

\$1,600,000,000 in transportation cost savings, and \$289,000,000 in business taxes;

Whereas the MKARNS contributes to 56,000 full- and part-time jobs, and 20 percent of all jobs in the United States are linked to waterborne commerce supported by the inland waterway system;

Whereas, on average, 11,000,000 tons of commodities with a value upwards of \$4,000,000,000 travels on the MKARNS annually, with sand, gravel, rock, chemical fertilizer, iron, and steel accounting for nearly 60 percent of all waterborne commerce;

Whereas there are 4 designated Foreign-Trade Zones along the navigation system at the public ports at Catoosa, Muskogee, Little Rock, and Pine Bluff;

Whereas the MKARNS allows for the lowest-cost and most environmentally friendly method of moving goods, with 1 barge transporting the equivalent of 15 jumbo railcars and 60 large semi-trailers;

Whereas, in 2015, the Corps upgraded the classification of the MKARNS from "Connector" to "Corridor" on the National Marine Highway, designated the MKARNS as a high-use waterway system, and labeled the MKARNS as Marine Highway 40;

Whereas Congress authorized multiple uses for the MKARNS, including navigation, flood control, hydropower, recreation, water supply, and wildlife conservation;

Whereas, through the end of 2020, Arkansas River Basin projects, including the MKARNS, are estimated to have cumulatively prevented nearly \$16,000,000,000 in flood damages in the Arkansas River Basin region;

Whereas there are 15 hydropower plants on the MKARNS which provide low-cost power to 7,000,000 people and produce 2,500,000 kilowatt-hours per year;

Whereas inland waterways provide many recreational opportunities, such as fishing, boating, and hiking, and over 4,000 recreational vessels lock through the MKARNS and 5,400,000 people visit Corps-operated recreation areas along the MKARNS annually;

Whereas modernization of the MKARNS will empower future economic development, promote freight mobility, expand agricultural exports and oil and gas development, and relieve congestion on our roads and bridges;

Whereas the increased backlog in critical maintenance causes the economic uncertainty of complete navigation disruption on the MKARNS, which would cost beneficiaries up to \$2,000,000 per day;

Whereas Congress authorized the MKARNS to be deepened to 12 feet in 2003, and approximately 90 percent of the MKARNS is already 12-feet deep;

Whereas the capacity of each barge could be increased by 200 tons for each additional foot of draft, increasing the overall freight capacity of the MKARNS by 40 percent and resulting in over \$250,000,000 in increased business sales annually; and

Whereas Oklahoma, Arkansas, the surrounding region, and the entire Nation have benefitted, and will continue to benefit, greatly from the MKARNS: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) honors 2021 as the 50th anniversary of the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System;

(2) recognizes that investments in inland waterway navigation infrastructure are an investment in the long-term strength and security of the United States economy; and

(3) commits to completing the deepening of the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System from 9 feet to 12 feet.

## SENATE RESOLUTION 196—DESIGNATING MAY 5, 2021, AS THE "NATIONAL DAY OF AWARENESS FOR MISSING AND MURDERED NATIVE WOMEN AND GIRLS"

Mr. DAINES (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. CRAPO) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 196

Whereas, according to a study commissioned by the Department of Justice, in some Tribal communities, American Indian women face murder rates that are more than 10 times the national average murder rate;

Whereas, according to the most recently available data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in 2017, homicide was the sixth leading cause of death for American Indian and Alaska Native females between 1 and 44 years of age;

Whereas little data exist on the number of missing American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian women in the United States;

Whereas, on July 5, 2013, Hanna Harris, a member of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, was reported missing by her family in Lame Deer, Montana;

Whereas the body of Hanna Harris was found 5 days after she went missing;

Whereas Hanna Harris was determined to have been raped and murdered, and the individuals accused of committing those crimes were convicted;

Whereas the case of Hanna Harris is an example of many similar cases; and

Whereas Hanna Harris was born on May 5, 1992: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates May 5, 2021, as the "National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls"; and

(2) calls on the people of the United States and interested groups—

(A) to commemorate the lives of missing and murdered American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian women whose cases are documented and undocumented in public records and the media; and

(B) to demonstrate solidarity with the families of victims in light of those tragedies.

## SENATE RESOLUTION 197—EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF MAY 1, 2021, AS "SILVER STAR SERVICE BANNER DAY"

Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mr. HAWLEY) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 197

Whereas the Senate has always honored the sacrifices made by the wounded and ill members of the Armed Forces;

Whereas the Silver Star Service Banner has come to represent the members of the Armed Forces and veterans who were wounded or became ill in combat in the wars fought by the United States;

Whereas the Silver Star Families of America was formed to help the people of the United States remember the sacrifices made by the wounded and ill members of the Armed Forces by designing and manufacturing Silver Star Service Banners and Silver Star Flags for that purpose;

Whereas the sole mission of the Silver Star Families of America is to evoke memories of

the sacrifices made by members of the Armed Forces and veterans on behalf of the United States through the presence of a Silver Star Service Banner in a window or a Silver Star Flag flying;

Whereas the sacrifices made by members of the Armed Forces and veterans on behalf of the United States should never be forgotten; and

Whereas May 1, 2021, is an appropriate date to designate as "Silver Star Service Banner Day": Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) supports the designation of May 1, 2021, as "Silver Star Service Banner Day"; and

(2) calls upon the people of the United States to observe Silver Star Service Banner Day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

## SENATE RESOLUTION 198—RECOGNIZING THE ROLES AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE TEACHERS OF THE UNITED STATES IN BUILDING AND ENHANCING THE CIVIC, CULTURAL, AND ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. BROWN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KAINE, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. KING, Mr. CASEY, Ms. SMITH, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. PETERS, Mr. BRAUN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. YOUNG, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, and Mr. CARPER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 198

Whereas education and knowledge are the foundation of the current and future strength of the United States;

Whereas teachers and other education staff have earned and deserve the respect of their students and communities for the selfless dedication of the teachers and staff to community service and the futures of the children of the United States;

Whereas school communities, teachers, and other education staff have risen to the occasion to support their students and communities amid the significant challenges posed by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, including by—

(1) coordinating remote and hybrid learning;

(2) supporting the mental health of students;

(3) providing meals to students in need; and

(4) distributing technology to students;

Whereas the purposes of National Teacher Appreciation Week, celebrated from May 3, 2021, through May 7, 2021, are—

(1) to raise public awareness of the unquantifiable contributions of teachers; and

(2) to promote greater respect and understanding for the teaching profession; and

Whereas students, schools, communities, and a number of organizations representing educators are recognizing the importance of teachers during National Teacher Appreciation Week: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) thanks the teachers of the United States; and

(2) promotes the profession of teaching and the contributions of educators by encouraging students, parents, school administrators, and public officials to recognize National Teacher Appreciation Week.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 199—CON-DEMNING THE HORRIFIC SHOOTINGS IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA, ON MARCH 16, 2021, AND REAFFIRMING THE COMMITMENT OF THE SENATE TO COMBATING HATE, BIGOTRY, AND VIOLENCE AGAINST THE ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY**

Mr. WARNOCK (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. CASEY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. CARPER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. REED, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. KAINE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. PADILLA, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. COONS, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. WARREN, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. OSSOFF, Ms. SMITH, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. BOOKER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

**S. RES. 199**

Whereas, on March 16, 2021, a shooter murdered 8 people and injured 1 in the Atlanta, Georgia region in 3 separate shootings that took place at Asian American-owned spas;

Whereas the people of the United States mourn the 8 innocent lives lost—7 of whom were women, 6 of whom were women of Asian descent, and several of whom were immigrants;

Whereas the victims included Xiaojie “Emily” Tan, Daoyou Feng, Delaina Ashley Yaun González, Paul Andre Michels, Yong Ae Yue, Soon Chung “Julie” Park, Hyun Jung Grant, and Suncha Kim;

Whereas 49-year-old Xiaojie “Emily” Tan, a hardworking mother and the owner of one of the spas, was a dedicated and caring business owner who is survived by her daughter and husband;

Whereas 44-year-old Daoyou Feng was an employee who recently began working at one of the spas;

Whereas 33-year-old Delaina Ashley Yaun González, a newlywed and mother of 2, was at one of the spas to receive a couple’s massage with her husband when her life was cut short;

Whereas 54-year-old Paul Andre Michels was a caring husband and United States Army veteran who did maintenance work for one of the spas and is survived by his wife;

Whereas 63-year-old Yong Ae Yue was a mother of 2 sons who was known for her kindness and generosity and her love of her pet Shih Tzu;

Whereas 74-year-old Soon Chung “Julie” Park was a mother and grandmother who helped manage one of the spas and helped to prepare meals for the employees;

Whereas 51-year-old Hyun Jung Grant was a former elementary school teacher and hardworking single mother who dedicated her life to raising her 2 sons;

Whereas 69-year-old Suncha Kim was a wife, mother, and grandmother who enjoyed line dancing and had been married for more than 50 years;

Whereas the Georgia shootings came in the midst of an alarming surge in anti-Asian

hate crimes and incidents that have caused many Asian Americans across the United States to feel fearful and unsafe;

Whereas the use of anti-Asian terminology and rhetoric, whether related to the COVID-19 pandemic or not, is completely unacceptable and should be condemned by all people of the United States;

Whereas, in 2020, anti-Asian hate crimes increased by nearly 150 percent in major cities throughout the United States;

Whereas, according to a recent report by Stop AAPI Hate, there were nearly 3,800 reported cases of anti-Asian discrimination related to COVID-19 between March 19, 2020 and February 28, 2021;

Whereas 68 percent of reported incidents of anti-Asian hate targeted Asian American women, a population that has been historically marginalized, sexualized, and fetishized;

Whereas, on March 19, 2021, President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris met with Asian American leaders in Georgia and reaffirmed their strong commitment to condemning and combating racism, xenophobia, and violence targeting the Asian American community; and

Whereas the people of the United States will always remember the victims of these shootings and stand in solidarity with those affected by this senseless tragedy: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) condemns the heinous and inexcusable acts of gun violence that led to the tragic loss of 8 lives in Georgia on March 16, 2021;

(2) condemns any racism and sexism in the choice of the shooter to target Asian American-owned businesses and murder 6 women of Asian descent;

(3) honors the memory of the victims, offers heartfelt condolences to the families of the victims, and recognizes that the healing process will be long and difficult for the Asian American and Pacific Islander community and all communities impacted by this tragedy; and

(4) reaffirms the commitment of the United States Federal Government to combating hate, bigotry, and violence against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and to prevent tragedies like this from ever happening again.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 200—CON-DEMNING RECENT HATE CRIMES COMMITTED AGAINST ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS**

Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Ms. ERNST, Mr. WICKER, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. ROMNEY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. RISCH, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. OSSOFF, and Ms. HASSAN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

**S. RES. 200**

Whereas following the spread of COVID-19 in 2020, there has been a dramatic increase in hate crimes and violence against Asian American and Pacific Islanders;

Whereas between March 19, 2020, and February 28, 2021, there have been 3,795 firsthand accounts of anti-Asian and Pacific Islander hate incidents and crimes reported from all

50 States, United States territories, and the District of Columbia;

Whereas during this timeframe, race has been cited as the primary reason for discrimination, making up over 90 percent of incidents;

Whereas roughly 36 percent of these incidents took place at a business and more than 2,000,000 Asian American and Pacific Islander businesses have contributed to the diverse fabric of American life;

Whereas during this time, Asian American and Pacific Islander youth under 20 years old make up approximately 13 percent of victims;

Whereas during this time, Asian American and Pacific Islander elderly over 60 years old make up approximately 7 percent of victims;

Whereas, on January 28, 2021, Vicha Ratanapakdee died from injuries after being horrifically attacked in front of his home;

Whereas the Royal Thai Consulate-General in Los Angeles has warned Thai people in California to be on their guard following the killing of Vicha Ratanapakdee;

Whereas, on March 16, 2021, the following 8 people were murdered in 3 Asian American-owned spas in Atlanta, Georgia: Xiaojie Tan, Daoyou Feng, Delaina Ashley Yaun González, Paul Andre Michels, Soon Chung Park, Hyun Jung Grant, Suncha Kim, and Yong Ae Yue;

Whereas 6 of the Americans killed in Atlanta on March 16, 2021, were women of Asian descent—Xiaojie Tan, Daoyou Feng, Soon Chung Park, Hyun Jung Grant, Suncha Kim, and Yong Ae Yue;

Whereas 1 of the Americans killed in Atlanta on March 16, 2021, was a veteran who served in the United States Army—Paul Andre Michels; and

Whereas Asian American and Pacific Islanders have made significant contributions to American culture: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) affirms that the United States stands united in condemning and denouncing any and all anti-Asian and Pacific Islander sentiment in any form;

(2) condemns all manifestations or expressions of racism, and anti-Asian and Pacific Islander or ethnic intolerance;

(3) calls on the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate to strongly consider holding a hearing related to the surge in violence against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders;

(4) applauds the Department of Justice’s commitment to conduct a 30-day review of violence against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, which will seek to improve the Federal Government’s capacity to track and identify hate incidents, review civil enforcement authorities, and assess whether additional money is needed to support law enforcement’s response to the surge in violence; and

(5) calls on Federal law enforcement officials, working with State and local officials—

(A) to expeditiously and vigorously investigate all reports of Asian American and Pacific Islander hate crimes in the United States;

(B) to work to improve the reporting of Asian American and Pacific Islander hate crimes; and

(C) to hold the perpetrators of those crimes accountable and bring the perpetrators to justice.