

(2) the National Family Partnership;
 (3) parent-teacher associations;
 (4) Boys and Girls Clubs of America;
 (5) the Young Marines;
 (6) the Drug Enforcement Administration;
 and
 (7) hundreds of other organizations throughout the United States;

Whereas the objective of Red Ribbon Week is to promote the creation of drug-free communities through drug use prevention efforts, education programs, parental involvement, and community-wide support through specific actions such as lighting up buildings and landmarks, and activities that engage the public;

Whereas, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, drug overdoses are the leading cause of death in people in the United States between the ages of 18 to 45, outnumbering deaths by firearms, motor vehicle crashes, suicide, or homicide;

Whereas over 107,000 people died from drug overdoses in the United States in 2023;

Whereas reducing the demand for illicit controlled substances would—

(1) curtail lethal addictions and overdoses; and

(2) reduce the violence associated with drug trafficking;

Whereas, although public awareness of illicit drug use is increasing, emerging drug threats and growing epidemics continue to demand attention;

Whereas the Drug Enforcement Administration hosts a National Take Back Day twice a year, on the last Saturdays of October and April, for the public to safely dispose of unused or expired prescription drugs that can lead to accidental poisoning, overdose, or misuse;

Whereas the National Family Partnership hosts Lock Your Meds, a multi-media campaign and program to encourage individuals, businesses, and communities to dispose of drugs appropriately and to reduce the demand for drugs;

Whereas Lock Your Meds is statewide in Idaho, North Carolina, and throughout the southeastern United States;

Whereas synthetic opioids such as fentanyl and the analogues of fentanyl devastated communities and families at an unprecedented rate, claiming more than 80,000 lives in 2023;

Whereas the presence of fentanyl and the analogues of fentanyl pose hazards to police officers and law enforcement agents;

Whereas 7 out of 10 fake prescription pills containing fentanyl tested at Drug Enforcement Administration laboratories contain a potentially deadly dose of fentanyl;

Whereas the Drug Enforcement Administration has created a special exhibit entitled “The Faces of Fentanyl” to commemorate the lives lost from fentanyl poisoning, and has received over 5,000 photos as of the date of enactment of this resolution;

Whereas the Drug Enforcement Administration seized more than 80,000,000 fentanyl-laced, fake prescription pills and more than 12,000 pounds of fentanyl powder in 2023;

Whereas over 4,000 people in the United States died from a drug overdose involving heroin in 2023, a rate of over 1 death for every 100,000 people in the United States;

Whereas, from 2022 to 2023, drug overdose deaths involving cocaine increased by over 7 percent, with almost 30,000 people in the United States dying from such an overdose in 2023;

Whereas, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, 2,500,000 people in the United States aged 12 or older reported having used methamphetamine in 2021;

Whereas psychostimulants with abuse potential, such as methamphetamine, were involved in 1.2 times as many drug overdose deaths as cocaine; and

Whereas parents, young people, schools, businesses, law enforcement agencies, religious institutions and faith-based organizations, service organizations, senior citizens, medical and military personnel, sports teams, and individuals throughout the United States will demonstrate their commitment to healthy, productive, and drug-free lifestyles by wearing and displaying red ribbons during the week-long celebration of Red Ribbon Week; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of Red Ribbon Week during the period of October 23 through October 31, 2024;

(2) encourages the people of the United States to wear and display red ribbons during Red Ribbon Week to symbolize their commitment to healthy, drug-free lifestyles;

(3) encourages the people of the United States to light up buildings and landmarks to send a drug-free message;

(4) encourages children, teens, and other individuals to choose to live drug-free lives; and

(5) encourages the people of the United States—

(A) to promote the creation of drug-free communities; and

(B) to participate in drug use prevention activities to show support for healthy, productive, and drug-free lifestyles.

SENATE RESOLUTION 874—HONORING THE SOUTHEAST REGION LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL TEAM FROM LAKE MARY, FLORIDA, FOR WINNING THE 2024 LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL WORLD SERIES

Mr. RUBIO (for Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself and Mr. RUBIO)) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

S. RES. 874

Whereas, on August 25, 2024, the Southeast Region Little League baseball team from Lake Mary Little League of Lake Mary, Florida, won the Little League Baseball World Series;

Whereas this is the first time a Florida team has won the Little League Baseball World Series in the 77-year history of the series;

Whereas the Southeast Region team achieved an undefeated record by obtaining 4 wins and 0 losses in the Southeast Region Tournament and 4 wins and 0 losses in the Little League Baseball World Series playoffs and winning the championship game;

Whereas the Southeast Region team players, coaches, and managers showed tremendous dedication and sportsmanship throughout the season toward the goal of winning the Little League Baseball World Series Championship;

Whereas the Southeast Region team fans from Florida showed enthusiasm, support, and courtesy for all of the players and coaches and the game of baseball; and

Whereas, in the 77th Little League Baseball World Series championship game, the Southeast Region baseball team faced the Asia-Pacific Region baseball team from Kuei-Shan Little League of Taoyuan, Taiwan, and came away victorious by a score of 2-1 in extra innings after a walk-off bunt: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate honors the Southeast Region Little League baseball team from Lake Mary, Florida, for winning the 2024 Little League Baseball World Series Championship.

