

facilities at least twice a day, regardless of where you lived or how rural you may be.

But under the Postal Service's Regional Transportation Optimization initiative, mail from post offices located more than 50 miles from a processing facility are only sent to processing facilities once in a single morning dispatch, and in many cases, this adds up to a full-day delay before a letter starts its journey to the processing facility.

Now, that is bad enough, but it also means that despite a letter being in the post office's legal possession, it is not postmarked until at least the next day. For many, this can be the difference between a tax return being on time or an absentee ballot being counted, simply because of where you live.

And despite these cost-saving measures, now the U.S. Postal Service is asking for billions more, all while senior executives receive large bonuses and lavish benefits like wellness reimbursement incentives, financial planning, retirement counseling services, TSA PreCheck—reimbursement for it—and membership in up to two airline lounge clubs per year.

The post office also created a deferred compensation program. Yes, a deferred compensation program to pay its highest paid officers above compensation limits that have been imposed by Congress.

That needs to end.

And that is the reason that I am introducing the USPS Executive Benefit and Bonus Removal Act. Incompetent bureaucrats should not get bonuses when the mail does not run on time. If the Postal Service were serious about cutting costs, they should have cut costs inside its own ivory tower before passing costs on to the American people who are still receiving terrible service.

In addition, I have announced that I am placing holds on every nominee for the Postal Service board of directors until their leaders take steps to fix mail service in South Dakota. I suspect other Senators from rural States may do the same.

To lift these holds, I want the Postal Service to commit to making these three fixes in South Dakota at a minimum: No. 1, immediately suspend their Regional Transportation Optimization in South Dakota on a permanent basis; No. 2, start delivering intrastate mail—meaning, mail inside of South Dakota—within 1 to 2 days using our existing facilities that they have already been scaling back; and No. 3, they need to commit fully to implementing all findings of the OIG investigation when it becomes available.

Now, I have spoken with some of my Senate colleagues who are seeing the same issues in rural parts of their States. I look forward to working together to find a different model for the Postal Service that actually works for the American people, again, despite the blinders that our Postal Service leadership seem to have on.

It is way past time that we put the "service" back into the Postal Service.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 842—EXPRESSING RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION FOR THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF HOTEL EMPLOYEES AND SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL HOTEL EMPLOYEE DAY

Mrs. MOODY submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

S. RES. 842

Whereas hotels are an essential part of the travel and tourism industry and support economic activity in communities throughout the United States;

Whereas nearly 2,000,000 individuals in the United States work in the hotel industry;

Whereas hotel employees serve guests in a wide variety of roles, including front desk and guest services, housekeeping and laundry services, food and beverage services, engineering and maintenance, security, recreation and event services, sales and marketing, accounting and finance, human resources, and hotel management;

Whereas hotel employees help facilitate family vacations, business travel, weddings, conferences, reunions, sporting events, and other significant occasions;

Whereas hotel employees work each day to provide guests with safe, welcoming, clean, and memorable experiences;

Whereas the dedication and professionalism of hotel employees are essential to the successful operation of hotels and the broader travel and tourism economy of the United States;

Whereas the hotel industry provides more than 200 different career paths and offers employees opportunities for professional development and advancement;

Whereas more than half of hotel general managers began their careers in entry-level positions, demonstrating the opportunities for advancement available within the hotel industry;

Whereas hotel employees strengthen their communities by supporting local businesses, welcoming visitors, assisting during emergencies and natural disasters, and contributing to charitable and civic activities;

Whereas the American Hotel & Lodging Association and National Day Calendar established "National Hotel Employee Day" in 2022 to recognize the service, professionalism, hard work, and dedication of hotel employees; and

Whereas National Hotel Employee Day is observed annually on September 1: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes and expresses appreciation for the service, professionalism, hard work, and dedication of hotel employees throughout the United States;

(2) supports the goals and ideals of National Hotel Employee Day;

(3) recognizes the important contributions of hotel employees to the travel and tourism industry, the economy of the United States, and communities throughout the United States; and

(4) encourages the people of the United States to observe National Hotel Employee Day by thanking hotel employees and recognizing their contributions to the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 843—EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE FIRST WEEK OF AUGUST 2026, AS "NATIONAL COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK", ENCOURAGING ALL PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES TO PARTICIPATE BY VISITING THEIR LOCAL COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER, AND CELEBRATING THE IMPORTANT PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS AND THE COMMUNITIES THEY SERVE

Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. JUSTICE, Mr. LANKFORD, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. MARSHALL, Mrs. FISCHER, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. WICKER, Mr. WELCH, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BENNET, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 843

Whereas, for over 60 years, community health centers have provided access to high-quality, affordable, comprehensive, preventive care for individuals in the United States, having a positive impact on the health system of the United States;

Whereas, as the largest primary care network in the United States, over 1,500 community health centers provide high quality care for up to 52,000,000 individuals in 17,000 communities, such that 1 in 7 individuals across the United States and 1 in 3 in rural areas rely on community health centers;

Whereas community health centers are an important element of the health system of the United States, serving rural, suburban, island, frontier, and urban communities, often as the only accessible and dependable source of primary care;

Whereas community health centers are responding to the growing burden of chronic disease by expanding access to nutrition services and lifestyle counseling, reducing expensive emergency room visits and hospital admissions, and keeping the people of the United States healthy;

Whereas community health centers integrate a wide range of services into primary care, such as mental health, dental, vision, hearing, and pharmacy services, creating a one-stop shop for all health-related needs;

Whereas community health centers are uniquely governed by patient-majority boards, ensuring communities are fully engaged in the strategy of community health centers for improving care access and quality;

Whereas community health centers are locally operated nonprofit organizations that empower local economies by generating nearly \$262,000,000,000 in economic activity across the United States;

Whereas community health centers nationally support 809,000 jobs, including physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, counselors, dentists, pharmacists, and community health workers on multidisciplinary teams;

Whereas the community health center model of care is effective at overcoming barriers to access, improving health outcomes, and saving taxpayer dollars;

Whereas, in 2025, community health centers provided cancer screening to nearly 11,000,000 patients and helped more than 4,000,000 patients control their hypertension and nearly 2,500,000 patients control their diabetes;

Whereas community health centers are on the front lines of addressing opioid overdoses, responding to health care needs arising from natural disasters, expanding access to care for our veterans, and operating nearly 4,600 school-based sites and over 1,300 mobile units to reach people living in rural and remote areas; and

Whereas National Community Health Center Week offers the opportunity to recognize the contributions of every community health center: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) honors the dedicated staff, board members, patients, and all those responsible for the continued success of community health centers since the first centers opened their doors 6 decades ago;

(2) celebrates the legacy of community health centers and their vital role in shaping the past, present, and future of the health system of the United States;

(3) supports the designation of the first week of August 2026, as “National Community Health Center Week”; and

(4) encourages all people of the United States to participate in National Community Health Center Week by visiting their local community health center and celebrating the important partnership between community health centers and the communities they serve.

SENATE RESOLUTION 844—HONORING THE LIVES AND SERVICE OF EMILY BARKER, NICHOLAS HUTCHERSON, SYDNEY WATSON, NATHAN MATTHEWS, NICHOLAS DALE, AND ALL THOSE WHO SERVE ON THE FRONT LINES OF WILDLAND FIREFIGHTING EFFORTS IN THE UNITED STATES

Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. LEE, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, and Mr. CURTIS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 844

Whereas the 2026 wildfire season has already placed extraordinary demands on wildland firefighters, aviation crews, emergency responders, dispatchers, and support personnel across the Western United States;

Whereas, on June 27, 2026, 2 members of the Rifle, Colorado, Helitack crew, Emily Barker of Michigan and Sydney Watson of Alabama, and 1 member of the Pitman Valley, Arizona, Helitack crew on temporary assignment in Rifle, Colorado, Nicholas Hutcherson of Arizona, gave their lives while responding to the Knowles and Gore Fires, which later merged into the Snyder Fire, along the Utah-Colorado border;

Whereas 2 additional firefighters were seriously injured while responding alongside their fallen colleagues, including Nathan Matthews of Nebraska assigned to the Rifle Helitack crew, who died as a result of his injuries on July 24, 2026;

Whereas, on July 12, 2026, firefighting pilot Nicholas Dale of British Columbia, Canada, gave his life while supporting suppression efforts on the Gold Mountain Fire in Colorado;

Whereas Emily Barker, Nicholas Hutcherson, Sydney Watson, Nathan Matthews, and Nicholas Dale answered the call to protect others, and in doing so, gave their lives;

Whereas the members of the Rifle and Pitman Valley Helitack crews carried out one of the most demanding assignments in wildland firefighting, deploying by helicopter into remote terrain to slow the advance of dangerous wildfires; and

