

SCHATZ, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. SINEMA, Ms. SMITH, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WARNOCK, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. YOUNG) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 152

Whereas William Francis Evans was born in North Adams, MA to Howard and Janice Evans;

Whereas Officer Evans joined the United States Capitol Police force in March 2003, after graduating from Western New England College in 2002 with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and completing training at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center;

Whereas Officer Evans served as a member of the First Responder Unit for over 15 years, where his fellow officers referred to him as "King of the North;"

Whereas on the afternoon of April 2, 2021, Officer Evans was killed in the line of duty while protecting the North Barricade at the United States Capitol with fellow Officer Ken Shaver, who was also injured;

Whereas Officer Evans is survived by family and loved ones, including his children, Logan and Abigail, and their mother, Shannon Terranova; his mother, Janice; his sister, Julie Kucyn; his brother-in-law, Andrew; his nephew, Timothy and niece Katherine; and aunts, uncles, and cousins;

Whereas Officer Evans was a life-long fan and fervent support of the Boston Red Sox and the New England Patriots and cherished time with his children building with Lego, having lightsaber duels, and doing arts and crafts;

Whereas Officer Evans and his colleagues at the United States Capitol Police are true national heroes to whom the United States and the Capitol community owe a deep debt of gratitude: Now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Senate honors the memory of United States Capitol Police Officer William Francis "Billy" Evans for the selfless acts of heroism displayed on April 2, 2021, in risking and sacrificing his life in the line of duty.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That when the Senate adjourns today, it stand adjourned as a further mark of respect to the memory of United States Capitol Police Officer William Francis "Billy" Evans.

SENATE RESOLUTION 153—RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF APRIL 11 THROUGH APRIL 17, 2021, AS "BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH WEEK" TO BRING NATIONAL ATTENTION TO THE MATERNAL HEALTH CRISIS IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE IMPORTANCE OF REDUCING MATERNAL MORTALITY AND MORBIDITY AMONG BLACK WOMEN AND BIRTHING PERSONS

Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. MERKLEY,

Mr. BROWN, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. PETERS, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. KAINE, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. BENNETT, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Ms. ROSEN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

S. RES. 153

Whereas, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Black women in the United States are 2 to 3 times more likely than white women to die from pregnancy-related causes;

Whereas Black women in the United States suffer from life-threatening pregnancy complications, known as "maternal morbidities", twice as often as white women;

Whereas maternal mortality rates in the United States are—

(1) among the highest in the developed world; and

(2) increasing rapidly;

Whereas the United States has the highest maternal mortality rate among affluent countries, in part because of the disproportionate mortality rate among Black women;

Whereas Black women are 49 percent more likely than white women to deliver prematurely;

Whereas the high rates of maternal mortality among Black women span across—

(1) income levels;

(2) education levels; and

(3) socioeconomic status;

Whereas structural racism, gender oppression, and the social determinants of health inequities experienced by Black women in the United States significantly contribute to the disproportionately high rates of maternal mortality and morbidity among Black women;

Whereas racism and discrimination play a consequential role in the maternal healthcare experiences and outcomes of Black birthing people;

Whereas a fair and wide distribution of resources and birth options, especially with regard to reproductive healthcare services and maternal health programming, are critical to closing the racial gap in maternal health outcomes;

Whereas the COVID-19 pandemic has further highlighted issues within the broken healthcare system in the United States and the harm of that system to Black women and birthing persons by exposing—

(1) increased barriers to accessing prenatal and postpartum care, including maternal mental healthcare;

(2) the lack of uniform hospital policies permitting doulas and support persons to be present during labor and delivery;

(3) inconsistent hospital policies regarding the separation of the newborn from a mother that is suspected positive for COVID-19;

(4) complexities in COVID-19 vaccine and therapeutics trials including pregnant and lactating people;

(5) increased rates of caesarean section deliveries;

(6) shortened hospital stays following delivery;

(7) provider shortages and lack of sufficient policies to allow home births attended by midwives;

(8) insufficient practical support for delivery of care by midwives, including telehealth access;

(9) adverse economic impact on Black mothers and families due to job loss or reduction in income during quarantine and the pandemic recession; and

(10) pervasive racial injustice against Black people in the criminal justice, social, and healthcare systems;

Whereas, even as there is growing concern about improving access to mental health services, Black women are least likely to have access to mental health screenings, treatment, and support before, during, and after pregnancy;

Whereas justice-informed, culturally congruent models of care are beneficial to Black women; and

Whereas an investment must be made in—

(1) maternity care for Black women and birthing persons, including support of care led by the communities most affected by the maternal health crisis in the United States;

(2) continuous health insurance coverage to support Black women and birthing persons for the full postpartum period up to at least 1 year after giving birth; and

(3) policies that support and promote affordable, comprehensive, and holistic maternal healthcare that is free from gender and racial discrimination, regardless of incarceration: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate recognizes—

(1) that Black women are experiencing high, disproportionate rates of maternal mortality and morbidity in the United States;

(2) that the alarmingly high rates of maternal mortality and morbidity among Black women are unacceptable;

(3) that, in order to better mitigate the effects of systemic and structural racism, Congress must work toward ensuring that the Black community has—

