

victims of domestic violence by preventing their abusers from possessing or receiving firearms, and for other purposes.

S. 3348

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3348, a bill to amend the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998 to address harmful algal blooms, and for other purposes.

S. 3358

At the request of Mr. MULLIN, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 3358, a bill to authorize livestock producers and their employees to take black vultures to prevent death, injury, or destruction to livestock, and for other purposes.

S. 3391

At the request of Ms. SMITH, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3391, a bill to require the Postal Service to implement recommendations from the Inspector General of the United States Postal Service for improving identification and notification of undelivered and partially delivered routes, and for other purposes.

S. 3410

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3410, a bill to prohibit the Secretary of Health and Human Services from finalizing a proposed rule regarding minimum staffing for nursing facilities, and to establish an advisory panel on the nursing home workforce.

S.J. RES. 49

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 49, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to a "Standard for Determining Joint Employer Status".

S.J. RES. 50

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 50, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to "Cybersecurity Risk Management, Strategy, Governance, and Incident Disclosure."

S.J. RES. 51

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 51, a joint resolution directing the removal of United States Armed Forces

from hostilities in Syria that have not been authorized by Congress.

S. RES. 113

At the request of Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. RICKETTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 113, a resolution recognizing the need for greater access to rural and agricultural media programming.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. PADILLA (for himself, Mr. TILLIS, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 3444. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to improve the accessibility of 9-8-8, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Mr. PADILLA. Madam President, I rise to introduce the bipartisan Local 9-8-8 Response Act. This legislation would boost our continued efforts to improve access to and accuracy of mental health crisis response through the 9-8-8 Suicide Crisis Lifeline.

In an effort to ensure a quick response by a mental health professional for those in crisis, this legislation requires calls and messages to the lifeline to be routed by the call center geographically nearest to the caller rather than by area code. This eliminates an unnecessary handoff, while still protecting user privacy, so users can receive the care they need as quickly and safely as possible.

This bill also requires carriers to allow calls and texts to the 9-8-8 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline even if the plan is inactive or the carrier is experiencing service interruptions or failures, just as is done currently with 9-1-1 calls. Further, this bill requires multiline systems like hotel and office phones to support the direct dialing of 9-8-8 rather than requiring a caller to dial 9 or another number before dialing 9-8-8.

Significant progress has been made in increasing access to quality mental health care in America. The 9-8-8 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline has been critical for supporting Americans in crisis. However, the current system routes you to a call center based on your area code rather than where you are actually calling from. This is a huge problem if a call center needs to send a mental health response team to help a caller that might be thousands of miles away in another city.

I would like to thank Senator TILLIS for introducing this important legislation with me. I would also like to thank Congressman CARDENAS for leading this legislation in the House of Representatives, and I look forward to working with my colleagues to enact the Local 9-8-8 Response Act as soon as possible.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 491—COMMENDING THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION'S ADOPTION OF REGIONAL PLANS AND ENCOURAGING ALLIES TO ALIGN RESOURCES

Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. COONS, Mr. KING, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. ROUNDS, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. RICKETTS, and Mr. BOOKER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 491

Whereas the 31-member North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is the world's preeminent military alliance, accounting for more than half of global defense expenditure and deploying the world's most advanced military capabilities;

Whereas, at the 2014 NATO Summit in Wales, NATO allies adopted the Wales Defense Investment Pledge, agreeing to halt any decline in defense expenditure and move toward committing a minimum of 2 percent of their GDP on annual defense spending and allocating at least 20 percent of defense budgets on major equipment, including related research and development, within a decade;

Whereas, following the 2014 NATO Summit in Wales, defense spending within the North Atlantic Treaty Organization has increased for nine consecutive years, resulting in additional defense expenditures of approximately \$450,000,000,000 in real terms since 2014;

Whereas, while three members of NATO met the 2 percent of GDP defense spending target in 2014, NATO reports that as of July 2023, 11 allies met the 2 percent target, and all 31 allies met the goal to allocate at least 20 percent of defense expenditure to major new equipment;

Whereas 19 NATO allies have a plan to meet or exceed NATO's 2 percent of GDP defense spending target by 2024, and an additional seven members reportedly have plans in place to meet the target between 2025 and 2030;

Whereas, at the 2023 NATO Summit in Vilnius, allies unanimously adopted new regional defense plans and force structure requirements, which NATO military authorities characterize as the Alliance's most comprehensive since the end of the Cold War;

Whereas NATO allies, in order to resource those plans and requirements, reaffirmed the commitment to invest at least 2 percent of GDP annually on defense, affirming that in many cases, expenditure beyond 2 percent of GDP will be needed in order to remedy existing shortfalls and meet requirements across all domains;

Whereas allies have committed to further enhance NATO's defense and deterrence posture by aligning defense spending increases with NATO's new defense plans and force structure requirements;

Whereas NATO allies have made these additional contributions to collective security despite sharp inflation and record-high energy costs;

Whereas European countries have taken in over 4,000,000 Ukrainian refugees as a direct result of the Russian Federation's unprovoked full-scale invasion of Ukraine, the European Union has designated \$18,000,000,000 in support for refugees, and European NATO members collectively have additionally allocated \$4,600,000,000 to support refugees;

Whereas NATO's defense posture and military capabilities were enhanced with the April 2023 accession of Finland, which exceeds 2 percent of GDP defense spending and possesses one of Europe's largest and most capable armed forces; and

