

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

S. RES. 392

Whereas, for more than 100 years, the Olympic and Paralympic movements have built a more peaceful and better world by—

(1) educating young people through amateur athletics;

(2) bringing together athletes from many countries in friendly competition; and

(3) forging new relationships among athletes bound by friendship, solidarity, and fair play;

Whereas the 2018 Olympic Winter Games will take place in PyeongChang, South Korea, from February 9 to February 25, 2018;

Whereas the 2018 Paralympic Winter Games will take place in PyeongChang, South Korea, from March 9 to March 18, 2018;

Whereas at the 2018 Olympic Winter Games, 90 nations will compete in 7 sports, and the United States Olympic and Paralympic Teams (referred to in this preamble as “Team USA”) will compete in all 7 sports;

Whereas at the 2018 Paralympic Winter Games, approximately 45 nations will compete in 5 sports, and Team USA will compete in all 5 sports;

Whereas Team USA has won 96 gold medals, 102 silver medals, and 84 bronze medals, totaling 282 medals, during the past 23 Olympic Winter Games;

Whereas Team USA has won 98 gold medals, 104 silver medals, and 77 bronze medals, totaling 279 medals, during the past 11 Paralympic Winter Games;

Whereas the people of the United States stand united in respect and admiration for the members of Team USA and the athletic accomplishments, sportsmanship, and dedication to excellence of Team USA;

Whereas the many accomplishments of Team USA would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of many individuals, including—

(1) individuals on the United States Olympic Committee; and

(2) the many administrators, coaches, and family members who provide critical support to the athletes of Team USA;

Whereas the United States takes great pride in the athletes of Team USA exhibiting a commitment to excellence, grace under pressure, and good will toward other competitors; and

Whereas the Olympic and Paralympic Movements celebrate competition, fair play, and the pursuit of dreams: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) applauds the athletes and coaches of the United States Olympic and Paralympic Teams (referred to in this resolving clause as “Team USA”) and the families who support them;

(2) supports the athletes of Team USA in competing at the 2018 Olympic Winter Games and Paralympic Winter Games in PyeongChang, South Korea; and

(3) supports the goals and ideals of the Olympic Games and the Paralympic Games.

SENATE RESOLUTION 393—MAKING MINORITY APPOINTMENTS FOR THE 115TH CONGRESS

Mr. SCHUMER submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 393

Resolved, That the following be the minority membership on the following committees for the remainder of the 115th Congress, or until their successors are appointed:

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS: Mr. Menendez, Mr. Cardin, Mrs. Shaheen, Mr. Coons, Mr. Udall, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Markey, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Booker.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP: Mr. Cardin, Ms. Cantwell, Mrs. Shaheen, Ms. Heitkamp, Mr. Markey, Mr. Booker, Mr. Coons, Ms. Hirono, Ms. Duckworth.

SENATE RESOLUTION 394—RECOGNIZING JANUARY 2018 AS NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH

Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. PETERS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 394

Whereas the goals of National Mentoring Month are—

(1) to raise awareness of mentoring;

(2) to recruit individuals to mentor;

(3) to celebrate the powerful impact of caring adults who volunteer time for the benefit of young people; and

(4) to encourage organizations to engage and integrate quality in mentoring into the efforts of the organizations;

Whereas young people across the United States make everyday choices that lead to the big decisions in life without the guidance and support on which many other people rely;

Whereas a mentor is a caring, consistent presence who devotes time to a young person to help that young person—

(1) discover personal strength; and

(2) achieve the potential of that young person through a structured and trusting relationship;

Whereas quality mentoring—

(1) encourages positive choices;

(2) promotes self-esteem;

(3) supports academic achievement; and

(4) introduces young people to new ideas;

Whereas mentoring programs have shown to be effective in helping young people make positive choices;

Whereas young people who meet regularly with mentors are 46 percent less likely than peers to start using illegal drugs;

Whereas research shows that young people who were at risk for not completing high school but who had a mentor were, as compared with similarly situated young people without a mentor—

(1) 55 percent more likely to be enrolled in college;

(2) 81 percent more likely to report participating regularly in sports or extracurricular activities;

(3) more than twice as likely to say they held a leadership position in a club or sports team; and

(4) 78 percent more likely to pay it forward by volunteering regularly in the communities of young people;

Whereas 90 percent of young people who were at risk for not completing high school but who had a mentor said they are now interested in becoming mentors themselves;

Whereas mentoring can play a role in helping young people attend school regularly, as research shows that students who meet regularly with a mentor are, as compared with the peers of those students—

(1) 52 percent less likely to skip a full day of school; and

(2) 37 percent less likely to skip a class;

Whereas youth development experts agree that mentoring—

(1) encourages positive youth development and smart daily behaviors such as finishing homework and having healthy social interactions; and

(2) has a positive impact on the growth and success of a young person;

Whereas mentors help young people set career goals and use the personal contacts of the mentors to help young people meet industry professionals and train for and find jobs;

Whereas each of the benefits of mentors described in this preamble serve to link youth to economic and social opportunity while also strengthening communities in the United States; and

Whereas, despite those described benefits, 9,000,000 young people in the United States feel isolated from meaningful connections with adults outside the home, constituting a “mentoring gap” that demonstrates a need for collaboration and resources: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes January 2018 as National Mentoring Month;

(2) recognizes the caring adults who—

(A) serve as staff and volunteers at quality mentoring programs; and

(B) help the young people of the United States find inner strength and reach their full potential;

(3) acknowledges that mentoring is beneficial because mentoring supports educational achievement and self-confidence, reduces juvenile delinquency, improves life outcomes, and strengthens communities;

(4) promotes the establishment and expansion of quality mentoring programs across the United States to equip young people with the tools needed to lead healthy and productive lives; and

(5) supports initiatives to close the “mentoring gap” that exists for the many young people in the United States who do not have meaningful connections with adults outside the home.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1922. Mr. MCCONNELL proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 695, to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a voluntary national criminal history background check system and criminal history review program for certain individuals who, related to their employment, have access to children, the elderly, or individuals with disabilities, and for other purposes.

SA 1923. Mr. MCCONNELL proposed an amendment to amendment SA 1922 proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL to the bill H.R. 695, supra.

SA 1924. Mr. MCCONNELL proposed an amendment to amendment SA 1923 proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL to the amendment SA 1922 proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL to the bill H.R. 695, supra.

SA 1925. Mr. HELLER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 695, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 1922. Mr. MCCONNELL proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 695, to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a voluntary national criminal history background check system and criminal history review program for certain individuals who, related to their employment, have access to children, the elderly, or individuals with disabilities, and for other purposes; as follows: