

ROSEN) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) were added as cosponsors of S. 2757, a bill to limit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from modifying the rate of payment or reimbursement for transportation of veterans or other individuals via special modes of transportation under the laws administered by the Secretary, and for other purposes.

S. 2791

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) and the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) were added as cosponsors of S. 2791, a bill to amend title 14, United States Code, to make appropriations for Coast Guard pay in the event an appropriations Act expires before the enactment of a new appropriations Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2801

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2801, a bill to improve the reproductive assistance provided by the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs to certain members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and their spouses or partners, and for other purposes.

S. 2806

At the request of Mr. BRAUN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2806, a bill to repeal certain provisions relating to taxpayer subsidies for home electrification, and for other purposes.

S. 2807

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2807, a bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish and carry out a grant program to conserve, restore, and manage kelp forest ecosystems, and for other purposes.

S. 2817

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2817, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to prohibit employers from paying employees in the garment industry by piece rate, to require manufacturers and contractors in the garment industry to register with the Department of Labor, and for other purposes.

S. 2820

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2820, a bill to amend the Antiquities Act to increase congressional oversight with respect to the designation of national monuments, and for other purposes.

S. 2824

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2824, a bill to secure the borders of the United States, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 32

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr.

ROMNEY) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 32, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to "Small Business Lending Under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (Regulation B)".

S.J. RES. 43

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. SCHMITT) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 43, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to "Improving Income Driven Repayment for the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program and the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program".

S. CON. RES. 2

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 2, a concurrent resolution commending the bravery, courage, and resolve of the women and men of Iran demonstrating in more than 133 cities and risking their safety to speak out against the Iranian regime's human rights abuses.

S. RES. 319

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 319, a resolution declaring racism a public health crisis.

AMENDMENT NO. 1120

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1120 intended to be proposed to H.R. 4366, a bill making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1129

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1129 intended to be proposed to H.R. 4366, a bill making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1191

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1191 intended to be proposed to H.R. 4366, a bill making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1192

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from New York

(Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1192 intended to be proposed to H.R. 4366, a bill making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1210

At the request of Mr. VANCE, the names of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN), the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. RICKETTS), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN), the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1210 intended to be proposed to H.R. 4366, a bill making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 346—HONORING THE THAI-AMERICAN GARMENT WORKERS WHO OPENED THE COUNTRY'S EYES TO SWEATSHOP CONDITIONS IN THE UNITED STATES AND, AGAINST ALL ODDS, EXPANDED RIGHTS FOR IMMIGRANT WORKERS AND SURVIVORS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING WHILE HOLDING CORPORATIONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONDITIONS IN WHICH THEIR CLOTHES ARE MADE

Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself, Mr. PADILLA, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

S. RES. 346

Whereas Thai garment workers were forced to work behind barbed wire and under armed guard in an apartment complex in El Monte, California, sewing garments for 16 to 18 hours a day, 7 days a week under the threat of harm to themselves and their families in Thailand;

Whereas the workers were trafficked into the United States, held against their will, had their passports taken from them, and were denied contact with the outside world until August 2, 1995, when a multiagency law enforcement raid exposed their conditions of involuntary servitude;

Whereas the workers were threatened with deportation until community advocates intervened and helped the workers find freedom, shelter, new jobs, and the chance to rebuild their lives in the United States;

Whereas the workers filed a landmark lawsuit against their captors and against the companies they were sewing for, which was the first Federal lawsuit of its kind, transformed the garment industry, and launched anti-sweatshop legislation and campaigns across the country and around the world that reverberate to this day;

Whereas advocates fought for the workers to stay in the United States and pioneered the use of S visas, in partnership with Federal prosecutors, which led to the creation of T and U visas to protect workers who serve as material witnesses to come forward and report abuse and exploitation without fear of immigration-based retaliation;

Whereas the workers have inspired countless individuals, and their story has been documented in books, an animated short, museums, including the National Museum of American History, and is taught in high school, college, and law school curricula;

Whereas the workers freed from the El Monte sweatshop went on to contribute in invaluable ways to the United States as activists, spokespersons, small business owners, health care professionals, service providers, and more; and

Whereas the workers are now inducted into the United States Department of Labor's Hall of Honor, taking their rightful place in the labor history of the United States for their courage, resilience, and groundbreaking efforts: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) honors the Thai garment workers freed from the El Monte sweatshop for their courage, persistence, and resilience;

(2) recognizes the many legal, cultural, and policy changes that have resulted from the El Monte sweatshop case;

(3) recognizes the individuals that continue to fight against forced labor and human trafficking, for corporate accountability, and for an end to exploitative working conditions; and

(4) respectfully requests that the Secretary of the Senate transmit—

(A) an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Director of the National Museum of American History; and

(B) 5 copies of this resolution to the Secretary of Labor.

