I am sure there are countless examples I could share about Tommy's work, but I will describe one extraordinary example where he went above and beyond for his clients as he continued to care for them in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. During a particularly challenging period of the pandemic, Tommy's tireless dedication was on full display as he quarantined with his clients in their home to continue caring for them when others in their home were diagnosed with COVID-19. In order to maintain the care he provided for them, Tommy incredibly slept on an air mattress in their basement for 2 weeks to effectively quarantine. As day programs and other care options closed around his clients due to the pandemic, Tommy stepped in to provide creative activities like music and playing games in outdoor spaces. Throughout a challenging year for us all, Tommy was steadfast and truly considerate in his care for his clients.

Tommy's story describes a career that is fulfilling, but one that often-times is not easy for direct support professionals like him. The hours are often long, and the wages are low. The job can be physically laborious, as well as emotionally draining. The reward for direct support professionals, however, is that they are able to improve the lives of individuals with disabilities and help fulfill the promise of the Americans with Disabilities Act by making it possible for these Americans to participate in their communities to the fullest extent possible.

In our country, we are incredibly fortunate to have millions of service-oriented individuals who are willing to rise to the task of becoming a direct support professional. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the employment of direct support professionals is projected to grow by an average of 33 percent from 2020 to 2030, compared to an 8-percent average growth rate for all occupations during that period. The demand will only continue to increase over time; the Baby Boomer generation will result in the doubling of the population of adults ages 65 and older by 2050. The increased demand for direct support professionals has created shortages in some areas, which can place strains on patients and their families or result in medical issues that could have been avoided.

Unfortunately, direct support professionals are often forced to leave the jobs they love due to low wages and excessive, difficult work hours. Many direct support professionals rely on public benefits, and some must work multiple jobs in order to provide for themselves and their families. Now, more than ever, it is imperative that we work to ensure that these hard-working individuals have the income and emotional support they need and deserve as we all struggle with the health and economic implications of the ongoing pandemic.

I urge my colleagues to join me and Senators Collins, Baldwin, Blumenthal, Brown, Casey, Hassan, Kaine, King, Klobuchar, Markley, Menendez, Rosen, Smith, Van Hollen, and Warren in expressing our appreciation for the critically important work of our country's direct support professionals, in thanking them for their commitment and dedication, and in supporting the resolution designating the week beginning September 12, 2021, as National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be agreed to, and that the preamble be agreed to, and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, all en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolutions were agreed to.

The preambles were agreed to.

(The resolutions, with their preambles, were printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

RELATIVE TO THE DEATH OF ROBERT BRITTON "BOB" DOVE, PARRLAMENTARY EMERITUS OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 386, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 386) relative to the death of Robert Britton "Bob" Dove, Parliamentarian Emeritus of the United States Senate.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 386) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

ALLOCATION OF SPENDING AUTHORITY TO SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022

(Pursuant to Section 302 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and S. Con. Res. 14) ($ in billions)

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1 The outlay figures included in this table reflect enactment of the Emergency Security Supplemental Appropriations Act., 2021 (P.L. 117-31), which generated $1,199 million in outlays from appropriations that were designated as emergencies pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985. Budgetary changes related to program integrity initiatives and other adjustments pursuant to section 4004 of S. Con. Res. 14 will be held in reserve until consideration of such legislation.
### TRIBUTE TO GENERAL CARTER F. HAM, U.S. ARMY, RETIRED

Mr. REED. Mr. President, on behalf of myself and Mr. INHOFE, as the chair and ranking member of the Senate Armed Services Committee and the co-chairs of the Senate Army Caucus, it is our honor to pay tribute to a great leader and exceptional advocate for the U.S. Army, GEN Carter F. Ham, U.S. Army, Retired, as he retires from his current position as the president and chief executive officer of the Association of the United States Army, AUSA. General Ham exemplifies a lifetime of service.

Carter enlisted as a private and ultimately joined only a small group of soldiers in the history of the Army by earning the rank of Four-Star general, leading at every level in the Army, from platoon to geographic combatant command, along the way. His Army career began as an enlisted infantry soldier in the 82nd Airborne Division and culminated as the Commander of United States Africa Command. His service took him to Italy, Germany, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Macedonia, Qatar, Iraq, and over 40 African countries, and his commands included the 1st Infantry Division, the legendary “Big Red One,” and U.S. Army Europe. As the second commander of United States Africa Command, he led all U.S. military activities on the African continent ranging from combat operations in Libya to hostage rescue operations in Somalia, as well as training and security assistance activities across 54 complex and diverse African nations. His leadership was compassionate and inclusive and left the Army better from his service.

General Ham retired from the Army in June of 2013 after nearly 38 years, but his service continued. In the years after retirement from Active Duty, he served as the chairman of the National Commission on the Future of the Army, an eight-member panel tasked by Congress with making recommendations on the size, force structure, and capabilities of the Total Army. Since 2016, he has served admirably as the president and CEO of AUSA, carrying out its mission to support soldiers, their families, and Army civilians; provide a voice for the Army; and honor those who have served.

Established to educate, inform, and connect, General Ham guided AUSA through a period of unprecedented growth of membership, creating an environment for industry and inter-national partners to build their relationships with the U.S. Army. With ingenuity and perseverance while navigating through the COVID-19 pandemic, he kept the professional and education-centered association operating smoothly without decreasing any staffing, all while finding new opportunities and formats to support the Army. General Ham provided steady leadership in his advocacy with Congress supporting the Army—Regular, Guard, and Reserve—as well as Army families, civilians, retirees, and veterans. He embraced the Army’s “People First” mission while advocating for readiness and modernization with a balanced perspective; he consistently supported the Army while respecting and working with the other military services. Through his vision for the future and commitment to honor all who served in the past, General Ham and AUSA enabled the Army, its soldiers and veterans, and the American people, to realize a National Museum of the United States Army. He has served the States, the Army, and the Association of the United States Army with great distinction and exceptional leadership, wisdom, and humility.

On behalf of Congress and the United States of America, we thank General Ham, his wife Christi, and their entire family for their commitment, sacrifice, and contributions to this great Nation. We join our colleagues in wishing him the long and joyful retirement he so richly deserves.

### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

**RECOGNIZING BLUMINE HEALTH, LLC**

- Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, as ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding