

Whereas Taiwan has now held 7 presidential, 9 legislative, and many local elections since the democratic transition, all of which were free, fair, and representative of the will of the people of Taiwan;

Whereas Taiwan has peacefully transferred presidential power between political parties 3 times and peacefully transferred parliamentary power between political parties 3 times;

Whereas the peaceful transfer of power is a bedrock of a free, stable, and representative political system;

Whereas the democratic institutions of Taiwan codify the freedoms of speech, press, assembly, and religion into law, and the citizens of Taiwan have exercised these freedoms in practice, building a vibrant civil society, strong journalistic and media sector, and an advanced business community;

Whereas the rule of law and vibrant civil society, diverse economy, and stable political system form the basis for the prosperity and freedoms of Taiwan, which rank far above the global average; and

Whereas, on January 13, 2024, Taiwan will hold its eighth presidential election and tenth legislative election since beginning the transition to democracy, after which a new president, vice president, and legislature will take office: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved,*

#### SECTION 1. SENSE OF THE SENATE.

The Senate—

(1) commends Taiwan for the example it has set for self-governance, not just for the Pacific region, but for the world;

(2) regards the democracy of Taiwan as a great strategic strength for the free world and an indispensable component of contemporary United States-Taiwan relations;

(3) remains concerned about interference in Taiwan's 2024 elections by the Chinese Communist Party;

(4) is committed to continuing a strong partnership across diplomatic, information, economic, and cultural domains, regardless of the outcome of Taiwan's 2024 elections; and

(5) remains committed to United States policy as established by the Taiwan Relations Act (Public Law 96-8; 22 U.S.C. 3301 et seq.), the Three Communiqués, and the Six Assurances towards Taiwan.

#### SEC. 2. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.

Nothing in this resolution shall be construed as an authorization for the use of military force.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 522—TO AUTHORIZE TESTIMONY AND REPRESENTATION IN UNITED STATES V. TODD

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

S. RES. 522

Whereas, in the case of *United States v. Todd*, CR. No. 22-166, pending in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, the prosecution has requested the production of testimony from Daniel Schwager, a former employee of the Office of the Secretary of the Senate;

Whereas, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 704(a)(2) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 2 U.S.C. §§288b(a) and 288c(a)(2), the Senate may direct its counsel to represent current and former officers and employees of the Senate with respect to any subpoena, order, or request for evidence relating to their official responsibilities;

Whereas, by the privileges of the Senate of the United States and Rule XI of the Stand-

ing Rules of the Senate, no evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may, by the judicial or administrative process, be taken from such control or possession but by permission of the Senate; and

Whereas, when it appears that evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may promote the administration of justice, the Senate will take such action as will promote the ends of justice consistent with the privileges of the Senate: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That Daniel Schwager, a former employee of the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, is authorized to provide relevant testimony in the case of *United States v. Todd*, except concerning matters for which a privilege should be asserted.

SEC. 2. The Senate Legal Counsel is authorized to represent Mr. Schwager, and any current or former officer or employee of the Secretary's office, in connection with the production of evidence authorized in section one of this resolution.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 523—HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF THE LATE SENATOR HERB KOHL

Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BRAUN, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BUDD, Ms. BUTLER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CASSIDY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. ERNST, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HAGERTY, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. KAINNE, Mr. KELLY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEE, Mr. LUJÁN, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. MULLIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. OSSOFF, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PETERS, Mr. REED, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROMNEY, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHMITT, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. SINEMA, Ms. SMITH, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. VANCE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WARNOCK, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. YOUNG) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 523

Whereas Herb Kohl grew up in the Sherman Park neighborhood of Milwaukee, Wisconsin;

Whereas Herb Kohl earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin, which is now home to the basketball and hockey center that bears his name, as well as the Herb Kohl Public Service Research Competition to advance evidence-based policy and governance research by faculty members and

students, which were supported through his gifts to the University;

Whereas, as president of the Kohl's Corporation, Herb Kohl followed in his father's footsteps and built with his brothers a chain of over 50 Kohl's grocery stores across the Midwest;

Whereas, when the Milwaukee Bucks were put up for sale and in danger of being bought and moved to another city, Herb Kohl stepped forward in 1985 and bought the team with the promise to Bucks fans that the team would never leave—a promise he fulfilled when the time came to sell the team in 2014, donating \$100,000,000 to help build a new arena for the community;

Whereas, in 1990, Herb Kohl started the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation, which has provided more than \$34,000,000 in grants and scholarships to Wisconsin students, teachers, and schools;

