

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. President: This year, Northwest Missouri State University set a record when it became the first Division II school to win the men's basketball and football championships in the same season.

It also became the first Division I or II school in the past decade to win titles in both those sports in the same year.

Located in Maryville, about one hundred miles north of Kansas City, Northwest Missouri State University was established in 1905.

With five NCAA championships already under their belt, Bearcats football began their 2016 season with the goal of adding another title to their great program. Under head Coach Adam Dorrel, they finished their record-setting year with a victory over the University of North Alabama in the brutally cold Division II championship game last December. The Bearcats have now gone 55–2 over four seasons, and their 30 straight victories over the last two years is the longest current win streak in all of NCAA football.

But the men's basketball team gave Bearcats fans plenty more to cheer about. After a very successful regular season, the Bearcats entered the Division II tournament with a 29–1 record. And on March 25, they defeated Fairmont State in the NCAA Division II championship game, a first in the program's history.

Finishing the year with a near perfect record, Coach Ben McCollum earned his third MIAA Coach of the Year honor. And the Bearcats' guard, Justin Pitts, earned several honors and was named the DII Bulletin Player of the Year.

Congratulations to Northwest Missouri State University on a phenomenal year. Fans across the state are excited for another great year as the Bearcats spend the off-season preparing to defend their hard fought championship titles.

SENATE RESOLUTION 152—EX-PRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF APRIL 2017 AS “NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH”

Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself and Mr. CASEY) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

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Whereas, in April 2017, over 118,116 individuals were on the official waiting list for organ donation managed by the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (referred to in this preamble as the “national transplant waiting list”);

Whereas, in 2016, 33,606 transplant procedures were performed with organs from 27,628 deceased donors and 5,978 living donors, yet 6,303 candidates for transplantation died while waiting for an organ transplant;

Whereas, on average, 22 people die each day while waiting for an organ donation;

Whereas over 130,000,000 people in the United States are registered to be organ and tissue donors, yet the demand for donated

organs outweighs the supply of organs made available each day;

Whereas, in 2016, a record was set for the number of organ transplants performed in a single year, yet every 10 minutes, 1 person is added to the national transplant waiting list;

Whereas an organ donation from a single deceased donor can benefit up to 8 individuals;

Whereas a living donor can donate a kidney or a portion of a lung or the liver to save the life of another individual; and

Whereas April is traditionally recognized as “National Donate Life Month”: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of National Donate Life Month;

(2) supports promoting awareness of organ donation by increasing public awareness;

(3) encourages States, localities, and territories of the United States to support the goals and ideals of National Donate Life Month by issuing a proclamation to designate April 2017 as “National Donate Life Month”;

(4) commends each individual who—

(A) is a registered organ donor who may have a positive impact on the life of another individual; or

(B) indicates a wish to become an organ donor;

(5) acknowledges the grief of families who face the loss of loved ones and commends the families who, in their grief, choose to donate the organs of deceased family members;

(6) recognizes the generous contribution made by each living individual who has donated an organ to save the life of another individual;

(7) acknowledges the advances in medical technology that have enabled organ transplantation with organs donated by living individuals to become a viable treatment option for an increasing number of patients;

(8) commends the medical professionals and organ transplantation experts who have worked to improve the process of living organ donation and increase the number of living donors; and

(9) salutes each individual who has helped to give the gift of life by supporting, promoting, and encouraging organ donation.

SENATE RESOLUTION 153—EX-PRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT, DURING PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK, PUBLIC SERVANTS SHOULD BE COMMENDED FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND CONTINUED SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES

Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Mr. LANKFORD, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. CARPER, Mr. TESTER, Mr. PETERS, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. KING, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. KAINE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. COONS, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Whereas the week of May 7 through 13, 2017, has been designated as “Public Service Recognition Week” to honor employees of the Federal Government and State and local governments and members of the uniformed services;

Whereas Public Service Recognition Week provides an opportunity to recognize and promote the important contributions of public servants and to honor the diverse men

and women who meet the needs of the United States through work at all levels of government and as members of the uniformed services;

Whereas millions of individuals work in government service, and as members of the uniformed services, in every State, county, and city across the United States and in hundreds of cities abroad;

Whereas public service is a noble calling involving a variety of challenging and rewarding professions;

Whereas the ability of the Federal Government and State and local governments to be responsive, innovative, and effective depends on the outstanding performance of dedicated public servants;

Whereas the United States is a great and prosperous country, and public service employees contribute significantly to that greatness and prosperity;

Whereas the United States benefits daily from the knowledge and skills of the highly trained individuals who work in public service;

Whereas public servants—

(1) defend the freedom of the people of the United States and advance the interests of the United States around the world;

(2) provide vital strategic support functions to the Armed Forces and serve in the National Guard and Reserves;

(3) fight crime and fires;

(4) ensure equal access to secure, efficient, and affordable mail service;

(5) deliver benefits under the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 301 et seq.), including benefits under the Medicare program under title XVIII of that Act (42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.);

(6) fight disease and promote better health;

(7) protect the environment and parks in the United States;

(8) enforce laws guaranteeing equal employment opportunity and healthy working conditions;

(9) defend and secure critical infrastructure;

(10) help the people of the United States recover from natural disasters and terrorist attacks;

(11) teach and work in schools and libraries;

(12) develop new technologies and explore the Earth, the Moon, and space to help improve knowledge on how the world changes;

(13) improve and secure transportation systems;

(14) promote economic growth; and

(15) assist veterans of the Armed Forces;

Whereas members of the uniformed services and civilian employees at all levels of government—

(1) make significant contributions to the general welfare of the United States; and

(2) are on the front lines in the fight to defeat terrorism and maintain homeland security;

Whereas public servants work in a professional manner to build relationships with other countries and cultures in order to better represent the interests and promote the ideals of the United States;

Whereas public servants alert Congress and the public to government waste, fraud, and abuse, and of dangers to public health;

Whereas the individuals serving in the uniformed services, as well as the skilled trade and craft employees of the Federal Government who provide support to their efforts—

(1) are committed to doing their jobs regardless of the circumstances; and

(2) contribute greatly to the security of the United States and the world;

Whereas public servants have bravely fought in armed conflicts in the defense of the United States and its ideals, and deserve the care and benefits they have earned through their honorable service;

Whereas public servants—

- (1) have much to offer, as demonstrated by their expertise and innovative ideas; and
- (2) serve as examples by passing on institutional knowledge to train the next generation of public servants; and

Whereas the week of May 7 through 13, 2017, marks the 33rd anniversary of Public Service Recognition Week: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the designation of the week of May 7 through 13, 2017, as “Public Service Recognition Week”;

(2) commends public servants for their outstanding contributions to the United States during Public Service Recognition Week and throughout the year;

(3) salutes government employees, and members of the uniformed services, for their unyielding dedication to, and enthusiasm for, public service;

(4) honors government employees and members of the uniformed services who have given their lives in service to their country;

(5) calls upon a new generation to consider a career in public service as an honorable profession;

(6) encourages efforts to promote public service careers at every level of government; and

(7) supports efforts to promote an efficient and effective public service that serves the people of the United States.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 210. Mr. MCCONNELL proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 244, to encourage effective, voluntary investments to recruit, employ, and retain men and women who have served in the United States military with annual Federal awards to employers recognizing such efforts, and for other purposes.

SA 211. Mr. MCCONNELL proposed an amendment to amendment SA 210 proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL to the bill H.R. 244, *supra*.

SA 212. Mr. MCCONNELL proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 244, *supra*.

SA 213. Mr. MCCONNELL proposed an amendment to amendment SA 212 proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL to the bill H.R. 244, *supra*.

SA 214. Mr. MCCONNELL proposed an amendment to amendment SA 213 proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL to the amendment SA 212 proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL to the bill H.R. 244, *supra*.

SA 215. Mr. HELLER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 244, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 210. Mr. MCCONNELL proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 244, to encourage effective, voluntary investments to recruit, employ, and retain men and women who have served in the United States military with annual Federal awards to employers recognizing such efforts, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end add the following:

“This Act shall take effect 1 day after the date of enactment.”

