

for sharing a remarkable person, not just with the folks in the town in which she and her family have lived, worked, and served for all of those years, but thank you for sharing her with our country in a broader way. Thank you for serving as an inspiration. We are in your debt, and I am honored to be part of this trio to offer this legislation today and to ask for its passage.

By Mr. McCONNELL (for himself, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. OSSOFF, Mr. PAUL, Mr. LEE, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. RUBIO, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Mr. BRAUN):

S. 2284. A bill to require the Director of the Bureau of Prisons to be appointed by and with the advice and consent of the Senate; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

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 “Federal Prisons Accountability Act of 2023”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

(1) The Director of the Bureau of Prisons leads a law enforcement component of the Department of Justice with a budget that exceeded \$8,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2023.

(2) With the exception of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Prisons had the largest operating budget of any unit within the Department of Justice for fiscal year 2023.

(3) As of 2023, the Director of the Bureau of Prisons oversaw 122 facilities and was responsible for the welfare of more than 159,000 Federal inmates.

(4) As of 2023, the Director of the Bureau of Prisons supervised more than 34,000 employees, many of whom operate in hazardous environments that involve regular interaction with violent offenders.

(5) Within the Department of Justice, in addition to those officials who oversee litigating components, the Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Director of the Community Relations Service, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Director of the Office on Violence Against Women, the Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Deputy Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Director of the United States Marshals Service, 94 United States Marshals, the Inspector General of the Department of Justice, and the Special Counsel for Immigration Related Unfair Employment Practices, are all appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

(6) Despite the significant budget of the Bureau of Prisons and the vast number of people under the responsibility of the Director of the Bureau of Prisons, the Director is not appointed by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

SEC. 3. DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF PRISONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4041 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking “appointed by and serving directly under the Attorney General.” and inserting the following: “who shall be appointed by the

President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Director shall serve directly under the Attorney General.”.

(b) INCUMBENT.—Notwithstanding the amendment made by subsection (a), the individual serving as the Director of the Bureau of Prisons on the date of enactment of this Act may serve as the Director of the Bureau of Prisons until the date that is 3 months after the date of enactment of this Act.

(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit the ability of the President to appoint the individual serving as the Director of the Bureau of Prisons on the date of enactment of this Act to the position of Director of the Bureau of Prisons in accordance with section 4041 of title 18, United States Code, as amended by subsection (a).

(d) TERM.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 4041 of title 18, United States Code, as amended by subsection (a), is amended by inserting after “consent of the Senate.” the following: “The Director shall be appointed for a term of 10 years, except that an individual appointed to the position of Director may continue to serve in that position until another individual is appointed to that position, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. An individual may not serve more than 1 term as Director.”.

(2) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by paragraph (1) shall apply to appointments made on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 291—COM- MENDING AND CONGRATU- LATING THE DENVER NUGGETS ON THEIR CHAMPIONSHIP VIC- TORY IN THE 2023 NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION FINALS

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

Whereas, on June 12, 2023, the Denver Nuggets defeated the Miami Heat by a score of 94 to 89 in an extraordinary game 5 of the National Basketball Association (referred to in this preamble as the “NBA”) Finals at Ball Arena in Denver, Colorado, and won the 2023 Larry O’Brien Trophy;

Whereas the Denver Nuggets entered the playoffs ranked as the number 1 seed in the Western Conference for the first time in franchise history;

Whereas the Denver Nuggets won 10 of their final 11 games in the 2023 playoffs and had the second fewest playoff losses of an NBA champion in a single postseason in the last 20 years;

Whereas the Denver Nuggets won the NBA championship after years of injury-riddled seasons for key players and disappointing playoff losses;

Whereas the Denver Nuggets allowed only 18 points to the Miami Heat in the final quarter of game 5 of the NBA finals, snuffing out any comeback attempt by the Miami Heat;

Whereas Denver Nuggets center Nikola Jokić, selected in the second round of the 2014 NBA draft by Denver, won the 2023 Bill Russell NBA Finals Most Valuable Player award and became the first player in NBA history to lead the league in points, rebounds, and assists during a single postseason;

Whereas Denver Nuggets players Nikola Jokić and Jamal Murray became the first pair of teammates to combine for 300 assists and 1,000 points in a single postseason;

Whereas the Denver Nuggets became the second original American Basketball Association franchise, along with the San Antonio Spurs, to win an NBA championship;

Whereas the championship victory for the Denver Nuggets was their first in franchise history since the team was founded in Denver in 1967;

Whereas the Denver Nuggets have the most seasons as an NBA franchise before winning their first championship (46 years);

Whereas Michael Malone, Calvin Booth, and the entire team of coaches and staff were instrumental in developing the dynamic, free-flowing offense and stifling defense of the Denver Nuggets, and have fostered a positive, selfless team spirit;

Whereas the dedicated fan base of the Denver Nuggets has offered unrelenting, passionate support to the team; and

Whereas, both on and off the court, the Denver Nuggets are a source of immense pride for Colorado and the entire fan base of the Denver Nuggets: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the Denver Nuggets on their championship victory in the 2023 National Basketball Association Finals;

(2) celebrates the selfless teamwork and extraordinary character, pride, determination, and hard-work of the Denver Nuggets; and

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

(A) the owner of the Denver Nuggets, E. Stanley Kroenke;

(B) the Head Coach of the Denver Nuggets, Michael Malone; and

(C) the General Manager of the Denver Nuggets, Calvin Booth.

SENATE RESOLUTION 292—CON- GRATULATING THE FIGHTING IRISH OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME MEN’S LACROSSE TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2023 NA- TIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION DIVISION I MEN’S LACROSSE NATIONAL CHAMPION- SHIP

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

S. RES. 292

Whereas, on May 29, 2023, the University of Notre Dame Men’s Lacrosse Team (referred to in this preamble as the “Fighting Irish”) won the 2023 National Collegiate Athletic Association (referred to in this preamble as the “NCAA”) Division I title with a 13-9 win over the Duke Blue Devils in Philadelphia;

Whereas the victory marked the first national title for the Notre Dame lacrosse program, and the second NCAA title to come to South Bend this year following the fencing team’s third consecutive national championship victory in March;

Whereas head coach Kevin Corrigan has excelled during his 35 seasons with the Fighting Irish, having—

(1) the longest active tenure in men’s lacrosse at the Division I level;

(2) built Notre Dame into one of the premier men’s lacrosse programs in the country since his arrival on campus in 1988; and

(3) coached the Fighting Irish to score a combined 58 goals in the 2023 tournament;

Whereas head coach Kevin Corrigan has been supported by the following assistant

coaches and staff: Ryan Wellner, Chris Wojcik, Ryder Garnsey, Rob Simpson, Joshua Skube, Mandy Merritt, Robby Hamman, Zach Korten, Ron Powlus, Tayler Davis, and Marshall Terres;

Whereas the full roster of the 2023 national championship Fighting Irish team comprises the following players: Jeffery Ricciardelli, Thomas Ricciardelli, Fulton Bayman, Jack Simmons, Colin Hagstrom, Bryce Walker, Fisher Finley, Chris Fake, Eric Dobson, Emmett Barger, Maximus Schalit, Ronan Doherty, Brian Tevlin, Jake Taylor, Kevin Lynch, Quinn McCahon, Maxim Manyak, Reilly Gray, Michael Lynch, Christian Alacqua, Chris Conlin, Carter Parlette, Will Lynch, Max Busenkell, Ben Ramsey, Will Maheras, Jalen Seymour, Ross Burgmaster, Casey Doyle, Will Angrick, Marco Napolitano, Griffin Westlin, Ridge Johnson, Sam Assaf, Jack Conroy, Jake Sommer, Jeremy Hopsicker, Thomas Porell, Declan Cooke, Mick Lee, Christian Gallaher, Michael Ridgway, Liam Entenmann, Ryan Sforzo, Jose Boyer, Will Gallagher, Jonathan Ford, Chris Kavanagh, Pat Kavanagh, Alex Zepf, Mason Wordelman, Pat Eilers, Nick Harris, Will Donovan, Conrad Delgado, Griffin Grant, and Logan Gutzwiller;

Whereas senior goalie Liam Entenmann was named the Most Outstanding Player of the 2023 NCAA Championships, having finished with a season-high of 18 saves while allowing just 9 goals to propel the Fighting Irish to the championship;

Whereas Jake Taylor, Chris Kavanagh, Eric Dobson, Quinn McCahon, Jeffery Ricciardelli, and Brian Tevlin each scored twice and Jack Simmons added a goal and 2 assists; and

Whereas the tradition of the Fighting Irish of excelling in both athletics and academics continues to advance the sport of men's lacrosse and provide inspiration for future generations of young athletes: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the University of Notre Dame men's lacrosse team for its victory in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (referred to in this resolving clause as the "NCAA") tournament claiming the 2023 NCAA Division I title; and

(2) recognizes the dedication, perseverance, and hard work of the players, coaches, students, alumni, administration, and support staff that directly contributed to the victory of the University of Notre Dame in the NCAA men's lacrosse championship.

SENATE RESOLUTION 293—DESIGNATING JUNE 12, 2023, AS "WOMEN VETERANS APPRECIATION DAY"

Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. BRAUN, and Mr. BOOZMAN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 293

Whereas, throughout every period of the history of the United States, women have proudly served the United States to secure and preserve freedom and liberty for—

- (1) the people of the United States; and
- (2) the allies of the United States;

Whereas women have formally been a part of the Armed Forces since the establishment of the Army Nurse Corps in 1901 but have informally served since the inception of the United States military;

Whereas 2023 marks the 75th anniversary of the signing of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act of 1948 (62 Stat. 356, chapter 449), legally allowing women to serve in all 4 branches of the military;

Whereas more than 3,000,000 women have served the United States honorably and with valor on land, on sea, in the air, and in space, including—

