

Americans in the event of an outbreak on United States soil;

Whereas malaria is one of most long-standing and deadliest diseases in Africa, and in 2022, malaria killed an estimated 580,000 children in Africa, 78 percent of whom were children under five;

Whereas Gavi has begun deliveries of new malaria vaccines and will expand the program to dozens of countries as vaccine supply becomes available;

Whereas Gavi recently allocated 18,000,000 doses of the malaria vaccine RTS,S in 2023 and 2024, the World Health Organization estimates that at least 40,000,000 to 60,000,000 doses will be needed annually by 2026 and 80,000,000 to 100,000,000 doses will be needed by 2030;

Whereas Gavi is supporting expanded procurement, access, and implementation of new malaria vaccine programs to help meet rising demand;

Whereas data from malaria vaccine trials indicate that these vaccines can save one life for every 200 children vaccinated, with the potential for significantly impacting public health and saving tens of thousands of lives annually;

Whereas Gavi supports the strengthening of health systems to ensure effective immunization and health services, including through the provision of cold chain equipment that can also be effectively repurposed for emergency response, as was demonstrated during the COVID-19 pandemic;

Whereas, through COVAX, Gavi and global partners delivered nearly 2,000,000,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines to 146 economies, and averted an estimated 2,700,000 deaths in Advance Market Commitment lower-income participating economies;

Whereas Gavi is providing additional vaccine support to address health service interruptions that occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic and contributed to the largest backslide in routine childhood immunization in 30 years, and is also focusing on the 14,000,000 “zero-dose” children in Gavi-supported countries who had not received a single vaccine;

Whereas vaccines programs are widely regarded as high-impact, evidence-based interventions and are among the most efficient, cost-effective, and successful health initiatives in history, returning over \$50 in health and economic savings for every \$1 invested in Gavi-supported countries;

Whereas the prevention of infectious disease through immunization in Gavi-eligible countries provides protection and health security in the United States by reducing the prevalence of infectious diseases and stemming outbreaks at their source;

Whereas United States investment in Gavi complements and enhances the effectiveness of other United States investments in global health, particularly in maternal and child health and nutrition;

Whereas Gavi is committed to working with partners, including United States bilateral programs administrated by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), to ensure children in developing nations have access to lifesaving vaccines and immunizations;

Whereas Gavi's next strategic cycle will cover the strategic period of 2026 to 2030, which will include the expansion of Gavi's malaria program;

Whereas the launches of the Gavi's Investment Opportunity for 2026 through 2030 and AVMA will be held in June 2024 and co-hosted by the Government of France, African Union, and Africa CDC to obtain funding commitments;

Whereas the United States has consistently supported the goal of saving lives by

contributing annually to Gavi to meet its projected replenishment and program goals;

Whereas with this support and support from other donors, Gavi will have contributed \$220,500,000,000 in economic benefits in Gavi countries as of 2022, with each \$1 invested yielding \$54 return on investment; and

Whereas an increased commitment from the United States remains necessary to ensure predictability and stability to the vaccine market, to enable strong global health security efforts, spur confidence in Gavi-eligible countries, and encourage continued innovative vaccine-related approaches: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) affirms the continued support of the United States Government for the purchase of vaccines for low-income countries through Gavi as a cost-effective, efficient means to reduce mortality and as a critical component of meeting the United States goal to end preventable child and maternal deaths;

(2) supports the principles and goals of Gavi to—

(A) introduce and scale up new and routine immunizations in low-income countries;

(B) improve sustainability of immunization programs;

(C) ensure healthy markets for vaccines and related products; and

(D) strengthen health systems to increase equity in immunization;

(3) recognizes that United States Government support for Gavi is a critical component to ensuring health security in the United States;

(4) encourages the continued use of USAID maternal and child health and CDC global immunization resources to strengthen local public health capacity to introduce and sustain new and underutilized vaccines supported by Gavi through routine immunization systems;

(5) recognizes the need for multiyear pledges from the United States to allow Gavi to maximize its impact to provide lifesaving vaccines and to leverage contributions from other countries and donors; and

(6) encourages continued increased commitment and investment by the United States Government to Gavi in the 2026 to 2030 strategic period in order to ensure that lives are protected and saved through access to vaccines and immunizations.

SENATE RESOLUTION 685—WELCOMING PRESIDENT SANTIAGO PENA OF PARAGUAY AND COMMEMORATING THE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF PARAGUAY AND THE UNITED STATES

Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. KAINE, Mr. CASSIDY, and Mr. MERKLEY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 685

Whereas 2024 marks 163 years of official bilateral relations between the United States and the Republic of Paraguay;

Whereas the shared values of democracy and the rule of law have always underpinned the bilateral relationship starting with the Treaty of Friendship, Commerce, and Navigation of 1859, done at Washington March 12, 1860;

Whereas the United States and Paraguay have enjoyed an especially strong partnership since Paraguay's transition to a democratically elected civilian government in 1989;

Whereas the United States and Paraguay have enjoyed bilateral economic cooperation, especially under the United States-Paraguay Trade and Investment Framework Agreement, done at Washington January 13, 2017;

Whereas the Parana River accounts for 80 percent of Paraguay's trade and is a lifeline to many communities;

Whereas the United States Senate appreciates mutual collaboration with Paraguay across many sectors, including supporting United States businesses operating in Paraguay and \$2,400,000,000 in trade in goods;

Whereas the United States is the second largest foreign investor in Paraguay, with hundreds of millions of dollars in foreign direct investment in Paraguay;

Whereas the United States has strongly supported and will continue to support democratic institutions, the rule of law, and economic opportunity in Paraguay, including working collaboratively to tackle corruption and support indigenous peoples, afro-descendants, and youth in Paraguay;

