 World Series championships, including the series of 7 games in 2016 during which the Cubs completed a historic comeback from down 3 games to 1 to defeat the Cleveland Indians;

Whereas the 2016 parade following the Chicago Cubs World Series championship, attended by an estimated 5,000,000 people, celebrated the Cubs making the World Series for the first time since 1965, breaking the so-called "Curse of the Billy Goat";

Whereas the Chicago Cubs have scored more than 103,400 runs, have more than 200,000 hits, and is only the third franchise in Major League Baseball to hit 15,000 home runs;

Whereas 54 players, managers, and executives for the Chicago Cubs have been enshrined in the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York;

Whereas Ferguson "Fergie" Jenkins became one of the most dominant pitchers in the 1960s and 1970s, and in 1971 went 24-13, throwing a complete game in 30 of his 39 starts, and becoming the first pitcher for the Chicago Cubs and the first Canadian to win the Cy Young Award;

Whereas, between 1953 and 1971, Ernie Banks, who was later awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Barack Obama and inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame, played as shortstop and first baseman for the Chicago Cubs, often exclaiming his catchphrase, "It's a beautiful day for a ballgame . . . Let's play two!";

Whereas, in 1998, Sammy Sosa, 1 of 8 players in history with more than 600 home runs, chased the single-season home run record of Roger Maris' 61 home runs with Mark McGwire, earning the National League Most Valuable Player Award by driving in more runs than McGwire and leading the Chicago Cubs to the playoffs;

Whereas Ron Santo, who played third baseman for 14 years for the Chicago Cubs, was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame, named to the first All-Star Game in 1963, won the first of 5 straight Gold Glove

Awards, and, from 1963-1970, averaged almost 29 home runs and 106 runs batted in per season;

Whereas Billy Williams, left fielder and 6-time All Star, was named 1961 National League Rookie of the Year after hitting 25 home runs with 86 runs batted in, and is a member of the National Baseball Hall of Fame;

Whereas second baseman Ryne "Ryno" Sandberg made 10 consecutive All-Star Game appearances, won 9 consecutive Gold Gloves from 1983-1991, and famously led the Chicago Cubs to a comeback victory, hitting 2 consecutive home runs in the ninth and tenth innings against Bruce Sutter of the St. Louis Cardinals at Wrigley Field in the "Sandberg Game";

Whereas, in 1999, Ernie Banks, Sammy Sosa, Billy Williams, and Fergie Jenkins were selected as members of the Chicago Cubs All-Century Team;

Whereas famous Chicago Cubs such as Frank Chance, Johnny Evers, Joe Tinker, Mordecai Brown, Gabby Hartnett, Hack Wilson, Stan Hack, Phil Cavarretta, Andre Dawson, Lee Smith, Kerry Wood, Anthony Rizzo, and more than 2,000 others have brought joy to fans for generations; and

Whereas, since 2009, the Chicago Cubs Charities has donated more than \$51,000,000 to promote youth sports and well-being and support youth and families throughout the city of Chicago and State of Illinois: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate commends the Chicago Cubs on the celebration of their 150th anniversary on August 29, 2026, in light of their successes on the field, their significant contributions to the sport, and the tremendous sense of pride they have provided for all those who have played for, worked for, and enjoyed the triumphs of the Chicago Cubs.

SENATE RESOLUTION 816—HONORING 35 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE FOR THE COUNTRIES OF CENTRAL ASIA AND RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE UNITED STATES' GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH KAZAKHSTAN, KYRGYZSTAN, TAJIKISTAN, TURKMENISTAN, AND UZBEKISTAN

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

S. RES. 816

Whereas the Kyrgyz Republic formally declared its national independence on August 31, 1991;

Whereas the Republic of Uzbekistan officially declared its national independence on September 1, 1991;

Whereas the Republic of Tajikistan officially proclaimed its national independence on September 9, 1991;

Whereas Turkmenistan formally marked its transition to an independent state on September 27, 1991;

Whereas the Republic of Kazakhstan officially declared its national independence on December 16, 1991;

Whereas, in 1991, the oppressive and murderous reign of the Soviet Union ended and with it the shackles of tyranny over Central Asia;

Whereas the United States' relations with Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan have been steadily growing on a bilateral basis and through forums such as the C5+1;

Whereas those countries have been critical partners in countering transnational threats, including terrorism, illicit trafficking, and regional instability;

Whereas Central Asia and the Caucasus serve as a vital geopolitical bridge connecting East and West, facilitating critical global trade, energy security, and digital connectivity via corridors such as the Middle Corridor;

Whereas the ongoing governance reforms, anti-corruption initiatives, and economic modernizations within those countries strengthen their long-term resilience and institutional independence;

Whereas the United States seeks to foster resilient, independent economic ecosystems in Central Asia to enhance market access, private investment, and supply chain security; and

Whereas deepening educational, cultural, and professional exchanges between the United States and the peoples of Central Asia promotes mutual understanding and shared prosperity: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the countries of Central Asia on 35 years of independence;

(2) affirms the strategic importance of the United States' relationship with Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan;

(3) fully supports the inherent right of all countries to determine their own foreign policy, security arrangements, and economic alliances without external coercion; and

(4) affirms that the independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of the countries of Central Asia are foundational to the peace, security, and balance of power across Eurasia.

