

and against youth increasingly threatens the physical and psychological well-being of the people of the United States;

Whereas, more than ever, children need strong and constructive guidance from their families and their communities, including from schools, youth organizations, religious institutions, and civic groups;

Whereas the character of a nation is only as strong as the character of its individual citizens;

Whereas the public good is advanced when young individuals are taught the importance of good character and the positive effects that good character can have in personal relationships, in school, and in the workplace;

Whereas scholars and educators agree that individuals do not automatically develop good character and that, therefore, institutions and individuals that influence youth must make conscientious efforts to help young individuals develop the essential traits and characteristics that comprise good character;

Whereas, although character development is, first and foremost, an obligation of families, the efforts of faith communities, schools, and youth, civic, and human service organizations also play an important role in fostering and promoting good character;

Whereas Congress encourages students, teachers, parents, youth, and community leaders to recognize the importance of character education in preparing young individuals to play a role in determining the future of the United States;

Whereas effective character education is based on core ethical values, which form the foundation of a democratic society;

Whereas examples of character are trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, citizenship, and honesty;

Whereas elements of character transcend cultural, religious, and socioeconomic differences;

Whereas the character and conduct of youth reflect the character and conduct of society, and, therefore, every adult has the responsibility to teach and model ethical values and every social institution has the responsibility to promote the development of good character;

Whereas Congress encourages individuals and organizations, especially those that have an interest in the education and training of the young individuals in the United States, to adopt the elements of character as intrinsic to the well-being of individuals, communities, and society;

Whereas many schools in the United States recognize the need, and have taken steps, to integrate the values of their communities into teaching activities; and

Whereas the establishment of "National Character Counts Week", during which individuals, families, schools, youth organizations, religious institutions, civic groups, and other organizations focus on character education, is of great benefit to the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week beginning October 15, 2023, as "National Character Counts Week"; and

(2) calls upon the people of the United States and interested groups—

(A) to embrace the elements of character identified by local schools and communities, such as trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship; and

(B) to observe National Character Counts Week with appropriate ceremonies, programs, and activities.

SENATE RESOLUTION 392—RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE FIRST RESPONDERS AND THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE MAUI WILDFIRES IN AUGUST 2023 THAT AFFECTED THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE

Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Mr. SCHATZ) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 392

Whereas, on August 8, 2023, a series of wildfires, fueled by abnormally strong winds from Hurricane Dora and a high-pressure system in the North Pacific Ocean, broke out on the Island of Maui;

Whereas almost 7,000 acres of land in the Lahaina area in West Maui and the Olinda, Kula, and Pulehu-Kihei areas of Upcountry Maui burned as a result of the wildfires;

Whereas, as of August 2023, the wildfire that occurred in the historic town of Lahaina in West Maui is the deadliest wildfire to have occurred in the United States in more than a century and 1 of the worst natural disasters in the history of Hawaii;

Whereas, as of September 15, 2023, 97 fatalities from the wildfires have been confirmed, and as of September 22, 2023, 22 people remain officially unaccounted for;

Whereas more than 7,000 people have been displaced by the wildfires;

Whereas approximately 2,200 structures have been damaged or destroyed by the wildfires;

Whereas more than 1,900 homes burned down by the wildfires;

Whereas brave people raced into the wildfires to save their community while their own homes burned to the ground;

Whereas nearly 1,000 businesses were destroyed by the wildfires;

Whereas 4 schools were impacted by the wildfires, 1 of which, King Kamehameha III Elementary School, was damaged beyond repair, displacing hundreds of staff members and thousands of students;

Whereas it is estimated that billions of dollars will be necessary to repair the damaged areas in West Maui;

Whereas Lahaina was the one-time capital of the Kingdom of Hawaii and still has great cultural and historical significance, particularly to the Native Hawaiian community;

Whereas additional Federal, State, and local emergency personnel, including law enforcement and medical personnel, coordinated with local authorities and have performed beyond the call of duty in the preservation and protection of human lives;

Whereas hundreds of volunteers gave their time to help ensure that evacuees were sheltered, clothed, fed, and emotionally comforted through the traumatic event; and

Whereas people across the United States and around the world responded with an outpouring of support for the people of Maui: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) honors the people who lost their lives in the deadly wildfires on Maui;

(2) recognizes the efforts and sacrifices of the first responders who risked their lives to respond to the wildfires;

(3) honors the bravery and heroism of the people who have provided assistance and continue to respond to the wildfires;

(4) expresses full support for the communities of West and Upcountry Maui, as those communities focus on recovering and rebuilding areas and communities affected by wildfires;

(5) urges the people and communities of Hawaii and the United States to act dili-

gently in preventing and preparing for wildfires; and

(6) encourages the people of the United States to keep in their thoughts the individuals who have suffered as a result of the wildfires.

