

amendment No. 4528 intended to be proposed to H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

## AMENDMENT NO. 4543

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4543 intended to be proposed to H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

## AMENDMENT NO. 4552

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4552 intended to be proposed to H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

## AMENDMENT NO. 4593

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 4593 intended to be proposed to H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

## AMENDMENT NO. 4614

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4614 intended to be proposed to H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

## AMENDMENT NO. 4629

At the request of Ms. DUCKWORTH, the names of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 4629 intended to be proposed to H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

## AMENDMENT NO. 4645

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4645 intended to be proposed to H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

## AMENDMENT NO. 4647

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the names of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 4647 intended to be proposed to H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

## SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

## SENATE RESOLUTION 447—CELEBRATING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL GRAIN AND FEED ASSOCIATION AND RECOGNIZING THE ASSOCIATION AND ITS MEMBERS FOR TRANSFORMING THE BOUNTY OF UNITED STATES FARMERS INTO SAFE, NUTRITIOUS, SUSTAINABLE, AND AFFORDABLE HUMAN AND ANIMAL FOOD

Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. BOOZMAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:

## S. RES. 447

Whereas, on November 9, 1896, a group of 38 grain dealers gathered in Chicago, Illinois, to found the Grain Dealers National Association, which in 1970, became the National Grain and Feed Association, to pursue “the advancement . . . of the common interests of those regularly engaged in the grain business”;

Whereas the origin of the National Grain and Feed Association is rooted in 5 pressing needs faced by the grain and feed industry at the turn of the 19th century, including the need—

- (1) to establish a uniform system of grain inspection and grading;
- (2) to construct a procedure for settling trade disputes;
- (3) to improve rail grain transportation service;
- (4) to develop fair rules to govern the trading of grain and feedstuffs; and
- (5) to elevate the business practices of the industry;

Whereas, in 1901, the National Grain and Feed Association formally established an arbitration system, which is believed to be the oldest industry-based arbitration system in North America, to provide a cost-effective and timely mechanism to resolve disputes involving grain, feed, and barge transactions;

Whereas, with 27 regional and State affiliated associations, the National Grain and

Feed Association consists of more than 1,000 grain, feed, processing, exporting, and other grain-related companies that operate approximately 8,000 facilities and handle the majority of all grains and oilseeds in the United States;

Whereas the mission of the National Grain and Feed Association is to “advocate a global open market environment to efficiently produce and provide a safe, abundant, affordable, sustainable and wholesome supply of grain, oilseeds, feed and related products responsive to market demand”;

Whereas the National Grain and Feed Association fulfills its mission through representation, employee safety and feed quality training, communication, development of future leaders, facilitation of the exchange of ideas, and education to members, government, and the public; and

Whereas the National Grain and Feed Association has advocated for the interests of individuals in the grain, feed, and processing industry with respect to the crafting, consideration, and enactment of major legislation impacting the quality, standards, safety, and transportation of grains, oilseeds, and feed in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) celebrates the 125th anniversary of the National Grain and Feed Association;

(2) recognizes the National Grain and Feed Association and its members for transforming the bounty of United States farmers into safe, nutritious, sustainable, and affordable human and animal food; and

(3) commends the National Grain and Feed Association for its longstanding and continuing efforts to advocate for grain, feed, and processing interests critical to the agricultural value chain and the competitiveness of the United States.

## SENATE RESOLUTION 448—DESIGNATING NOVEMBER 19, 2021, AS “TSA APPRECIATION DAY”

Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

## S. RES. 448

Whereas November 19, 2021, marks the 20th anniversary of the signing of the Aviation and Transportation Security Act (Public Law 107-71; 115 Stat. 597) by President George W. Bush, creating the Transportation Security Administration (commonly known as the “TSA”);

Whereas, after the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, the TSA was established with the mission to prevent similar attacks and restore confidence in air travel;

Whereas, for 20 years, employees and officers of the TSA have been on the front lines ensuring safety in the skies and for the traveling public;

Whereas, during the COVID-19 pandemic, the TSA quickly adjusted its security operations in order to meet current and future security needs of transportation systems in the United States;

Whereas, throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the TSA has remained on the front lines at airports in the United States;

Whereas more than 10,000 employees of the TSA have tested positive for COVID-19, and more than 30 employees of the TSA have lost their lives to COVID-19; and

Whereas the people of the United States will continue to be able to rely upon the vigilance of the TSA in the face of future unknown threats: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates November 19, 2021, as “TSA Appreciation Day”;

(2) recognizes—

(A) the service and sacrifices made by employees and officers of the Transportation Security Administration; and

(B) the role such employees and officers play in keeping the United States secure.

# SENATE RESOLUTION 449—DESIGNATING NOVEMBER 2021 AS “NATIONAL COLLEGE APPLICATION MONTH”

Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Ms. ERNST, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 449

Whereas equality of opportunity for all people is one of the noblest aspirations of the United States;

Whereas the United States has created shared economic growth and strengthened civic engagement through making higher education widely available;

Whereas higher education enhances the economic mobility of individual students and their families, which is evidenced by—

(1) a finding by the Brookings Institute that the median lifetime earnings of holders of an associate degree are uniformly greater than the median lifetime earnings of holders of solely a high school diploma;

(2) a finding by the Pew Economic Mobility Project that, for an individual born in the lowest income quintile, obtaining a 4-year degree or a higher degree is associated with—

(A) an approximately 70 percent difference in the probability of that individual earning an income outside the lowest income quintile; and