SA 211. Mr. MCCONNELL proposed an amendment to amendment SA 210 proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL to the bill H.R. 244, to encourage effective, voluntary investments to recruit, employ,

and retain men and women who have served in the United States military with annual Federal awards to employers recognizing such efforts, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike “1 day” and insert “2 days”.

SA 212. Mr. MCCONNELL proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 244, to encourage effective, voluntary investments to recruit, employ, and retain men and women who have served in the United States military with annual Federal awards to employers recognizing such efforts, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end add the following:

“This act shall be effective 3 days after enactment.”

SA 213. Mr. MCCONNELL proposed an amendment to amendment SA 212 proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL to the bill H.R. 244, to encourage effective, voluntary investments to recruit, employ, and retain men and women who have served in the United States military with annual Federal awards to employers recognizing such efforts, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike “3 days” and insert “4 days”.

SA 214. Mr. MCCONNELL proposed an amendment to amendment SA 213 proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL to the amendment SA 212 proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL to the bill H.R. 244, to encourage effective, voluntary investments to recruit, employ, and retain men and women who have served in the United States military with annual Federal awards to employers recognizing such efforts, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike “4” and insert “5”.

SA 215. Mr. HELLER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 244, to encourage effective, voluntary investments to recruit, employ, and retain men and women who have served in the United States military with annual Federal awards to employers recognizing such efforts, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

TITLE ___—NO BUDGET, NO PAY

SEC. 01. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the “No Budget, No Pay Act”.

SEC. 02. DEFINITION.

In this title, the term “Member of Congress”—

- (1) has the meaning given under section 2106 of title 5, United States Code; and
- (2) does not include the Vice President.

SEC. 03. TIMELY APPROVAL OF CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET AND THE APPROPRIATIONS BILLS.

If both Houses of Congress have not approved a concurrent resolution on the budget as described under section 301 of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 632) for a fiscal year before October 1 of that fiscal year and have not passed all the regular appropriations bills for the next fiscal year before October 1 of that

fiscal year, the pay of each Member of Congress may not be paid for each day following that October 1 until the date on which both Houses of Congress approve a concurrent resolution on the budget for that fiscal year and all the regular appropriations bills.

SEC. 04. NO PAY WITHOUT CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET AND THE APPROPRIATIONS BILLS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no funds may be appropriated or otherwise be made available from the United States Treasury for the pay of any Member of Congress during any period determined by the Chairpersons of the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate or the Chairpersons of the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives under section ___ 05.

(b) NO RETROACTIVE PAY.—A Member of Congress may not receive pay for any period determined by the Chairpersons of the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate or the Chairpersons of the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives under section ___ 05, at any time after the end of that period.

SEC. 05. DETERMINATIONS.

(a) SENATE.—

(1) REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATIONS.—On October 1 of each year, the Secretary of the Senate shall submit a request to the Chairpersons of the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate for certification of determinations made under subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (2).

(2) DETERMINATIONS.—The Chairpersons of the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate shall—

(A) on October 1 of each year, make a determination of whether Congress is in compliance with section ___ 03 and whether Senators may not be paid under that section;

(B) determine the period of days following each October 1 that Senators may not be paid under section ___ 03; and

(C) provide timely certification of the determinations under subparagraphs (A) and (B) upon the request of the Secretary of the Senate.

(b) HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—

(1) REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATIONS.—On October 1 of each year, the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives shall submit a request to the Chairpersons of the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives for certification of determinations made under subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (2).

(2) DETERMINATIONS.—The Chairpersons of the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives shall—

(A) on October 1 of each year, make a determination of whether Congress is in compliance with section ___ 03 and whether Members of the House of Representatives may not be paid under that section;

(B) determine the period of days following each October 1 that Members of the House of Representatives may not be paid under section ___ 03; and

(C) provide timely certification of the determinations under subparagraphs (A) and (B) upon the request of the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives.

SEC. 06. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This title shall take effect on February 1, 2019.