

title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to “Defining and Delimiting the Exemptions for Executive, Administrative, Professional, Outside Sales, and Computer Employees”.

S. CON. RES. 8

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 8, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that tax-exempt fraternal benefit societies have historically provided and continue to provide critical benefits to the people and communities of the United States.

S. RES. 599

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 599, a resolution protecting the Iranian political refugees, including female former political prisoners, in Ashraf-3 in Albania.

### SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 737—SUPPORTING SENATE MILITARY-CONNECTED FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 737

*Resolved,*

#### SECTION 1. STARS OF VALOR FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAM.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

(1) the term “eligible individual” means an individual who meets the eligibility criteria established under subsection (d)(1)(A);

(2) the term “Program” means the Stars of Valor Fellowships Program established under subsection (b); and

(3) the term “Sergeant at Arms” means the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate.

(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than December 31, 2024, and subject to the availability of appropriations, the Sergeant at Arms shall establish a central program, to be known as the “Stars of Valor Fellowships Program”, to enable eligible individuals to serve in the military-connected fellowship programs of the Senate.

(2) COMPONENTS.—The Program shall oversee and provide fellowships through—

(A) the SFC Sean Cooley and SPC Christopher Horton Congressional Gold Star Family Fellowship Program established under section 1 of Senate Resolution 442 (117th Congress), agreed to November 4, 2021;

(B) the McCain-Mansfield Fellowship Program established under section 1 of Senate Resolution 443 (117th Congress), agreed to November 4, 2021;

(C) the Active-Duty Military Spouses Fellowship Program established under section 2; and

(D) any additional military-connected fellowship program for eligible individuals established in regulations promulgated by the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate.

(c) FELLOWSHIPS.—Under a fellowship in the Program, an eligible individual may

serve a 24-month fellowship in the office of a Senator.

(d) ADMINISTRATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate shall promulgate regulations for the administration of the Program, including establishing the criteria for—

(A) eligibility to participate in the fellowship programs described in subsection (b)(2); and

(B) a method of prioritizing the assignment of fellowships to the offices of Senators under the Program, if the amount made available to carry out the Program for a fiscal year is not enough to provide fellowships in all offices requesting to participate in the Program for such fiscal year.

(2) PLACEMENT.—An eligible individual may serve in a fellowship under the Program at the office of a Senator in the District of Columbia or at a State office of the Senator.

(e) EXCLUSION OF APPOINTEES FOR PURPOSES OF COMPENSATION LIMITS.—The compensation paid to any eligible individual serving in a fellowship under the Program in the office of a Senator shall not be included in the determination of the aggregate gross compensation for employees employed by the Senator under section 105(d)(1) of the Legislative Branch Appropriation Act, 1968 (2 U.S.C. 4575(d)(1)).

(f) APPLICABILITY.—The requirements of this section shall apply to all fellowship programs described in subsection (b)(2).

(g) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) SFC SEAN COOLEY AND SPC CHRISTOPHER HORTON CONGRESSIONAL GOLD STAR FAMILY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM.—Section 1(d) of Senate Resolution 442 (117th Congress), agreed to November 4, 2021, is amended by striking paragraph (3).

(2) MCCAIN-MANSFIELD FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM.—Section 1(d) of Senate Resolution 443 (117th Congress), agreed to November 4, 2021, is amended by striking paragraph (3).

#### SEC. 2. ACTIVE-DUTY MILITARY SPOUSES FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

(1) the term “eligible individual” means an individual who—

(A) is, as of the date of application for the Program, a spouse of a member of the Armed Forces serving on active duty; and

(B) meets any other eligibility criteria established for the Program by the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate under section 1(d)(1)(A);

(2) the term “Program” means the Active-Duty Military Spouses Fellowship Program established under subsection (b); and

(3) the term “Sergeant at Arms” means the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate.

(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than December 31, 2024, and subject to the availability of appropriations, the Sergeant at Arms shall establish a fellowship program, to be known as the “Active-Duty Military Spouses Fellowship Program”, for eligible individuals.

(c) ADMINISTRATION.—The Sergeant at Arms shall carry out the Program through the Stars of Valor Fellowships Program under section 1.

SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF MAY 29, 2024, AS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS IN AGRICULTURE DAY TO RAISE AWARENESS AROUND MENTAL HEALTH IN THE AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY AND WORKFORCE AND TO CONTINUE TO REDUCE STIGMA ASSOCIATED WITH MENTAL ILLNESS

Ms. SMITH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration and that the Senate now proceed to S. Res. 710.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 710) supporting the designation of May 29, 2024, as “Mental Health Awareness in Agriculture Day” to raise awareness around mental health in the agricultural industry and workforce and to continue to reduce stigma associated with mental illness.

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

Ms. SMITH. 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.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 710) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in the RECORD of May 23, 2024, under “Submitted Resolutions.”)

#### SUPPORTING SENATE MILITARY-CONNECTED FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Ms. SMITH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 737, which is at the desk.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 737) supporting Senate military-connected fellowship opportunities, and for other purposes.

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

Ms. SMITH. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to and that the motion 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. 737) was agreed to.

(The resolution is printed in today’s RECORD under “Submitted Resolutions.”)

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 18,  
2024

Ms. SMITH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 18; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business be closed; that following the conclusion of morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the Oler nomination, postcloture; further, that the cloture time be considered expired at 11:30 a.m.; finally, that if any nominations are confirmed during Tuesday's session, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

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

#### ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Ms. SMITH. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand adjourned under the previous order following the remarks of Senator KENNEDY.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Louisiana.

#### MEDIA

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, with me today is one of my colleagues in my office, Mr. Christian Amy.

Mr. President, I want to talk for a few minutes about America, about Washington, DC, and about Louisiana.

Every time I leave Washington, DC, and go back home to America, I am re-

mindful of how parochial Washington, DC, can be, how removed it can be, how unaware it can be. We often hear people in the city where our Capitol sits say: Well, the American people just don't understand. The American people—you often hear—just don't know what they are talking about. They don't know what we know. They don't read the news. They don't keep up like we do.

So, recently, I conducted a poll to test that point of view, and some were surprised with the results of the poll. I was not. One of the questions I asked in the poll of the people of Louisiana is, How frequently would you say they follow the news?

About 70 percent of my people in Louisiana follow the news every single day because—actually, it is 67.8 percent. Some of my colleagues back home were surprised by that. I was not; 23.5 percent said a few times a week; and only 6.4 percent of my people don't consult the news or read the news very often.

I also, out of curiosity, tested a poll where my people were receiving their news: 39 percent of the people of Louisiana—70 percent of whom follow the news every single day—get their news from cable TV. Another 21.1 percent get their news from morning and evening broadcast television, not cable—local television news and national television news.

So, I guess, from one point of view—and I think the numbers bear this out in Louisiana—in terms of the source of news, television is king. Television is king.

Seventy percent—or, rather, sixty percent of my people, most of whom follow the news every single day, get their news either from cable TV, from the national evening and morning news, and from local television evening and morning news.

Twenty-seven percent of my people get their news primarily from the internet. To break that down, it is about 12.6 percent from social media apps—Facebook, Twitter; 4.7—almost 5 percent—from YouTube; and another 9.1 percent from Apple News, Google News, and those sorts of sites on the internet.

So television news for both national and, particularly, local is king in Louisiana, with 60 percent of the people saying that is my go-to news source, but the internet is also a substantial factor at 27 percent: 27 percent of my people—70 percent of whom read the news every day—get their news from the internet.

Radio news is also important in my State. Seven percent of my people and change listen to radio news as their primary source of news. Coming in last—consistent with national trends—only 4 percent of my people receive their news today from newspapers. My, how the world has changed.

I just found these numbers to be interesting. The source of news for most of my people was interesting to me, but I was very, very pleased to find that 70 percent of my people in Louisiana read the news every single day, and in most cases, they get it from television but also the internet and radio as well.

Sometimes we get along in Washington in terms of our perceptions of what is going on in the real America.

With that, I yield the floor.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 6:33 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 10 a.m.