SENATE RESOLUTION 875—DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 21, 2024, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29, 2024, AS “BLUE STAR WELCOME WEEK”

Mr. KAINE (for himself and Mr. SULIVAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 875

Whereas Blue Star Families seeks to empower military families by connecting them with their neighbors—individuals and organizations—to create vibrant communities of mutual support;

Whereas Blue Star Families annually designates the week beginning the second to last Saturday in September and concluding 8 days thereafter as “Blue Star Welcome Week”;

Whereas, during Blue Star Welcome Week, the Senate recognizes the 600,000 active duty and transitioning military families who move to new communities each year;

Whereas nearly half of these permanent change of station (PCS) moves occur during the summer; and

Whereas a sense of belonging is essential to the well-being and readiness of military families: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates September 21, 2024, through September 29, 2024, as “Blue Star Welcome Week”;

(2) expresses gratitude for the sacrifices made by service members, transitioning veterans, and their families;

(3) commits to ensuring that military-connected families feel a strong sense of belonging to their local civilian communities; and

(4) encourages civilians across the United States to welcome military-connected families into their communities.

SENATE RESOLUTION 876—DESIGNATING OCTOBER 2024 AS “NATIONAL PRINCIPALS MONTH”

Ms. SMITH (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KING, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mr. BRAUN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 876

Whereas the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the National Association of Elementary School Principals, and the American Federation of School Administrators have declared October 2024 to be “National Principals Month”;

Whereas principals are educational visionaries, instructional and assessment leaders, community builders, budget analysts, facilities managers, and administrators of legal and contractual obligations;

Whereas principals work collaboratively with teachers and parents to develop and implement clear missions, high curriculum standards, and performance goals;

Whereas principals create school environments that facilitate great teaching and learning and continuous school improvement;

Whereas the vision, actions, and dedication of principals provide the mobilizing force behind any school improvement effort; and

Whereas the celebration of National Principals Month would honor elementary school, middle school, and high school principals and recognize the importance of principals in ensuring that every child has access to a high-quality education: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates October 2024 as “National Principals Month”;

(2) honors the contributions of principals in elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools in the United States; and

(3) supports the goals and ideals of National Principals Month.

SENATE RESOLUTION 877—DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 6, 2024, THROUGH OCTOBER 12, 2024, AS “NATIONAL COMMUNITY POLICING WEEK”

Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. PETERS, and Ms. ROSEN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 877

Whereas police officers are indispensable members of the community who put their lives on the line to protect others;

Whereas promoting strong relationships, founded in trust and mutual respect, between law enforcement officers and the communities they serve helps ensure the safe and effective execution of the law;

Whereas relationships developed through community policing help protect both law enforcement officers and civilians;

Whereas law enforcement officers and communities that work together to address public safety concerns can create lasting solutions to difficult challenges;

Whereas community policing has helped produce reductions in both violent and property crime;

Whereas events in recent years have sparked a nationwide call to improve the interactions between law enforcement officers and the communities they serve, particularly communities of color;

Whereas community policing facilitates peaceful dialogue, capable of fostering understanding and trust, between law enforcement officers and civilians;

Whereas community policing informs the public about the challenges that law enforcement officers face in executing their duties and provides law enforcement officers insight into the concerns of community members;

Whereas a long-term commitment to community policing is necessary to eliminate the underlying causes of crime;

Whereas the advancement of community policing should be supported to ensure that State and local law enforcement agencies have necessary resources; and

Whereas community policing has been recognized as an important tool for improving the relationship between law enforcement officers and the communities they serve: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week of October 6, 2024, through October 12, 2024, as “National Community Policing Week”; and

(2) supports community policing and encourages the people of the United States, law enforcement agencies, and elected officials to identify ways in which communities can improve public safety, strengthen relationships, and build trust.

SENATE RESOLUTION 878—HONORING THE LIFE, LEGACY, AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF JAMES EARL JONES

Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. PETERS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 878

Whereas James Earl Jones was born on January 17, 1931, to Robert Earl Jones and Ruth Connolly Jones in Arkabutla, Mississippi;

Whereas, at the age of 5, Mr. Jones moved to Dublin, Michigan, with his maternal grandparents, John Henry Connolly and Maggie Connolly, who raised him;

Whereas, as a young boy, Mr. Jones spoke few words, suffering from a debilitating stutter;

Whereas, in high school, an English teacher discovered Mr. Jones’s gift for writing and convinced him to read his poetry aloud, leading Mr. Jones to overcome his stutter;

Whereas, in 1949, Mr. Jones enrolled at the University of Michigan, where he joined the Reserve Officers’ Training Corps and initially prepared to study medicine before switching to drama;