Whereas Herb Kohl answered a call to public service in 1988 and ran for the United States Senate with a commitment to being "nobody's Senator but yours" and working across party lines for the people of the State he loved;

Whereas Herb Kohl served Wisconsin in the United States Senate for 24 years, bringing his business experience to his Senate office and treating his more than 5,000,000 Wisconsin constituents as his customers;

Whereas Herb Kohl championed issues important for the people of Wisconsin, fighting every day for dairy farmers, working to protect kids from the threat of gun violence, helping seniors secure and keep high quality health care, and supporting education at all levels, from early childhood through adults attending technical colleges and universities;

Whereas Herb Kohl served on the Committee on the Judiciary and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and was Chairman of the Special Committee on Aging of the Senate;

Whereas, throughout his Senate tenure and as Chairman of the Special Committee on Aging of the Senate, Herb Kohl championed initiatives to get individuals, families, and communities the health insurance and care they needed, focusing on the most vulnerable—children and seniors—and the most difficult to reach—rural communities;

Whereas Herb Kohl used his position as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate to advance Wisconsin's dairy interests and strengthen nutrition programs for children, including by expanding after-school feeding programs, launching school breakfast start-up grants, expanding summer food service for students, and leading the charge to fund the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children (commonly referred to as "WIC"), which provides nutrition assistance to pregnant women, infants, and children;

Whereas, as a member of the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate, Herb Kohl worked to provide funding for police departments across Wisconsin, advance legislation for child safety locks on handguns, strengthen efforts in the State to fight drug trafficking, and institute ratings for video games;

Whereas Herb Kohl's office assisted Wisconsin through individual casework for more than 2 decades, earning a reputation as having one of the best customer service operations in the United States Senate; and

Whereas, on December 27, 2023, at the age of 88, Herb Kohl died, leaving behind a legacy of dedication and service to the people of Wisconsin: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That—

(1) the Senate—

(A) recognizes with profound sorrow and deep regret the death of the Honorable Herb Kohl, former Senator for the State of Wisconsin; and

(B) respectfully requests that the Secretary of the Senate—

(i) communicate this resolution to the House of Representatives; and

(ii) transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the family of the Honorable Herb Kohl; and

(2) when the Senate adjourns today, it stands adjourned as a further mark of respect to the memory of the Honorable Herb Kohl.

# SENATE RESOLUTION 524—CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI TIGERS FOR WINNING THE 2023 GOODYEAR COTTON BOWL CLASSIC

Mr. SCHMITT (for himself and Mr. HAWLEY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

S. RES. 524

Whereas, on December 29, 2023, the University of Missouri Tigers football team (referred to in this preamble as the “Tigers”) defeated the nationally ranked Ohio State University Buckeyes, 14 to 3, to win the 2023 Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic (referred to in this preamble as the “Cotton Bowl”);

Whereas the victory in the Cotton Bowl is a testament to the skill, dedication, and hard work of the Tigers;

Whereas the Tigers demonstrated exceptional teamwork and sportsmanship during the Cotton Bowl and throughout the 2023 season;

Whereas, during the 2023 season, the Tigers achieved a record of 11 wins and 2 losses, defeating the Ohio State University Buckeyes, the University of Arkansas Razorbacks, the University of Florida Gators, the University of Tennessee Volunteers, the University of South Carolina Gamecocks, the University of Kentucky Wildcats, the Vanderbilt University Commodores, the University of Memphis Tigers, the Kansas State University Wildcats, the Middle Tennessee State University Blue Raiders, and the University of South Dakota Coyotes;

Whereas the Tigers attained a final ranking of 8th in the 2023 National Collegiate Athletic Association (referred to in this preamble as “NCAA”) Division I Football Bowl Subdivision (referred to in this preamble as “FBS”) football season;

Whereas the coaching staff, led by the head coach of the Tigers, Eliah Drinkwitz, provided outstanding leadership and strategy, contributing significantly to the victories throughout the season that culminated with the victory in the Cotton Bowl and Eliah Drinkwitz being awarded the 2023 Southeastern Conference (referred to in this preamble as “SEC”) Football Coach of the Year;