(B) a threefold difference in the probability of that individual going on to earn an income in the highest income quintile;

(3) the unemployment rate of high school graduates in 2020 who did not immediately matriculate to an institution of higher education the following fall semester was 19.5 percent, which has increased during the COVID-19 pandemic and was almost 3 times higher than the overall unemployment rate of the United States; and

(4) the unemployment rate of adults whose highest credential is a high school diploma is almost double that of those with a bachelor's degree;

Whereas the National Student Clearinghouse reports that undergraduate enrollment in higher education has declined precipitously since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly for students in poverty and students of color, as evidenced by—

(1) 6.8 percent less high school graduates immediately matriculated to an institution of higher education the following fall semester in 2020, which represents a decline 4.5 times greater than the decline from the prior year;

(2) the decline described in paragraph (1) was most notable among graduates at high poverty high schools, who faced an 11.4 percent decline from 2019 in immediate matriculation to an institution of higher education; and

(3) the decline described in paragraph (1) also disproportionately affected high school graduates at high minority population schools where college enrollment declined by 9.4 percent from 2019, which represents a decline 10 times greater than the decline from the prior year;

Whereas the complexity of financial aid systems and rising college costs can serve as

additional deterrents or barriers for students and families as they assess the viability of higher education programs as a postsecondary option;

Whereas many students and their families struggle to identify and compare postsecondary options due to—

(1) difficulties accessing school counseling services in high school, which is evidenced by an estimation of the American School Counselor Association that the student-to-counselor ratio in the United States is 424 to 1;

(2) an absence of reliable programmatic and institutional outcome data; and

(3) a lack of comparable and understandable college financial aid offers;

Whereas, in addition to expanding outreach and support to recent high school graduates, colleges and universities must also expand outreach and support to adults without a postsecondary degree or credential;

Whereas the most recent data available from the National Postsecondary Student Aid Study commissioned by the National Center for Education Statistics found that, of undergraduate students in the United States—

(1) approximately 27 percent are older than 25 years of age;

(2) 38 percent are enrolled part-time;

(3) 24 percent are parents; and

(4) 86 percent live off-campus;

Whereas the National Center for Education Statistics highlights that completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid is one of the best predictors of immediate college enrollment, as high school seniors who complete the application are 84 percent more likely to begin postsecondary education in the fall following high school graduation;

Whereas applications for State-based financial aid are available in many States for students who do not qualify for Federal student aid; and

Whereas the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on communities, families, and educational systems across the United States underscores and reinforces the value of ensuring that all individuals, including students enrolled in high school and working adults—

(1) understand their postsecondary options;

(2) understand college financing opportunities; and

(3) have support to navigate the college application and financial aid processes: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates November 2021 as “National College Application Month”;

(2) encourages the people of the United States to—

(A) evaluate options for pursuing higher education;

(B) submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid or an appropriate application for State-based financial aid in order to receive college financing opportunities; and

(C) support every student, regardless of the background, age, or resources of the student, in obtaining the skills and knowledge needed to thrive;

(3) supports efforts to better assist and increase opportunities for low-income, first-generation college students, and students of color, throughout the financial aid process, college application process, and beyond;

(4) urges public officials, educators, families, students, and communities in the United States to observe National College Application Month with appropriate activities and programs designed to encourage students and families to consider, research, and apply to college and for financial aid; and

(5) commends teachers, school counselors, mentors, and families who support students

throughout the college application process, as well as the organizations and institutions partnering to eliminate barriers to higher education.

## SENATE RESOLUTION 450—DESIGNATING NOVEMBER 17, 2021, AS “NATIONAL GIS DAY”

Mr. RISCH submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 450

Whereas the management, use, and exchange of geographic information and geospatial data and analysis are essential for operations and decision making in Federal agencies;

Whereas Geographic Information System technology (referred to in this preamble as “GIS”) embraces new and innovative ways to use, discover, and share geospatial data through online portals and web services;

Whereas GIS facilitates the sharing of geographic data, services, and maps within a digital domain;

Whereas GIS helps provide shared and trusted geospatial data, services, and applications for use—

(1) by the public; and

(2) by government agencies and partners of government agencies to carry out the missions of such agencies and partners;

Whereas GIS helps foster collaboration and partnerships to advance the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (referred to in this preamble as the “NSDI”);

Whereas GIS provides a common framework for the Federal Government and State, Tribal, and local governments, non-Federal partners, communities, constituents, and professional bodies for standards, data catalogs, partnerships, and tools that make up the NSDI;

Whereas GIS is used to investigate and address societal and cultural issues, including—

(1) local issues;

(2) global issues;

(3) issues from the past;

(4) issues in the present; and

(5) future issues identified through modeling;

Whereas GIS and related geospatial technologies are used in classrooms to engage students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) learning;

Whereas GIS is an interdisciplinary tool used by students, teachers, researchers, universities, local institutions, and practitioners in numerous fields and disciplines;

Whereas GIS fosters competition within the sector of geospatial technologies, which the Department of Labor considers to be a high-growth industry; and

Whereas many Federal agencies, State and local government agencies, nonprofit organizations, schools, libraries, and universities will join other persons around the world to showcase their GIS mapping and geospatial applications on November 17, 2021: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates November 17, 2021, as “National GIS Day”; and

(2) encourages users of Geographic Information System technology (referred to in this resolution as “GIS”), educators, students, and innovators to continue to employ GIS—

(A) to learn and explore;

(B) to analyze and address societal challenges; and

(C) to drive economic growth for the betterment of the people of the United States and individuals around the world.