

National Park System and are entrusted with the preservation of the National Park System throughout its second century: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week of April 18, 2020, through April 26, 2020, as “National Park Week”; and

(2) encourages the people of the United States and the world to virtually visit, experience, and support the treasured national parks of the United States while protecting public health during the coronavirus pandemic.

SENATE RESOLUTION 575—RE-AFFIRMING A STRONG COMMITMENT TO UNITED STATES PRODUCERS AND COMMODITIES MADE IN THE UNITED STATES

Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. DAINES, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. BOOKER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

S. RES. 575

Whereas the farmers and ranchers of the United States raise the best beef in the world;

Whereas consumers have a right to knowingly buy products made in the United States;

Whereas farmers, ranchers, workers, and consumers in the United States benefit from transparency regarding the origin of food;

Whereas Congress overwhelmingly supported country-of-origin labeling (also known as “COOL”) in the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-246; 122 Stat. 1651) because 87 percent of consumers want to know the country of origin of the meat those consumers purchase;

Whereas, in 2015, Congress repealed the law requiring country-of-origin labeling for beef, reducing the competitive advantage of products born, raised, and slaughtered in the United States;

Whereas there is no standardized definition of the term “truth in labeling”, disadvantaging producers in the United States;

Whereas Congress supports products made in the United States, and consumers deserve to know where their food comes from;

Whereas the United States has the highest phytosanitary standards in the world, while other countries place less emphasis on food safety;

Whereas foreign commodities, such as beef, are misleadingly labeled “Product of USA” if those commodities are processed or packed in the United States;

Whereas technological advancements make it possible to accurately and efficiently identify the origin of beef without costly segregation of imported and domestic commodities, giving producers and consumers the ability to distinguish between beef actually produced in the United States and foreign, imported beef; and

Whereas country-of-origin labeling is good for farmers, ranchers, workers, and packers because it allows those individuals to identify their products as born and raised in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate urges the President to require the United States Trade Representative to enter into the trade negotiations necessary to implement mandatory country-of-origin labeling for beef, in order to allow consumers to make an informed and free choice about where their food comes from.

SENATE RESOLUTION 576—RECOGNIZING THE ESSENTIAL ROLE OF PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS IN EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND THE IMPORTANT WORK PERFORMED BY PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC AND POLICE, FIRE, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL OFFICIALS DURING EMERGENCIES, SUCH AS THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) PANDEMIC

Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. BURR) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:

S. RES. 576

Whereas public safety telecommunicators play a critical role in emergency response;

Whereas the work performed by public safety telecommunicators goes far beyond merely relaying information between the public and first responders;

Whereas, when responding to reports of missing, abducted, and sexually exploited children, the information obtained and actions taken by public safety telecommunicators form the foundation for an effective response;

Whereas the first contact that a hostage taker or a suicidal person makes when that person calls 9-1-1 is with a public safety telecommunicator, whose negotiation skills can prevent the situation from getting worse;

Whereas, during active shooter incidents, public safety telecommunicators coach callers through first aid and give advice to prevent further harm, all while collecting vital information to provide situational awareness for responding officers;

Whereas the work of public safety telecommunicators comes with an extreme emotional and physical impact that is compounded by long hours and the around-the-clock nature of the job;

Whereas public safety telecommunicators should be recognized by all levels of government for the lifesaving and protective nature of the work that public safety telecommunicators perform; and

Whereas major emergencies, such as the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, highlight the dedication of public safety telecommunicators and the important work performed by public safety telecommunicators to protect the public and police, fire, and emergency medical officials: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) honors and recognizes the important and lifesaving contributions of public safety telecommunicators and other public safety communications professionals across the United States; and

(2) encourages the people of the United States to remember the value of the work performed by public safety telecommunicators and other public safety communications professionals.

SENATE RESOLUTION 577—DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF MAY 10 THROUGH MAY 16, 2020, AS “NATIONAL POLICE WEEK”

Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. COONS, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. KING, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. HYDE-

SMITH, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. BLUNT, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. ROMNEY, Mr. JONES, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. Kaine, Mr. BURR, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CRAMER, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. ERNST, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. ENZI, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. MCSALLY, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. TESTER, Mr. DAINES, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. PETERS, Mr. CRUZ, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. ROUNDS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. HOEVEN, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. WARNER, Mr. GARDNER, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CASEY, Mr. PAUL, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. REED, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. YOUNG, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. LEE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. LOEFFLER, Mr. MORAN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SASSE, Mr. ROBERTS, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, and Mr. CASSIDY) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 577

Whereas Federal, State, local, and Tribal police officers, sheriffs, and other law enforcement officers across the United States serve with valor, dignity, and integrity;

Whereas law enforcement officers are charged with—

(1) pursuing justice for all individuals; and
(2) performing the duties of a law enforcement officer with fidelity to the constitutional and civil rights of the public the officers serve;

Whereas law enforcement officers swear an oath to uphold the public trust even though, through the performance of the duties of a law enforcement officer, the officers may become targets for senseless acts of violence;

Whereas law enforcement officers have bravely continued to meet the call of duty to ensure the security of their neighborhoods and communities at the risk of their own personal safety in the time of a viral pandemic;

Whereas the resolve to service is clearly demonstrated by law enforcement officers across the country who have tragically fallen ill or passed away due to complications of COVID-19 contracted in the line of duty;

Whereas, in 1962, President John Fitzgerald Kennedy signed Public Law 87-726 (36 U.S.C. 136) (referred to in this preamble as the “Joint Resolution”), which authorizes the President to proclaim May 15 of every year as “Peace Officers Memorial Day” in honor of the Federal, State, and local officers who have been killed, disabled, or otherwise injured in the line of duty;

Whereas the Joint Resolution also authorizes the President to designate the week in which Peace Officers Memorial Day falls as “National Police Week”;

Whereas the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, dedicated on October 15, 1991, is the national monument to honor those law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty;

Whereas Peace Officers Memorial Day, 2020, honors the 185 law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty during 2019, including—

- (1) Brian R. Abbondandolo;
- (2) Jacob O. Allmendinger;
- (3) Luis G. Alvarez;