Whereas the Governments of Paraguay and the United States have effectively partnered to address shared priorities across the hemisphere, including countering human trafficking, narcotics trafficking, money-laundering, and other illicit cross-border activities, as well as increasing cooperation in security and defense, cybersecurity, and promoting exchange programs;

Whereas Paraguay and the United States are aligned on key foreign policy priorities beyond the hemisphere;

Whereas Paraguay joined the United States and other democratic-oriented countries in key multilateral fora, including the United Nations and the Organization of American States to condemn Russia's 2022 invasion of Ukraine;

Whereas Paraguay has maintained a consistent and uninterrupted diplomatic relationship with Taiwan based on shared democratic values;

Whereas, alongside the United States, the Government of Paraguay has consistently supported Israel's right to self-defense;

Whereas the people and the Government of the United States celebrates the bilateral relationship with Paraguay and encourage a continuing close relationship;

Whereas Paraguayans in the United States have contributed and enriched American culture and have become an important part of United States society; and

Whereas President Santiago Peña was elected President of Paraguay in April 2023 in free and fair elections: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) welcomes the visit of President Santiago Peña;

(2) commemorates 163 years of official diplomatic relations between the United States and the Republic of Paraguay;

(3) recognizes the historical partnership between the United States and Paraguay rooted in shared values of democracy and the rule of law;

(4) reaffirms bilateral cooperation between the Governments of the United States and Paraguay to address pressing issues across the hemisphere;

(5) calls on the Department of State, the United States International Development Corporation, and the United States Agency For International Development to support efforts to improve the navigability of the Parana River through dredging and port modernization;

(6) expresses support for continuing to work towards shared foreign policy priorities; and

(7) celebrates the contributions that Paraguayans and Paraguayan-Americans have made in the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 686—DESIGNATING MAY 18, 2024, AS “KIDS TO PARKS DAY”

Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. KING, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. DAINES, and Mr. HEINRICH) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 686

Whereas the 14th annual Kids to Parks Day will be celebrated on May 18, 2024;

Whereas the goals of Kids to Parks Day are to—

- (1) promote healthy outdoor recreation and responsible environmental stewardship;
- (2) empower young people; and
- (3) encourage families to get outdoors and visit the parks and public land of the United States;

Whereas, on Kids to Parks Day, individuals from rural, suburban, and urban areas of the United States can be reintroduced to the splendid national, State, and neighborhood parks located in their communities;

Whereas communities across the United States offer a variety of natural resources and public land, often with free access, to individuals seeking outdoor recreation;

Whereas the people of the United States, young and old, should be encouraged to lead more healthy and active lifestyles;

Whereas Kids to Parks Day is an opportunity for families to take a break from their busy lives and enjoy a day of active, wholesome fun; and

Whereas celebrating Kids to Parks Day will—

- (1) broaden an appreciation for nature and the outdoors in young people;
- (2) foster a safe setting for independent play and healthy adventure in neighborhood parks; and
- (3) facilitate self-reliance while strengthening communities: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates May 18, 2024, as “Kids to Parks Day”;

(2) recognizes the importance of outdoor recreation and the preservation of open spaces in promoting the health and education of the young people of the United States; and

(3) encourages the people of the United States to observe Kids to Parks Day with safe family trips to parks.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO OBJECT TO PROCEEDING

I, Senator RON WYDEN, intend to object to proceeding to S. 4213, a bill to prohibit users who are under age 13 from accessing social media platforms, to prohibit the use of personalized recommendation systems on individuals under age 17, and limit the use of social media in schools, dated May 14, 2024.

KIDS TO PARKS DAY

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 686, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 686) designating May 18, 2024, as “Kids to Parks Day”.

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

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

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

The resolution (S. Res. 686) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

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

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2024

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 15; that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business be closed; that upon the conclusion of morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the O'Donnell nomination, postcloture; further, that all time be considered expired at 11:30 a.m. and that following the cloture vote on the Bulsara nomination, the Senate recess until 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly caucus meetings; further, that if cloture has been invoked on the Bulsara nomination, at 2:15 p.m., the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination; that the cloture motion with respect to the Aframe nomination ripen at 1:45 p.m. on Thursday, May 16; that upon disposition of the Bulsara nomination, the Senate execute the order of May 7, 2024, with respect to the Schulte nomination; further, that upon disposition of the Schulte nomination, the Senate resume legislative session and proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 387, S.J. Res. 57; that at 6 p.m., the joint resolution be considered read a third time and the Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution; finally, that if any nominations are confirmed during Wednesday's session, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:49 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

THE JUDICIARY

ADAM B. ABELSON, OF MARYLAND, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND, VICE JAMES KELLEHER BREDAR, RETIRED.

EMBRY J. KIDD, OF FLORIDA, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT, VICE CHARLES R. WILSON, RETIRING.

JOSEPH FRANCIS SAPORITO, JR., OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, VICE MALACHY EDWARD MANNION, RETIRED.

MEREDITH A. VACCA, OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, VICE FRANK PAUL GERACI, JR., RETIRED.

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

BRIG. GEN. MICHAEL E. CONLEY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. DAVID H. TABOR

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. THOMAS K. HENSLEY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. TONY D. BAUERNFEIND

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS SURGEON GENERAL OF THE AIR FORCE AND FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 601 AND 9036:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. JOHN J. DEGOES

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. SEAN C. BERNABE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. BRIAN S. EIFLER

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL OF THE NAVY AND APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 601 AND 8088:

To be vice admiral

REAR ADM. CHRISTOPHER C. FRENCH

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be vice admiral

REAR ADM. SCOTT W. PAPPANO

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be vice admiral

REAR ADM. JEFFREY T. ANDERSON