

BROWN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. COONS, Mr. WICKER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. CARPER, Mr. COTTON, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. MURRAY, and Ms. WARREN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 106

Whereas the United Negro College Fund (referred to in this preamble as "UNCF") was established on April 25, 1944, by Dr. Frederick D. Patterson—

(1) who served as the president of Tuskegee Institute (now Tuskegee University) from 1935 to 1953; and

(2) to make a united appeal to the national conscience;

Whereas UNCF was established with 27 member colleges and a combined enrollment of 14,000 students;

Whereas, since the establishment of UNCF, the nonprofit organization has grown to become 1 of the oldest and most successful African-American higher education assistance organizations in the United States;

Whereas the famous slogan of UNCF is "A mind is a terrible thing to waste";

Whereas the mission of UNCF is—

(1) to build a robust and nationally recognized pipeline of underrepresented students who become highly qualified college graduates through the support of UNCF; and

(2) to ensure that the current network of 37 member Historically Black Colleges and Universities (referred to in this preamble as "HBCUs") is a respected model of best practices in moving students to and through college;

Whereas UNCF has raised more than \$4,800,000,000 and benefitted more than 450,000 students—

(1) by annually awarding \$100,000,000 in scholarships to more than 10,000 students through 400 scholarship programs;

(2) by providing financial support to the 37 member HBCUs; and

(3) by serving as a leading advocate in the United States for the importance of minority education and community engagement; and

Whereas UNCF advocates on behalf of the following member HBCUs and the students served by those HBCUs:

- (1) Allen University.
- (2) Benedict College.
- (3) Bennett College.
- (4) Bethune-Cookman University.
- (5) Claflin University.
- (6) Clark Atlanta University.
- (7) Dillard University.
- (8) Edward Waters College.
- (9) Fisk University.
- (10) Florida Memorial University.
- (11) Huston-Tillotson University.
- (12) Interdenominational Theological Center.
- (13) Jarvis Christian College.
- (14) Johnson C. Smith University.
- (15) Lane College.
- (16) Le Moyne-Owen College.
- (17) Livingstone College.
- (18) Miles College.
- (19) Morehouse College.
- (20) Morris College.
- (21) Oakwood University.
- (22) Paine College.
- (23) Philander Smith College.
- (24) Rust College.
- (25) Saint Augustine's University.
- (26) Shaw University.
- (27) Spelman College.
- (28) Stillman College.
- (29) Talladega College.

(30) Texas College.

(31) Tougaloo College.

(32) Tuskegee University.

(33) Virginia Union University.

(34) Voorhees College.

(35) Wilberforce University.

(36) Wiley College.

(37) Xavier University of Louisiana: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) commemorates the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the United Negro College Fund (referred to in this resolving clause as "UNCF");

(2) celebrates the successes of UNCF in providing—

(A) support to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (referred to in this resolving clause as "HBCUs"); and

(B) financial aid to help underrepresented students gain access to postsecondary education; and

(3) reaffirms the mission of UNCF—

(A) to build a robust and nationally recognized pipeline of underrepresented students who become highly qualified college graduates; and

(B) to ensure that HBCUs are a respected model of best practices in moving students to and through college.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 107—TO AUTHORIZE TESTIMONY AND REPRESENTATION IN UNITED STATES V. TAUBERT

Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 107

Whereas, in the case of *United States v. Taubert*, Cr. No. 19-21, pending in the United States District Court for the Northern District of New York, the prosecution has requested the production of testimony from Erin Kurvers, an employee of the office of former Senator Al Franken;

Whereas, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 704(a)(2) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 2 U.S.C. §§ 288b(a) and 288c(a)(2), the Senate may direct its counsel to represent current and former Members and employees of the Senate with respect to any subpoena, order, or request for testimony relating to their official responsibilities;

Whereas, by the privileges of the Senate of the United States and Rule XI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, no evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may, by the judicial or administrative process, be taken from such control or possession but by permission of the Senate; and

Whereas, when it appears that evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may promote the administration of justice, the Senate will take such action as will promote the ends of justice consistent with the privileges of the Senate: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That Erin Kurvers, a former employee of the Office of Senator Al Franken, and any other former employee of the Senator's office from whom relevant testimony may be necessary, are authorized to testify in the case of *United States v. Taubert*, except concerning matters for which a privilege should be asserted.

