

academia, other parts of federal government, and even many of our allies and partners throughout the world. The nearly 76,000 scientists and engineers employed by the Department of Defense labs are exemplars of public service, and the outstanding dedication, qualifications, service, and accomplishments of these scientists, engineers, technicians, and support staff of the defense laboratories should make all Americans proud.

In recognizing the men and women of the defense labs, I am especially proud of the contributions Alabama makes. As the home to multiple Army laboratories—including the Aviation and Missile Center, Space and Missile Defense Technical Center, and the Army Aeromedical Research Laboratory—Alabama punches far above its weight in terms of contributions of people, facilities and resources to the defense laboratory network. This results in one of the highest per capita concentrations of scientists and engineers in the country, with an extraordinary economic impact on the State. Not only do these labs provide thousands of jobs in Alabama, they bring in billions of dollars in investments and return those dollars back into the communities in which they reside.

The network of Department of Defense laboratories is not just an asset for the Department, but is a national asset as well. With over a hundred DoD-funded Nobel prizes, and thousands of patents and publications, defense laboratories are technological and economic engines on par with any industry or university laboratory. I applaud the work of the defense labs, and all of the scientists and engineers that make them successful, especially those in Alabama. I urge my colleagues to support the contributions of the labs by supporting the proclamation of April 25th as the 2019 Laboratory Day.

SENATE RESOLUTION 162—SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF APRIL 2019 AS “NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH”

Ms. WARREN (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

S. RES. 162

Whereas, in April 2019, more than 113,000 individuals were on the official waiting list for organ donation managed by the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network established under section 372 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 274) (referred to in this preamble as the “national transplant waiting list”);

Whereas, in 2018, 36,529 transplant procedures were performed in the United States with organs from 10,721 deceased donors and 6,841 living donors, yet on average, 20 people die each day while waiting for an organ donation;

Whereas more than 150,000,000 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 2018, a record was set for the number of organ transplants performed in a single year, for the sixth consecutive year, yet every 10 minutes, 1 person is added to the national transplant waiting list;

Whereas organ donation from a single deceased donor can benefit up to 8 individuals, and tissue donation from a single deceased donor can benefit an additional 75 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 designation of April 2019 as “National Donate Life Month”;

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

(3) supports promoting awareness of organ and tissue donation by increasing public awareness;

(4) 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 as “National Donate Life Month”;

(5) commends each individual who—

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

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

(6) 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 and tissues of deceased family members;

(7) recognizes the generous contribution made by each living individual who has donated an organ or tissue to save and enhance the life of another individual;

(8) 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;

(9) commends the medical professionals and organ donation and transplantation experts who have worked to improve organ donation of deceased and living individuals and to increase the number of deceased and living donors, thus saving more lives; and

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

SENATE RESOLUTION 163—COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE LADY BEARS OF BAYLOR UNIVERSITY ON WINNING THE 2019 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION DIVISION I WOMEN’S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

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

S. RES. 163

Whereas, on April 7, 2019, the women’s basketball team of Baylor University, the Lady Bears, won its third National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I women’s basketball championship (referred to in this preamble as the “national championship”) by defeating the University of Notre Dame by a score of 82–81 and completing the season with an impressive overall record of 37–1;

Whereas Head Coach Kim Mulkey is the only woman in the history of women’s bas-

ketball to have played and coached a national championship team and has now led the Lady Bears to 3 national championship titles during her tenure at Baylor University;

Whereas junior forward Lauren Cox served to bring her team together throughout the season and played with commendable skill and spirit during the national championship game, scoring 8 points and 8 rebounds before leaving the game due to an injury;

Whereas point guard Chloe Jackson, named the Most Outstanding Player of the Final Four, showed immense fortitude and exemplary leadership by rallying her team during the last quarter of the game to honor her injured teammate and bring home a victory for the Lady Bears with a tiebreaking layup in the last 3.9 seconds of the fourth quarter;

Whereas all of the following players should be congratulated for their teamwork, dedication, and display of impressive athletic talent: NaLyssa Smith, Didi Richards, Trinity Oliver, Honesty Scott-Grayson, Aquira DeCosta, Moon Ursin, Lauren Cox, Juicy Landrum, Kalani Brown, Chloe Jackson, Queen Egbo, and Caitlin Bickle;

Whereas the Lady Bears displayed impressive courage and composure facing off against the Fighting Irish of the University of Notre Dame, defenders of the 2018 national championship title;

Whereas the women of Baylor University’s 2018–2019 women’s basketball team have continuously pursued excellence in not only athletics, but academics as well;

Whereas the Lady Bears have proven themselves a paragon of hard work and sportsmanship, as exemplified by an impressive season of 37 wins and only 1 loss and championship titles in both the Big 12 women’s basketball tournament and the Big 12 regular season;

Whereas the accomplishments of the Lady Bears in their 2018–2019 season inspire strength, unity, and cooperation in the hearts of women across the State of Texas; and

Whereas the Lady Bears are the pride of their loyal fans, current students, alumni, and the Lone Star State: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate congratulates the Lady Bears of Baylor University on winning the 2019 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I women’s basketball championship and completing a successful 2018–2019 season.

SENATE RESOLUTION 164—COMMENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA MEN’S BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2019 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION DIVISION I MEN’S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

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

S. RES. 164

Whereas on Monday, April 8, 2019, the University of Virginia men’s basketball team (referred to in this preamble as the “Virginia Cavaliers”) won the 2019 National Collegiate Athletic Association (referred to in this preamble as the “NCAA”) Division I Men’s Basketball Championship by defeating the Texas Tech Red Raiders by a score of 85–77 at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis, Minnesota;

Whereas the Virginia Cavaliers made history by winning the first National Championship in men’s basketball for the University of Virginia;