

SENATE RESOLUTION 634—RECOGNIZING THE CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE YOUTH AMERICA GRAND PRIX THROUGHOUT ITS 25 YEARS OF SERVICE AS THE NATIONAL YOUTH DANCE COMPETITION OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. BLACKBURN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 634

Whereas the Youth America Grand Prix (YAGP) is recognized as the largest in the world and the first in the United States student ballet scholarship competition;

Whereas YAGP is dedicated to bringing dance to the United States and dance of the United States to the world;

Whereas, over its 25-year history, YAGP has provided scholarship opportunities to ballet students in all 50 States and in more than 40 countries across 5 continents;

Whereas YAGP has provided young dancers from all 50 States the chance to perform professionally in the United States and abroad;

Whereas YAGP regularly conducts competitions, master classes, education events, and performances in over 15 countries;

Whereas YAGP has provided more than 250,000 dance students of all backgrounds with the life-changing opportunity of receiving top-quality dance education, allowing them to pursue a career in dance;

Whereas YAGP has awarded over \$5,000,000 in scholarships to world-renowned dance schools;

Whereas, as a result of YAGP's work to provide a pathway into ballet for individuals from all communities, the representation of dancers of diverse backgrounds in the United States and in international dance schools and companies has increased by 30 percent;

Whereas over 450 YAGP alumni are dancing professionally in 80 companies worldwide, including 60 YAGP alumni currently dancing in American Ballet Theatre, recognized by the Congress as America's National Ballet Company; and

Whereas YAGP has been recognized for its contribution to international dance by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commends the Youth America Grand Prix for over 25 years of service as the national youth dance competition of the United States, during which it has provided world class instruction and performances in all 50 States;

(2) acknowledges that the Youth America Grand Prix also serves as a platform for cross cultural exchanges for ballet students from all 50 States of the United States and students from around the globe;

(3) recognizes that the Youth America Grand Prix's groundbreaking and innovative education, outreach, scholarship, and performance opportunities for talented young dancers help support and develop dance artists in the United States and abroad; and

(4) celebrates Youth America Grand Prix's critical role in ensuring the future of dance in the United States and worldwide by supporting the next generation of talented young dance artists and dance audiences.

SENATE RESOLUTION 635—DESIGNATING THE FIRST WEEK OF APRIL 2024 AS "NATIONAL ASBESTOS AWARENESS WEEK"

Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. DAINES, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr.

BOOKER, Mr. PADILLA, and Mr. MARKEY) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 635

Whereas dangerous asbestos fibers are invisible and cannot be smelled or tasted;

Whereas the inhalation of airborne asbestos fibers can cause significant damage;

Whereas asbestos fibers can cause cancer, such as mesothelioma, asbestosis, and other health problems;

Whereas symptoms of asbestos-related diseases can take between 10 and 50 years to present themselves;

Whereas the projected life expectancy for an individual diagnosed with mesothelioma is between 6 and 24 months;

Whereas little is known about late-stage treatment of asbestos-related diseases, and there is no cure for those diseases;

Whereas early detection of asbestos-related diseases might give some patients increased treatment options and might improve the prognoses of those patients;

Whereas, although the consumption of asbestos within the United States has been substantially reduced, the United States continues to consume tons of the fibrous mineral each year for use in certain products;

Whereas thousands of people in the United States have died from asbestos-related diseases, and thousands more die every year from those diseases;

Whereas, although individuals continue to be exposed to asbestos, safety measures relating to, and the prevention of, asbestos exposure have significantly reduced the incidence of asbestos-related diseases and can further reduce the incidence of those diseases;

Whereas thousands of workers in the United States face significant asbestos exposure, which has been a cause of occupational cancer;

Whereas a significant percentage of all victims of asbestos-related diseases were exposed to asbestos on naval ships and in shipyards;

Whereas asbestos was used in the construction of a significant number of office buildings and public facilities built before 1975;

Whereas people in the small community of Libby, Montana, suffer from asbestos-related diseases, including mesothelioma, at a significantly higher rate than people in the United States as a whole; and

Whereas the designation of a "National Asbestos Awareness Week" for the 19th year will continue to raise public awareness about the prevalence of asbestos-related diseases and the dangers of asbestos exposure: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the first week of April 2024 as "National Asbestos Awareness Week";

(2) urges the Surgeon General to warn and educate people about the public health issue of asbestos exposure, which may be hazardous to their health; and

(3) respectfully requests that the Secretary of the Senate transmit a copy of this resolution to the Office of the Surgeon General.