Whereas wildland firefighters, aviation crews, emergency responders, dispatchers,

and support personnel continue to put themselves in danger to protect lives, communities, infrastructure, and natural resources throughout the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) honors the lives, service, and ultimate sacrifice of Emily Barker, Nicholas Hutcherson, Sydney Watson, Nathan Matthews, and Nicholas Dale;

(2) expresses its deepest sympathies to their families, friends, and colleagues, and recognizes the courage and continued recovery of the firefighters who were injured in the line of duty;

(3) expresses the gratitude of the people of the United States to the wildland firefighters, aviation crews, emergency responders, dispatchers, and support personnel who continue to protect communities throughout the United States;

(4) recognizes that protecting communities from catastrophic wildfire requires both responsible stewardship of forests and public lands and continued support for the wildland firefighters, aviation crews, emergency responders, dispatchers, and support personnel who put themselves in danger to protect lives, communities, and natural resources; and

(5) invites the people of the United States to honor the courage, sacrifice, and service of the men and women who risk their lives each wildfire season in defense of their fellow citizens.

SENATE RESOLUTION 845—DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 2026 AS “NATIONAL CHILD AWARENESS MONTH” TO PROMOTE AWARENESS OF CHARITIES THAT BENEFIT CHILDREN AS WELL AS YOUTH-SERVING ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES AND RECOGNIZING THE EFFORTS MADE BY THOSE CHARITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS ON BEHALF OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH AS CRITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUTURE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. LANKFORD (for himself and Ms. HASSAN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 845

Whereas the millions of children and youth in the United States represent the hopes and the future of the United States;

Whereas numerous individuals, charities benefitting children, and youth-serving organizations that work with children and youth collaborate to provide invaluable services to enrich and better the lives of children and youth throughout the United States;

Whereas raising awareness of and increasing support for organizations that provide access to health care, social services, education, the arts, sports, and other services will result in the development of character in, and the future success of, the children and youth of the United States;

Whereas the month of September, as the school year begins, is a time when parents, families, teachers, school administrators, and communities increase the focus on children and youth throughout the United States;

Whereas the month of September is a time for the people of the United States to highlight and be mindful of the needs of children and youth;

Whereas private corporations and businesses have joined with hundreds of national

and local charitable organizations throughout the United States in support of a month-long focus on children and youth; and

Whereas a long-term commitment to children and youth is in the public interest and will encourage widespread support for charities and organizations that seek to provide a better future for the children and youth of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate designates September 2026 as “National Child Awareness Month”—

(1) to promote awareness of—

(A) charities that benefit children; and

(B) youth-serving organizations throughout the United States;

(2) to recognize the efforts made by the charities and organizations described in paragraph (1) on behalf of children and youth as critical contributions to the future of the United States; and

(3) to recognize the importance of meeting the needs of children and youth, including children and youth who—

(A) have experienced homelessness;

(B) are in the foster care system;

(C) have been victims, or are at risk of becoming victims, of child sex trafficking;

(D) have been impacted by violence;

(E) have experienced trauma;

(F) have serious physical and mental health needs;

(G) benefit from access to arts and cultural opportunities that foster creativity and self-expression; and

(H) require educational development initiatives that address learning gaps and promote academic success.

SENATE RESOLUTION 846—DESIGNATING AUGUST 21, 2026, AS “FENTANYL PREVENTION AND AWARENESS DAY”

Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mrs. SHAHEEN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 846

Whereas families in the United States affected by the use of illicit fentanyl use Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day—

(1) to preserve the memory of individuals lost to illicit fentanyl overdose or poisoning who were unsuspecting victims, experimenting with the drug, or suffering from substance use disorder;

(2) to acknowledge the devastation caused by the use of illicit fentanyl and other dangerous drugs; and

(3) to increase awareness about the dangers of the use of illicit fentanyl to prevent a public health crisis, self-harm, addiction, and death;

Whereas Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day is celebrated each year on August 21 by State governors and attorneys general, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, parent-teacher associations, the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas program, the Office of National Drug Control Policy, the Drug Enforcement Administration (referred to in this preamble as the “DEA”), and hundreds of other organizations throughout the United States;

Whereas fentanyl is a highly addictive synthetic opioid that is 100 times more potent than morphine;

Whereas, according to the DEA, illicit fentanyl is—

(1) manufactured with other illicit drugs to increase potency;

(2) sold as a powder or mixed with other illicit drugs; and

(3) pressed into counterfeit pills to look like a legitimate pharmaceutical drug;