(A) safe and affordable housing;

(B) transportation equity;

(C) nutritious food;

(D) clean air and water;

(E) environments free from toxins;

(F) fair treatment within the criminal justice system;

(G) safety and freedom from violence;

(H) a living wage;

(I) equal economic opportunity;

(J) a sustained workforce pipeline for diverse perinatal professionals; and

(K) comprehensive, quality, and affordable healthcare with access to the full spectrum of reproductive care;

(4) that, in order to improve maternal health outcomes, Congress must fully support and encourage policies grounded in the human rights and reproductive justice frameworks that address Black maternal health inequity;

(5) that Black women and birthing persons must be active participants in the policy decisions that impact their lives;

(6) that, in order to ensure access to safe and respectful maternal healthcare for Black women and birthing persons, Congress must pass the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act of 2021;

(7) that Black Maternal Health Week is an opportunity to—

(A) raise national awareness of the state of Black maternal health in the United States;

(B) amplify the voices of Black women and birthing persons, families, and communities;

(C) serve as a national platform for—

(i) entities led by Black women; and

(ii) efforts on maternal health; and

(D) enhance community organizing on Black maternal health; and

(8) the significance of April 11 through April 17, 2021, as "Black Maternal Health Week".

SENATE RESOLUTION 154—CONGRATULATING THE PEOPLE OF THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN ON THE CENTENNIAL OF THE FOUNDING OF THE JORDANIAN STATE

Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself and Mr. HAGERTY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 154

Whereas the late King Abdullah bin Al Hussein arrived in Amman on March 2, 1921, and began working to establish a political system based on the Arab demand for independence, reaffirming the renaissance approach spearheaded by his father, Al Hussein bin Ali;

Whereas the Amirate of Trans-Jordan was established on April 11, 1921;

Whereas the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan achieved independence on May 25, 1946;

Whereas the United States recognized Jordan as an independent state in a White House announcement on January 31, 1949;

Whereas the United States and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan have maintained diplomatic relations since 1949, and during this 72-year partnership, the United States and Jordan have continued to develop a close relationship in security, economic development, and counterterrorism cooperation;

Whereas the economic partnership between the United States and Jordan was further strengthened by the signing of the United States-Jordan Free Trade Agreement on October 24, 2000, which was fully implemented on January 1, 2010;

Whereas the United States is committed to Jordan's stability, prosperity, and security throughout the years, which has been reflected in 3 memoranda of understanding covering fiscal years 2010 through 2022, which demonstrate a strong, multi-year strategic relationship between the 2 countries;

Whereas Jordan continues to host 53 nationalities of refugees and is home to the second highest number of refugees per capita globally, with more than 1,300,000 Syrians, 660,000 United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees-registered refugees, and millions of Palestinian refugees; and

Whereas King Abdullah II has been a leading Arab voice in moderation and interfaith dialogue, by spearheading initiatives such as "A Common Word" and the 2004 "Amman Message"; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commemorates the centennial of the establishment of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan;

(2) expresses its profound admiration and gratitude for the friendship of the Jordanian people, who continue to demonstrate great generosity for those in need;

(3) shares the hope of His Majesty King Abdullah II and the Jordanian people for a more peaceful Middle East; and

(4) looks forward to our continued close cooperation with His Majesty King Abdullah II and Jordan on our shared priorities of security, economic development, and humanitarian issues.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1412. Mrs. BLACKBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 937, to facilitate the expedited review of COVID-19 hate crimes, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1413. Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him

to the bill S. 937, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 1412. Mrs. BLACKBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 937, to facilitate the expedited review of COVID-19 hate crimes, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of section 2, add the following:

(c) CARRYING A CONCEALED HANDGUN.—No State shall prohibit any individual who is fearing hate crime victimization from carrying a concealed handgun.

SA 1413. Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 937, to facilitate the expedited review of COVID-19 hate crimes, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. 4. PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION IN ADMISSION TO POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS.

Section 601 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) is amended—

(1) by inserting "(a)" before "No person"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"(b) ADMISSION TO POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS.—It shall be unlawful for an employee of a postsecondary institution referred to in section 606(2)(A) and receiving Federal financial assistance, to use for an applicant or refer an applicant to an informal or formal quota system based on race, ethnicity, religion, color, or national origin, during any step of the admissions process, to determine whether the applicant involved shall be admitted to the institution."

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I have 5 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 during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

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, April 13, 2021, at 3 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. TOOMEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Mark Uyeda, a detailee in my office, be granted floor privileges for the remainder of the Congress.

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

APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, pursuant to Public Law 85-874, as amended, appoints the following individuals to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts: The Honorable MARK WARNER of Virginia (re-appointment), and the Honorable CHRIS VAN HOLLEN of Maryland.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF OFFICER WILLIAM FRANCIS "BILLY" EVANS OF THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE FOR HIS SELFLESS ACTS OF HEROISM ON THE GROUNDS OF THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL ON APRIL 2, 2021

Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 152, submitted earlier today.

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

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 152) honoring the memory of Officer William Francis "Billy" Evans of the United States Capitol Police for his selfless acts of heroism on the grounds of the United States Capitol on April 2, 2021.

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

Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, 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 table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 152) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

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