

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) urges the Government of the DRC and all other relevant parties to engage in a credible, independently-monitored, and technical dialogue to reach consensus on a way forward on establishing a detailed electoral calendar and organizing elections;

(2) urges the Government of the DRC to respect the constitution of the DRC and, as constitutionally required, to ensure a free, open, peaceful, and democratic transition of power;

(3) expresses its solidarity with the people of the DRC to choose their own government in an atmosphere free of violence, threats, and intimidation by the government or other parties, including the release of Fred Bauma and Yves Makwambala;

(4) commits to maintain vigilance and scrutiny of the electoral process in the DRC, to help ensure that all United States Government activities contribute fully and robustly to the abovementioned objectives; and

(5) pledges to examine continuously the use of all available and appropriate means to ensure these objectives, including the imposition of targeted sanctions on individuals or entities responsible for violence and human rights violations and undermining democratic processes in the DRC.

SENATE RESOLUTION 486—COMMEMORATING “CRUISE TRAVEL PROFESSIONAL MONTH” IN OCTOBER 2016

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

S. RES. 486

Whereas Cruise Lines International Association was established in 1975 and as of 2016 is the largest cruise industry trade association in the world, providing a unified voice and serving as the leading authority for the global cruise community;

Whereas Cruise Lines International Association supports policies and practices that foster a safe, secure, healthy, and sustainable cruise ship environment and is dedicated to promoting the cruise travel experience;

Whereas approximately 10,000 travel agencies and 19,000 individual cruise travel professionals are members of Cruise Lines International Association and participate in ongoing professional development and training programs to build cruise industry knowledge;

Whereas cruise travel professionals deliver value to consumers by providing advice on choosing the best cruise based on the budgets and interests of the customers and taking the worry out of vacation planning by arranging the details of vacations;

Whereas cruise passengers have consistently ranked cruise travel professionals as the most helpful sources of information and service among all distribution channels used for purchasing cruises;

Whereas 70 percent of cruise passengers from the United States use a cruise travel professional to plan and book a cruise vacation;

Whereas Cruise Lines International Association and cruise travel professionals across the world celebrate and promote October as “Plan a Cruise Month”;

Whereas the United States has the most cruise passengers in the world, with almost 11,500,000 cruise passengers in 2014;

Whereas the cruise industry in the United States generated 375,000 jobs across all 50 States in 2014; and

Whereas, in 2014, the cruise industry spent \$21,000,000,000 directly with United States businesses and generated \$46,000,000,000 in gross outputs due to the spending of cruise lines and the crew and passengers of cruise lines, including indirect economic impacts: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commemorates the inaugural “Cruise Travel Professional Month” in October 2016;

(2) acknowledges the creativity and professionalism of the men and women of the cruise travel professional community; and

(3) encourages the people of the United States to observe “Cruise Travel Professional Month” with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

SENATE RESOLUTION 487—COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RESERVE OFFICERS’ TRAINING CORPS PROGRAM OF THE ARMY

Mrs. ERNST submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 487

Whereas June 3, 2016, marks the 100th anniversary of the Reserve Officers’ Training Corps program of the Army (referred to in this preamble as “Army ROTC”);

Whereas Congress established Army ROTC and the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps in the Act of June 3, 1916 (39 Stat. 166, chapter 134) (commonly known as the “National Defense Act of 1916”);

Whereas the Army has commissioned more than 650,000 officers from Army ROTC;

Whereas Army ROTC serves as a critical component for the training of men and women to take command, protecting the national security of the United States and way of life of individuals in the United States;

Whereas Army ROTC produces the next generation of innovative and adaptive leaders while providing those leaders with essential collegiate educational opportunities;

Whereas Army ROTC commissioned 5,536 officers in 2014;

Whereas Army ROTC produced 21 4-star generals between 2000 and 2016;

Whereas Army ROTC is available at nearly 1,000 institutions of higher education across all 50 States and all territories;

Whereas the Army has included in Army ROTC programs such as the Green to Gold and Simultaneous Membership programs to allow an enlisted member of the Army to gain a college education and become an officer of the Army;

Whereas women have been an integral part of Army ROTC since academic year 1972–1973; and

Whereas Army ROTC serves as a way for an individual to gain a college education and serve the United States: Now, therefore, be it

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

(1) the Reserve Officers’ Training Corps program of the Army (referred to in this resolving clause as “Army ROTC”) continues to train the next generation of military leaders, who are well-equipped to defeat existing enemies of the United States and those enemies that may emerge in the future;

(2) the Senate is encouraged by the quality of leaders that Army ROTC has and will continue to produce; and

(3) as of the date of adoption of this resolution, Army ROTC produces more Army officers than any other source.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 4604. Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. REED, and Mr. MCCAIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2943, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2017 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 4605. Mr. SCOTT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2943, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4606. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2943, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4607. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2943, supra.

SA 4608. Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mrs. MURRAY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2943, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4609. Mr. ALEXANDER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2943, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4610. Mr. BLUNT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2943, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4611. Mr. JOHNSON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2943, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4612. Mr. DONNELLY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2943, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4613. Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. DONNELLY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2943, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4614. Mr. TESTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2943, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4615. Mr. GRAHAM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2943, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4616. Mr. COTTON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2943, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4617. Mr. PORTMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2943, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4618. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2943, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4619. Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. HOEVEN, and Mr. HATCH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2943, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4620. Mrs. ERNST (for herself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. KIRK, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2943, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4621. Mrs. ERNST (for herself, Mr. CORKER, and Mrs. BOXER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2943, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4622. Mr. FLAKE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the