SENATE RESOLUTION 347—DESIGNATING THE WEEK BEGINNING ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2023, AS “NATIONAL HISPANIC-SERVING INSTITUTIONS WEEK.”

Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. KAINE, Mr. CASEY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. CORTEZ, Mr. MASTO, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KELLY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. REED, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BROWN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. CRUZ, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. LANKFORD) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 347

Whereas Hispanic-Serving Institutions are degree-granting institutions that have a full-time equivalent undergraduate enrollment of at least 25 percent Hispanic students;

Whereas Hispanic-Serving Institutions play an important role in educating many low-income and underserved students and creating opportunities and increasing access to higher education for such students;

Whereas, in the 2021-2022 academic year, 572 Hispanic-Serving Institutions operated in the United States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, enrolling more than 5,000,000 students;

Whereas Hispanic-Serving Institutions are engines of economic mobility and a major contributor to the economic prosperity of the United States;

Whereas, Hispanic-Serving Institutions represent 19 percent of all institutions of higher education, yet serve 30.5 percent of all undergraduate students and 65.6 percent of all Hispanic undergraduate students;

Whereas Hispanic-Serving Institutions are located in 28 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico;

Whereas the number of Emerging Hispanic-Serving Institutions, defined as institutions that do not yet meet the threshold of 25 percent Hispanic full-time equivalent enrollment but serve a Hispanic student population of between 15 and 24.9 percent, stands at 400 institutions operating in 43 States and the District of Columbia;

Whereas Hispanic-Serving Institutions are actively involved in empowering and improving the communities in which the institutions are located;

Whereas Hispanic-Serving Institutions are leading efforts to increase Hispanic participation in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (commonly known as “STEM”);

Whereas 7 of the top 10 institutions of higher education ranked by the Social Mobility Index were Hispanic-Serving Institutions;

Whereas celebrating the vast contributions of Hispanic-Serving Institutions strengthens the culture of the United States; and

Whereas the achievements and goals of Hispanic-Serving Institutions deserve national recognition: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the achievements and goals of Hispanic-Serving Institutions across the United States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico;

(2) designates the week beginning on September 11, 2023, as “National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week”; and

(3) calls on the people of the United States and interested groups to observe the week with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs to demonstrate support for Hispanic-Serving Institutions in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month.

SENATE RESOLUTION 348—DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2023, AS “GOLD STAR FAMILIES REMEMBRANCE WEEK”

Mrs. HYDE-SMITH (for herself and Mr. WARNOCK) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 348

Whereas the last Sunday in September—

(1) is designated as “Gold Star Mother’s Day” under section 111 of title 36, United States Code; and

(2) was first designated as “Gold Star Mother’s Day” under the Joint Resolution entitled “Joint Resolution designating the last Sunday in September as ‘Gold Star Mother’s Day’, and for other purposes”, approved June 23, 1936 (49 Stat. 1895);

Whereas there is no date dedicated to families affected by the loss of a loved one who died in service to the United States;

Whereas a gold star symbolizes a family member who died in the line of duty while serving in the Armed Forces;

Whereas the members and veterans of the Armed Forces, through their service, bear the burden of protecting the freedom of the people of the United States;

Whereas the selfless example of the service of the members and veterans of the Armed Forces, as well as the sacrifices made by the

families of those individuals, inspires all individuals in the United States to sacrifice and work diligently for the good of the United States; and

Whereas the sacrifices of the families of the fallen members of the Armed Forces and the families of veterans of the Armed Forces should never be forgotten: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week of September 24 through September 30, 2023, as “Gold Star Families Remembrance Week”;;

(2) honors and recognizes the sacrifices made by—

(A) the families of members of the Armed Forces who made the ultimate sacrifice in order to defend freedom and protect the United States; and

(B) the families of veterans of the Armed Forces; and

(3) encourages the people of the United States to observe Gold Star Families Remembrance Week by—

(A) performing acts of service and good will in their communities; and

(B) celebrating families in which loved ones made the ultimate sacrifice so that others could continue to enjoy life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1227. Mr. LUJÁN (for himself and Mr. HEINRICH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1092 proposed by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) to the bill H.R. 4366, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1228. Mr. PADILLA submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1092 proposed by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) to the bill H.R. 4366, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1229. Ms. ROSEN (for herself, Mr. MORAN, and Ms. MURKOWSKI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1092 proposed by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) to the bill H.R. 4366, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1230. Mr. SCHUMER proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 4366, supra.

SA 1231. Mr. PADILLA submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1092 proposed by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) to the bill H.R. 4366, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1232. Mr. LANKFORD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1092 proposed by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) to the bill H.R. 4366, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1233. Mrs. BLACKBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1092 proposed by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) to the bill H.R. 4366, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1234. Mrs. BLACKBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1092 proposed by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) to the bill H.R. 4366, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1235. Mr. WARNOCK submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4366, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.