SENATE RESOLUTION 393—TO HONOR THE LIFE AND DEATH OF DUNCAN McLAUCHLIN ("LAUCH") FAIRCLOTH, FORMER SENATOR FOR THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

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

S. RES. 393

Whereas Duncan McLauchlin Faircloth (referred to in this preamble as "Lauch Faircloth") was born in Sampson County, North Carolina, on January 14, 1928;

Whereas, growing up in a farming family, Lauch Faircloth learned the art and business of farming from his earliest years and eventually owned and operated the farm his family owned;

Whereas Lauch Faircloth quickly established himself as a successful businessman, owning and operating enterprises that included farming, construction, real estate, and automobile dealerships;

Whereas, in his storied public career, Lauch Faircloth served as chairman of the North Carolina Highway Commission, where he oversaw and implemented the establishment of the modern highway system in North Carolina;

Whereas, from 1977 to 1983, Lauch Faircloth served as the Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Commerce, leading efforts to establish North Carolina as a leader in growth and economic development;

Whereas Lauch Faircloth ran in the 1984 election for Governor of North Carolina and survived a plane crash while campaigning for office;

Whereas, on January 3, 1993, Lauch Faircloth was sworn into the Senate, where he served until January 3, 1999;

Whereas Lauch Faircloth was a passionate advocate in the Senate for free enterprise, and championed welfare reforms to get Americans back to work;

Whereas Lauch Faircloth served as Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, where he helped to save the capital of the United States from bankruptcy and financial ruin; and

Whereas, after his service in the Senate, Lauch Faircloth returned to his home in Clinton, North Carolina, to resume management of his many businesses: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That—

(1) the Senate—

(A) has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of Duncan McLauchlin Faircloth (referred to in this resolution as "Lauch Faircloth"), former Member of the Senate; and

(B) respectfully requests that the Secretary of the Senate communicate this resolution to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of Lauch Faircloth; and

(2) when the Senate adjourns today, it stands adjourned as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Lauch Faircloth, former Senator for the State of North Carolina.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1339. Mr. SCHUMER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3935, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize and improve the Federal Aviation Administration and other civil aviation programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1340. Mr. SCHUMER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1292 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Mrs. MURRAY) to the bill H.R. 3935, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1341. Mr. SCHUMER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1292 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Mrs. MURRAY) to the bill H.R. 3935, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1342. Mr. LANKFORD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1292 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Mrs. MURRAY) to the bill H.R. 3935, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1343. Mr. LANKFORD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1293 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER to the amendment SA 1292 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Mrs. MURRAY) to the bill H.R. 3935, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1344. Mr. HAGERTY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1293 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER to the amendment SA 1292 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Mrs. MURRAY) to the bill H.R. 3935, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1345. Ms. CANTWELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1292 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Mrs. MURRAY) to the bill H.R. 3935, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1346. Ms. CANTWELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1333 submitted by Ms. CANTWELL and intended to be proposed to the amendment SA 1292 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Mrs. MURRAY) to the bill H.R. 3935, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 1339. Mr. SCHUMER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3935, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize and improve the Federal Aviation Administration and other civil aviation programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

This Act shall take effect on the date that is 1 day after the date of enactment of this Act.

SA 1340. Mr. SCHUMER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1292 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Mrs. MURRAY) to the bill H.R. 3935, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize and improve the Federal Aviation Administration and other civil aviation programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 24, line 25, strike “10 days” and insert “9 days”.

SA 1341. Mr. SCHUMER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to

amendment SA 1292 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Mrs. MURRAY) to the bill H.R. 3935, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize and improve the Federal Aviation Administration and other civil aviation programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 18, line 8, strike “November 17” and insert “November 16”.