SEC. 2. The Senate Legal Counsel is authorized to represent Senator Franken and any former employees of his office in connection with the production of evidence authorized in section one of this resolution.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, on behalf of myself and the distinguished

Democratic leader, Mr. SCHUMER, I send to the desk a resolution authorizing the production of testimony and representation by the Senate Legal Counsel, and ask for its immediate consideration.

Mr. President, this resolution concerns a request for testimony in a criminal action pending in New York Federal district court. In this action the defendant is charged with making threats, in the course of telephone calls to former Senator Al Franken's office, to kill and inflict bodily harm upon a former President of the United States. A trial is scheduled for March 18, 2019.

The prosecution is seeking testimony from one of the Senator's former staff assistants who heard the statements at issue. Senator Franken would like to cooperate with this request by providing relevant former employee testimony from his office.

The enclosed resolution would authorize that staffer, and any other former employee of the Senator's office from whom relevant testimony may be necessary, to testify in this action, with representation by the Senate Legal Counsel of such staffers and Senator Franken.

#### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 192. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. COONS) proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 91, designating March 3, 2019, as "World Wildlife Day".

#### TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 192. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. COONS) proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 91, designating March 3, 2019, as "World Wildlife Day"; as follows:

In the 25th whereas clause of the preamble, in paragraph (3), strike "poses" and insert "could potentially pose".

In the 27th whereas clause of the preamble, strike "approximately 100,000,000 sharks are killed annually" and insert "millions of sharks are killed every year in illegal, unreported, and unregulated fisheries".

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. GARDENER. Mr. President, I have 11 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 BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing CFPB's semi annual report and on the following nominations: Jeffrey Nadaner, of Maryland,

to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Claudia Slacik, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and Thelma Drake, of Virginia, to be Federal Transit Administrator.

#### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, at 10:15 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "The road ahead for the World Trade Organizations."

#### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on the following nominations: Michael J. Fitzpatrick, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ecuador, and Ronald Douglas Johnson, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador, both of the Department of State.

#### COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Simplifying the FAFSA and Reducing the Burden of Verification."

#### COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, at 3:15 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Recommendations from the President's task force on the United States Postal Service, focusing on a path to sustainability."

#### COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "GDPR and CCPA, focusing on opt-ins, consumer control, and the impact on competition and innovation."

#### COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Oversight hearing to examine Indian programs on the Government Accountability Office High Risk List."

#### COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 06, 2019, at 10 a.m., to conduct a joint hearing.

#### SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 06, 2019, at 2:45 p.m., to conduct a closed hearing.

#### SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMERGING THREATS AND CAPABILITIES

The Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities of the Com-

mittee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

#### SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATION, TECHNOLOGY, INNOVATION, AND THE INTERNET

The Subcommittee on Communication, Technology, Innovation, and The Internet of the Committee on Environment and Public Works is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Impact of broadband investment in rural America."

#### SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF MARCH 2019 AS "NATIONAL COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH"

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 105, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 105) supporting the designation of March 2019 as "National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month."

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to; that the preamble be agreed to; and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 105) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

#### COMMEMORATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 106, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 106) commemorating the 75th anniversary of the United Negro College Fund.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to; that the preamble be agreed to; and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 106) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

#### AUTHORIZING TESTIMONY AND REPRESENTATION IN UNITED STATES V. TAUBERT

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 107, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 107) to authorize testimony and representation in United States v. Taubert.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 107) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

#### WORLD WILDLIFE DAY

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 91 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 91) designating March 3, 2019, as "World Wildlife Day."

There being no objection, the Committee was discharged and the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. McCONNELL. I know of no further debate on the resolution.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there further debate?

Hearing no further debate, the question is on adoption of the resolution.

The resolution (S. Res. 91) was agreed to.

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the Coons amendment to the preamble at the desk be considered and agreed to; that the preamble, as amended, be agreed to; and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 192) to the preamble was agreed to as follows:

(Purpose: To amend the preamble)

In the 25th whereas clause of the preamble, in paragraph (3), strike "poses" and insert "could potentially pose".