

Whereas, since the signing of the Dayton Peace Accords, the Government and people of Bosnia and Herzegovina have been working in partnership with the international community towards building a peaceful and democratic society based on the rule of law, respect for human rights, and a free-market economy: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) condemns human rights abuses that took place during the conflict in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and reconfirms the joint United States and EU commitment to promote and protect human rights, democracy, and the rule of law worldwide;

(2) commends the commitment of the Government and people of Bosnia and Herzegovina to peace and cooperation 25 years after the Dayton Peace Accords;

(3) encourages the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina to continue pursuing NATO and EU membership;

(4) encourages the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina to continue its progress towards solving its constitutional issues and improving its economic policy as it advances towards NATO and EU memberships;

(5) reiterates the importance of the Dayton Peace Accords as the basis of constitutional reform in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the promotion of political, economic, legal, and religious equality through the goals and values laid out by the EU;

(6) urges the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina to pursue constitutional reforms, needed to reconcile the past to seek empathy and respect as foundations to build a common future;

(7) urges the United States Government to work closely with the governments of the countries that border Bosnia and Herzegovina—especially those who are signatories of the Dayton Peace Accords—to support full implementation of the Stabilization and Association Agreement between the EU and the Balkan States, which requires regional cooperation; and

(8) recognizes the State of Ohio and the greater Dayton community for their role in fostering the Dayton Peace Accords, and for continuing to support diplomacy, security, and peace around the world.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 730—SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF THE WEEK BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 20, 2020, AS “NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK” AND COMMENDING THE ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT OF THE SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THEIR IMPACT ON THEIR COMMUNITIES**

Mr. McCONNELL (for Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. RISCH, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. CARPER, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. COONS, Mr. LANKFORD, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. ERNST, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MCSALLY, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. PETERS, Mr. HAWLEY, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. COTTON, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. YOUNG, and Mr. ROMNEY)) sub-

mitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 730

Whereas 2020 marks the 57th anniversary of “National Small Business Week”;

Whereas every President for more than half a century has proclaimed a week celebrating the significance of small businesses across the United States;

Whereas there are more than 30,000,000 small businesses in the United States;

Whereas small businesses in the United States—

(1) employ nearly half of the workforce of the United States;

(2) make up 99.7 percent of all employers in the United States;

(3) employ veterans;

(4) produce  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the exports of the United States; and

(5) account for nearly half of private sector output;

Whereas, as of 2020, 9.1 percent of all small business owners in the United States are veterans;

Whereas, on July 30, 1953, Congress created the Small Business Administration to aid, counsel, assist, and protect the small business community; and

Whereas 2 out of every 3 new jobs in the United States are created by small businesses: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) supports the designation of the week beginning September 20, 2020, as “National Small Business Week”;

(2) celebrates the entrepreneurial spirit of the small business owner in the United States;

(3) understands the importance of creating a small business climate that allows for sustained economic recovery;

(4) celebrates the invaluable contribution small businesses make to the United States as the backbone of the economy;

(5) supports increasing consumer awareness of the value and opportunity small businesses bring to their local communities;

(6) understands the importance of providing more access and resources to minority-owned and underserved firms; and

(7) understands the need to provide further assistance and relief to the small businesses of the United States during unprecedented times.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 731—SUPPORTING LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL, A NATIONAL CELEBRATION OF AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS HELD ON OCTOBER 22, 2020**

Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Ms. SMITH, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. KAINE, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. CASEY) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 731

Whereas more than 30,000,000 children in the United States have parents who work outside the home;

Whereas high-quality programs that expand learning opportunities for children, such as afterschool, before-school, summer, and expanded learning opportunities, provide safe, challenging, engaging, and fun learning experiences, including experiences that encourage the study of science, technology, engineering, and math that help children and youth develop social, emotional, physical, cultural, and academic skills;

Whereas, during the COVID-19 crisis, afterschool programs have risen to the moment to support children by—

(1) innovating to provide virtual programming to keep children engaged;

(2) caring for children of essential workers;

(3) providing meals and learning supports; and

(4) supporting the wellbeing of children and families;

Whereas high-quality afterschool programs and high-quality expanded learning opportunities provide students with hands-on, engaging lessons that are aligned with the school day;

Whereas high-quality afterschool programs complement regular and expanded school days and support working families by ensuring that the children of those families are safe and productive during the hours parents are working;

Whereas high-quality afterschool programs engage families, schools, and diverse community partners in advancing the well-being of children and youth in the United States;

Whereas high-quality afterschool programs that partner with high-quality community-based organizations build stronger communities by integrating schools with the larger community; and

Whereas Lights On Afterschool, a national celebration of afterschool, before-school, summer, and expanded learning opportunities programs held on October 22, 2020, highlights the critical importance of those high-quality programs to children and the families and communities of those children: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate supports Lights On Afterschool, a national celebration of afterschool programs held on October 22, 2020.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 732—DESIGNATING NOVEMBER 7, 2020, AS “NATIONAL BISON DAY”**

Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. MORAN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. TESTER, Ms. SMITH, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. THUNE, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. UDALL, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. MARKKEY, and Mr. BENNET) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 732

Whereas, on May 9, 2016, the North American bison was adopted as the national mammal of the United States;

Whereas bison are considered a historical and cultural symbol of the United States;

Whereas bison are integrally linked with the economic and spiritual lives of many Indian Tribes through trade and sacred ceremonies;

Whereas there are approximately 70 Indian Tribes participating in the InterTribal Buffalo Council, which is a Tribal organization incorporated pursuant to section 17 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (commonly known as the “Indian Reorganization Act”) (48 Stat. 988, chapter 576; 25 U.S.C. 5124);

Whereas numerous members of Indian Tribes are involved in bison restoration on Tribal land;

Whereas members of Indian Tribes have a combined herd of almost 20,000 bison on more than 1,000,000 acres of Tribal land;

Whereas bison play an important role in the landscapes and grasslands of the United States;

Whereas bison hold significant economic value for private producers and rural communities;

Whereas, as of 2017, the Department of Agriculture estimates that 182,780 head of bison