

the Office of Minority Broadband Initiatives within the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 4440

At the request of Ms. SMITH, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) were added as cosponsors of S. 4440, a bill to authorize the Director of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention to carry out a Social Determinants of Health Program, and for other purposes.

S. 4472

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4472, a bill to amend the Secure and Trusted Communications Network Reimbursement Program to include eligible telecommunications carriers and providers of educational broadband service, and for other purposes.

S. 4497

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4497, a bill to temporarily suspend duties on imports of articles needed to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

S. 4511

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4511, a bill to make certain improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to education, burial benefits, and other matters, and for other purposes.

S. 4513

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 4513, a bill to ensure climate and environmental justice accountability, and for other purposes.

S. 4528

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. Kaine) were added as cosponsors of S. 4528, a bill to strengthen the United States ties with Latin American and Caribbean countries through diplomatic, economic, and security cooperation, to counter efforts by the People's Republic of China to undermine United States interests and values in the Americas, and to promote economic development and competitiveness in the Latin American and Caribbean region.

S. 4529

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, the names of the Senator from Arizona (Ms. MCSALLY) and the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) were added as cosponsors of S. 4529, a bill to improve access by Indian Tribes to support from the Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support program (E-rate) of the Federal Communications Commission, and for other purposes.

S. J. RES. 75

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. J. Res. 75, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to the fundamental right to vote.

S. RES. 274

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 274, a resolution expressing solidarity with Falun Gong practitioners who have lost lives, freedoms, and other rights for adhering to their beliefs and practices, and condemning the practice of non-consenting organ harvesting, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 672

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 672, a resolution designating September 2020 as National Democracy Month as a time to reflect on the contributions of the system of government of the United States to a more free and stable world.

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 672, supra.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 4556. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Indian Health Service, to acquire private land to facilitate access to the Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center in Hemet, California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, today I am pleased to introduce a bill to facilitate better access to the Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center.

The Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center, located in Hemet, CA, is a health center run by the Indian Health Service. It is the only currently operating center in the State of California that provides culturally-sensitive substance use disorder treatment to indigenous youth.

The Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center serves an important role to the regional Native American community. The facility not only provides healthcare but also academic support, family therapy, and an individualized treatment plan to support the healing and long-term recovery of youth enrolled at the center.

Despite the center's important work, the Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center is only accessible by a dirt road. Lack of a paved road limits access to the center during California's extreme wet and dry seasons. The dirt road frequently cracks or floods during these times and creates significant challenges to those receiving healthcare.

Private landowners are supportive of selling their land to allow the Indian Health Service to pave an access road, but the agency does not currently have the authority to do so. It is appropriate we provide for safe and dignified access to the center, and I am pleased to introduce legislation that will solve this problem.

The bill would authorize the Director of the Indian Health Service to purchase land from willing sellers and construct a paved road to improve access to the Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center. After construction, Riverside County would own and maintain the road.

This effort includes widespread, bipartisan support. An identical, bipartisan bill introduced by Representative RAUL RUIZ passed the House of Representatives as part of a larger package just last month. Representative RUIZ's bill is cosponsored by Representatives KEN CALVERT, PETE AGUILAR, PAUL COOK, DOUG LAMALFA, NANNETTE DIAZ BARRAGÁN, TONY CÁRDENAS, and JOSH HARDER. This legislation also has the support of local stakeholders, including Riverside County, and organizations like the California Rural Indian Health Board.

The bill will provide safe access to the Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center, ensuring indigenous youth can receive healthcare in a supportive and culturally-sensitive environment. American Indian and Alaskan Native youth report 14.9 percent rate of substance dependence or abuse, furthering underscoring the need to guarantee the accessibility to facilities like the Desert Sage Wellness Center.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to pass this legislation.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 687—HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF COYA KNUTSON

Ms. SMITH (for herself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 687

Whereas Cornelia Genevive Gjesdal "Coya" Knutson was born on August 22, 1912, in Edmore, North Dakota;

Whereas Coya Gjesdal graduated from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota, with majors in English and Music and a minor in Education;

Whereas Coya Gjesdal married Andy Knutson in 1940 and later adopted a son;

Whereas Coya Knutson was involved in her community, working as a teacher, volunteering, establishing a medical clinic, and serving on the Red Lake County Welfare Board;

Whereas Coya Knutson was elected to the House of Representatives of Minnesota in 1950;

Whereas State Representative Knutson supported health and education initiatives and sponsored the first clean air bill in Minnesota, which prohibited smoking in some public places;