

to implement the endangered and threatened fish recovery programs for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. HASSAN (for herself and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. 2248. A bill to require a pilot program on the use of big data analytics to identify vessels evading sanctions and export controls and to require a report on the availability in the United States of emerging and foundational technologies subject to export controls; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LANKFORD (for himself and Mr. RICKETTS):

S. 2249. A bill to improve the timeliness, resiliency, and transparency of passport processing operations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 2250. A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to establish a groundwater conservation easement program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. HAWLEY):

S. 2251. A bill to improve the cybersecurity of the Federal Government, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. SCOTT of Florida):

S. Res. 287. A resolution commemorating the second anniversary of peaceful protests in Cuba on July 11, 2021, condemning the ongoing acts of repression and human rights violations against the Cuban people by the Cuban regime, and calling for the immediate release of all arbitrarily detained Cuban citizens; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. HAGERTY (for himself and Mrs. BLACKBURN):

S. Res. 288. A resolution observing the 150th anniversary of Vanderbilt University; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. SULLIVAN, and Mr. PADILLA):

S. Res. 289. A resolution expressing support for the designation of July 2023 as "American Grown Flower Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BRAUN (for himself and Mr. YOUNG):

S. Res. 290. A resolution honoring the life of Oliver Hazard Perry Morton; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 140

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 140, a bill to combat organized crime involving the illegal acquisition of retail goods for the purpose of selling those illegally obtained goods through physical and online retail marketplaces.

S. 308

At the request of Mr. ROMNEY, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr.

BRAUN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 308, a bill to end the treatment of the People's Republic of China as a developing nation.

S. 452

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 452, a bill to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a Nuclear Fuel Security Program, expand the American Assured Fuel Supply Program, and submit a report on a civil nuclear credit program, and for other purposes.

S. 471

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the names of the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. LUMMIS) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) were added as cosponsors of S. 471, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to allow for greater State flexibility with respect to excluding providers who are involved in abortions.

S. 498

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 498, a bill to reauthorize and improve a grant program to assist institutions of higher education in establishing maintaining, improving, and operating Student Veteran Centers.

S. 656

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 656, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise the rules for approval by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of commercial driver education programs for purposes of veterans education assistance, and for other purposes.

S. 711

At the request of Mr. BUDD, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 711, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the invaluable service that working dogs provide to society.

S. 714

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. LUMMIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 714, a bill to require that any debt limit increase or suspension be balanced by equal spending cuts over the next decade.

S. 740

At the request of Mr. BOOZMAN, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) was added as a cosponsor of S. 740, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to reinstate criminal penalties for persons charging veterans unauthorized fees relating to claims for benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 759

At the request of Mr. WARNOCK, the name of the Senator from Michigan

(Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 759, a bill to authorize the National Detector Dog Training Center, and for other purposes.

S. 767

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 767, a bill to enhance mental health and psychosocial support within United States development and humanitarian assistance programs.

S. 789

At the request of Mr. VAN HOLLEN, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS), the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) were added as cosponsors of S. 789, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint a coin in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the United States Foreign Service and its contribution to United States diplomacy.

S. 813

At the request of Mr. LUJÁN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 813, a bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to amend regulations to allow for certain packers to have an interest in market agencies, and for other purposes.

S. 912

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 912, a bill to require the Secretary of Energy to provide technology grants to strengthen domestic mining education, and for other purposes.

S. 919

At the request of Ms. DUCKWORTH, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 919, a bill to restore, reaffirm, and reconcile environmental justice and civil rights, and for other purposes.

S. 985

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. MULLIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 985, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to ensure campus access at public institutions of higher education for religious groups.

S. 993

At the request of Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) and the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) were added as cosponsors of S. 993, a bill to prohibit certain uses of xylazine, and for other purposes.

S. 1024

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1024, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants to eligible entities to develop and implement a comprehensive program to promote student access to defibrillation in public elementary schools and secondary schools.

S. 1036

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1036, a bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to streamline nutrition access for older adults and adults with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 1084

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1084, a bill to eliminate racial, religious, and other discriminatory profiling by law enforcement, and for other purposes.

S. 1166

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. SCHMITT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1166, a bill to require the Comptroller General of the United States to submit a report on the public health mitigation messaging and guidance of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

S. 1176

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1176, a bill to direct the Secretary of Labor to issue an occupational safety and health standard that requires covered employers within the health care and social service industries to develop and implement a comprehensive workplace violence prevention plan, and for other purposes.

S. 1288

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1288, a bill to ensure that contractors of the Department of Agriculture comply with certain labor laws, and for other purposes.

S. 1311

At the request of Mr. KELLY, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. MULLIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1311, a bill to reauthorize the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

S. 1351

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) and the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. MULLIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1351, a bill to study and prevent child abuse in youth residential programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1384

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1384, a bill to promote and protect from discrimination living organ donors.

S. 1408

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1408, a bill to amend title 9, United States Code, with respect to arbitration of disputes involving race discrimination.

S. 1447

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1447, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a grant program supporting trauma center violence intervention and violence prevention programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1467

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1467, 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. 1492

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1492, a bill to provide for the settlement of claims relating to the Shabeh-nay Band Reservation in Illinois, and for other purposes.

S. 1529

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) were added as cosponsors of S. 1529, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to provide for greater protection of roosters, and for other purposes.

S. 1544

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1544, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure equitable payment for, and preserve Medicare beneficiary access to, diagnostic radio-pharmaceuticals under the Medicare hospital outpatient prospective payment system.

S. 1557

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) were added as cosponsors of S. 1557, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the low-income housing credit, and for other purposes.

S. 1559

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. RICKETTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1559, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the corporate alternative minimum tax.

S. 1606

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) and the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1606, a bill to end preventable maternal mortality, severe maternal morbidity, and maternal health disparities in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1656

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from Vermont

(Mr. WELCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1656, a bill to protect the privacy of personal reproductive or sexual health information, and for other purposes.

S. 1669

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) and the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1669, a bill to require the Secretary of Transportation to issue a rule requiring access to AM broadcast stations in motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

S. 1681

At the request of Ms. LUMMIS, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1681, a bill to amend the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act with respect to claims relating to uranium mining.

S. 1731

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1731, a bill to provide grants to enable nonprofit disability organizations to develop training programs that support safe interactions between law enforcement officers and individuals with disabilities and older individuals.

S. 1811

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1811, a bill to ensure treatment in the military based on merit and performance, and for other purposes.

S. 1829

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1829, a bill to impose sanctions with respect to persons engaged in the import of petroleum from the Islamic Republic of Iran, and for other purposes.

S. 1833

At the request of Mr. MANCHIN, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1833, a bill to prohibit the issuance of an interim or final rule that amends, updates, modifies, or replaces the North Atlantic Right Whale vessel strike reduction rule until mitigation protocols are fully developed and deployed.

S. 1837

At the request of Mr. FETTERMAN, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1837, a bill to amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to include spotted lanternfly control research and development as a high-priority research and extension initiative, and for other purposes.

S. 1853

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr.

WYDEN) and the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) were added as cosponsors of S. 1853, a bill to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to reauthorize and improve the Water Source Protection Program, and for other purposes.

S. 1877

At the request of Mr. BRAUN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1877, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a program under which the Secretary provides certain individuals with the opportunity to enroll in high technology programs of education that the Secretary determines provide training or skills sought by employers in a relevant field or industry, and for other purposes.

S. 1885

At the request of Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1885, a bill to eliminate employment-based visa caps on abused, abandoned, and neglected children eligible for humanitarian status, and for other purposes.

S. 1916

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1916, a bill to establish in the Department of State the Office to Monitor and Combat Islamophobia, and for other purposes.

S. 1968

At the request of Mr. TUBERVILLE, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1968, a bill to modify the annual and aggregate limits of Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loans for graduate and professional students, and to terminate Federal Direct PLUS Loans for graduate and professional students, and for other purposes.

S. 1971

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. TUBERVILLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1971, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for loan repayment simplification and income-driven repayment reform.

S. 2035

At the request of Mr. ROUNDS, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2035, a bill to amend the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 to make additional coverage under the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program available for crops and grasses used for grazing, and for other purposes.

S. 2085

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL),

the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW), the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. LUMMIS), the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS), the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN) and the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) were added as cosponsors of S. 2085, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicare coverage of multi-cancer early detection screening tests.

S. 2087

At the request of Ms. LUMMIS, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2087, a bill to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act.

S. 2129

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) and the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL) were added as cosponsors of S. 2129, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require PDP sponsors of a prescription drug plan and Medicare Advantage organizations offering an MA-PD plan under part D of the Medicare program that use a formulary to include certain drugs and biosimilar biological products on such formulary, and for other purposes.

S. 2180

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the names of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) were added as cosponsors of S. 2180, a bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a small farm EQIP subprogram under the environmental quality incentives program, and for other purposes.

S. 2184

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH), the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) and the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) were added as cosponsors of S. 2184, a bill to amend the Small Business Act to improve the Women's Business Center Program, and for other purposes.

S. 2185

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO), the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2185, a bill to amend the Small Business Act to require an annual report on entrepreneurial development programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2205

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2205, a bill to regulate human cadaveric islets for transplantation as organs.

S. 2223

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2223, a bill to amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to provide families year-round access to nutrition incentives under the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 109

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 109, a resolution requesting information on Saudi Arabia's human rights practices pursuant to section 502B(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

S. RES. 208

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 208, a resolution expressing support for the designation of November 12, 2023, as "National Warrior Call Day" and recognizing the important of connecting warriors in the United States to support structures necessary to transition from the battlefield, especially peer-to-peer connection.

S. RES. 269

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. KENNEDY) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 269, a resolution designating July 22, 2023, as "National Day of the American Cowboy".

S. RES. 274

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 274, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate to reduce traffic fatalities to zero by 2050.

S. RES. 276

At the request of Ms. DUCKWORTH, the names of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) and the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 276, a resolution expressing opposition to the use of State power against people in the United States seeking essential health care, including criminalization of the full range of sexual and reproductive health care such as abortion, gender-affirming care, and contraceptive care, and disapproving of State punishment of people for their pregnancy outcomes.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 287—COMMEMORATING THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF PEACEFUL PROTESTS IN CUBA ON JULY 11, 2021, CONDEMNING THE ONGOING ACTS OF REPRESSION AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AGAINST THE CUBAN PEOPLE BY THE CUBAN REGIME, AND CALLING FOR THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF ALL ARBITRARILY DETAINED CUBAN CITIZENS

Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. SCOTT of Florida) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 287

Whereas July 11, 2023, marks 2 years since tens of thousands of Cuban citizens took to the streets to protest peacefully and call for the respect of their basic human rights and fundamental freedoms and the end of communist dictatorship in Cuba;

Whereas the demonstrations on July 11, 2021, were the largest peaceful protests witnessed in Cuba in more than 25 years, with courageous Cuban men, women, and youth taking to the streets in at least 50 different cities and towns across every province to affirm a profound aspiration for democratic change and to denounce repression and corruption by the Cuban regime;

Whereas the demonstrations followed decades of grievances from the Cuban people regarding the dictatorship, arbitrary repression, and severe mismanagement of the country, including shortages of food and basic medicine, and frequent power outages;

Whereas 2 years after the demonstrations, repression by the Cuban regime against Cuban citizens has reached the highest rate in recorded history, with thousands of arbitrary arrests, hundreds of politically motivated convictions, and credible allegations of torture and other abuses related to such protests, including—

(1) charges against approximately 800 Cuban citizens, including 115 protestors between the ages of 16 and 20, with sedition and other illegitimate charges;

(2) the sentencing of more than 550 Cuban citizens, including more than 20 underage protestors, many of whom have been sentenced to prison terms up to 30 years; and

(3) the subjection of the majority of prisoners to inhumane conditions, including intentional deprivation of medical care, sleep, food, and other basic necessities;

Whereas, according to the Cuban human rights organization Justicia 11J, as of the end of 2022, more than 600 protestors from the demonstrations remain arbitrarily detained for exercising their fundamental freedoms, including the rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly;

Whereas international human rights organizations have condemned the Cuban regime for violating human rights and fundamental freedoms and have called for the immediate release of peaceful demonstrators, including organizations and individuals such as—

(1) Human Rights Watch, which assessed that the Cuban regime committed systematic human rights violations in response to massive antigovernment protests in July 2021 with the intent of punishing protestors and deterring future demonstrations;

(2) Amnesty International, which has called on the Cuban regime to guarantee the

human rights of Cuban prisoners of conscience and hundreds of other individuals arbitrarily detained for exercising their human rights;

(3) former United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet, who has called on the Cuban regime to release protestors and several journalists arrested at various demonstrations and denounced the excessive use of force by the regime; and

(4) the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, which has condemned state repression and the use of force during peaceful social protests in Cuba and urged the regime to engage in dialogue to address citizen demands;

Whereas Cuba has some of the most restrictive laws on freedom of assembly and freedom of the press in the world, which have only further intensified since the demonstrations on July 11, 2021, with the passage of amendments to Penal Code of the Republic of Cuba on December 1, 2022, which limit freedom of expression online by criminalizing the sharing of undefined “fake information”;

