

Whereas NAWBO remains focused on collaborating to create a business-friendly environment at the Federal, State, and local levels to enable women to start and grow their businesses and create jobs; and

Whereas NAWBO represents a diverse universe of women business owners across an array of sectors in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate commends the National Association of Women Business Owners for its tireless efforts and decades of support of women entrepreneurs and business owners and congratulates the National Association of Women Business Owners on its 40th anniversary.

SENATE RESOLUTION 226—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT THE STREET BETWEEN THE INTERSECTIONS OF 16TH STREET, NORTHWEST AND FULLER STREET, NORTHWEST AND 16TH STREET, NORTHWEST AND EUCLID STREET, NORTHWEST IN WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, SHOULD BE DESIGNATED AS “OSWALDO PAYA WAY”

Mr. CRUZ submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:

S. RES. 226

Whereas Fidel Castro and Raul Castro have been the autocratic rulers of the Republic of Cuba for 56 years;

Whereas Fidel Castro and Raul Castro have relentlessly and consistently oppressed any efforts to bring democratic freedoms and human rights to the people of the Republic of Cuba for this 56-year period;

Whereas Oswaldo Payá was a Cuban political dissident dedicated to promoting democratic freedoms and human rights in the Republic of Cuba;

Whereas the Communist Party of Cuba has always viewed such commitment to freedom as a threat to its existence;

Whereas on July 22, 2012, a violent car crash, widely believed to have been carried out by the Castro regime, took the lives of Payá and Harold Cepero, another dissident;

Whereas the official investigation into the crash has been demonstrated to be compromised and the Castro regime has offered no plausible evidence of its innocence, leaving the circumstances of the death of Payá unknown;

Whereas opposition by Payá to the Communist Party of Cuba began at a young age, when he refused to become a member of the Young Communist League as a primary school student, and continued through high school when he publically criticized the invasion of Czechoslovakia by the Soviet Union;

Whereas the Communist Party of Cuba responded to the opposition by Payá to the invasion of Czechoslovakia by the Soviet Union by sending Payá to a labor camp for 3 years;

Whereas Payá forewent a chance to escape the Republic of Cuba in the 1980 Mariel boatlift, deciding instead to continue the fight for democracy in the Republic of Cuba, saying, “This is what I am supposed to be, this is what I have to do.”;

Whereas by creating the Varela Project in 1998, Payá demonstrated his staunch commitment to peacefully advocating for freedom of speech and freedom of assembly for his fellow Cubans;

Whereas in recognition of his determination for political reforms through peaceful

protests, Payá was awarded the Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought by the European Parliament in 2002, the W. Averell Harriman Democracy Award from the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs in 2003, and was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize by former Czech President Václav Havel in 2005; and

Whereas renaming the street in front of the Embassy of the Republic of Cuba in the District of Columbia after Payá serves as an expression of solidarity between the people of the United States and the people of the Republic of Cuba who are engaged in a long, non-violent struggle for fundamental human rights: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) the street between the intersections of 16th Street, Northwest and Fuller Street, Northwest and 16th Street, Northwest and Euclid Street, Northwest in Washington, District of Columbia, should be designated as “Oswaldo Payá Way”, and any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record to that area should be deemed to be a reference to “Oswaldo Payá Way”;

(2) the address of 2630 16th Street, Northwest, Washington, District of Columbia, should be redesignated as 2630 Oswaldo Payá Way, and any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to that address should be deemed to be a reference to 2630 Oswaldo Payá Way; and

(3) the Administrator of General Services should construct street signs that—

(A) contain the phrase “Oswaldo Payá Way”;

(B) are similar in design to the signs used by Washington, District of Columbia, to designate the location of Metro stations; and

(C) should be placed on—

(i) the parcel of Federal property that is closest to Oswaldo Payá Way (as described in paragraph (2)); and

(ii) the street corners of 16th Street, Northwest and Fuller Street, Northwest and 16th Street, Northwest and Euclid Street, Northwest in Washington, District of Columbia.

SENATE RESOLUTION 227—CONDEMNING THE ATTACKS OF JULY 16, 2015, IN CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, HONORING THE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES WHO LOST THEIR LIVES, AND EXPRESSING SUPPORT AND PRAYERS FOR ALL THOSE AFFECTED

Mr. CORKER (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. REID of Nevada, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. COATS, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. ERNST, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. GARDNER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD,

Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. PETERS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. REED of Rhode Island, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SASSE, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. UDALL, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 227

Whereas on July 16, 2015, an Armed Forces Recruitment Center and the Navy Operational Support Center in Chattanooga, Tennessee, were attacked, killing 5 members of the Armed Forces;

Whereas Gunnery Sergeant Thomas Sullivan, of Massachusetts, served his country with honor and distinction, including during 2 deployments to Iraq, and was twice awarded the Purple Heart;

Whereas Staff Sergeant David Wyatt, of North Carolina, served his country with honor and distinction, including during 2 deployments to Iraq;

Whereas Sergeant Carson Holmquist, of Wisconsin, served his country with honor and distinction, including during 2 deployments to Afghanistan;

Whereas Lance Corporal Squire K. Wells, of Georgia, served his country with honor and distinction, having recently completed basic training;

Whereas Petty Officer Second Class Randall Smith, of Ohio, served his country with honor and distinction, had recently re-enlisted in the Navy, and survived for almost 2 days before succumbing to catastrophic injuries;

Whereas Chattanooga police officer Sergeant Dennis Pedigo, Jr. was seriously wounded in the course of his duties;

Whereas the swift and courageous response by law enforcement officers and first responders prevented additional loss of life; and

