

fixed this by convening a panel of experts to create a coordinated strategic national plan to prevent and effectively treat Alzheimer's disease by 2025. The expert council updates the plan annually.

We have made some progress in our efforts to find a treatment, means of prevention, or cure, but Alzheimer's still costs our Nation an astonishing \$321 billion per year, including \$206 billion in costs to Medicare and Medicaid. If we continue along this trajectory, Alzheimer's is projected to claim the minds of 12.7 million seniors and nearly surpass \$1 trillion in annual costs by 2050. It takes a tremendous toll on families, too. In 2021, family caregivers provided 16 billion hours of unpaid care for loved ones with dementia. That job is often 24/7 and often harms the health of the caregiver.

The National Alzheimer's Project Act is set to expire in 2025, so we need to reauthorize this critical legislation to make sure that our research investments remain coordinated, and we can maximize their impact.

The first bill that I will introduce today with my colleagues Senators WARNER, CAPITO, MARKEY, MORAN, and MENENDEZ, is the NAPA Reauthorization Act. It would reauthorize NAPA through 2035 and modernize the legislation to reflect strides we have made understanding the disease, like including a new focus on promoting healthy aging and reducing risk factors.

The second bill that I will introduce, with my colleagues Senators MARKEY, CAPITO, WARNER, MORAN, and MENENDEZ, is the Alzheimer's Accountability and Investment Act. That bill would continue through 2035 a requirement that the Director of the National Institutes of Health submit an annual budget to Congress estimating the funding necessary for NIH to fully implement NAPA's research goals. Only two other areas of biomedical research—cancer and HIV/AIDS—have been the subject of special budget development aimed at speeding discovery, and this “bypass budget,” as it is known, helps us to understand the additional funding needed to find better treatments, a means of prevention, and ultimately a cure for Alzheimer's disease.

Nearly half of baby boomers reaching age 85 will either be afflicted with Alzheimer's or caring for someone who has it. In many ways, Alzheimer's is the defining disease of this generation. We have made tremendous progress in recent years to boost funding for Alzheimer's research, which holds great promise to ending this disease that has had a devastating effect on millions of Americans and their families. The two bills I introduce today will maintain our momentum and make sure that we do not take our foot off the pedal just as our investments in basic research is beginning to translate into potential new treatments. We must not let Alzheimer's define our children's generation as it has ours.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. COTTON, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. HAGERTY):

S. 4209. A bill to require a feasibility study regarding establishing new diplomatic posts in the Pacific Islands; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the Expanding America's Pacific Diplomatic Presence Act, a bipartisan piece of legislation that seeks to deepen our diplomatic relations with Pacific Island countries and territories. I am thankful to Senator COTTON, Senator MARKEY, and Senator HAGERTY for joining me in introducing this legislation.

The United States enjoys strong historical ties, economic relationships, and cultural links with many Pacific Island nations. During World War II, these islands became the frontlines of some of our hardest fought battles of the Pacific campaign. Now, Pacific Island nations and territories are at the frontlines of climate change. Our friendships with Pacific Island nations are deepened by generations of Pacific Islanders whose presence in the United States and contributions have enriched communities throughout our country. We also recognize the strategic importance of Pacific Island nations, as demonstrated by the Compacts of Free Association we have with the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, and Palau. Unfortunately, while our diplomatic presence in the region has waned in the last decade, the diplomatic and economic presence of the People's Republic of China, PRC, has increased as it seeks to forge closer ties with Pacific Island nations. What happens in the Pacific Islands matters to the United States and we must take steps to demonstrate the strength of our commitment to the region.

Diplomatic engagement in the region is critical for understanding how we can better support our Pacific Island partners. President Biden has worked to elevate the U.S.'s diplomatic engagement by being the first U.S. President to participate in a gathering of the Pacific Island Forum leaders. The President also signaled his commitment to the Freely Associated States by appointing Special Presidential Envoy Ambassador Joseph Yun to lead negotiations over the Compacts of Free Association. Several high-ranking administration officials, including the Secretary of State Antony Blinken, have visited the region to pledge U.S. support for efforts related to COVID-19 response, climate change adaptation, maritime security, infrastructure development, trade, and economic investment. I applaud this level of meaningful diplomatic engagement in the region and would like to see this sustained in the future.

