

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 313—DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 22 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 28, 2019, AS “GOLD STAR FAMILIES REMEMBRANCE WEEK”

Mrs. HYDE-SMITH (for herself, Mr. JONES, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. TILLIS, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. BRAUN, Ms. ERNST, Mr. HOEVEN, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. SINEMA, and Ms. MURKOWSKI) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:.

S. RES. 313

Whereas the last Sunday in September—
(1) is designated as “Gold Star Mother’s Day” under section 111 of title 36, United States Code; and

(2) was first designated as “Gold Star Mother’s Day” under the Joint Resolution entitled “Joint Resolution designating the last Sunday in September as ‘Gold Star Mother’s Day’, and for other purposes”, approved June 23, 1936 (49 Stat. 1895);

Whereas there is no date dedicated to families affected by the loss of a loved one who died in service to the United States;

Whereas a gold star symbolizes a family member who died in the line of duty while serving in the Armed Forces;

Whereas the members and veterans of the Armed Forces, through their service, bear the burden of protecting the freedom of the people of the United States;

Whereas the selfless example of the service of the members and veterans of the Armed Forces, as well as the sacrifices made by the families of those individuals, inspires all individuals in the United States to sacrifice and work diligently for the good of the United States; and

Whereas the sacrifices of the families of the fallen members of the Armed Forces and the families of veterans of the Armed Forces should never be forgotten: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week of September 22 through September 28, 2019, as “Gold Star Families Remembrance Week”;

(2) honors and recognizes the sacrifices made by—

(A) the families of members of the Armed Forces who made the ultimate sacrifice in order to defend freedom and protect the United States; and

(B) the families of veterans of the Armed Forces; and

(3) encourages the people of the United States to observe Gold Star Families Remembrance Week by—

(A) performing acts of service and good will in their communities; and

(B) celebrating families in which loved ones made the ultimate sacrifice so that others could continue to enjoy life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

SENATE RESOLUTION 314—HONORING THE CENTENNIAL OF THE AEROSPACE INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION

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

S. RES. 314

Whereas 100 years ago, in 1919, the Aerospace Industries Association was incor-

porated as the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce of America (ACCA) in the State of New York, later adopting its current name in 1959;

Whereas, for more than 100 years, the aerospace industry has moved, connected, secured, and inspired the modern world with countless innovations and technologies that play a role in almost every aspect of daily life;

Whereas the centennial of the Aerospace Industries Association celebrates the world-changing impact aerospace technologies have had and the role of aerospace technologies in strengthening the economy and national security of the United States;

Whereas the aerospace industry supports the National Defense Strategy of the United States by providing the Armed Forces the most technologically advanced and effective platforms and systems in the world;

Whereas the aerospace industry is a leading employer of veterans and retirees of the Armed Forces and recognizes the incredible contribution those veterans and retirees have made to the United States through their service;

Whereas the aerospace industry has contributed to the advancement of humankind as a key facilitator and collaborator in space, from the Apollo 11 mission to the future mission of the United States to Mars;

Whereas innovations in aerospace technologies continue to spur economic growth, as the aerospace industry maintains a presence in all 50 States and sustains approximately 2,500,000 jobs in the United States; and

Whereas the aerospace industry strives to inspire young people in the United States, including women and underrepresented communities, to study science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and pursue science-related careers that lead to future innovations and major scientific breakthroughs: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) acknowledges 2019 as the centennial for the Aerospace Industries Association;

(2) recognizes the need to promote the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and encourages young people in the United States to pursue careers in such fields; and

(3) commends the aerospace industry for continuing to innovate and develop technologies that will shape the United States for the next 100 years.

SENATE RESOLUTION 315—MEMORIALIZING THE DISCOVERY OF THE CLOTILDA

Mr. JONES submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

S. RES. 315

Whereas, from 1525 to 1866, the transatlantic slave trade resulted in more than 12,000,000 individuals being taken from their homes in Africa and made to endure the horrors of the Middle Passage to the Americas, where those individuals were forced into enslavement;

Whereas, on March 2, 1807, Congress enacted legislation banning the importation of enslaved people, which went into effect on January 1, 1808;

Whereas, in contravention of that ban, the last enslaved Africans forced to endure the voyage to the United States came aboard the *Clotilda*, which—

(1) left from Whydah, modern-day Benin, in May of 1860;

(2) arrived in Port of Pines in Grand Bay, Mississippi, on July 9, 1860; and

(3) was ultimately brought to Mobile Bay, Alabama, on July 14, 1860, carrying 110 individuals, including men, women, and children;

Whereas, shortly after arrival in Mobile Bay, Alabama, the Captain of the *Clotilda* scuttled and burned the ship to the waterline in order to conceal the evidence of his crime;

Whereas, following the end of the Civil War and the emancipation of enslaved Africans, some of the captives brought to the United States aboard the *Clotilda* settled in the area now known as Africatown, Alabama;

Whereas, on May 22, 2019, the Alabama Historical Commission and a team of scientists confirmed that a wreckage found in the Twelve Mile Island section of the Mobile River was the *Clotilda*;

Whereas, in the 160 years since the *Clotilda* was brought to Mobile Bay, the residents of Africatown, Alabama, have played a critical role in preserving the unique and important heritage and traditions of their community;

Whereas the Africatown Historic District was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on December 4, 2012, and is home to a number of important historic sites, including—

(1) the Mobile County Training School;

(2) the Old Landmark Baptist Church, now known as the Union Baptist Church; and

(3) the Africatown Cemetery, where many of the individuals who survived the forced migration to the United States in 1860 are buried: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) the recent confirmation of the wreckage of the *Clotilda*, the last slave ship to arrive in the United States, constitutes a monumental discovery of local, national, and international importance and educational value;

(2) discovery of the *Clotilda* may serve as an inflection point for meaningful conversation about both past and present injustices;

(3) the residents of Africatown, Alabama, embody a spirit of resilience and a determination to build a better community for their descendants; and

(4) all efforts should be made—

(A) to preserve and protect the *Clotilda* and associated historic sites in Africatown, Alabama; and

(B) to use the discovery of the *Clotilda* to provide education to local, national, and international audiences about—

(i) the violent history of the transatlantic slave trade;

(ii) the stories of the last enslaved Africans to arrive in the United States; and

(iii) the rich and unique history of the community built by the descendants of those individuals.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 939. Mr. LEE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1044, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate the per-country numerical limitation for employment-based immigrants, to increase the per-country numerical limitation for family-sponsored immigrants, and for other purposes; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

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