Whereas the entire student-athlete roster for the Tigers proved to be instrumental in the victory in the Cotton Bowl, including Brady Cook, Sam Horn, Jake Garcia, Cody Schrader, Nathaniel Peat, Jamal Roberts, Tavorus Jones, Theo Wease Jr., Marquis Johnson, Ja'Marion Wayne, Mookie Cooper, Joshua Manning, Mekhi Miller, Tyler Stephens, Brett Norfleet, Jordan Harris, Javon Foster, Marcellus Johnson, Xavier Delgado, Logan Reichert, Connor Tollison, Bence Polgar, Drake Heismeyer, Cam'Ron Johnson, Tristan Wilson, Armand Membou, Mitchell Walters, Darius Robinson, Nyles Gaddy, Aus-

tin Firestone, Jayden Jernigan, Josh Landry, Marquis Gracial, Realus George Jr., Kristian Williams, Johnny Walker Jr., Joe Moore, DJ Wesolak, Chuck Hicks, Dameon Wilson, Ty'Ron Hopper, Triston Newson, Daylan Carnell, Sidney Williams, Kris Abrams-Draine, Marcus Clarke, Joseph Charleston, Tre'Vez Johnson, Phillip Roche, Jaylon Carlies, Marvin Burks Jr., Ennis Rakestraw Jr., Dreyden Norwood, Shamar McNeil, Luke Bauer, Riley Williams, Harrison Mevis, Blake Craig, Brett Le Blanc, Trey Flint, Luther Burden III, Daniel Blood, Andrew Serrano, Nick Quadri, Jalen Marshall, Sam Williams, Ky Montgomery, Ryan Hoerstkamp, Logan Muckey, Jack Meyer, Shawn Hendershot, Brandon Solis, Curtis Peagler, Jack McGarry, Xavier Machado, Ma'Yi Lee, Jack Kautz, Nate Norris, Tommy Reese, Jahkai Lang, Tyson Ellison, Ben Straatmann, Isaac Thompson, Carmycha Glass, Caimin Hayes, Christopher Kreh, Tucker Miller, Devyn Butler, Michael Cox, Boyton Cheney, Ricardo Merriweather, Bryce Jackson, Serigne Tounkara, Nasir Pogue, Anthony Favrow, Noah Flaskamp, Micah Manning, Nicholas Deloach Jr., Will Norris, Dylan Laible, Brayshaw Littlejohn, Tommy Lock, Brett Brown, Demariyon “Peanut” Houston, and Chad Bailey;

Whereas Brady Cook, named the Offensive Most Valuable Player for the Cotton Bowl, and Johnny Walker Jr., named the Defensive Most Valuable Player for the Cotton Bowl, were acknowledged for their outstanding performances during the Cotton Bowl;

Whereas several players on the Tigers received recognition during the 2023 season, including—

(1) 7 players earning 1st or 2nd Team All-SEC honors;

(2) 2 players earning Walter Camp All-America honors; and

(3) 4 players earning Associated Press All-America honors;

Whereas Cody Schrader, who finished the season with an impressive 1,627 rushing yards and 14 touchdowns, was recognized for his outstanding contributions to the success of the Tigers, receiving the 2023 Burlsworth Trophy, which is awarded annually to the most outstanding college football player at the FBS level who began their college career as a walk-on; and

Whereas fans of the Tigers demonstrated true passion and dedication in supporting their team throughout the 2023 NCAA Division I FBS football season: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commends the University of Missouri Tigers football team (referred to in this resolution as the “Tigers”) on winning the 2023 Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic;

(2) recognizes the achievements, contributions, and dedication of the players, coaches, management, and support staff of the Tigers;

(3) congratulates the alumni, students, and faculty of the University of Missouri;

(4) recognizes the hard work and commitment of the staff of Faurot Field and AT&T Stadium; and

(5) respectfully directs the Secretary of the Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to—

(A) the chancellor of the University of Missouri, Mun Choi;

(B) the director of athletics of the University of Missouri, Desiree Reed-Francois; and

(C) the head coach of the Tigers, Eliah Drinkwitz.

## AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I have two requests for committees to

meet during today's session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority Leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today's session of the Senate:

### COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

## AUTHORIZING TESTIMONY AND REPRESENTATION IN UNITED STATES V. TODD

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 522 submitted earlier today.

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

The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 522) to authorize testimony and representation in United States v. Todd.

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

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, in this criminal case pending in Federal district court in the District of Columbia and arising out of the events of January 6, 2021, the prosecution has requested testimony from a Senate witness.

In this case, brought against John George Todd III, trial is expected to commence on January 22, 2024, and the prosecution has requested testimony from Daniel Schwager, formerly counsel to the Secretary of the Senate, concerning his knowledge and observations of the process and constitutional and legal bases for Congress's counting of the Electoral College votes. Senate Secretary Berry would like to cooperate with this request by providing relevant testimony in this trial from Mr. Schwager.

In keeping with the rules and practices of the Senate, this resolution would authorize the production of relevant testimony from Mr. Schwager, with representation by the Senate legal counsel.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent 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.