

school personnel, supply first responders with additional information and resources, and make local tracking technology programs available for individuals who may wander from safety because of their condition. Grant funding may also be used to establish or enhance notification and communications systems for the recovery of missing children with autism.

I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation, which in the 114th Congress passed the Senate unanimously. The House companion bill garnered over 90 cosponsors and passed the other chamber by vote of 346 to 66 in the 114th Congress. Our bill has been endorsed by, among others, the Autism Society of Iowa, Autism Speaks, the National Autism Association, SafeMinds, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, ANCOR (American Network of Community Options), National Autism Society of America, the Alzheimer's Impact Movement, the National Down Syndrome Society, and the Color of Autism Foundation.

#### SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

##### SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 29—RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BALFOUR DECLARATION

Mr. LANKFORD (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. CON. RES. 29

Whereas the Jewish people have had a homeland in modern-day Israel for more than 3,000 years;

Whereas on November 2, 1917, United Kingdom Foreign Secretary Lord Arthur Balfour wrote to Lord Walter Rothschild, to be declared to the Zionist Federation, a letter declaring, on behalf of the Government of the United Kingdom, support for a home for the Jewish people in the former Ottoman district of Palestine;

Whereas this letter, known as the Balfour Declaration, was ratified into international law by the League of Nations on July 24, 1922;

Whereas on September 21, 1922, President Warren G. Harding signed House Joint Resolution 322, after unanimous support from the House of Representatives and the Senate, favoring the establishment, in the former Ottoman district of Palestine, of a national home for the Jewish people;

Whereas the Balfour Declaration clearly recognized and sought to uphold the "civil and religious rights of the existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine," as well as the "rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country"; and

Whereas the Balfour Declaration was a significant part of the chain of events that led to the establishment of the modern State of Israel on May 14, 1948: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress—*

(1) commemorates the centenary of the Balfour Declaration;

(2) affirms its commitment to maintaining the strongest of bilateral ties with the State of Israel; and

(3) recognizes the importance of the establishment of the modern State of Israel as a secure and democratic homeland for the Jewish people.

##### SENATE RESOLUTION 321—HONORING THE CAREER OF MAJOR GENERAL RICHARD C. NASH AND RECOGNIZING HIS SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES AND THE STATE OF MINNESOTA

Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. FRANKEN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services:

S. RES. 321

Whereas Major General Richard C. Nash served as the Adjutant General of the Minnesota National Guard with distinction during the last 7 years;

Whereas Major General Nash is a native of Minnesota who has dedicated his life to serving the United States and the State of Minnesota;

Whereas Major General Nash served honorably in the Armed Forces for 45 years, 29 of which were served in the Minnesota National Guard;

Whereas Major General Nash has commanded at all levels, from company to multinational task force, demonstrating steadfast and wise leadership;

Whereas the men and women of the Minnesota National Guard are among the very best in the United States, with more than 13,000 soldiers and airmen;

Whereas the Minnesota National Guard has 58 Army facilities and 2 air bases in more than 50 communities;

Whereas Major General Nash has led international initiatives in Iraq, Afghanistan, the Sinai Peninsula, and the Baltic region, helping to protect the interests of the United States and spread the values of the United States around the world;

Whereas Major General Nash has kept Minnesotans safe during times of floods and other natural disasters;

Whereas Major General Nash has been a strong advocate for the men and women of the Minnesota National Guard and the families of those men and women;

Whereas Major General Nash has been committed to the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon program of Minnesota, which helps returning servicemembers and the families of those servicemembers;

Whereas Major General Nash has been a tireless advocate for Family Assistance Centers, which advocate for veterans of the Armed Forces and the loved ones of those veterans;

Whereas Major General Nash is a highly decorated military officer and the recipient of many awards, including—

(1) the Distinguished Service Medal of the Army;

(2) the Defense Superior Service Medal;

(3) the Legion of Merit;

(4) the Bronze Star Medal;

(5) the Meritorious Service Medal;

(6) the Army Commendation Medal;

(7) the Army Achievement Medal;

(8) the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal;

(9) the National Defense Service Medal;

(10) the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal;

(11) the Iraq Campaign Medal;

(12) the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal;

(13) the Armed Forces Service Medal;

(14) the Armed Forces Reserve Medal;

(15) the Army Service Ribbon;

(16) the Overseas Service Ribbon;

(17) the Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon;

(18) the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal;

(19) the Minnesota Commendation Ribbon;

(20) the Minnesota State Active Duty Ribbon;

(21) the Minnesota Distinguished Recruiting Ribbon;

(22) the Minnesota Service Ribbon;

(23) the Expert Infantryman Badge; and

(24) the Air Assault Badge; and

Whereas the service of Major General Nash lives on through his legacy in the United States, Minnesota, and abroad: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved, That the Senate—*

(1) honors the decades of distinguished service of Major General Richard C. Nash; and

(2) congratulates Major General Richard C. Nash on his retirement, which took place on October 31, 2017, following a distinguished 45-year military career.

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. President, I have 4 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 ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, November 2, 2017, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing on the following nominations: Mark T. Esper, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Army, Robert L. Wilkie, of North Carolina, to be Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Joseph Kernan, of Florida, to be Under Secretary for Intelligence, and Guy B. Roberts, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Defense.

##### 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, November 2, 2017, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-366 to hold a hearing.

##### COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, November 2, 2017, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 to conduct a hearing on S. 807 and the following nominations: of Gregory G. Katsas, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Jeffrey Uhlman Beaverstock, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Alabama, Emily Coody Marks, and Brett Joseph Talley, both to be a United States District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama, Holly Lou Teeter, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas, and Matthew G. T. Martin, to be United