

By Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. CRAMER, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, and Mr. TILLIS):

S. Res. 264. A resolution recognizing the importance of protecting freedom of speech, thought, and expression; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself and Mr. RUBIO):

S. Res. 265. A resolution honoring the memory of the victims of the heinous attack at the Pulse nightclub on June 12, 2016; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. DAINES (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. Res. 266. A resolution expressing support for the designation of May 2021 as "National Brain Tumor Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 70

At the request of Ms. HASSAN, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 70, a bill to amend title 32, United States Code, to authorize cybersecurity operations and missions to protect critical infrastructure by members of the National Guard in connection with training or other duty.

S. 98

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) were added as cosponsors of S. 98, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against tax for neighborhood revitalization, and for other purposes.

S. 189

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) were added as cosponsors of S. 189, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for annual cost-of-living adjustments to be made automatically by law each year in the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 212

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 212, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a refundable tax credit against income tax for the purchase of qualified access technology for the blind.

S. 467

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 467, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a program to improve the identification, assessment, and treatment of patients in hospital emergency departments who are at risk of suicide, and for other purposes.

S. 544

At the request of Ms. ERNST, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 544, a bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to designate one week each year as "Buddy Check Week" for the purpose of outreach and education concerning peer wellness checks for veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 611

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 611, a bill to deposit certain funds into the Crime Victims Fund, to waive matching requirements, and for other purposes.

S. 631

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 631, a bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the National Institute of Mental Health, to conduct or support research on the mental health consequences of SARS-CoV-2 or COVID-19, and for other purposes.

S. 692

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 692, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the female telephone operators of the Army Signal Corps, known as the "Hello Girls".

S. 697

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the names of the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. LUMMIS), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) were added as cosponsors of S. 697, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint commemorative coins in recognition of the Bicentennial of Harriet Tubman's birth.

S. 706

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 706, a bill to modify a provision relating to adjustments of certain State apportionments for Federal highway programs, and for other purposes.

S. 730

At the request of Mr. BRAUN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 730, a bill to amend title VI of the Social Security Act to remove the prohibition on States and territories against lowering their taxes.

S. 765

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 765, a bill to improve United States consideration of, and strategic support for, programs to prevent and respond to gender-based violence from the onset of humanitarian emergencies and to build the capacity of humanitarian actors to address the immediate

and long-term challenges resulting from such violence, and for other purposes.

S. 898

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) and the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) were added as cosponsors of S. 898, a bill to require reporting regarding certain drug price increases, and for other purposes.

S. 921

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 921, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to further protect officers and employees of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 938

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 938, a bill to require the President to declare a national emergency relating to climate change under the National Emergencies Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1061

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE), the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL), the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) were added as cosponsors of S. 1061, a bill to encourage the normalization of relations with Israel, and for other purposes.

S. 1147

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1147, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 1302

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1302, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 1362

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1362, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of pharmacist services.

S. 1404

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN), the Senator from

Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) were added as cosponsors of S. 1404, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 23d Headquarters Special Troops and the 3133d Signal Service Company in recognition of their unique and distinguished service as a "Ghost Army" that conducted deception operations in Europe during World War II.

S. 1441

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1441, a bill to appropriate an additional amount to improve the Navy shipyard infrastructure of the United States.

S. 1511

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1511, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 with respect to payments to certain public safety officers who have become permanently and totally disabled as a result of personal injuries sustained in the line of duty, and for other purposes.

S. 1512

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. TUBERVILLE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1512, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand access to telehealth services, and for other purposes.

S. 1568

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1568, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide a waiver of the cap on annual payments for nursing and allied health education payments.

S. 1578

At the request of Ms. SMITH, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1578, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize a loan repayment program for mental health professionals to relieve workforce shortages, and for other purposes.

S. 1784

At the request of Ms. DUCKWORTH, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1784, a bill to amend the Fairness to Contact Lens Consumers Act to modernize verification of contact lens prescriptions, and for other purposes.

S. 1833

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1833, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to extend the application of the Medicare pay-

ment rate floor to primary care services furnished under Medicaid and to apply the rate floor to additional providers of primary care services.

S. 1864

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1864, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to require a section on reproductive rights in the Annual Country Reports on Human Rights Practices, and for other purposes.

S. 1904

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1904, a bill to impose sanctions with respect to foreign support for Palestinian terrorism, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 252

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 252, a resolution unequivocally condemning the recent rise in antisemitic violence and harassment targeting Jewish Americans, and standing in solidarity with those affected by antisemitism, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1768

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1768 intended to be proposed to S. 1260, a bill to establish a new Directorate for Technology and Innovation in the National Science Foundation, to establish a regional technology hub program, to require a strategy and report on economic security, science, research, innovation, manufacturing, and job creation, to establish a critical supply chain resiliency program, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. BARRASSO, Ms. ERNST, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. JOHNSON, and Ms. LUMMIS):
S. 1990. A bill to establish processes to control inflationary pressures and the Federal debt, during Federal debt emergencies; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Mr. SCOTT of Florida. Mr. President, America is in a debt crisis. It appears, for Joe Biden and my colleagues across the aisle, reckless spending has only just begun. If left unchecked, this spending will be devastating for families in my State of Florida and all across our great Nation.

Washington's insane spending has our Federal debt rocketing toward \$30 trillion. That is equal to \$233,000 of

debt for every American family. Think about that. America's debt crisis, caused by decades of wasteful and reckless spending by Washington politicians, has now grown to the equivalent of every American family owing a quarter of a million dollars in debt. Yet Biden and my colleagues across the aisle want more.

President Biden is pushing for trillions in wasteful spending, raising the U.S. Federal debt by 60 percent, to \$39 trillion, and the debt-to-GDP ratio to 117 percent in 2030, the highest level ever recorded in American history.

Enough is enough. It is time to end the madness.

Today I am introducing the Federal Debt Emergency Control Act to help bring some accountability back to Washington.

On July 31, the current suspension of the Federal debt ceiling is set to expire, giving Congress a choice: Act responsibly to reduce Federal debt through structural reform to how we approach spending or suspend the debt ceiling again, allowing more reckless spending that will cripple our Nation with insurmountable debt.

Reckless spending has consequences. We are already seeing rising inflation. Let's remember, inflation doesn't hurt the rich, but it devastates our poorest families. It hurts families like mine growing up. It hurts poor families. It hurts people on fixed incomes. Just look around us. Milk prices are up. Bread prices are up. Gas prices are up. Meat prices are up. It seems like everything is up right now.

When inflation happened in the seventies, I watched. I watched what my parents went through. At that point, my mom was taking in ironing from other families to make ends meet. At the end of the day, whatever she had made that day, either my older brother or I would go to the grocery store, and we would watch—and she was worried about milk and food, all of the prices going up. She said, "You only have this amount of money," and we had to know what everything cost before we went to the checkout counter.

It is not fair. No family should have to go through worrying about the price of bread and milk and things going up week after week.

We can get control of inflation. We can put our Nation on a fiscally responsible path, but we have to have real solutions that hold Congress accountable.

My Federal Debt Emergency Control Act aims to rein in Washington's out-of-control spending with concrete checks and balances, including the declaration of a Federal debt emergency anytime the debt exceeds 100 percent of GDP.

By the way, once debt equals 100 percent of GDP, it is very difficult to start paying down debt. You have to dramatically either reduce spending or dramatically grow your economy.

Declaring a Federal debt emergency would initiate commonsense debt reduction measures, including a requirement that two-thirds of Congress vote