Whereas the peaceful protests in 2021 continue to inspire numerous protestors across Cuba seeking to advance the fundamental rights of the Cuban people, such as the May 8, 2023, protests in the town of Caimanera;

Whereas, since July 11, 2021, the Cuban regime continues the systemic repression of protestors, particularly the selective and deliberate criminalization of individuals who exercise their rights to freedom of expression, assembly, and association by speaking up against government policies and the arbitrary suspension of internet communications, according to a May 12, 2023, statement by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights;

Whereas the report entitled “2022 Country Reports on Human Rights Practices: Cuba”, published by the Department of State, details “significant human rights issues” in Cuba, including credible reports of extrajudicial killings, restrictions on freedom of movement, restrictions on freedom of religious expression, unreasonable restrictions on political participation, and state-sponsored forced labor practices;

Whereas, according to the nongovernmental organization Prisoners Defenders, the Cuban regime continues to detain an estimated 1,048 political prisoners;

Whereas, on June 12, 2023, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights concluded that there was “serious and sufficient” evidence to hold the Cuban regime responsible for the 2012 murders of Nobel Peace Prize nominee Oswaldo Paya and activist Harold Cepero, and called on the Cuban regime—

(1) to make full reparation for the murders;

(2) to initiate a prompt investigation to identify the responsible actors;

(3) to pursue accountability measures against such actors; and

(4) to undertake structural reforms to protect human rights defenders in the Cuba; and

Whereas, despite gross and systemic efforts to violate the human rights of the Cuban people, Cuba remains a member of the United Nations Human Rights Council, a position the Cuban regime uses to prevent scrutiny on the human rights records of other authoritarian regimes: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commemorates the second anniversary of the largest peaceful protests against the communist dictatorship in Cuba;

(2) expresses solidarity with the brave people of Cuba who participated in the peaceful demonstrations on July 11, 2021 and were subsequently arbitrarily detained and sentenced;

(3) commits to supporting the people of Cuba in their aspirations to transition to democracy under a government that respects human rights and democratic freedoms;

(4) calls on the Secretary of State—

(A) to advocate for the immediate release and humane treatment of all political prisoners and democratic protestors arbitrarily detained in Cuba in the aftermath of the peaceful demonstrations on July 11, 2021;

(B) to continue supporting independent Cuban civil society groups and democratic activists;

(C) to call for—

(i) the recognition of the June 12, 2023, decision of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, holding the regime responsible for the murders of democratic activists Oswaldo Paya and Harold Cepero; and

(ii) accountability for the murders; and

(D) to work with member states of the United Nations to deny Cuba a second consecutive term on the United Nations Human Rights Council; and

(5) urges democratic governments and legislatures in Europe, Asia, Latin America, and the Caribbean—

(A) to speak out against the ongoing repression facing the Cuban people and call on the Cuban regime to immediately release all political prisoners and democratic protestors arbitrarily detained in Cuba in the aftermath of the peaceful demonstrations of July 11, 2021;

(B) to publicly recognize the June 12, 2023, decision of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, finding the Cuban regime directly responsible for the murders of democratic activists Oswaldo Paya and Harold Cepero, and call on the Cuban regime to implement the recommendations in the decision; and

(C) to hold the Cuban regime accountable for violent repression and other human rights violations in the aftermath of the July 2021 protests, including by committing to deny Cuba a second consecutive term on the United Nations Human Rights Council.

SENATE RESOLUTION 288—OBSERVING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

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

S. RES. 288

Whereas Vanderbilt University was founded in 1873 to create opportunities, promote community engagement, and inspire future generations of scholars;

Whereas Vanderbilt University, forged in Tennessee spirit, has grown from a regional university to one of the premier research institutions in the United States;

Whereas Vanderbilt University has, since its inception, provided distinguished educational opportunities to tens of thousands of undergraduate, graduate, and professional students from across the United States and around the world;

Whereas the partnerships Vanderbilt University developed with stakeholders foster the fulfillment of human potential by supporting organizations and working to bring the people and resources of Vanderbilt University together in service of others;

Whereas the world-renowned researchers of Vanderbilt University are using revolutionary innovation to address the most urgent and complex problems of society;

Whereas, with over 154,000 active alumni and 6 Nobel Laureates, Vanderbilt University graduates throughout the world lead in their respective fields and continue to push the limits of scientific discovery;