Whereas, in 1953, Mr. Jones commissioned in the United States Army, training at Fort Benning in Georgia, before being assigned to Camp Hale near Leadville, Colorado, and later being discharged as a first lieutenant;

Whereas, in 1955, Mr. Jones moved to New York, New York, to study at the American Theatre Wing, paying his way by working as a janitor;

Whereas, in 1958, Mr. Jones performed in his first Broadway production, *Sunrise at Campobello*, which launched his stage career;

Whereas, over the course of his 60-year career, Mr. Jones gave life to nearly 90 television network dramas and episodic series, over 110 movies, and countless plays, including a 30-month span in which he appeared in 18 different stage productions;

Whereas, in 1960, Mr. Jones joined Joseph Papp’s New York Shakespeare Festival, paving the way for his performances in “*Henry V.*,” “*Romeo and Juliet*,” “*Richard III*,” “*A Midsummer Night’s Dream*,” and “*Othello*”;

Whereas, in 1964, Mr. Jones debuted in the Cold War satire “*Dr. Strangelove*,” which established him in Hollywood, both on screen and behind the microphone, his voice exuding a timeless depth and intensity which drew listeners in and left a lasting impression;

Whereas, in 1969, Mr. Jones was the first celebrity guest on “*Sesame Street*,” appearing in the second-ever episode of the children’s series and slowly reciting the alphabet;

Whereas Mr. Jones spent his career as a pioneer for Black actors of his generation, as exemplified in his becoming one of the first Black actors to have a continuing role on a daytime soap opera in “*As the World Turns*” and in becoming the first Black actor to win a 1969 Tony Award in the play category for his performance in “*The Great White Hope*”;

Whereas, in 1977, Mr. Jones gave voice to Darth Vader in George Lucas’s “*Star Wars*,” even humbly requesting that his name not appear in the credits out of deference to a co-star;

Whereas it was not until the third film in the original *Star Wars* trilogy, “*Return of the Jedi*,” that Mr. Jones would be credited as the voice of Darth Vader;

Whereas, in 1982, Mr. Jones wed the late Cecilia Hart, who had played Desdemona to his *Othello*, and together they had a son, Flynn Earl Jones;

Whereas, in 1994, Mr. Jones embodied the voice of Mufasa in Disney’s “*The Lion King*” and was the only cast member to reprise his role in the 2019 remake of the film;

Whereas, in 2015, at the age of 84, Mr. Jones returned to Broadway to appear in the revival of the 1976 play “*The Gin Game*”;

Whereas, in 2022, a Broadway theater, formerly known as the “Cort,” was renamed the

James Earl Jones Theatre in his honor, the same house in which Mr. Jones began his career in 1958;

Whereas Mr. Jones earned a remarkable number of awards and accolades throughout his career in theater and film, including—

(1) a National Medal of the Arts from President George Bush in 1992;

(2) the Kennedy Center Honor in 2002;

(3) the Honorary Award for Lifetime Achievement at the 2011 Academy Awards;

(4) the Lifetime Achievement in the Theatre at the 2017 Tony Awards;

(5) two Primetime Emmy Awards, 2 Tony Awards, a Golden Globe Award, and a Grammy Award for individual performances; and

(6) a rare EGOT tally, achieving the “grand slam” of American show business by winning Emmy, Grammy, Oscar, and Tony awards; and

Whereas, on September 9, 2024, Mr. Jones passed away at 93 years old—Mississippi losing a beloved son, and the world losing an extraordinary talent: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) honors the life and legacy of James Earl Jones for his contribution to theater, film, his State, and his country;

(2) recognizes that the voice and heart of Mr. Jones will be remembered for generations to come;

(3) extends its heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Jones; and

(4) requests that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the family of Mr. Jones as a token of the Senate’s respect and admiration for his life’s work.

SENATE RESOLUTION 879—PERMITTING THE COLLECTION OF CLOTHING, TOYS, FOOD, AND HOUSEWARES DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN SENATE BUILDINGS

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

S. RES. 879

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved,

SECTION 1. COLLECTION OF CLOTHING, TOYS, FOOD, AND HOUSEWARES DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN SENATE BUILDINGS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of the rules or regulations of the Senate—

(1) a Senator, officer of the Senate, or employee of the Senate may collect from another Senator, officer of the Senate, or employee of the Senate within a Senate building or other office secured for a Senator non-monetary donations of clothing, toys, food, and housewares for charitable purposes related to serving persons in need or members of the Armed Forces and the families of those members during the holiday season, if the charitable purposes do not otherwise violate any rule or regulation of the Senate or Federal law; and

(2) a Senator, officer of the Senate, or employee of the Senate may work with a non-profit organization with respect to the delivery of donations described under paragraph (1).

(b) EXPIRATION.—The authority provided by this resolution shall expire at the end of the second session of the 118th Congress.