Establishing new U.S. diplomatic posts would support our efforts to build lasting relationships with Pacific Island nations and territories. The United States currently has eight Em-

bassies among Pacific Island nations, with plans to reopen an Embassy in the Solomon Islands. These Embassies play an important role in forging relations with host nations and serve as important symbols of the U.S.'s long term commitment to the region. Opening new embassies, consulate generals, or other diplomatic posts would allow U.S. diplomats to have more regular interactions with the governments of the Pacific Islands and learn more about the challenges and opportunities facing each nation. The year-round presence of more U.S. diplomats would improve our ability to compete with the PRC's growing presence in the region and would enhance our coordination with Australia, New Zealand, and Japan on economic development assistance and humanitarian aid. An expanded diplomatic presence in the region would also improve oversight of U.S. Government-funded programs in the region.

The legislation I am introducing would direct the Government Accountability Office, GAO, to conduct a feasibility study on establishing new diplomatic posts in Pacific Island countries and territories that currently do not have a U.S. Embassy or other U.S. diplomatic post. This legislation recognizes and seeks to understand what potential benefits and challenges may exist for establishing new U.S. diplomatic posts in the region. I hope that the results of an independent study conducted by GAO will inform future decisions by Congress and the executive branch to establish and appropriately fund new diplomatic posts in the region.

I urge my colleagues to pass the Expanding America's Pacific Diplomatic Presence Act to demonstrate our support for greater diplomatic engagement with our partners in the region and reaffirm our commitment to building a shared future with the people of the Pacific Islands.

## SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

### SENATE RESOLUTION 631—PROHIBITING THE IMPOSITION OF VACCINATION, TESTING, AND MASKING REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO COVID-19 FOR SENATE PAGES

Mr. PAUL submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration:

S. RES. 631

*Resolved,*

#### SECTION 1. PROHIBITION ON COVID-19 VACCINATION, TESTING, AND MASKING REQUIREMENTS FOR SENATE PAGES.

A Senate Page or applicant to be a Senate Page may not be required to—

- (1) show proof of COVID-19 vaccination status;
- (2) receive a vaccination for COVID-19;
- (3) undergo testing for COVID-19 without cause; or
- (4) wear a mask.

# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 39—HONORING THE 1,000,000 INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE DIED FROM COVID-19 IN THE UNITED STATES

Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Mrs. MURRAY) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. CON. RES. 39

Whereas, on May 12, 2022 the United States reached 1,000,000 confirmed lives lost due to COVID-19;

Whereas the first laboratory-confirmed case of COVID-19 in the United States was recorded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on January 20, 2020;

Whereas the first known death from COVID-19 in the United States occurred in February 2020;

Whereas, in the months following the first recorded death, the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted individuals, families, and communities across the United States;

Whereas estimates report that the death toll from COVID-19 has increased the number of orphans in the United States by nearly 200,000 children;

Whereas scientific breakthroughs have been effective at reducing the COVID-19 death toll; and

Whereas it is recognized that mitigation efforts can reduce the number of deaths due to COVID-19 and save lives: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress—*

(1) recognizes and mourns the 1,000,000 known lives lost in the United States due to COVID-19; and

(2) honors the memory of the deceased and offers condolences to their families and loved ones.

## AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I have five 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 Thursday, May 12, 2022, at 9:30 a.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 Thursday, May 12, 2022, at 10 a.m., to hold a meeting of the conference committee on H.R. 4521.

### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 12, 2022, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing

### COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is au-

thorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 12, 2022, at 10:15 a.m., to conduct a hearing

### COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 12, 2022, at 9 a.m., to conduct an executive business meeting.

## ORDERS FOR MONDAY, MAY 16, 2022

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 3 p.m., Monday, May 16; further, that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business be closed; that upon the conclusion of morning business, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 368, H.R. 7691, a bill to provide aid to Ukraine; further, that the cloture motions filed during today's session ripen at 5:30 p.m.

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

## ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, MAY 16, 2022, AT 3 P.M.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 5:22 p.m., adjourned until Monday, May 16, 2022, at 3 p.m.

## NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

### UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION

CARLTON W. REEVES, OF MISSISSIPPI, TO BE CHAIR OF THE UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION, VICE PATTI B. SARIS.