(1) as "Molly Pitchers" during the American Revolution, providing support to the Continental Army and taking their place on the artillery gun lines as soldiers fell;

(2) by passing as men to serve as soldiers during the Revolutionary War, the Early Republic, and the Civil War;

(3) as doctors, nurses, ambulance drivers, and Signal Corps telephone operator "Hello Girls" during World War I;

(4) during World War II—

(A) as members of the Women's Army Corps (commonly known as "WACs");

(B) as Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (commonly known as "WAVES");

(C) as members of the Coast Guard Women's Reserve (commonly known as "SPARS");

(D) as Women Airforce Service Pilots (commonly known as "WASPs"); and

(E) as nurses;

(5) as permanent members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force, serving as nurses, physicians, physical therapists, air traffic controllers, intelligence specialists, communications specialists, logisticians, and clerks during the Korean War and Vietnam War; and

(6) as fixed and rotary wing combat pilots, surface warfare sailors, submariners, artillerymen, air defenders, engineers, military police, intelligence specialists, civil affairs specialists, logisticians, and, most recently, in all combat roles in the Persian Gulf, Iraq, and Afghanistan;

Whereas, as of 2021, women constituted approximately 17 percent of Armed Forces personnel on active duty, including—

(1) 21 percent of active duty personnel in the Air Force;

(2) 21 percent of active duty personnel in the Navy;

(3) 16 percent of active duty personnel in the Army;

(4) 9 percent of active duty personnel in the Marine Corps;

(5) 15 percent of active duty personnel in the Coast Guard; and

(6) 20 percent of active duty personnel in the Space Force;

Whereas, as of 2021, women constituted more than 21 percent of personnel in the National Guard and Reserves;

Whereas women were critical to COVID-19 relief, including as part of the personnel in the National Guard and Reserves activated to support COVID-19 response efforts;

Whereas women have been critical to responding to the unjustified invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation, including as members of the National Guard and as active duty personnel in the Armed Forces who have been deployed to contribute to foreign assistance efforts;

Whereas 13 members of the Armed Forces, including 2 women, were killed during Operation Allies Refuge, in which more than 120,000 people were evacuated in the largest civilian airlift in the history of the United States;

Whereas, in 2023—

(1) the population of women veterans is more than 2,066,000, which represents a significant increase from 713,000 women veterans in 1980; and

(2) women veterans constitute approximately 11 percent of the total veteran population;

Whereas women are the fastest growing group in the veteran population;

Whereas an estimated 1 in 3 women veterans who are enrolled in the healthcare system of the Department of Veterans Affairs

report having experienced military sexual trauma (MST) during their military service;

Whereas the United States is proud of, and appreciates, the service of all women veterans, who have demonstrated great skill, sacrifice, and commitment to defending the principles upon which the United States was founded and which the United States continues to uphold;

Whereas women veterans have unique stories and should be encouraged to share their recollections through the Veterans History Project, a part of the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress, which has worked since 2000 to collect and share the personal accounts of wartime veterans in the United States; and

Whereas, by designating June 12, 2023, as "Women Veterans Appreciation Day", the Senate can—

(1) highlight the growing presence of women in the Armed Forces and the National Guard; and

(2) pay respect to women veterans for their patriotic military service: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate designates June 12, 2023, as "Women Veterans Appreciation Day" to recognize the service and sacrifices of women veterans who have served valiantly on behalf of the United States.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 12—RECOGNIZING THE NEED FOR A SUSTAINABLE, ECONOMICALLY VIABLE, AND FAIR DEBT RESTRUCTURING PLAN FOR THE PUERTO RICO ELECTRIC POWER AUTHORITY

Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Ms. WARREN) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

S. CON. RES. 12

Whereas the electrical system of Puerto Rico has been fragile and suffered from a lack of investment for years, since well before Hurricane Maria destroyed the system in 2017;

Whereas, despite local and Federal efforts to rebuild the electrical grid of Puerto Rico, that electrical grid remains extremely fragile and vulnerable;

Whereas, in September 2022, category-1 Hurricane Fiona triggered an island-wide blackout for 1,500,000 customers;

Whereas the population of Puerto Rico, the median household income of which is less than ½ of that of the population of the poorest State, pays among the highest electric rates in the United States;

Whereas the transition to renewable energy is key to reducing electric rates in Puerto Rico by eliminating dependence on imported, price-volatile fossil fuels, which constitute up to 60 percent of the budget of the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (referred to in this preamble as the "PREPA"), but currently only 3 percent of the energy on the island of Puerto Rico comes from clean sources;

Whereas, between 1974 and 2016, the PREPA made numerous bond issuances pursuant to the Trust Agreement between the Puerto Rico Water Resources Authority and First National City Bank dated January 1, 1974, reaching \$8,300,000,000 in outstanding bond debt;

Whereas the PREPA is considered to have the largest debt of all public entities in Puerto Rico;

Whereas the retirement system of the PREPA warned that, by April 2023, it would