

legal activity absent arbitrary state interference, including with respect to receiving funding or cooperating with foreign organizations;

(E) to safeguard press freedom, in accordance with the Tanzanian Constitution and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

(F) to condemn threats and attacks against Members of Parliament and opposition political parties, and ensure accountability for harassment, intimidation, or physical attacks on members of the opposition;

(G) to end the escalating campaign of arbitrary and partisan legal action against opposition candidates and their parties in the lead-up to the October 2020 elections; and

(H) to guarantee the ability of domestic and international election observers to monitor the October 2020 polls without hindrance; and

(5) calls on the United States Government to continue to speak out against democratic backsliding in Tanzania and hold the Government of Tanzania accountable for respecting the rights of its citizens, in accordance with its international obligations and the Tanzanian Constitution, including by—

(A) considering the imposition of targeted sanctions and visa restrictions on actors involved in perpetrating or abetting human rights abuses;

(B) leading international partners and institutions, including those in Africa, in developing and implementing strategies and actions to promote and defend human, civil, and political rights and multiparty democracy in Tanzania;

(C) immediately conducting a review of United States Government assistance and cooperation with the Government of Tanzania for the purposes of reprioritizing such assistance should neutral observers determine that the October 2020 polls do not meet internationally accepted standards for credible elections; and

(D) demanding the Government of Tanzania conduct full and public investigations that ensure judicial accountability for acts of violence perpetrated against political opposition, journalists, and members of civil society.

# SENATE RESOLUTION 757—EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 2020 AS “PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH”

Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mr. JONES, and Mr. BROWN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pension:

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Whereas pancreatic cancer will kill an estimated 47,050 people in the United States in 2020;

Whereas pancreatic cancer is the third leading cause of cancer-related death in the United States;

Whereas, in 2020, pancreatic cancer has killed two United States icons—Representative John Lewis and Associate Justice of the Supreme Court Ruth Bader Ginsburg;

Whereas an additional 57,600 individuals in the United States will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in 2020;

Whereas, of those diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, 66 percent will die within the first year of their diagnosis;

Whereas persistent healthcare inequities and disparities for communities of color compound the devastation of pancreatic cancer;

Whereas the incidence rate for pancreatic cancer among Black Americans is 20 percent higher than that of any other racial demographic;

Whereas the pancreatic cancer death rate is 17 percent higher for Black men than for White men;

Whereas the lack of pancreatic cancer early detection research accelerates the racial unfairness in the United States healthcare system, with devastating consequences for minorities;

Whereas pancreatic cancer has no early detection test to diagnose this cancer quickly and accurately determine the presence of this cancer;

Whereas, if diagnosed early, the 5-year survival rate for pancreatic cancer patients is above 80 percent;

Whereas, if pancreatic cancer is detected late, the 5-year survival rate drops to less than 10 percent;

Whereas without adequate funding and early detection research, pancreatic cancer

is not discovered until the late stages of this horrific cancer when treatment options are limited;

Whereas, in fiscal year 2020, pancreatic cancer received its own dedicated research program at the Department of Defense under the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs;

Whereas, in the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2020 (division A of Public Law 116-93), Congress appropriated funds to the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs, with \$6,000,000 going to the Pancreatic Cancer Research Program; and

Whereas the 116th Congress has a unique opportunity to make a historic investment in pancreatic cancer research at the Department of Defense: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) supports the designation of “Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month” for the month of November, 2020;

(2) recognizes the critical importance of increasing funding for pancreatic cancer research at the Department of Defense and the National Institutes of Health to find effective treatments for this cancer and reduce the disproportionate impact on communities of color; and

(3) supports the efforts of the many advocacy organizations to educate communities in the United States about pancreatic cancer and the need for more research funding, early-detection initiatives, diagnostic tests, and effective treatments.

## RECESS UNTIL TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate stands in recess until 12 noon tomorrow.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 3:33 p.m., recessed until Saturday, October 24, 2020, at 12 noon.

## NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

### THE JUDICIARY

STEPHEN ANDREW KUBIATOWSKI, OF KENTUCKY, TO BE A JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS FOR A TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS, VICE THOMAS CRAIG WHEELER, TERM EXPIRING.

JOSEPH DAWSON III, OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA, VICE TERRY L. WOOTEN, RETIRED.