

Whereas the deployment of the USS Carney included multiple defensive strikes against Houthis in Yemen, destroying 20 targets, and the USS Carney and the USS Arleigh Burke (DDG-51) successfully engaged an Iranian ballistic missile, preventing potential harm to the United States Armed Forces and United States allies;

Whereas the successful and impactful operations carried out by the USS Carney contributed significantly to the safety and security of international waters and the protection of nations that are United States allies;

Whereas, in addition to providing ballistic missile and air defense in the Red Sea, the USS Carney also answered a distress call from a civilian ship and provided 600 gallons of Aqueous Film Forming Foam, helping to extinguish a fire in a cargo tank and ultimately aiding in the ship's survival, with no lives lost;

Whereas the actions of the USS Carney were crucial in protecting both commercial and military vessels in the Red Sea and surrounding waters, ensuring the safety of international shipping lanes;

Whereas the deployment of the USS Carney exemplifies the commitment of the United States to maintaining peace and stability through superior maritime defense capabilities;

Whereas the crew members of the USS Carney displayed unwavering dedication, professionalism, and teamwork in the face of complex and dangerous missions;

Whereas the homecoming of the USS Carney to Naval Station Mayport marks a significant milestone in the distinguished service history of the vessel, bringing pride and honor to the United States Navy and the nation as a whole;

Whereas the USS Carney, in addition to the entire Dwight D. Eisenhower Strike Group, received the Combat Action Ribbon for satisfactory performance under enemy fire;

Whereas Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro awarded a Navy Unit Commendation to the United States Naval Forces Central Command, highlighting the bravery and decisive actions of the crew of the USS Carney;

Whereas the crew of the USS Carney was previously recognized with a Combat Action Ribbon in January 2024; and

Whereas Commanding Officer of the USS Carney, Jeremy Robertson, and the sailors aboard the USS Carney have received numerous awards and medals for their leadership and dedication to the mission: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the crew of the USS Carney for its successful completion of a historic deployment;

(2) expresses gratitude to the crew members for their exemplary service and dedication to the mission of protecting national and international security;

(3) recognizes the importance of the contributions of the USS Carney to the strategic posture and the power projected by the United States Navy in the Middle East;

(4) commends the leadership and tactical expertise demonstrated by the commanding officers and crew members during their deployment; and

(5) celebrates the safe return and triumphant homecoming of the USS Carney to Naval Station Mayport, acknowledging the sacrifices made by the crew members and their families.

SENATE RESOLUTION 809—SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2024, AS “NATIONAL SEPSIS DAY”

Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. VAN HOLLEN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

S. RES. 809

Whereas sepsis is a medical condition caused by a severe immune response to infection or traumatic injury;

Whereas the overwhelming flood of inflammatory signals released into the blood to fight infection can impair blood flow, injuring the body's organs;

Whereas sepsis is a serious infection and a leading cause of death and disability in the United States;

Whereas severe sepsis can result in septic shock, exposing the patient to potentially fatal multiple organ failure;

Whereas 1,700,000 people in the United States are infected by sepsis annually;

Whereas sepsis kills 350,000 people in the United States each year;

Whereas sepsis is one of the most expensive conditions to treat in hospitals in the United States, with high spending compounded by frequent hospital readmissions, including 1 in 5 patient readmissions within 30 days of discharge and 1 in 3 patient readmissions within 180 days of discharge;

Whereas according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 80 percent of sepsis cases begin outside the hospital;

Whereas most sepsis fatalities are preventable, and early recognition, diagnosis, and treatment of sepsis can prevent loss of life;

Whereas the sepsis protocols for hospitals in New York State, called “Rory’s Regulations” for Rory Staunton who died from preventable, treatable sepsis at 12 years of age, have been proven to save lives through rapid identification and treatment of sepsis;

Whereas providers and public health experts should study and learn from Rory’s Regulations to find ways to end preventable deaths from sepsis; and

Whereas September 13, 2024, would be an appropriate date to designate as “National Sepsis Day” to coincide with the international designation of September 13 as “World Sepsis Day”, to raise awareness of the condition, to encourage the education of patients, families, health care professionals, and government agencies on the seriousness of sepsis and the importance of early detection as the key to survival, and to focus attention and energy towards the ultimate goal of ending sepsis: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate supports the designation of September 13, 2024, as “National Sepsis Day”.

SENATE RESOLUTION 810—EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 17, 2024, AS “PATRIOT WEEK”

Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 810

Whereas the events that led to the signing of the Constitution of the United States by the delegates to the Constitutional Convention on September 17, 1787, have significance for every citizen of the United States and are

honored in public schools across the United States on Constitution Day, which is September 17 of each year;

Whereas the rule of law, the social compact, democracy, liberty, equality, and unalienable human rights are the essential values upon which the United States flourishes;

Whereas diversity is one of the greatest strengths of the United States, and the motto inscribed on the Great Seal of the United States, “E pluribus unum”, Latin for “out of many, one”, symbolizes that individuals in the United States from all walks of life are unified by shared values;

Whereas exceptional, visionary, and indispensable individuals such as Thomas Paine, Patrick Henry, John Adams, John Marshall, George Washington, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, Rosa Parks, Harriet Tubman, Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, Martin Luther King, Jr., Thomas Jefferson, and James Madison founded or advanced the United States;

Whereas the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States, the Declaration of Sentiments and Resolutions signed in Seneca Falls, New York, the Gettysburg Address, the Emancipation Proclamation, and the “I Have a Dream” speech delivered by Martin Luther King, Jr., express sentiments that have advanced liberty in the United States; and

Whereas the Bennington flag (commonly known as the “76 flag”), the Betsy Ross flag, the current flag of the United States, the flag of the women’s suffrage movement, the Union flag (commonly known as the “Fort Sumter flag”), the Gadsden flag, and the flags of the States are physical symbols of the history of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the designation of the week of September 11 through September 17, 2024, as “Patriot Week”;

(2) recognizes that understanding the history of the United States and the first principles of the United States is indispensable to the survival of the United States as a free people;

(3) acknowledges, in great reverence to the victims of the September 11, 2001, attacks, that citizens of the United States should take time to honor the first principles, founders, documents, and symbols of their history;

(4) recognizes that each generation should renew the spirit of the United States based on the first principles, historical figures, founding documents, and symbols of the United States; and

(5) encourages citizens, schools and other educational institutions, and Federal, State, and local governments and their agencies to recognize and participate in Patriot Week by honoring, celebrating, and promoting the study of the history of the United States so that all people of the United States may offer the reverence that is due to the free republic.

SENATE RESOLUTION 811—CONDEMNING THE HORRIFIC SHOOTING AT APALACHEE HIGH SCHOOL IN WINDER, GEORGIA, RECOGNIZING THE VICTIMS, AND EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES AND SUPPORT TO THEIR FAMILIES AND THEIR COMMUNITIES

Mr. WARNOCK (for himself and Mr. OSSOFF) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 811

Whereas, on September 4, 2024, a student violently opened fire at Apalachee High School in Winder, Georgia;

Whereas this reprehensible action resulted in the deaths of 2 students and 2 teachers—

(1) Christian Angulo, age 14, a son and brother;

(2) Richard William “Ricky” Aspinwall II, age 39, a husband, dad, son, coach, and teacher;

(3) Cristina Irimie, age 53, a teacher, wife, daughter, and friend; and

(4) Mason Schermerhorn, age 14, a son and brother;

Whereas 9 additional victims were injured and hospitalized;

Whereas countless other students, teachers, and staff experienced significant trauma and mental anguish as a result of this shooting;

Whereas the entire Winder, Georgia, community has been tragically and irrevocably affected by this tragedy; and

Whereas all children should be able to attend school without fearing for their lives: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) condemns the violence that occurred at Apalachee High School in Winder, Georgia, on September 4, 2024;