Whereas the ratification of Sweden as the newest member of the NATO alliance would add critical air and maritime capabilities to the collective security of Europe and North America, bring almost the entire Baltic coastline into the alliance, and expand the alliance's expertise in the Arctic and under-sea environments: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the implementation of regional defense plans adopted at the 2023 Vilnius Summit to align forces and resources with NATO's Strategic Concept adopted at the 2022 Madrid Summit;

(2) urges swift implementation and resourcing of these plans in support of the collective defense of Europe and encourages NATO allies to align defense spending and resource allocation in accordance with these plans;

(3) supports the commitment of NATO for members to meet or exceed 2 percent gross domestic product defense spending in support of collective defense of Europe and North America;

(4) commends those allies that have reached the 2 percent gross domestic product defense spending and encourages all members of NATO to maintain progress to meet this commitment;

(5) recommends the next Secretary General of NATO be selected from a member country that has met, or has a robust plan to meet, the 2 percent defense spending commitment;

(6) commends NATO allies for harboring and caring for millions of refugees fleeing Russian President Putin's aggression;

(7) welcomes Finland's accession to the NATO alliance; and

(8) urges Türkiye and Hungary to swiftly ratify Sweden as a full member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

SENATE RESOLUTION 492—HONORING THE LIFE OF THE FIRST LADY ROSALYNN CARTER

Mr. WARNOCK (for himself, Mr. OSSOFF, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BRAUN, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BUDD, Ms. BUTLER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CASSIDY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. ERNST, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HAGERTY, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KELLY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEE, Mr. LUJÁN, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. MULLIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PETERS, Mr. REED, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROMNEY, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr.

SCHATZ, Mr. SCHMITT, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. SINEMA, Ms. SMITH, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. VANCE, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. YOUNG) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 492

Whereas Rosalynn Carter was born Eleanor Rosalynn Smith on August 18, 1927, in Plains, Georgia;

Whereas, as a student, Rosalynn Carter excelled in her academic studies, graduating as valedictorian of her class at Plains High School and from Georgia Southwestern College in 1946;

Whereas Rosalynn Carter married James Earl "Jimmy" Carter Jr. on July 7, 1946;

Whereas Rosalynn Carter was married to President Jimmy Carter for 77 years, and together they had 3 sons, 1 daughter, 12 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren;

Whereas Rosalynn Carter served as First Lady of the State of Georgia from 1971 to 1975 and First Lady of the United States from 1977 to 1981;

Whereas, as First Lady of the United States, Rosalynn Carter served as a committed partner to President Carter throughout his presidency, expanding the role of First Lady, sitting in on cabinet meetings, and representing the Carter administration on foreign trips;

Whereas, as First Lady of the United States, Rosalynn Carter advanced mental health care and services for aging individuals, pushing for the establishment of community mental health centers and becoming the second First Lady to testify before Congress when she advocated for the passage of the Mental Health Systems Act of 1980 (Public Law 96-398);

Whereas Rosalynn Carter and President Carter, after leaving the White House, founded The Carter Center with the mission of resolving conflict, eradicating disease, and promoting democracy worldwide;

Whereas Rosalynn Carter remained devoted to her mental health work, establishing The Carter Center's Mental Health Program to reduce the stigma around mental illness and to improve insurance coverage of mental health care;

Whereas, in 1987, Rosalynn Carter founded the Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregivers, in Americus, Georgia, with the mission of providing training and support for family caregivers, recognizing that everyone will be a caregiver or need a caregiver at some point in their lives;

Whereas Rosalynn Carter and President Carter were enthusiastic volunteers for Habitat for Humanity, working on over 4,000 homes in 14 countries during their 35 years of volunteering;

Whereas Rosalynn Carter and President Carter jointly received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1999, making them one of few married couples to receive the highest civilian honor in the United States; and

Whereas Rosalynn Carter leaves behind an honorable legacy of humanitarian work and wholehearted commitment to her husband, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) mourns the passing of First Lady Rosalynn Carter and extends its sympathies to her husband, President Carter, and her family; and

(2) honors the life of First Lady Rosalynn Carter and her contributions to the United States of America.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1373. Mr. SCHUMER proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2670, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2024 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

SA 1374. Mr. SCHUMER proposed an amendment to amendment SA 1373 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER to the bill H.R. 2670, *supra*.

SA 1375. Mr. CRUZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1371 submitted by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER) and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 815, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements relating to the eligibility of veterans to receive reimbursement for emergency treatment furnished through the Veterans Community Care program, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 1373. Mr. SCHUMER proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2670, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2024 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; as follows:

In the motion, strike "one day" and insert "two days".

SA 1374. Mr. SCHUMER proposed an amendment to amendment SA 1373 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER to the bill H.R. 2670, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2024 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 1, line 1, strike "two days" and insert "three days".

SA 1375. Mr. CRUZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1371 submitted by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER) and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 815, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements relating to the eligibility of veterans to receive reimbursement for emergency treatment furnished through the Veterans Community Care program, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of the bill, add the following:

DIVISION D—SECURING THE BORDER

SEC. 3001. SHORT TITLE.

This division may be cited as the "Secure the Border Act of 2023".

TITLE I—BORDER SECURITY

SEC. 3101. DEFINITIONS.

In this title: