

twice as likely as their White counterparts to report receiving late or no prenatal care;

Whereas pregnant individuals may be at increased risk for severe outcomes associated with COVID-19, as—

(1) pregnant individuals with symptomatic COVID-19 are more likely to be admitted to an intensive care unit, receive invasive ventilation, and receive extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (commonly known as “ECMO”) treatment, compared to nonpregnant individuals with symptomatic COVID-19;

(2) pregnant individuals with symptomatic COVID-19 have a risk of dying that is 7 times higher than nonpregnant individuals with symptomatic COVID-19; and

(3) pregnant individuals with COVID-19 are at risk for pre-term delivery and stillbirth;

Whereas 49 States have designated committees to review maternal deaths;

Whereas State and local maternal mortality review committees are positioned to comprehensively assess maternal deaths and identify opportunities for prevention;

Whereas 49 States and the District of Columbia are participating in the Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health, which promotes consistent and safe maternity care to reduce maternal morbidity and mortality;

Whereas community-based maternal health care models, including midwifery childbirth services, doula support services, community and perinatal health worker services, and group prenatal care, in collaboration with culturally competent physician care, show great promise in improving maternal health outcomes and reducing disparities in maternal health outcomes;

Whereas many organizations have implemented initiatives to educate patients and providers about—

(1) all causes of, contributing factors to, and disparities in maternal mortality;

(2) the prevention of pregnancy-related deaths; and

(3) the importance of listening to and empowering all people to report pregnancy-related medical issues; and

Whereas several States, communities, and organizations recognize January 23 as “Maternal Health Awareness Day” to raise awareness about maternal health and promote maternal safety: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates January 23, 2024, as “Maternal Health Awareness Day”;

(2) supports the goals and ideals of Maternal Health Awareness Day, including—

(A) raising public awareness about maternal mortality, maternal morbidity, and disparities in maternal health outcomes; and

(B) encouraging the Federal Government, States, territories, Tribes, local communities, public health organizations, physicians, health care providers, and others to take action to reduce adverse maternal health outcomes and improve maternal safety;

(3) promotes initiatives—

(A) to address and eliminate disparities in maternal health outcomes; and

(B) to ensure respectful and equitable maternity care practices;

(4) honors those who have passed away as a result of pregnancy-related causes; and

(5) supports and recognizes the need for further investments in efforts to improve maternal health, eliminate disparities in maternal health outcomes, and promote respectful and equitable maternity care practices.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 26—RECOGNIZING AND SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE NEW HEIGHTS BID COMMITTEE TO BRING THE 2027 FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION (FIFA) WOMEN’S WORLD CUP COMPETITION TO THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

Mr. YOUNG (for himself, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mrs. CAPITO, and Ms. CANTWELL) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. CON. RES. 26

Whereas women’s soccer is one of the fastest growing and most popular sports in the world, and the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (referred to in this resolution as “FIFA”) Women’s World Cup competition is the single most important women’s event in that sport;

Whereas the United States has successfully hosted the FIFA Women’s World Cup twice, with the 1999 FIFA Women’s World Cup Final attendance record of 90,185 remaining unbroken today;

Whereas the 1999 FIFA Women’s World Cup competition served as a catalyst for the increased popularity and development of the game throughout the United States, as well as the introduction of the first women’s professional soccer league, the Women’s United Soccer Association;

Whereas the United States Soccer Federation and its counterpart in Mexico have established a New Heights Bid Committee to prepare and submit a joint bid to host the 2027 FIFA Women’s World Cup competition in North America;

Whereas the United States and Mexico share core beliefs in justice, freedom, equality, and opportunity and have a long history of partnership, innovation, and growth together on our shared continent;

Whereas the 2027 FIFA Women’s World Cup will be the tenth edition of the FIFA Women’s World Cup and will include teams from 32 nations and presents an opportunity for the United States and Mexico as host countries to demonstrate the highest achievable standards and serve as a benchmark for future organizers;

Whereas North America is home to one of the most competitive and advanced professional sports landscapes in the world that is continually updating to take advantage of the latest innovations and modernizations;

Whereas numerous cities of the United States have been named by the New Heights Bid Committee as candidates to serve as hosts to FIFA Women’s World Cup matches in 2027, with each of these cities embodying the diversity and enthusiasm shared by the entire Nation and guaranteeing each participating team and its followers a “home team” atmosphere;

Whereas the United States and its neighbor offer FIFA a valuable and receptive market to further develop the sport of soccer, which in turn will have significant impact on and off the field in both the United States and throughout the world;

Whereas the United States possesses all necessary state-of-the-art infrastructure in its stadiums and potential host cities to ensure that the competition hosts a new standard of quality, comfort, security, and safety for players, officials, spectators, media, and sponsors alike;

Whereas hosting the 2027 FIFA Women’s World Cup in the United States and Mexico promises to set attendance and financial

records, allowing revenues and tourism generated by the competition to be used for the further development of soccer and economic growth throughout the United States;

Whereas hosting the 2027 FIFA Women’s World Cup competition in the United States and Mexico would serve as a tremendous impetus for national and international goodwill, as the competition would bring people from many nations, along with a diverse public, together under one banner of peace, friendship, and spirited and fair competition;

Whereas the historical tradition of inclusivity in the United States is shared by Mexico, and the countries are eager to welcome the players, spectators, and visitors who may travel to North America for the 2027 FIFA Women’s World Cup competition;

