

CAPITO, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. CASSIDY, Ms. HEITKAMP, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. DAINES, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. FISCHER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. HATCH, Mr. COONS, Mr. HOEVEN, Ms. HARRIS, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. ROUNDS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCOTT, and Ms. HASSAN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 693

Whereas, on October 25, 1988, President Ronald Reagan signed the Women's Business Ownership Act of 1988 (Public Law 100-533; 102 Stat. 2689) into law;

Whereas there are nearly 10,000,000 women-owned businesses in the United States;

Whereas women-owned businesses employ more than 8,400,000 people of the United States;

Whereas the number of women-owned businesses grew by 45 percent between 2007 and 2016;

Whereas women-owned businesses generate nearly \$1,500,000,000,000 in sales annually; and

Whereas the Women's Business Ownership Act of 1988 (Public Law 100-533; 102 Stat. 2689)—

(1) empowered women entrepreneurs to independently pursue access to capital;

(2) provided Federal assistance to women-owned small businesses through demonstration projects under the Small Business Administration, a precursor to the women's business center program established in 1997;

(3) established the National Women's Business Council; and

(4) required the Census Bureau to report on women-owned C corporations: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the important contribution women entrepreneurs make to the economy of the United States;

(2) celebrates the unique entrepreneurial spirit of women small business owners in the United States;

(3) recognizes the importance of access to capital in the formation of small businesses; and

(4) commemorates the 30th anniversary of the passage of the Women's Business Ownership Act of 1988 (Public Law 100-533; 102 Stat. 2689).

SENATE RESOLUTION 694—CONDEMNING THE HORRIFIC, ANTI-SEMITIC ATTACK AT A SYNAGOGUE IN PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT AND PRAYERS FOR ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE TRAGEDY, AND APPLAUDING THE DEDICATION AND BRAVERY OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE OFFICIALS IN RESPONDING TO THE ATTACK

Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARASSO, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASSIDY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Mr. DONNELLY, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. ERNST, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs.

FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. GARDNER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. HARRIS, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. JONES, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KYL, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. PETERS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SASSE, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCOTT, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. SMITH, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. UDALL, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. YOUNG) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 694

Whereas, on October 27, 2018, a mass shooting took place at the Tree of Life synagogue in the Squirrel Hill neighborhood of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where members of the Tree of Life, Dor Hadash, and New Light Jewish congregations were engaged in Shabbat morning services;

Whereas 11 innocent people were killed in the attack, and 6 others suffered injuries, including 4 law enforcement officers who responded to the attack;

Whereas the people of the United States are grateful for the swift action of law enforcement officers, emergency response teams, and medical professionals who responded to the attack;

Whereas the perpetrator of the attack espoused anti-Semitic views and targeted the people worshipping at the Tree of Life synagogue because of their religious beliefs;

Whereas the attack is believed to be the deadliest anti-Semitic attack in the history of the United States;

Whereas anti-Semitism is a pernicious and offensive form of prejudice that runs contrary to the values of the United States; and

Whereas the number of anti-Semitic incidents, including assaults, vandalism, and harassment, in the United States has increased every year since 2013, according to the Anti-Defamation League: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) condemns the horrific, anti-Semitic attack at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on October 27, 2018, in which 11 innocent people were killed and 6 were injured;

(2) honors the memory of the victims who were killed and expresses the hope that their memory may be a blessing to their families and community;

(3) expresses hope for a full and speedy recovery and pledges continued support for the people who were injured in the attack;

(4) offers heartfelt condolences and deepest sympathies to the Tree of Life, Dor Hadash, and New Life Jewish congregations, the Pittsburgh Jewish community, and the families, friends, and loved ones affected by the tragedy;

(5) honors the selfless and dedicated service of the law enforcement and emergency response officials who responded to the attack and the medical professionals who provided and continue to provide care for the victims;

(6) condemns rising anti-Semitism and stands with the Jewish community in Pittsburgh, the United States, and around the world; and

(7) reaffirms the commitment of the United States—

(A) to condemn anti-Semitism in all its forms;

(B) to protect the right of the people of the United States to freely exercise their religious beliefs; and

(C) to ensure the safety and security of all people of the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 695—DESIGNATING THE WEEK BEGINNING NOVEMBER 12, 2018, AS "NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK"

Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. HATCH, Mr. JONES, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. COONS, Ms. SMITH, Ms. HASSAN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. KAINE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. HEINRICH) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 695

Whereas a highly skilled workforce is necessary to compete in the global economy and to support economic growth;

Whereas the national registered apprenticeship system established by the Act of August 16, 1937 (29 U.S.C. 50 et seq.) (commonly known as the "National Apprenticeship Act") (referred to in this preamble as the "national registered apprenticeship system"), which has existed for over 80 years—

(1) is an important pathway for workers of the United States;

(2) offers a combination of—

(A) academic and technical instruction; and

(B) paid, on-the-job, training;

(3) provides workers of the United States credentials that are nationally recognized and industry-recognized;

(4) leads to higher earnings for apprentices; and

(5) develops a highly skilled workforce for the United States;

Whereas registered apprenticeships—

(1) are becoming increasingly innovative and diverse in—

(A) design;

(B) partnerships;

(C) timeframes; and

(D) use of emerging educational and training concepts; and

(2) will continue to—

(A) evolve to meet emerging skill essentials and employer requirements; and

(B) maintain high standards for apprentices;

Whereas the national registered apprenticeship system provides education and training for apprentices in—

(1) high-growth sectors, including—

(A) information technology;

(B) financial services;

(C) advanced manufacturing; and

(D) health care; and

(2) traditional industries;

Whereas, according to the Department of Labor, the national registered apprenticeship system leverages approximately \$1,000,000,000 in private investment, which reflects the strong commitment of the sponsors of the national registered apprenticeship system;

Whereas an evaluation of registered apprenticeship programs in 10 States conducted by Mathematica Policy Research in 2012 found that—