(2) honors the memory of the victims—

(A) Christian Angulo;

(B) Richard William “Ricky” Aspinwall II;

(C) Cristina Irimie; and

(D) Mason Schermerhorn;

(3) extends its deepest condolences and support to their friends and families, and to the communities of Apalachee High School and Winder, Georgia;

(4) expresses hope for those wounded to recover fully and quickly;

(5) offers appreciation and gratitude to law enforcement, first responders, healthcare workers, and teachers and faculty for their bravery and decisive action; and

(6) reaffirms its duty to protect the safety and security of all people in the United States.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 3244. Mr. LUJÁN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4638, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2025 for military activities of the Department of Defense, 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; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3245. Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. SCHMITT, and Mr. KELLY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4638, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3246. Mr. KANE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4638, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3247. Mr. DURBIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4638, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3248. Mr. SULLIVAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4638, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3249. Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. ROUNDS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4638, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3250. Mr. SULLIVAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him

to the bill S. 4638, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3251. Mr. CARDIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4638, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3252. Mrs. SHAHEEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 4638, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3253. Mr. CASSIDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4638, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3254. Ms. ERNST submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 4638, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3255. Mr. OSSOFF submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4638, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3256. Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. WYDEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4638, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3257. Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. PADILLA) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4638, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3258. Mr. LUJÁN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4638, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3259. Mr. WARNOCK (for himself and Mr. MORAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4638, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3260. Mr. BUDD (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4638, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3261. Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. CORNYN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4638, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3262. Mr. HICKENLOOPER (for himself and Mr. DAINES) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4638, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3263. Mrs. SHAHEEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 4638, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3264. Mr. YOUNG (for himself and Mr. COONS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4638, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3265. Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. KELLY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4638, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 3244. Mr. LUJÁN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4638, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2025 for military activities of the Department of Defense, 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; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in title XXXI, insert the following:

SEC. _____. EXPANSION OF AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY OF ENERGY REGARDING PROTECTION OF CERTAIN NUCLEAR FACILITIES AND ASSETS FROM UNMANNED AIRCRAFT.

Section 4510(e)(1)(C) of the Atomic Energy Defense Act (50 U.S.C. 2661(e)(1)(C)) is amended by striking “owned by the United States or contracted to the United States, to” and inserting “owned by or contracted to the Department of Energy, including facilities that”.

SA 3245. Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. SCHMITT, and Mr. KELLY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4638, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2025 for military activities of the Department of Defense, 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; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle H of title X, add the following:

SEC. 1095. ELIGIBILITY OF SPOUSES FOR SERVICES UNDER THE DISABLED VETERANS' OUTREACH PROGRAM.

Section 4103A of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by inserting “and eligible persons” after “eligible veterans”; and

(ii) in subparagraph (C), by inserting “, and eligible persons,” after “Other eligible veterans”;

(B) in paragraph (2), by inserting “and eligible persons” after “veterans” each place it appears; and

(C) in paragraph (3)—

(i) by inserting “or eligible person” after “veteran” each place it appears; and

(ii) by inserting “or eligible person's” after “veteran's”;

(2) in subsection (d)(1)—

(A) by inserting “and eligible persons” after “eligible veterans” each place it appears; and

(B) by striking “non-veteran-related”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(e) ELIGIBLE PERSON DEFINED.—In this section, the term ‘eligible person’ means—

“(1) any spouse described in section 4101(5) of this title; or

“(2) the spouse of any person who died while a member of the Armed Forces.”.

SA 3246. Mr. KANE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 4638, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2025 for military activities of the Department of Defense, 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; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle C of title VIII, add the following:

SEC. 855. WARM BASE MANUFACTURING PILOT PROGRAM TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE DOMESTIC MANUFACTURING SURGE CAPACITY FOR WARFIGHTER EMERGENCY MEDICAL-GRADE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PILOT PROGRAM.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall establish a pilot program to be