Whereas the United States Soccer Federation is working with the Mexico Football Association to submit a 2027 Women’s World Cup bid that would raise the expectations for investment of FIFA, commercial partners, and others in order to craft the largest women’s sporting event in the history of the world, demonstrating gender equality with both countries hosting back-to-back Men’s and Women’s World Cups; and

Whereas pursuant to FIFA bidding procedures, the President and certain Federal agencies have been asked to issue guarantees that, upon authorization or appropriation by Congress, would establish the conditions required to help make the 2027 FIFA Women’s World Cup competition the most successful in history: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress—

(1) recognizes and supports the efforts of the New Heights Bid Committee to bring the 2027 FIFA Women’s World Cup competition to the United States and Mexico;

(2) encourages the President and appropriate Federal agencies to support the New Heights Bid Committee in its efforts to meet all requirements for the United States to jointly host with Mexico the 2027 FIFA Women’s World Cup competition; and

(3) stands prepared to give full consideration to legislative proposals or other requests by the President to provide support related to the 2027 FIFA Women’s World Cup competition if the United States and Mexico are selected to host this event.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. MURPHY. Madam President, I have four 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 authorized to meet during today’s session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday,

January 23, 2024, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a closed roundtable.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMERGING THREATS AND
SPENDING OVERSIGHT

The Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Spending Oversight of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at 2:45 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. SCHMITT. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that William Wallace, an intern in my office, be granted floor privileges for the remainder of the Congress.

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

Mr. SCHMITT. By the way, I want to point out that intern, William Wallace, should not be confused with the William Wallace in "Braveheart." Centuries apart, but same fighting spirit, so we are happy to have him.

AMENDING THE HOUSING ACT OF
1949

Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. 3646, introduced earlier today.

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

The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 3646) to amend the Housing Act of 1949 to extend the term of rural housing site loans and clarify the permissible uses of such loans.

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

Mr. MORAN. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The bill (S. 3646) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed as follows:

S. 3646

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS TO PROVIDE SITES FOR RURAL HOUSING FOR LOW- AND MODERATE-INCOME FAMILIES.

Section 524(a)(1) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1490d(a)(1)) is amended—

(1) in the first sentence, by inserting after "development of land" the following: "including for activities necessary for the development of land, such as surveying, architecture, and engineering,"; and

(2) in the second sentence—

(A) by striking "two years" and inserting "five years"; and

(B) by striking "or within such additional period as may be authorized by the Secretary in any case as being necessary to carry out the purposes of this section".

REMEMBERING CECIL O'BRATE

Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, I am here today to pay tribute and to honor and to mourn the passing of an American farmer, a Kansas farmer, an entrepreneur, a businessman, a philanthropist, a good friend, and mentor, Cecil O'Brate.

Cecil was a strong advocate for Kansas and was committed to helping others succeed, and he is worthy of our tribute today and into the future.

Cecil was born in 1928 in Enid, OK, during the Great Depression. He became a Kansan; graduated from Syracuse High School in our State; and before completing college in 1948, he left school to farm 3,000 rented acres in Kansas. Ironically, at the time of his death, he owned and operated tens of thousands of acres of farming land, including the original 3,000 he leased.

Through investments in Southwest Kansas communities and support for various organizations in Kansas and across the country, Cecil O'Brate and his wife Frances have positively transformed countless lives.

He established a business called American Warrior in 1984, which became one of Kansas's largest independent oil and gas producers in our State. And in 2013, Cecil and Frances established the O'Brate Foundation, which awards college scholarships and teaches life skills to students, most of whom grew up in the foster care system or below poverty level. Cecil loved to help other people succeed, particularly young people.

He gave generously to many charities, and I have no doubt that the O'Brate Foundation will continue to provide educational opportunities to Kansans for years to come. I have had the privilege of speaking at the O'Brate Scholars event in Manhattan, KS, and it was moving to see how Cecil's generosity was transforming the future of those young men and women.

Despite achieving great means and influence, he remained dedicated to the Kansas and midwestern values he learned as a young man on the farm fields in Hamilton County. And Cecil conducted himself always with humility and authenticity.

He lived in Garden City for 60 years. To nearly everyone Cecil met, he would share that there is no substitute for an honest day's work, an inquisitive mind, and a desire to always do more. His life was a testament to those principles, and he lived them each day with authenticity and purpose.

In many ways, Cecil O'Brate, his family, his business, exemplify the American dream. A boy who grew up in the Great Depression was successful in business, utilized that success to help other people, and in the process became a friend of President George W. Bush. I call it the American dream. It is what we are here to make sure remains alive and well for our citizens today and the citizens who follow us.

I pay tribute and respect to Cecil O'Brate—all the good work and the

person that he was, the human being that he was.

Robba and I are praying for his wife of 76 years, Frances; his four sons Patrick, Michael, Steve, and Mark; and the entire O'Brate family and the community of Southwest Kansas.

I yield the floor.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader.

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Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Con. Res. 26.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 26) recognizing and supporting the efforts of the New Heights Bid Committee to bring the 2027 Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) Women's World Cup competition to the United States and Mexico.

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

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 26) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

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

NATIONAL STALKING AWARENESS
MONTH

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration and the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 528.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 528) raising awareness and encouraging the prevention of stalking by designating January 2024 as "National Stalking Awareness Month".

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

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to,