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Resolved,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This resolution may be cited as the “Original Slavery Remembrance Day Resolution of 2021”.

SEC. 2. SLAVERY REMEMBRANCE DAY.

That the House of Representatives—

(1) supports the designation of a “Slavery Remembrance Day” to serve as a reminder of the evils of slavery;

(2) condemns slavery and its evil progenies; and

(3) encourages all to acknowledge the importance of slavery remembrance.

INSTITUTE FOR TELECOMMUNICATION SCIENCES CODIFICATION ACT

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4990) to codify the Institute for Telecommunication Sciences and to direct the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to establish an initiative to support the development of emergency communication and tracking technologies, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 4990

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Institute for Telecommunication Sciences Codification Act” or the “ITS Codification Act”.

SEC. 2. INSTITUTE FOR TELECOMMUNICATION SCIENCES.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(1) The test center within National Telecommunications and Information Administration (in this subsection referred to as the “NTIA”) represents executive branch agencies on spectrum issues before the Federal Communications Commission.

(2) Understanding radio frequency propagation characteristics and modeling is a critical component of making spectrum decisions.

(3) Federal agencies rely on expert engineering studies, simulations, and analyses to make determinations about how to make spectrum available for commercial use, including through system relocations and identifying spectrum sharing opportunities through the NTIA.

(4) Clearing of Federal spectrum, when feasible, is the priority action to take to make Federal spectrum available for commercial uses as required by section 113(j)(1) of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act (47 U.S.C. 923(j)(1)).

(5) Sharing of Federal spectrum between Federal entities and commercial entities provides access to Federal spectrum for commercial uses in circumstances where clearing is not feasible.

(6) The test center within NTIA, is the Government’s premier expert laboratory for spectrum research activities, spectrum sharing innovation and testing, spectrum interference studies, and all activities related to advancing next generation wireless technologies.

(7) The test center within NTIA is critical for undertaking engineering studies and

analyses that inform clearing or sharing opportunities and facilitate policy decisions to maximize the efficient use of spectrum resources.

(b) OPERATION OF TEST CENTER.—Part A of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act (47 U.S.C. 901 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 106. INSTITUTE FOR TELECOMMUNICATION SCIENCES.

“(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Under the authority provided to the Assistant Secretary under section 103, the Assistant Secretary shall operate a test center to be known as the Institute for Telecommunication Sciences (in this section referred to as ‘ITS’).

“(2) FUNCTIONS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—In addition to any functions delegated by the Assistant Secretary under subparagraph (B), ITS shall serve as the primary laboratory for the executive branch of the Federal Government to—

“(i) study radio frequency emissions, including technologies and techniques to control such emissions and interference caused by such emissions;

“(ii) determine spectrum propagation characteristics;

“(iii) conduct tests on technology that enhances the sharing of electromagnetic spectrum between Federal and non-Federal users;

“(iv) improve the interference tolerance of Federal systems operating with, or using, Federal spectrum;

“(v) promote activities relating to access to Federal spectrum by non-Federal users and the sharing of Federal spectrum between Federal and non-Federal users; and

“(vi) conduct such other activities as determined necessary by the Assistant Secretary.

“(B) ADDITIONAL FUNCTIONS.—The Assistant Secretary may delegate to ITS any of the functions assigned to the Assistant Secretary under section 103(b)(1).

“(3) AGREEMENTS AND TRANSACTIONS.—In carrying out the functions described in paragraph (2), the Assistant Secretary, acting through the head of ITS, may enter into agreements as provided under the following authorities:

“(A) Sections 11 and 12 of the Stevenson-Wylder Technology Innovation Act of 1980.

“(B) Section 1535 of title 31, United States Code.

“(C) Sections 207 and 209 of title 35, United States Code.

“(D) Section 103(b)(2) of this Act.

“(E) Section 113(g) of this Act.

“(F) The first undesignated section of Public Law 91-412.

“(G) As authorized in any other Federal statute.

“(4) FEDERAL SPECTRUM DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term ‘Federal spectrum’ means frequencies assigned on a primary basis to a Federal entity (as defined in section 113(l)).

“(b) EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION AND TRACKING TECHNOLOGIES INITIATIVE.—

“(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Assistant Secretary, acting through the head of ITS, shall establish an initiative to support the development of emergency communication and tracking technologies for use in locating trapped individuals in confined spaces, such as underground mines, and other shielded environments, such as high-rise buildings or collapsed structures, where conventional radio communication is limited.

“(2) ACTIVITIES.—In order to carry out this subsection, the Assistant Secretary, acting through the head of ITS, shall work with private sector entities and the heads of appropriate Federal agencies, to—

“(A) perform a needs assessment to identify and evaluate the measurement, technical specifications, and conformity assessment needs required to improve the operation and reliability of such emergency communication and tracking technologies; and

“(B) support the development of technical specifications and conformance architecture to improve the operation and reliability of such emergency communication and tracking technologies.

“(3) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the date of the enactment of this section, the Assistant Secretary shall submit to Congress, and make publicly available, a report on the assessment performed under paragraph (2)(A).”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) and the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CARTER) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Jersey.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 4990.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 4990, the ITS Codification Act.

The Institute for Telecommunication Sciences, or ITS, is the premier engineering laboratory of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, or NTIA. Amongst its many responsibilities, ITS manages various technology development programs for NTIA and the Department of Commerce and oversees cutting-edge studies concerning the use of our country’s airwaves. ITS has played a significant role in furthering telecommunication advancements for our country’s benefit.

H.R. 4990 recognizes the numerous contributions of ITS by providing it with additional statutory authority. Specifically, under this legislation, ITS will serve as the primary laboratory for the executive branch of the Federal Government. It will be charged with studying the use of innovative sharing technologies for our airwaves and improving the interference tolerance of Federal systems operating with, or using, Federal spectrum. The legislation also will allow the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, acting through the head of ITS, to enter into agreements needed to carry out the functions of ITS.

This bill also requires the Assistant Secretary to establish an initiative to support the development of emergency communication and tracking technologies. These technologies would then be used to locate individuals

trapped in areas where mobile connectivity may not be available due to natural disasters or other devastating events.

I commend Representatives O'HALLERAN and CARTER for their bipartisan work on this bill. This is a good bill as it ensures that one of our Nation's key telecommunications facilities has the necessary tools and resources to not only continue to do its work but also expand its activities, including by enhancing rescue efforts for Americans trapped in disaster areas.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill, and I look forward to its consideration in the Senate.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of my bill, H.R. 4990, the ITS Codification Act.

As demand for wireless technology continues to grow, we must continue to focus on identifying potential opportunities to make more spectrum available for commercial use, including reallocating and sharing spectrum from Federal users.

In order to protect Federal missions, these reallocation decisions rely on complex technical testing and analysis that experts at the Federal Communications Commission and National Telecommunications and Information Administration evaluate. As policymakers consider reallocating Federal spectrum for commercial use, it is critical that the FCC and NTIA have the information they need to make these decisions.

The Institute for Telecommunication Sciences, or ITS, within NTIA plays an essential role in conducting the radio-frequency tests that provide this technical information. The work ITS performs has led to innovative advancements in the way we manage our airwaves.

These airwaves power faster mobile connectivity for Americans, and making more spectrum available in the future is critical to beating China and others in wireless and technological innovation.

The ITS Codification Act will strengthen statutory authority for ITS and ensure that the work they do to advance United States wireless leadership remains a critical ingredient to our success.

Furthermore, I am proud that H.R. 4990 went through regular order and enjoyed unanimous support in both the subcommittee and full committee markups of the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I would do the same. This is a significant bill. I urge everyone to support it on a bipartisan basis, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4990, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SOUTH ASIAN HEART HEALTH AWARENESS AND RESEARCH ACT OF 2022

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 1254, I call up the bill (H.R. 3771) to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for research and improvement of cardiovascular health among the South Asian population of the United States, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. CHU). Pursuant to House Resolution 1254, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce printed in the bill, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 117-58 is adopted, and the bill, as amended, is considered read.

The text of the bill, as amended, is as follows:

H.R. 3771

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "South Asian Heart Health Awareness and Research Act of 2022".

SEC. 2. HEART HEALTH PROMOTION GRANTS.

Title III of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 241 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 317U (42 U.S.C. 247b-23) the following new section:

"SEC. 317V. HEART HEALTH PROMOTION GRANTS.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make grants to States for the purpose of promoting awareness of the increasing prevalence of heart disease, including, where appropriate, its relationship to type 2 diabetes, in communities disproportionately affected by heart disease such as South Asian communities in the United States.

"(b) USE OF FUNDS.—A State that receives a grant under subsection (a) shall use such grant funds—

"(1) to develop culturally appropriate materials on evidence-based heart health promotion topics, such as nutrition education, optimal diet plans, and programs for regular exercise;

"(2) to support heart health promotion activities of community organizations that work with or serve communities disproportionately affected by heart disease, such as South Asian communities in the United States; or

"(3) to support, with respect to research conducted relating to heart disease, conferences and workshops on how practices, methodologies, and designs of such research should be changed to include in such research more members of communities disproportionately affected by heart disease, such as South Asian communities in the United States.

"(c) ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of the South Asian Heart Health Awareness and Research Act of 2022, and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on outreach efforts and data relating to heart disease in communities disproportionately affected by heart disease, such as South Asian communities in the United States.

"(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For purposes of carrying out this section, there is authorized to be appropriated \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2027."

SEC. 3. HEART HEALTH RESEARCH.

Part B of title IV of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 284 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

"SEC. 409K. HEART HEALTH RESEARCH.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may—

"(1) conduct or support research and related activities regarding cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes, and other heart health-related ailments among at-risk populations, including South Asian communities in the United States; and

"(2) establish an internet clearinghouse to catalog existing evidence-based heart health research and treatment options for communities disproportionately affected by heart disease, such as South Asian communities in the United States, to prevent, treat, or reverse heart disease and diabetes.

"(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For purposes of carrying out this section, there is authorized to be appropriated \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2027."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The bill, as amended, shall be debatable for 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or their respective designees.

After 1 hour of debate on the bill, as amended, it shall be in order to consider the further amendment printed in part A of House Report 117-432, if offered by the Member designated in the report, which shall be considered read, shall be separately debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question.

The gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) and the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CARTER) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Jersey.

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GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and add extraneous material on H.R. 3771.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3771, the South Asian Heart Health Awareness and Research Act of 2022. I thank Representative