CARLTON W. REEVES, OF MISSISSIPPI, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 31, 2027, VICE PATTI B. SARIS, TERM EXPIRED.

LAURA E. MATE, OF IOWA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 31, 2027, VICE CHARLES R. BREYER, TERM EXPIRED.

CLAIRE MCCUSKER MURRAY, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 31, 2025, VICE DANNY C. REEVES, TERM EXPIRED.

LUIS FELIPE RESTREPO, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 31, 2025, VICE KETANJI BROWN JACKSON, TERM EXPIRED.

CLARIA HORN BOOM, OF KENTUCKY, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 31, 2023, VICE WILLIAM H. PRYOR, JR., TERM EXPIRED.

JOHN GLEESON, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 31, 2023, VICE RACHEL ELISE BARKOW, TERM EXPIRED.

CANDICE C. WONG, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 31, 2027, VICE DABNEY LANGHORNE FRIEDRICH, TERM EXPIRED.

### IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12212:

#### To be brigadier general

COL. JEREMIAH J. CRUZ

### IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

#### To be brigadier general

COL. JASON B. NICHOLSON  
COL. PATRICK A. TEAGUE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

#### To be brigadier general

COL. ROGER S. GIRAUD  
COL. LANCE C. RANEY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

#### To be brigadier general

COL. SARAH K. ALBRYCHT  
COL. GAIL E. ATKINS  
COL. AMANDA I. AZUBUIKE  
COL. PHILLIP C. BAKER  
COL. WAYNE E. BARKER  
COL. MAURICE O. BARNETT  
COL. MATTHEW W. BROWN  
COL. JONATHAN C. BYROM  
COL. STEVEN P. CARPENTER  
COL. RHETT R. COX  
COL. FREDERICK L. CRIST  
COL. DALE S. CROCKETT  
COL. JASON A. CURL  
COL. SEAN P. DAVIS  
COL. JAMES K. DOOGHAN  
COL. ANTOINETTE R. GANT  
COL. BERNARD J. HARRINGTON  
COL. DANIEL H. HIBNER  
COL. GREGORY S. JOHNSON  
COL. MARTINE S. KIDD  
COL. KEVIN J. LAMBERT  
COL. JOSEPH G. LOCK  
COL. FRANCISCO J. LOZANO  
COL. JOHN W. LUBAS  
COL. REBECCA B. MCELWAIN  
COL. MARK D. MILES  
COL. SHANE P. MORGAN  
COL. KIMBERLY A. PEEPLES  
COL. CHRISTOPHER D. SCHNEIDER  
COL. MICHAEL J. SIMMERING  
COL. JASON C. SLIDER  
COL. MARNE L. SUTTEN  
COL. GEOFFREY R. VANEPPS  
COL. BRIAN D. VILE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

#### To be major general

BRIG. GEN. PAULA C. LODI

### IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

#### To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. MICHAEL S. CEDERHOLM

### IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

#### To be major

THOMAS E. ACCUOSTI  
FRANCIS ADKINS  
BRIANA J. AKAMINE  
KAYLEE N. ALLEMAN  
KEVIN R. ALLISON  
KACIE E. ALLRED  
KELLY M. AMADIO  
TIMOTHY T. AMBARD  
DOMINIQUE M. AMOR  
ERIC J. AMOS  
GUKTAE AN  
ERIK D. ANTHONY  
ANDREW P. APSITE  
DAVID M. ARGUETTE  
RYAN C. ASHLEY  
WINSTON L. ASHLEY  
CHRISTOPHER D. BARCOCK  
VALERIE L. BACHAND  
NATHAN D. BADGER  
KARA DIANE BAGBY  
KATELYNNE R. BAIER  
BRANDON M. BAILEY  
SEAN C. BAILEY  
MARGARITA A. BALISH  
JAMES M. BALLENTINE, JR.  
JEFFERY ALAN BANNER  
JEFFERY D. BAPTIST  
MATTHEW CHARLESCU BARNETT  
ISMAEL BARRAGAN  
JONATHAN E. BEABOUT  
CASEY L. BEATY  
KEVIN M. BEAUCHEMIN  
DANIEL M. BECKMAN  
DONALD J. BELLISARIO  
MICHAEL D. BENEDETTI