SENATE RESOLUTION 636—DESIGNATING FEBRUARY 29, 2024, AS "RARE DISEASE DAY"

Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. BARASSO, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. BRAUN, and Mr. SCOTT of Florida) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 636

Whereas a rare disease or disorder is a disease or disorder that affects a small number of patients;

Whereas, in the United States, a rare disease or disorder affects fewer than 200,000 individuals;

Whereas, as of the date of adoption of this resolution, more than 30,000,000 individuals in the United States are living with at least 1 of the more than 7,000 known rare diseases or disorders;

Whereas children with rare diseases or disorders account for a significant portion of the population affected by rare diseases or disorders in the United States;

Whereas many rare diseases and disorders are serious and life-threatening;

Whereas 2024 marks the 41st anniversary of the enactment of the Orphan Drug Act (Public Law 97-414; 96 Stat. 2049), a landmark law enabling tremendous advances in the research and treatment of rare diseases and disorders;

Whereas programs such as the Accelerating Rare Disease Cures Program of the Food and Drug Administration (referred to in this preamble as the "FDA") aim to drive scientific and regulatory innovation and engagement to accelerate the availability of treatments for patients with rare diseases;

Whereas 28 of the 55 novel drugs approved by the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research of the FDA in 2023—

(1) were approved to prevent, diagnose, or treat a rare disease or condition; and

(2) received an orphan-drug designation;

Whereas, although the FDA has approved more than 1,100 drugs and biological products for an orphan indication for the treatment of a rare disease or disorder, approximately 90 percent of rare diseases do not have a treatment approved by the FDA for their condition;

Whereas financing life-altering and life-saving treatments can be challenging for individuals with a rare disease or disorder and their families;

Whereas individuals with rare diseases or disorders can experience difficulty in obtaining accurate diagnoses and finding physicians or treatment centers with expertise in their rare disease or disorder;

Whereas the National Institutes of Health support innovative research on the treatment of rare diseases and disorders;

Whereas Rare Disease Day is observed each year on the last day of February; and

Whereas Rare Disease Day is a global event that was first observed in the United States on February 28, 2009, and was observed in more than 106 countries in 2023: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates February 29, 2024, as "Rare Disease Day"; and

(2) recognizes the importance of, with respect to rare diseases and disorders—

(A) improving awareness;

(B) encouraging accurate and early diagnosis; and

(C) supporting national and global research efforts to develop effective treatments, diagnostics, and cures.

NOTICES OF INTENT TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Mr. LEE. Madam President, I submit the following notice in writing: In accordance with Rule V of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby give notice in writing that it is my intention to move to suspend the following portion of paragraph 1 of Rule XXII: "the motions relating to adjournment, to

take a recess, to proceed to the consideration of executive business, to lay on the table, shall be decided without debate" for the purposes of allowing debate on any motion to table made in relation to the Articles of Impeachment against Alejandro Mayorkas whether or not a full trial takes place.

Mr. SCHMITT. Madam President, I submit the following notice in writing: In accordance with Rule V of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby give notice in writing that it is my intention to move to suspend the following portion of paragraph 1 of Rule XXII: "to lay on the table" for the purposes of preventing the disposition of the Articles of Impeachment against Alejandro Mayorkas without a complete and full trial.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Madam President, I have 12 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 Wednesday, April 10, 2024, 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, April 10, 2024, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on a nomination.

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, April 10, 2024, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 10 a.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, April 10, 2024, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 3:30 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 Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a closed briefing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC POLICY

The Subcommittee on Economic Policy of the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

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 Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 3 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

The Subcommittee on Water and Power of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. SCHATZ. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the following legislative fellows in my office be granted floor privileges for the remainder of this Congress: Nancy Connolly, Nico Fairbairn, Will Poff-Webster, and Ashley Nagel.

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

Mr. RICKETTS. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the following interns from my office be granted floor privileges until April 11, 2024: Reese Clarke, Nathan Muilenburg, and Jack Smith.

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

Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, as a reminder, Senators will gather tomorrow at 10:20 a.m. to proceed as a body to the Hall of the House of Representatives for an address by His Excellency Kishida Fumio, Prime Minister of Japan.

RECESS UNTIL 12:30 P.M. TOMORROW

Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, I move to recess until 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 11, 2024.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 6:43 p.m., recessed until Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 12:30 p.m.

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate April 10, 2024:

THE JUDICIARY

ANN MARIE MCIFF ALLEN, OF UTAH, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF UTAH.