

nursing, allied health, construction, information technology, energy sustainability, and many other career fields that are vital in keeping the United States competitive in the global economy;

Whereas CTE helps the United States meet the very real and immediate challenges of economic development, student achievement, and global competitiveness;

Whereas, in the United States, more than ½ of all jobs require some level of postsecondary education, but less than a bachelor's degree;

Whereas nearly 12,000,000 students are enrolled in CTE across the United States at the secondary and postsecondary levels, with CTE programs in thousands of comprehensive high schools, area technical centers, and career academies and in nearly 1,000 2-year colleges;

Whereas CTE matches employability skills with workforce demand and provides relevant academic and technical coursework leading to credentials of value for secondary, postsecondary, and adult learners;

Whereas CTE affords students the opportunity to cultivate the knowledge and skills to earn the credentials needed to secure careers in growing, high-demand fields;

Whereas secondary CTE is associated with a lower probability of dropping out of high school and a higher likelihood of graduating on time;

Whereas, according to an American Federation of Teachers poll, 94 percent of parents approve of expanding access to CTE and other programs that prepare students for jobs;

Whereas students at schools with highly-integrated, rigorous academic and CTE programs are significantly more likely to meet college and career readiness benchmarks than students at schools with less integrated programs;

Whereas, in 2018, Congress affirmed the importance of CTE by passing the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Public Law 115-224; 132 Stat. 1563), which supports investment and program improvement in secondary and postsecondary CTE programs in all 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, and outlying areas; and

Whereas February 23, 2023, marks the 106th anniversary of the signing of the Act of February 23, 1917 (39 Stat. 929, commonly known as the "Smith-Hughes Vocational Education Act of 1917"), which was the first major Federal investment in secondary CTE and laid the foundation for the bipartisan, bicameral support for CTE that continues as of February 2023: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) supports the designation of February 2023 as "Career and Technical Education Month" to celebrate career and technical education across the United States;

(2) supports the goals and ideals of Career and Technical Education Month;

(3) recognizes the importance of career and technical education in preparing a well-educated and skilled workforce in the United States; and

(4) encourages educators, school counselors, guidance and career development professionals, administrators, and parents to promote career and technical education as a respected educational pathway for students.

SENATE RESOLUTION 68—DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 11 THROUGH FEBRUARY 18, 2023, AS "NATIONAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK" TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF ENTREPRENEURS AND STARTUPS TO THE ECONOMIC PROSPERITY OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE WELL-BEING OF EVERY COMMUNITY ACROSS THE UNITED STATES

Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 68

Whereas National Entrepreneurship Week is a congressionally chartered event taking place annually during the third week of February for the purpose of democratizing and promoting entrepreneurship across the United States through education, connection, and collaboration;

Whereas the United States is the most entrepreneurial country in the world and the entrepreneurial spirit woven into the national consciousness is central to the identity of the United States;

Whereas that entrepreneurial spirit and the countless new businesses it has spawned have built the most innovative and productive economy in the history of the world;

Whereas the United States is a nation of entrepreneurs, with new and small businesses comprising 99 percent of all businesses in the United States and employing nearly half of all workers in the United States;

Whereas, given the importance of entrepreneurship to innovation, productivity gains, job creation, and expanding opportunity, a thriving entrepreneurial spirit is critical to economic growth in the United States;

Whereas National Entrepreneurship Week celebrates the initiative, drive, creativity, and commitment embodied in the entrepreneurial spirit of the United States;

Whereas National Entrepreneurship Week inspires students and the next generation of entrepreneurs by encouraging educators in grade schools, colleges, and universities across the United States to integrate entrepreneurship education into the classroom; and

Whereas research has demonstrated that students who participate in entrepreneurship education programs have better attendance records, perform better in core subjects, and have lower drop-out rates than students who do not participate in such programs: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week of February 11 through February 18, 2023, as "National Entrepreneurship Week";

(2) celebrates the importance of entrepreneurs and startups to the economy of the United States;

(3) recognizes the contributions entrepreneurs make to expand opportunity, provide more inclusive prosperity, and increase the well-being of every community across the United States;

(4) affirms the importance and urgency of enacting policies that promote, nurture, and support entrepreneurs and startups; and

(5) encourages Federal, State, and local governments, schools, nonprofit organizations, and other civic organizations to observe National Entrepreneurship Week annually with special events and activities—

(A) to recognize the contributions of entrepreneurs in the United States;

(B) to teach the importance of entrepreneurship to a strong and inclusive economy; and

(C) to take steps to encourage, support, and celebrate future entrepreneurs.

