

Whereas African Americans continue to serve the United States at the highest levels of business, government, and the military;

Whereas the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass inspired the creation of Negro History Week, the precursor to Black History Month;

Whereas Negro History Week represented the culmination of the efforts of Dr. Carter G. Woodson, the “Father of Black History”, to enhance knowledge of Black history through *The Journal of Negro History*, published by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, which was founded by Dr. Carter G. Woodson and Jesse E. Moorland;

Whereas Black History Month, celebrated during the month of February, originated in 1926 when Dr. Carter G. Woodson set aside a special period in February to recognize the heritage and achievements of Black people in the United States;

Whereas Dr. Carter G. Woodson stated, “We have a wonderful history behind us. . . . If you are unable to demonstrate to the world that you have this record, the world will say to you, ‘You are not worthy to enjoy the blessings of democracy or anything else.’”;

Whereas since its founding, the United States has imperfectly progressed toward noble goals;

Whereas the history of the United States is the story of people regularly affirming high ideals, striving to reach those ideals but often failing, and then struggling to come to terms with the disappointment of that failure, before committing to try again;

Whereas, on November 4, 2008, the people of the United States elected Barack Obama, an African-American man, as President of the United States; and

Whereas, on February 22, 2012, people across the United States celebrated the groundbreaking of the National Museum of African American History and Culture, which opened to the public on September 24, 2016, on the National Mall in Washington, District of Columbia: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) acknowledges that all people of the United States are the recipients of the wealth of history provided by Black culture;

(2) recognizes the importance of Black History Month as an opportunity to reflect on the complex history of the United States, while remaining hopeful and confident about the path ahead;

(3) acknowledges the significance of Black History Month as an important opportunity to commemorate the tremendous contributions of African Americans to the history of the United States;

(4) encourages the celebration of Black History Month to provide a continuing opportunity for all people in the United States to learn from the past and understand the experiences that have shaped the United States; and

(5) agrees that, while the United States began as a divided country, the United States must—

(A) honor the contribution of all pioneers in the United States who have helped to ensure the legacy of the great United States; and

(B) move forward with purpose, united tirelessly as a nation “indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2018. Mr. CORNYN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2579, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the premium

tax credit with respect to unsubsidized COBRA continuation coverage; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2019. Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. UDALL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2579, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2020. Mr. MORAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2579, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2021. Mr. MORAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2579, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2022. Mr. MORAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2579, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2023. Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. CARPER, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Ms. WARREN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2579, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2024. Ms. CORTEZ MASTO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2579, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2025. Ms. CORTEZ MASTO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2579, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2026. Ms. CORTEZ MASTO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2579, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2027. Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2579, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2028. Ms. CORTEZ MASTO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2579, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2029. Mr. HEINRICH (for himself and Mr. UDALL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2579, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2030. Mr. CARPER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1958 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. KING, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. KAINE, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. COONS, Mr. GARDNER, Ms. HEITKAMP, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. WARNER) to the bill H.R. 2579, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2031. Mr. CARPER (for himself, Ms. HEITKAMP, and Mr. LEAHY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2579, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2032. Mr. HOEVEN (for himself and Mr. COONS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2579, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2033. Ms. WARREN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2579, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2034. Ms. WARREN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2579, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2035. Ms. WARREN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2579, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2036. Ms. WARREN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2579, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2037. Mr. UDALL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2579, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2038. Mr. UDALL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1959 proposed by Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mrs. ERNST, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. COTTON, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. ISAKSON) to the bill H.R. 2579, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2039. Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. UDALL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1958 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. KING, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. KAINE, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. COONS, Mr. GARDNER, Ms. HEITKAMP, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. WARNER) to the bill H.R. 2579, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2040. Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Ms. SMITH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2579, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2041. Mr. CASSIDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2579, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2042. Mr. ALEXANDER (for Mr. FLAKE) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 946, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to hire additional Veterans Justice Outreach Specialists to provide treatment court services to justice-involved veterans, and for other purposes.

SA 2043. Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. MORAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2579, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the premium tax credit with respect to unsubsidized COBRA continuation coverage; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2018. Mr. CORNYN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2579, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the premium tax credit with respect to unsubsidized COBRA continuation coverage; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. . . . EXPEDITED REMOVAL FOR ALIENS INADMISSIBLE ON CRIMINAL OR SECURITY GROUNDS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 238 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1228) is amended—

(1) in the section heading, by adding at the end the following: “or who are subject to terrorism-related grounds for removal”;

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) by striking “Attorney General” and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security, in the Secretary’s sole and unreviewable discretion.”; and

(ii) by striking “set forth in this subsection or” and inserting “set forth in this subsection, in lieu of removal proceedings under”;

(B) in paragraphs (3) and (4), by striking “Attorney General” each place that term appears and inserting “Secretary”;

(C) in paragraph (5)—

(i) by striking “described in this section” and inserting “described in paragraph (1) or (2)”;