SENATE RESOLUTION 817—AUTHORIZING THE EN BLOC CONSIDERATION IN EXECUTIVE SESSION OF CERTAIN NOMINATIONS ON THE EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

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

S. RES. 817

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 729: John Breslow, of Arizona, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Cyprus.

(2) Calendar Number 730: Todd Steggerda, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Office of the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva, with the rank of Ambassador.

(3) Calendar Number 731: Adam Cassady, of Virginia, to be Ambassador at Large for Cyberspace and Digital Policy.

(4) Calendar Number 732: Preston Wells Griffith III, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

(5) Calendar Number 733: Preston Wells Griffith III, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador.

(6) Calendar Number 734: Fleet White, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Political-Military Affairs).

(7) Calendar Number 739: Kenneth Sorenson, of Hawaii, to be United States Attorney for the District of Hawaii for the term of 4 years.

(8) Calendar Number 740: Johnson TeeHee II, of Oklahoma, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Oklahoma for the term of 4 years.

(9) Calendar Number 746: Timothy VerHey, of Michigan, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Michigan for the term of 4 years.

(10) Calendar Number 747: James Arnott, of Missouri, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Missouri for the term of 4 years.

(11) Calendar Number 748: Jack Chambers, of West Virginia, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of West Virginia for the term of 4 years.

(12) Calendar Number 749: Jason Holt, of Oklahoma, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Oklahoma for the term of 4 years.

(13) Calendar Number 757: Michael Kavoukjian, of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Norway.

(14) Calendar Number 759: William Trachman, of Colorado, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the United Republic of Tanzania.

(15) Calendar Number 761: Eric Wendt, of California, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Albania.

(16) Calendar Number 762: David Brat, of Virginia, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Commonwealth of Australia.

(17) Calendar Number 764: Frank Garcia, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 22, 2031.

(18) Calendar Number 766: Glen Smith, of Iowa, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development.

(19) Calendar Number 781: Sean Costello, of Alabama, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Alabama for the term of 4 years.

(20) Calendar Number 782: Michael Vance, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Intelligence and Research).

(21) Calendar Number 820: Michael McDonald, of the District of Columbia, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Humanities for a term of 4 years.

(22) Calendar Number 821: James Macy, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of 5 years expiring August 27, 2030.

(23) Calendar Number 822: David M. Prouty, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of 5 years expiring August 27, 2031. (Reappointment)

(24) Calendar Number 823: Brett Matsumoto, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor, for a term of 4 years.

(25) Calendar Number 824: William Hague, of Washington, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

(26) Calendar Number 826: Kaveh Farzad, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (International Affairs).

(27) Calendar Number 832: Don Richard Berthiaume, Jr., of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Justice.

(28) Calendar Number 834: Charlton Allen, of North Carolina, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of 5 years.

(29) Calendar Number 835: Christopher Michael De Bono, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of 15 years.

(30) Calendar Number 836: Sharon E. Goodie, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of 15 years.

(31) Calendar Number 837: Bradford Pentony Wilson, of New Jersey, to be Archivist of the United States.

(32) Calendar Number 840: Brian Cavanaugh, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Management, Department of Homeland Security.

(33) Calendar Number 841: James Woodruff, of Florida, to be Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board.

(34) Calendar Number 842: Michael Christopher DiLorenzo, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of 15 years.

(35) Calendar Number 843: Craig Edward Leen, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of 15 years.

(36) Calendar Number 844: Christine Michelle Macey, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of 15 years.

(37) Calendar Number 845: John Barlow Timmer, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of 15 years.

(38) Calendar Number 846: Cameron Hamilton, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

(39) Calendar Number 847: Charles Baldis, of Virginia, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, for the term of 5 years.

(40) Calendar Number 848: James Andrew Crowell IV, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of 15 years.

(41) Calendar Number 849: Stuart Gordon Nash, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of 15 years.

(42) Calendar Number 850: Rudolph Bauer, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Belize.

(43) Calendar Number 853: Barbera Thornhill, of North Carolina, to be Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking, with the rank of Ambassador at Large.

(44) Calendar Number 854: Christopher Anderson, of Wisconsin, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Cambodia.

(45) Calendar Number 855: Stanley Brown, of Virginia, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea.

(46) Calendar Number 856: Joseph Burkhalter, of Georgia, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Moldova.

(47) Calendar Number 857: John Hurley, of California, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador.

(48) Calendar Number 858: Daniel Perez, of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Federative Republic of Brazil.

(49) Calendar Number 859: Laurence Socha, of Illinois, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of The Gambia.

(50) Calendar Number 860: Juan Segura, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Western Hemisphere Affairs).