SENATE RESOLUTION 69—EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF FEBRUARY 18 THROUGH FEBRUARY 25, 2023, AS "NATIONAL FFA WEEK", RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF THE NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION IN DEVELOPING THE NEXT GENERATION OF GLOBALLY CONSCIOUS LEADERS WHO WILL CHANGE THE WORLD AND IN CELEBRATION OF THE 95TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION

Mr. YOUNG (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mr. BOOZMAN, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BRAUN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. ERNST, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HAGERTY, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LUJÁN, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. OSSOFF, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROMNEY, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Ms. SINEMA, Ms. SMITH, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. COTTON, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. VANCE, Mr. WELCH, and Mr. KELLY) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 69

Whereas the National FFA Organization (referred to in this preamble as the "FFA") was established in 1928;

Whereas the mission of the FFA is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education;

Whereas the FFA has more than 850,000 members in 8,995 chapters in all 50 States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, and Washington, D.C.;

Whereas the FFA welcomes all students;

Whereas more than 13,000 FFA advisors and agricultural education teachers deliver an integrated model of agricultural education, providing students with an innovative and cutting-edge education;

Whereas the FFA facilitates formative experiences, altering the course of the lives of students for the better;

Whereas FFA members develop the necessary career-readiness skills to continue their education in college or to enter the workforce immediately;

Whereas the FFA prepares members to be globally conscious citizens of their communities, their States, their country, and the world;

Whereas the FFA provides opportunities to demonstrate literacy, advocacy, and technical skills in agriculture, food, and natural resources;

Whereas the origin of the blue FFA jacket dates back to 1933, when it was created by the Universal Uniform Company in Fredericktown, Ohio;

Whereas the FFA jacket debuted at the 1933 National FFA Convention and was so popular that the official delegates of the convention made the jacket part of the official FFA attire;

Whereas the 1,000,000th FFA jacket was sold in 1964, and by 1976, 2,000,000 FFA jackets had been sold;

Whereas 80,000 FFA jackets are sold annually; and

Whereas members of the FFA will celebrate "National FFA Week" during the week of February 18 through February 25, 2023: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) supports the designation of February 18 through February 25, 2023, as "National FFA Week";

(2) recognizes the important role of the National FFA Organization in developing the next generation of globally conscious leaders who will change the world; and

(3) celebrates the 95th anniversary of the National FFA Organization.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 70—EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF FEBRUARY 1, 2023, AS "GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER DAY"

Ms. ERNST (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mrs. BRITT, and Mr. WARNOCK) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

##### S. RES. 70

Whereas George Washington Carver was one of the greatest agricultural scientists and humanitarians in the United States in the 20th century;

Whereas George Washington Carver was born enslaved in Missouri circa 1864 and eventually pursued higher education at Simpson College in Iowa;

Whereas George Washington Carver was the first Black student and first Black faculty member at Iowa State University and later earned international renown at Tuskegee University in Alabama where he served as a faculty member for more than 45 years and as Agricultural Director;

Whereas George Washington Carver gained an international reputation for his research, teaching, and outreach and created hundreds of agricultural products, including new varieties of peanuts, soybeans, sweet potatoes, and other crops; and

Whereas the humanitarian efforts of George Washington Carver changed the lives of countless farmers and families in poverty: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate supports the designation of February 1, 2023, as "George Washington Carver Day" to celebrate and commemorate the enduring legacy and contributions of George Washington Carver to the United States.

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. PADILLA. Madam President, I have eight 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 au-

thorized to meet during today session of the Senate:

##### COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, 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 Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

##### COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

##### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 10:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing on a nomination.

##### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 10:30 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 Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 12 p.m.

##### COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a business meeting.

##### COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

#### EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY'S ESPIONAGE MISSION TO SEND A SURVEILLANCE BALLOON ACROSS THE UNITED STATES, IN VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, IS UNACCEPTABLE AND SHOULD BE CONDEMNED

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be discharged from further consideration and that the Senate now proceed to S. Res. 49.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 49) expressing the sense of the Senate that the Chinese Com-

munist Party's espionage mission to send a surveillance balloon across the United States, in violation of international law, is unacceptable and should be condemned.

There being no objection, the committee was discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Ms. CANTWELL. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 49) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in the RECORD of February 9, 2023, under "Submitted Resolutions.")

#### CONDEMNING THE USE BY THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA OF A HIGH-ALTITUDE SURVEILLANCE BALLOON OVER THE TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATES AS A BRAZEN VIOLATION OF UNITED STATES SOVEREIGNTY

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 66, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 66) condemning the use by the People's Republic of China of a high-altitude surveillance balloon over the territory of the United States as a brazen violation of United States sovereignty.

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

Ms. CANTWELL. I ask unanimous consent that 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 PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 66) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

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

#### RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following Senate resolutions introduced earlier today: S. Res. 67, S. Res. 68, S. Res. 69, and S. Res. 70.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions en bloc.

Ms. CANTWELL. I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be agreed to, the preambles be agreed to, and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, all en bloc.

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