SA 1342. Mr. LANKFORD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1292 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Mrs. MURRAY) to the bill H.R. 3935, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize and improve the Federal Aviation Administration and other civil aviation programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title I of division B, add the following:

SEC. _____. Notwithstanding section 101, section 401(a) of division F of Public Law 117-328 shall be applied by substituting “lease and may not be used to implement standards for screening and adjudicating asylum claims or exceptions to such standards that contravene the standards set forth in the final rule of the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Justice entitled ‘Circumvention of Lawful Pathways’ (88 Fed. Reg. 31314 (May 16, 2023)) until the termination date described in such regulation” for “lease”.

SA 1343. Mr. LANKFORD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1293 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER to the amendment SA 1292 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Mrs. MURRAY) to the bill H.R. 3935, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize and improve the Federal Aviation Administration and other civil aviation programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted:

SEC. _____. Notwithstanding section 101, section 401(a) of division F of Public Law 117-328 shall be applied by substituting “lease and may not be used to implement standards for screening and adjudicating asylum claims or exceptions to such standards that contravene the standards set forth in the final rule of the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Justice entitled ‘Circumvention of Lawful Pathways’ (88 Fed. Reg. 31314 (May 16, 2023)) until the termination date described in such regulation” for “lease”.

SA 1344. Mr. HAGERTY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1293 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER to the amendment SA 1292 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Mrs. MURRAY) to the bill H.R. 3935, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize and improve the Federal Aviation Administration and other civil aviation programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted, insert the following:

SEC. _____. (a) Notwithstanding section 101, the fourth proviso under the heading “U.S. Customs and Border Protection—Operations and Support” in title II of Division F of Public Law 117-328 shall be applied by substituting “\$720,000,000” for “\$800,000,000”. *Provided*, That these funds may not be used for onward destination transportation or service-provider-to-service-provider transportation for aliens convicted of criminal offenses or other immigration violations, unless operationally necessary to facilitate a removal.

(b) Notwithstanding section 101, the matter preceding the first proviso under the heading “U.S. Customs and Border Protection—Operations and Support” in title II of Division F of Public Law 117-328 shall be applied by substituting “\$15,510,694,000” for “\$15,590,694,000”.

(c) Notwithstanding section 101, the amounts made available for “U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement—Operations and Support” in title II of Public Law 117-328 shall be applied by substituting—

- (1) “\$8,476,305,000” for “\$8,396,305,000”; and
- (2) “\$4,261,786,000” for “\$4,181,786,000”.

SA 1345. Ms. CANTWELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1292 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Mrs. MURRAY) to the bill H.R. 3935, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize and improve the Federal Aviation Administration and other civil aviation programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle A of title II of division B, insert the following:

SEC. _____. FEDERAL EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION FOLLOWING AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND EXPIRATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Each employee of the United States Government furloughed as a result of a covered lapse in Airport and Airway Trust Fund expenditure authority shall be paid for the period of the covered lapse, and each excepted employee (as defined in section 1341(c)(1) of title 31, United States Code) who is required to perform work during a covered lapse shall be paid for such work, at the employee's standard rate of pay, at the earliest date possible after the covered lapse ends, regardless of scheduled pay dates, and subject to availability of funds.

(b) USE OF LEAVE.—During a covered lapse in Airport and Airway Trust Fund expenditure authority, each excepted employee who is required to perform work shall be entitled to use leave under any existing authority governing the use of leave by the excepted employee, for which compensation shall be paid at the earliest date possible after the covered lapse, regardless of scheduled pay dates, and subject to the availability of funds.

(c) COVERED LAPSE.—In this section, the term “covered lapse in Airport and Airway Trust Fund expenditure authority” means any lapse in authority to make expenditures from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund that begins on October 1, 2023, and ends on or before the date of enactment of this Act.

SA 1346. Ms. CANTWELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1333 submitted by Ms. CANTWELL and intended to be proposed to the amendment SA 1292 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Mrs. MURRAY) to the bill H.R. 3935, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize and improve the Federal Aviation Administration and other civil