

(4) build confidence with respect to peace negotiations;

Whereas Israel—

(1) maintains diplomatic relations with 166 of the 193 member states of the United Nations; and

(2) retains 80 resident embassies, 21 consulates general, and 7 special missions globally;

Whereas Israel maintains free trade agreements with the United States, members of the European Union, members of the European Free Trade Association, Canada, Mexico, Ukraine, Jordan, the United Arab Emirates, and other nation states;

Whereas, in 1987, the United States Government designated Israel as a major non-NATO ally;

Whereas, in 2014, the United States Government designated Israel as a major strategic partner;

Whereas, on March 26, 1979, the Arab Republic of Egypt signed a peace treaty with Israel, becoming the first Arab country to establish full, normalized, diplomatic relations with the State of Israel;

Whereas, on October 26, 1994, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan signed a peace treaty with Israel, becoming the second Arab country to normalize ties with Israel;

Whereas security coordination between the State of Israel and the Palestinian National Authority promotes stability and is critical to deescalating tensions;

Whereas the United States has actively supported and played a significant role in the efforts to bring about Israeli-Palestinian peace, consistent with the long-standing United States commitment to a sustainable, viable, two-state solution negotiated directly between the parties, resulting in an end to the conflict and two states for two peoples based on mutual recognition, dignity, and peaceful neighborly relations;

Whereas, on September 15, 2020, the United States, the State of Israel, the United Arab Emirates, and the Kingdom of Bahrain signed the Abraham Accords, consisting of agreements to establish full relations between Israel and the United Arab Emirates and between Israel and the Kingdom of Bahrain;

Whereas the landmark Abraham Accords were quickly followed by agreements to normalize relations between Israel and Sudan on October 23, 2020, and between Israel and Morocco on December 10, 2020;

Whereas Congress underscored in the Israel Relations Normalization Act of 2022 (division Z of Public Law 117-103) that the Abraham Accords, and related agreements and frameworks, “have the potential to fundamentally transform the security, diplomatic, and economic environment in the Middle East and North Africa and advance vital United States national security interests”;

Whereas the United States continues to build upon the foundations and success of the Abraham Accords by urging further normalization with Israel and by deepening regional integration and cooperation, including between Israel and Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, Morocco, and the United Arab Emirates, most recently, through holding the Negev Summit on March 27 and 28, 2022, in Sde Boker, Israel, and the establishment of the Negev Forum on June 27, 2022, in Manama, Bahrain;

Whereas, on June 27, 2022, the Negev Forum Steering Committee announced the establishment of—

(1) 6 working groups that foster the integration of clean energy, food and water security, education and coexistence, health, regional security, and tourism; and

(2) “initiatives that strengthen the Palestinian economy and improve the quality of life of Palestinians”;

Whereas the joint security cooperation between the United States and Israel in many fields, including intelligence sharing, air defense technology, joint comprehensive military exercises, and cybersecurity, has proven invaluable in strengthening the national security of the United States and Israel;

Whereas Israel faces growing threats to its security, including—

(1) Iran’s advancing nuclear program and support for global terrorism;

(2) terrorist threats from Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, and Hizballah; and

(3) other terrorist threats;

Whereas the United States and Israel have signed three 10-year bilateral security cooperation and assistance memoranda of understanding in which the United States committed to provide Israel with security assistance valued at—

(1) \$26,700,000,000 during the 10-year period ending on September 30, 2008;

(2) \$30,000,000,000 during the 10-year period ending on September 30, 2018; and

(3) \$38,000,000,000 during the 10-year period ending on September 30, 2028;

Whereas Congress has appropriated amounts in accordance with such memoranda of understanding, reflecting the two countries’ shared priorities in the region and the strength of United States support for maintaining Israel’s qualitative military edge;

Whereas Congress passed the Nita M. Lowey Middle East Partnership for Peace Act of 2020 (title VIII of division K of Public Law 116-260), which supports economic development and peacebuilding efforts between Israelis and Palestinians;

Whereas antisemitism continues to rise globally, reaching an alarming all-time high during 2021 with 2,717 incidents in the United States and an estimated 1,090,000,000 people worldwide harboring antisemitic attitudes, making self-determination and a safe haven for the Jewish people even more necessary;

Whereas Israel has absorbed millions of Jews from countries throughout the world and fully integrated them into Israeli society;

Whereas, the United States and Israel have maintained a special relationship for 75 years based on mutually shared democratic values, common strategic interests, and moral bonds of friendship and mutual respect between their countries and people;

Whereas Israel’s involvement as an active member of the community of nations benefits Israel, the United States, and all governments that share common values and promote democratic stability throughout the world; and

Whereas the United States will continue to advocate for equitable treatment of Israel in international fora in the face of antisemitic bias: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the historic significance of, and joins the Israeli people in their celebration of, the 75th anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel;

(2) reaffirms—

(A) the longstanding and indelible partnership between the United States and Israel;

(B) the unshakeable commitment of the United States to the security of the State of Israel; and

(C) the right of Israel to exist in peace, prosperity, and security alongside its neighbors;

(3) reiterates its support for a comprehensive and lasting peace between Israelis and Palestinians, in which both enjoy peace, security, and prosperity;

(4) encourages the diplomatic recognition of the State of Israel and robust engagement with Israel from all governments around the world;

(5) reiterates its support for the Abraham Accords, the Negev Forum, and all other ongoing efforts to formalize and strengthen relations between Israel and its Arab neighbors in pursuit of a more integrated and peaceful region;

(6) reaffirms its continuing support for Israel as a Jewish and democratic state that is committed—

(A) to defending the security, freedom and equality of all its inhabitants, regardless of religion, race, or sex; and

(B) to guaranteeing freedom of religion, conscience, language, education, and culture;

(7) reaffirms that the United States will continue to fight against antisemitism globally and against the efforts to delegitimize Israel in international fora;

(8) commends the people of Israel for their remarkable achievements in building a pluralistic democratic society in the Middle East; and

(9) extends the warmest congratulations and best wishes to the State of Israel and her people for a peaceful, prosperous, and successful future.

SENATE RESOLUTION 189—COM- MENDING AND CONGRATU- LATING THE QUINNIPAC UNI- VERSITY MEN’S HOCKEY TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2023 NA- TIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION DIVISION I MEN’S HOCKEY NATIONAL CHAMPION- SHIP

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

S. RES. 189

Whereas, on Saturday, April 8, 2023, the Quinnipiac University men’s hockey team (referred to in this preamble as the “Quinnipiac Bobcats”) won the 2023 National Collegiate Athletic Association (referred to in this preamble as “NCAA”) Men’s Hockey Championship with a 3-2 win over the Minnesota Golden Gophers, at Amalie Arena in Tampa, Florida;

Whereas the 2023 national championship is the first national championship for the Quinnipiac Bobcats;

Whereas the Quinnipiac Bobcats have demonstrated remarkably consistent success in the past decade, and have made the NCAA Championship tournament in 8 of the last 10 seasons;

Whereas Jacob Quillan was named the Most Outstanding Player of the 2023 NCAA Championship tournament, finishing the NCAA Championship tournament with 5 goals and setting a new Quinnipiac University record for most goals scored in a single tournament;

Whereas Rand Pecknold, the head coach of the Quinnipiac Bobcats, has led the team for 29 years and transformed the Quinnipiac Bobcats from a Division II program to a National Division I powerhouse; and

Whereas the National Championship was played in front of 20,000 people in Tampa, Florida, and was the most watched “Frozen Four Final” game in more than 10 years: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commends the Quinnipiac University men’s hockey team for winning the 2023 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men’s Hockey Championship;

(2) congratulates the fans, students, and faculty of Quinnipiac University; and

(3) respectfully requests that the Secretary of the Senate transmits an enrolled copy of this resolution to—

(A) the President of Quinnipiac University, Dr. Judy Olian; and

(B) the head coach of the Quinnipiac University men's hockey team, Rand Pecknold.

SENATE RESOLUTION 190—COMMEMORATING AND SUPPORTING THE GOALS OF "WORLD QUANTUM DAY"

Mr. YOUNG (for himself and Ms. HASSAN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 190

Whereas quantum physics describes nature at the scale of atoms and subatomic particles;

Whereas "World Quantum Day" is celebrated by scientists in more than 65 countries to promote public understanding of quantum science and technology around the world;

Whereas the United States has recognized quantum information science and technology as a key technology area for economic competition;

Whereas quantum physics helps us to understand and develop technologies critical to everyday life, such as GPS, semiconductors, and lasers;

Whereas quantum information science is a multidisciplinary field, bridging science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (referred to in this preamble as "STEM");

Whereas STEM is a critical part of education for children, and aptitude in STEM is essential for a knowledge-based society and for economic competition;

Whereas the United States needs to reinforce STEM education for all students in order to better prepare children for future careers in emerging technologies, including quantum, to succeed in a 21st-century economy;

Whereas STEM can be a fun and interesting part of education for children, and learning about quantum principles of superposition and entanglement can be an engaging way to teach children and attract the children to study STEM;

Whereas the Planck constant is a fundamental constant governing quantum physics, which is used to define universal measurements such as the kilogram; and

Whereas the rounded first significant digits of the Planck constant are 4.14, and thus April 14 of each year is internationally recognized as "World Quantum Day": Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals of "World Quantum Day" to recognize and celebrate the role that quantum physics plays in our daily lives; and

(2) encourages schools and educators to observe the day with appropriate activities that teach students about quantum physics and engage students in the study of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I have 12 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 Sen-

ate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today's session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 9 a.m., to conduct a subcommittee hearing.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions is authorized to meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 10 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 Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a closed briefing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EAST ASIA, THE PACIFIC, AND INTERNATIONAL CYBERSECURITY POLICY

The Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy of the Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 3 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION, AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development of the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 2:45 p.m., to conduct a hybrid hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON READINESS AND MANAGEMENT SUPPORT

The Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support of the Com-

mittee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES

The Subcommittee on Strategic Forces of the Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 4:45 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY MEN'S HOCKEY TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2023 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION DIVISION I MEN'S HOCKEY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 189, submitted earlier today.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 189) commending and congratulating the Quinnipiac University men's hockey team for winning the 2023 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Hockey National Championship.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 189) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

COMMEMORATING AND SUPPORTING THE GOALS OF "WORLD QUANTUM DAY"

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 190, which is at the desk.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 190) commemorating and supporting the goals of "World Quantum Day".

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.