

**SENATE RESOLUTION 880—SUPPORTING AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS AND LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL, A NATIONAL CELEBRATION OF AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS HELD ON OCTOBER 24, 2024**

Ms. SMITH (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KAINE, Mr. CASEY, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. BRAUN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 880

Whereas millions of children in the United States have parents who work outside the home;

Whereas high-quality programs that expand learning opportunities for children, such as afterschool, before-school, summer, and expanded learning opportunities, provide safe, challenging, engaging, and fun learning experiences, including experiences that encourage the study of science, technology, engineering, and math that help children and youth develop social, emotional, physical, cultural, and academic skills;

Whereas high-quality afterschool programs and high-quality expanded learning opportunities provide students with hands-on, engaging lessons that are aligned with the school day;

Whereas high-quality afterschool programs complement regular and expanded school days and support working families by ensuring that the children of those families are safe and productive during the hours parents are working;

Whereas high-quality afterschool programs engage families, schools, and diverse community partners in advancing the well-being of children and youth in the United States;

Whereas high-quality afterschool programs that partner with high-quality community-based organizations build stronger communities by integrating schools with the larger community; and

Whereas Lights On Afterschool, a national celebration of afterschool, before-school, summer, and expanded learning opportunities programs will be held on October 24, 2024, to highlight the critical importance of those high-quality programs to children and the families and communities of those children: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate supports Lights On Afterschool, a national celebration of afterschool programs held on October 24, 2024.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 881—DESIGNATING OCTOBER 26, 2024, AS THE “DAY OF THE DEPLOYED”**

Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Mr. DAINES, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Ms. ROSEN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 881

Whereas more than 2,000,000 individuals serve as members of the Armed Forces of the United States, including the reserve components of the Armed Forces;

Whereas several hundred thousand members of the Armed Forces are serving overseas in every region of the world;

Whereas more than 2,000,000 members of the Armed Forces have deployed to the area of operations of the United States Central Command since the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks;

Whereas, in the decades following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, members

of the Armed Forces deployed in two major wars and countless operations throughout the world, and their service and bravery helped protect the United States from further terrorist attacks;

Whereas the United States is kept strong and free by the loyal military personnel from the total force of the Armed Forces, which includes the Active Duty components, the National Guard, and the Reserves, who protect the precious heritage of the United States through their declarations and actions;

Whereas the United States remains committed to providing the fullest possible accounting for personnel missing from past conflicts ranging from World War II through current day conflicts;

Whereas members of the Armed Forces serving at home and abroad have courageously answered the call to duty to defend the ideals of the United States and to preserve peace and freedom around the world;

Whereas members of the Armed Forces are called upon to respond to an increasingly complex and wide-ranging set of global threats to the United States;

Whereas members of the Armed Forces continue to come under enemy fire while deployed, risking their lives to protect Americans at home.

Whereas the United States remains committed to easing the transition from deployment abroad to service at home for members of the Armed Forces and the families of the members;

Whereas members of the Armed Forces personify the virtues of patriotism, service, duty, courage, and sacrifice;

Whereas the families of members of the Armed Forces make important and significant sacrifices for the United States; and

Whereas the Senate has designated October 26 as the “Day of the Deployed” since 2011: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates October 26, 2024, as the “Day of the Deployed”;

(2) honors the deployed members of the Armed Forces of the United States and the families of the members;

(3) calls on the people of the United States to reflect on the service of those members of the Armed Forces, wherever the members serve, past, present, and future; and

(4) encourages the people of the United States to observe the “Day of the Deployed” with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 882—DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 23 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 27, 2024, AS “NATIONAL CLEAN ENERGY WEEK”**

Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. ROMNEY, Mr. REED, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WARNOCK, Ms. SMITH, Mr. COONS, Mr. TILLIS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. KING, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. CAPITO, and Mr. HICKENLOOPER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 882

Whereas, across the United States, clean and readily abundant forms of energy are powering more homes and businesses than ever before;

Whereas clean energy generation is readily available from zero- and low-emissions sources;

Whereas the clean energy sector is a growing part of the economy and has been a key driver of economic growth in the United States in recent years;

Whereas technological innovation can further reduce costs, enhance reliability, and increase deployment of clean energy sources;

Whereas the report of the Department of Energy entitled “United States Energy & Employment Report 2024” found that, in 2023, the energy and energy efficiency sectors in the United States employed approximately 8,350,000 individuals;

Whereas the scaling of affordable and exportable clean energy is essential to reducing global emissions;

Whereas clean energy jobs contribute to the growth of local economies; and

Whereas innovative clean energy solutions and clean energy jobs are part of the energy future of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week of September 23 through September 27, 2024, as “National Clean Energy Week”;

(2) encourages individuals and organizations across the United States to support commonsense solutions that address the economic, environmental, and energy needs of the United States in the 21st century;

(3) supports reliable and affordable energy for the people of the United States; and

(4) recognizes the role of entrepreneurs and small businesses in ensuring the leadership of the United States in the global energy marketplace and in supporting low-cost, clean, and reliable energy in the United States.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 883—RECOGNIZING BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF AMERICA ON ITS 120TH ANNIVERSARY**

Mr. YOUNG (for himself, Ms. HASSAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. KING, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. CASEY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. REED, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. PETERS, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mrs. CAPITO, and Mr. BOOKER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 883

Whereas, in 1904, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America was founded as a positive disruption to society by making valuable mentorship the alternative to sending kids to the juvenile justice system;

Whereas, as of 2024, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America has more than 230 local agencies in more than 5,000 communities in all 50 States and the District of Columbia to inspire and engage youth to achieve their full potential;

Whereas Big Brothers Big Sisters of America—

(1) operates under the belief that inherent in every child is incredible potential; and

(2) establishes powerful connections through meaningful matches of volunteer mentors and young people from age 5 through young adulthood;

Whereas, since its founding, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America has served adult volunteers, young people, and families, and built a strong network of an estimated 20,000,000 alumni and champions;

Whereas mentoring is an evidence-based and effective method to support the emotional, social, physical, educational, and economic success of young people;

Whereas Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, through its efforts in communities across the United States, has significantly impacted the ability of young people to meet

various challenges, including challenges associated with mental health, educational achievement, workforce development, and criminal violence prevention;

Whereas 92 percent of youth in Big Brothers Big Sisters of America programs feel a greater sense of belonging and view their mentor as a very important adult in their life;

Whereas Big Brothers Big Sisters of America has been supported by a dedicated network of volunteers, donors, and partners, who have generously contributed their time, resources, and expertise to further the mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America; and

Whereas Big Brothers Big Sisters of America raises significant private funding from individuals, corporations, and foundation grants, which compliments its Federal investment: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) commends Big Brothers Big Sisters of America for its work mentoring the young people of the United States and strengthening thousands of communities;

(2) acknowledges the 120th anniversary of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America and all of the achievements of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America;

(3) recognizes that access to a positive, sustained mentor can change the life trajectory of a young person; and

(4) supports Big Brothers Big Sisters of America in continuing and expanding programs that support young people.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 884—DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 22 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 28, 2024, AS “GOLD STAR FAMILIES REMEMBRANCE WEEK”

Mrs. HYDE-SMITH (for herself and Mr. WARNOCK) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 884

Whereas the last Sunday in September—

(1) is designated as “Gold Star Mother’s Day” under section 111 of title 36, United States Code; and

(2) was first designated as “Gold Star Mother’s Day” under the Joint Resolution entitled “Joint Resolution designating the last Sunday in September as ‘Gold Star Mother’s Day’, and for other purposes”, approved June 23, 1936 (49 Stat. 1895);

Whereas there is no date dedicated to families affected by the loss of a loved one who died in service to the United States;

Whereas a gold star symbolizes a family member who died in the line of duty while serving in the Armed Forces;

Whereas the members and veterans of the Armed Forces, through their service, bear the burden of protecting the freedom of the people of the United States;

Whereas the selfless example of the service of the members and veterans of the Armed Forces, as well as the sacrifices made by the families of those individuals, inspires all individuals in the United States to sacrifice and work diligently for the good of the United States; and

Whereas the sacrifices of the families of the fallen members of the Armed Forces and the families of veterans of the Armed Forces should never be forgotten: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week of September 22 through September 28, 2024, as “Gold Star Families Remembrance Week”;

(2) honors and recognizes the sacrifices made by—

(A) the families of members of the Armed Forces who made the ultimate sacrifice in order to defend freedom and protect the United States; and

(B) the families of veterans of the Armed Forces; and

(3) encourages the people of the United States to observe Gold Star Families Remembrance Week by—

(A) performing acts of service and good will in their communities; and

(B) celebrating families in which loved ones made the ultimate sacrifice so that others could continue to enjoy life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 885—DESIGNATING OCTOBER 2, 2024, AS “ENERGY EFFICIENCY DAY” IN CELEBRATION OF THE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS THAT HAVE BEEN DRIVEN BY PRIVATE SECTOR INNOVATION AND FEDERAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY POLICIES

Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. REED, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. WELCH, Mr. KING, Ms. SMITH, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. HASSAN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. KAINE, Mr. BROWN, Mr. WARNER, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 885

Whereas October has been designated as “National Energy Awareness Month”;

Whereas improvements in energy efficiency technologies and practices, along with policies of the United States enacted since the 1970s, have resulted in energy savings of more than 80,000,000,000,000 British thermal units and energy cost avoidance of more than \$1,000,000,000,000 annually;

Whereas energy efficiency has enjoyed bipartisan support in Congress and in administrations of both parties for more than 50 years;

Whereas bipartisan legislation enacted since the 1970s to advance Federal energy efficiency policies includes—

(1) the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6201 et seq.);

(2) the National Appliance Energy Conservation Act of 1987 (Public Law 100-12; 101 Stat. 103);

(3) the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13201 et seq.);

(4) the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 15801 et seq.);

(5) the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17001 et seq.);

(6) the Energy Efficiency Improvement Act of 2015 (Public Law 114-11; 129 Stat. 182);

(7) the Energy Act of 2020 (Public Law 116-260; 134 Stat. 2418); and

(8) the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public Law 117-58; 135 Stat. 429);

Whereas energy efficiency has long been supported by a diverse coalition of businesses (including manufacturers, utilities, energy service companies, and technology firms), public interest organizations, environmental and conservation groups, and State and local governments;

Whereas, since 1980, the United States has more than doubled its energy productivity, realizing twice the economic output per unit of energy consumed;

Whereas more than 2,200,000 individuals in the United States are currently employed across the energy efficiency sector, as the United States has doubled its energy productivity, and business and industry have become more innovative and competitive in global markets;

Whereas the Department of Energy is the principal Federal agency responsible for renewable energy technologies and energy efficiency efforts;

Whereas cutting energy waste saves the consumers of the United States billions of dollars on utility bills annually; and

Whereas energy efficiency policies, financing innovations, and public-private partnerships have contributed to a reduction in energy intensity in Federal facilities by nearly 50 percent since the mid-1970s, which results in direct savings to United States taxpayers: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates October 2, 2024, as “Energy Efficiency Day”; and

(2) calls on the people of the United States to observe Energy Efficiency Day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 886—EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 24, 2024, TO OCTOBER 31, 2024, AS “BAT WEEK”

Mr. WELCH (for himself, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 886

Whereas bats are vital to the sustainability of natural ecosystems, national economies, and human health by controlling damaging insect pests, pollinating plants that produce fruits and vegetables, dispersing seeds to ensure healthy functioning forests and fields, and saving farmers in the United States more than \$3,000,000,000 in pest control every year;

Whereas bats have captured the human imagination through backyard sightings, folklore, art, myths, and legends, making outreach and education about the importance of bats instrumental;

Whereas bats are present throughout the world, except in extremely cold regions, and are the second-largest order of mammals with over 1,400 species;

Whereas white-nose syndrome, a fungal disease that has killed millions of bats in North America, has now spread to 40 States and 12 species of hibernating bats;

Whereas the disease has caused significant declines in populations of the tricolored bat, the little brown bat, and the northern long-eared bat, which is listed as endangered by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.);

Whereas the Department of the Interior, through the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the United States Geological Survey, the National Park Service, and the Bureau of Land Management, is leading the international response to the disease in partnership with the United States Forest Service and more than 150 Federal and State agencies, Tribes, nongovernmental organizations, and universities;

Whereas the United States Geological Survey and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service co-lead the multinational, multi-agency North American Bat Monitoring Program, which, since 2015, has consolidated nearly 94,000,000 records from partners in 49 States, 9 Canadian Provinces, and 20 Tribal