

SEC. 2. NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVISTS DEBT RELIEF AMENDMENT.

Section 4(b) of the National Guard and Reservists Debt Relief Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-438; 122 Stat. 5000) is amended by striking “15-year” and inserting “1-year”.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 464—SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND PRINCIPLES OF TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE BY RECOGNIZING THE EPIDEMIC OF VIOLENCE TOWARD TRANSGENDER PEOPLE AND MEMORIALIZING THE LIVES LOST THIS YEAR

Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. BUTLER, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. SCHATZ) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 464

Whereas Transgender Day of Remembrance was created following the 1998 killing of Rita Hester, a transgender woman of color, whose murder has yet to be solved;

Whereas the following year, on November 20, 1999, Gwendolyn Ann Smith created the first Transgender Day of Remembrance in honor of Rita Hester and other transgender people whose lives were lost due to violence;

Whereas Transgender Day of Remembrance 2023 honors the memory of the lives of transgender people tragically lost in acts of violence between October 1, 2022, and September 30, 2023;

Whereas the United States is currently experiencing an epidemic of violence against transgender people of the United States;

Whereas at least 33 transgender or gender nonconforming people were violently killed in the United States in 2023, a number many believe to be much higher due to the prevalence of underreporting or misreporting violence against this community;

Whereas the lives of Tiffany Banks, Kelly Loving, Daniel Aston, Diamond Jackson-McDonald, Destiny Howard, Mar'Quis “MJ” Jackson, Caelee Love-Light, Jasmine “Star” Mack; KC Johnson, Unique Banks, Zachae Imanitwihaho, Maria Jose Rivera Rivera, Chashay Ashanti Henderson, Paris Aminah, Tortuguita, Ta'Ssiyah Woodland, Ashley Burton, Koko Da Doll, Banko Brown, Ashia Davis, Chanell Perez Ortiz, Jacob Williamson, Camdyn Rider, DeVonnice J'Rae Johnson, Thomas “Tom-Tom” Robertson, YOKO, Luis Ángel Díaz Castro, Sherlyn Marjorie, Emma Borhanian, Clayton Stephens, Ome Gandhi, Lovely Page, Bre'Asia Banks, and Alexa Sokova were tragically lost in acts of violence between October 1, 2022, and September 30, 2023;

Whereas, following the introduction of the Transgender Day of Remembrance Resolution of 2022, the lives of Morgan Moore, Kylie Monali, and London Starr were reported to have been lost to acts of violence between October 1, 2021, and September 30, 2022;

Whereas at least 285 transgender or gender nonconforming people have been murdered worldwide in 2023, according to the Transgender Day of Remembrance memorial page from Trans Lives Matter;

Whereas violence against transgender people of the United States disproportionately impacts transgender women of color;

Whereas Black transgender women are the most targeted group to experience violence in the United States;

Whereas the COVID-19 global health pandemic has had a disproportionate impact on transgender people of the United States;

Whereas transgender people of the United States face barriers to health care, such as lack of health insurance, stigma and discrimination, and higher rates of unemployment;

Whereas transgender people disproportionately suffer from higher rates of homelessness, with reports suggesting as many as 1/3 of all transgender women and 1/2 of transgender women who are Black, Middle Eastern, multiracial, or undocumented have experienced homelessness;

Whereas almost half of all transgender people in the United States will attempt suicide at least once, and over 1 in 20 will attempt suicide each year, a rate that is almost 10 times higher than the rest of the United States population;

Whereas asylum seekers and refugees who are transgender experience disproportionate rates of violence, including sexual violence, as they seek safety;

Whereas transgender immigrants have died in detention centers in the United States due to medical neglect, injury, and abuse at the hands of staff;

Whereas transgender people who are housed in institutional settings such as jails and prisons are subject to high levels of violence and discrimination;

Whereas transgender students are significantly more likely to experience bullying and harassment at school due to their gender identity;

Whereas understanding and addressing the challenges faced by transgender people of the United States is hampered by a severe lack of data;

Whereas Congress and the executive branch must act to protect and preserve the lives of all people of the United States, including those that are transgender, through inclusive legislation and policies that treat everyone with dignity and respect;

Whereas the continued introduction of anti-transgender legislation has fueled violence against transgender people of the United States;

Whereas the pressure some State legislatures have pushed on State and local authorities to treat gender-affirming health care as child abuse has led to a spike in bullying and assault in schools, worsening mental health among transgender youth and adults, and parents who are afraid their children will be deprived of medical care or be removed from their homes;

Whereas the transgender community has shown great resilience in the face of adversity in all aspects of their lives, including housing, education, employment, and health care; and

Whereas the transgender community has demonstrated tremendous leadership since the courageous actions of many community members, including Marsha P. Johnson and Sylvia Rivera, at the Stonewall uprising of 1969: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals and principles of Transgender Day of Remembrance by recognizing the epidemic of violence toward transgender people and memorializing the lives lost this year;

(2) recognizes that the alarming trends of increased violence against transgender people of the United States, particularly transgender women of color, are unacceptable, and that finding solutions to these issues must be a pressing priority for the United States Government;

(3) supports efforts to study, respond to, and prevent violence against transgender people;

(4) affirms the principle that every person is endowed with basic human rights and that the commitment of the United States to this principle must encompass every single individual;

(5) recognizes the bravery and resilience of the transgender community as it fights for equal dignity and respect; and

(6) recognizes the multitude of contributions and cultural impact the transgender community has had on the society of the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 465—EX-PRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF NOVEMBER 20, 2023, THROUGH DECEMBER 20, 2023, AS “NATIONAL SURVIVORS OF HOMICIDE VICTIMS AWARENESS MONTH”

Mr. MARKEY submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.:

S. RES. 465

Whereas the United States faces a national public health crisis of gun violence;

Whereas, on average, more than 13,000 homicides each year continue to rob families and communities of loved ones;

Whereas homicides increased by 30 percent in 2020, compounding the many deaths caused by COVID-19;

Whereas for every 1 homicide victim, there are at least 10 surviving family members, and the number of survivors of homicide victims grows exponentially each year as they navigate life after the tragic loss of their loved one;

Whereas homicide victims are loved and grieved by family members, friends, neighbors, classmates, colleagues, and communities across the country;

Whereas, in the United States, almost 1 in 4 Black American, Hispanic, or Latinx adults report having lost a loved one to gun-related homicide;

Whereas losing a loved one to homicide is one of the most traumatic events a person can experience;

Whereas, in the United States, homicide is the leading cause of death among Black Americans between the ages of 12-19 and the second leading cause of death for teenagers nationwide;

Whereas more than 1/2 of women who are victims of homicides are killed because of intimate partner violence;

Whereas 40 percent of homicides in the United States go unsolved;

Whereas homicide results in chronic physical and behavioral health consequences that carry significant behavioral and economic burdens on families and communities impacted by murder, trauma, grief, and loss;

Whereas all families of homicide victims deserve to be treated with dignity and compassion;

Whereas surviving family members need holistic, coordinated, compassionate, and consistent support and services in the immediate aftermath of a homicide and ongoing opportunities for healing in the months and years afterward;

Whereas surviving family members want to remember and honor their loved ones' lives regardless of the circumstances surrounding their death;

Whereas survivors of homicide victims are transforming their pain into purpose by informing, influencing, and impacting public policy, and working to create and sustain an environment where all families can live in peace and all people are valued;

Whereas survivors, advocates, and providers are working together to implement