Whereas the people of the United States stand united around the community of Chattanooga and the families of the victims to support all those affected and pray for healing and peace: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) condemns the attacks of July 16, 2015, in Chattanooga, Tennessee;

(2) honors the sacrifice and memory of the 5 members of the Armed Forces who lost their lives;

(3) recognizes the skill and heroism of the law enforcement officers, members of the Armed Forces, and first responders who came to the aid of others;

(4) commends the efforts of those who are working to care for the injured and investigate this horrific incident;

(5) extends its heartfelt condolences and prayers to the families of the fallen, and to all those affected in the community of Chattanooga and in the United States; and

(6) pledges to continue to work together to prevent future attacks.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2258. Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. FLAKE) submitted an amendment intended to

be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 22, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2259. Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. VITTER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 22, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2260. Mr. CRUZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 22, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2261. Mr. CRUZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 22, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2262. Mr. CRUZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 22, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2263. Mr. CRUZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 22, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2264. Mr. CRUZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 22, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2265. Mr. CRUZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 22, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2266. Mr. McCONNELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 22, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2267. Mr. MANCHIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 22, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2258. Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. FLAKE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 22, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . SONORAN CORRIDOR INTERSTATE DEVELOPMENT.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that the designation of the Sonoran Corridor Interstate connecting Interstate 19 to Interstate 10 south of the Tucson International Airport as a future part of the Interstate System would—

(1) enhance direct linkage between major trading routes connecting growing ports, agricultural regions, infrastructure and manufacturing centers, and existing high priority corridors of the National Highway System; and

(2) significantly improve connectivity on the future Interstate 11 and the CANAMEX Corridor, a route directly linking the United States with Mexico and Canada.

(b) HIGH PRIORITY CORRIDORS ON NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM.—Section 1105(c) of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (105 Stat. 2032; 119 Stat.

1210) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(81) State Route 410, the Sonoran Corridor connecting Interstate 19 to Interstate 10 south of the Tucson International Airport.”.

(c) FUTURE PARTS OF INTERSTATE SYSTEM.—Section 1105(e)(5)(A) of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (105 Stat. 2033; 119 Stat. 1213) is amended in the first sentence by striking “and subsection (c)(57)” and inserting “subsection (c)(57), and subsection (c)(81)”.

SA 2259. Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. VITTER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 22, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN CONGRESSIONAL MEMBERS AND MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 1312(d)(3)(D) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18032(d)(3)(D)), Members of Congress, the President, Vice President, and all other political appointees shall purchase health insurance coverage through a health exchange established under such Act and shall receive no Federal subsidy or contribution to the costs of such coverage that is not also otherwise available to individuals at a similar income level.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) MEMBER OF CONGRESS.—The term “Member of Congress” shall have the meaning given such term in section 1312(d)(3)(D)(ii)(I) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18032(d)(3)(D)(ii)(I)).

(2) POLITICAL APPOINTEE.—The term “political appointee” means any individual who—

(A) is employed in a position described under sections 5312 through 5316 of title 5, United States Code, (relating to the Executive Schedule);

(B) is a limited term appointee, limited emergency appointee, or noncareer appointee in the Senior Executive Service, as defined under paragraphs (5), (6), and (7), respectively, of section 3132(a) of title 5, United States Code;

(C) is employed in a position in the executive branch of the Government of a confidential or policy-determining character under schedule C of subpart C of part 213 of title 5 of the Code of Federal Regulations; or

(D) is employed in or under the Executive Office of the President in a position that is excluded from the competitive service by reason of its confidential, policy-determining, policy-making, or policy-advocating character.

SA 2260. Mr. CRUZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 22, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; which

was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . PROHIBITION ON SANCTIONS RELIEF FOR IRAN.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the President may not waive, suspend, reduce, provide relief from, or otherwise limit the application of statutory sanctions with respect to Iran under any provision of law or refrain from applying any such sanctions pursuant to an agreement with Iran relating to Iran’s nuclear program until—

(1) the Government of Iran has recognized Israel’s right to exist; and

(2) the Government of Iran has released all American prisoners of conscience who are being unjustly held in Iranian jails, including Saeed Abedini, Amir Hekmati, and Jason Rezaian, and located and returned Robert Levinson.

SA 2261. Mr. CRUZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 22, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . RECIPROCITY FOR THE CARRYING OF CERTAIN CONCEALED FIREARMS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 926C the following:

“§ 926D. Reciprocity for the carrying of certain concealed firearms

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any provision of the law of any State or political subdivision thereof to the contrary—

“(1) an individual who is not prohibited by Federal law from possessing, transporting, shipping, or receiving a firearm, and who is carrying a government-issued photographic identification document and a valid license or permit which is issued pursuant to the law of a State and which permits the individual to carry a concealed firearm, may possess or carry a concealed handgun (other than a machinegun or destructive device) that has been shipped or transported in interstate or foreign commerce in any State other than the State of residence of the individual that—

“(A) has a statute that allows residents of the State to obtain licenses or permits to carry concealed firearms; or

“(B) does not prohibit the carrying of concealed firearms by residents of the State for lawful purposes; and

“(2) an individual who is not prohibited by Federal law from possessing, transporting, shipping, or receiving a firearm, and who is carrying a government-issued photographic identification document and is entitled and not prohibited from carrying a concealed firearm in the State in which the individual resides otherwise than as described in paragraph (1), may possess or carry a concealed handgun (other than a machinegun or destructive device) that has been shipped or transported in interstate or foreign commerce in any State other than the State of residence of the individual that—

“(A) has a statute that allows residents of the State to obtain licenses or permits to carry concealed firearms; or