

of the United Nations Mission (UNMISS) in South Sudan for one year and authorized UNMISS to use all necessary means to deter violence against civilians, to prevent and respond to sexual and gender-based violence, and to foster a secure environment for the return or relocation of internally displaced persons (IDPs) and refugees;

Whereas impunity for past atrocities continues to drive violence in South Sudan, and signatories to the R-ARCSS committed to the establishment of transitional justice measures;

Whereas the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has reported that children comprise approximately 25 percent of all reported cases of conflict-related sexual violence, and the United Nations Commission on Human Rights in South Sudan has reported that forced recruitment of child soldiers is increasing, despite the 2018 peace agreement;

Whereas illicitly obtained wealth and revenue sources perpetuate conflict in South Sudan;

Whereas leaders of South Sudan use violence and corruption as a means of capturing key sectors of the national economy, such as the oil and mining sectors, for purposes of personal enrichment; and

Whereas the United Nations Security Council adopted resolution 2471 on May 30, 2019, to extend its sanctions regime in South Sudan and renew the prohibition of the supply, sale, or transfer to South Sudan of arms and related material or the provision of training, technical, and financial assistance related to military activities or materials until May 31, 2020: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate—

(1) to reaffirm the commitment of the United States to support peace in South Sudan;

(2) to call on the incumbent government and all other signatories of the R-ARCSS to—

(A) create a secure, enabling environment for all relevant political leaders to participate actively in the formation of the RTGoNU and South Sudan's political stabilization and post-conflict development;

(B) resolve peacefully the remaining political issues for negotiation during the Pre-Transitional Period, including agreement on the number and boundaries of states before the extended deadline of November 12, 2019;

(C) establish a RTGoNU by November 12, 2019;

(D) adhere to the cessation of hostilities and enable the delivery of humanitarian assistance and protection;

(E) immediately release all political prisoners and fulfill their responsibility to protect civilians; and

(F) ensure respect for and full exercise of the right to freedom of expression, association, and peaceful assembly;

(3) that the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) should continue to provide immediate lifesaving assistance to meet the dire humanitarian needs of the South Sudanese people;

(4) that the Secretary of State and the USAID Administrator should continue to support civilians, particularly women and children, who have been adversely affected by the civil war, and should provide foreign assistance to support peacebuilding, conflict prevention, transitional justice, and reconciliation efforts led by local civil society;

(5) that the Secretary of State should monitor implementation of the UNMISS mandate authorized by United Nations Security Council Resolution 2459 (2019) and ensure that any return or relocation of IDPs from United Nations protection of civilian sites

are safe, informed, voluntary, dignified, and conducted in coordination with humanitarian actors;

(6) that the Secretary of State, in conjunction with the Secretary of the Treasury, should continue to monitor human rights abuse and corruption in South Sudan and take decisive action using authorities granted under the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act (subtitle F of title XII of Public Law 114-328; 22 U.S.C. 2656 note);

(7) that the Secretary of the Treasury should use best efforts to prevent, detect, investigate, and mitigate money laundering activities; and

(8) that the United States Government should support implementation and subsequent renewal of the United Nations Security Council arms embargo in South Sudan to prevent continued illicit acquisition of arms and military equipment by all parties and the proliferation of weapons throughout the country, and that the lifting of a United Nations arms embargo should be contingent upon—

(A) sustained adherence to the permanent ceasefire, tangible efforts to end impunity for violence against civilians, and consistent, unimpeded humanitarian access in accordance with international humanitarian principles of humanity, neutrality, impartiality, and independence;

(B) holding free, fair, and peaceful democratic elections; and

(C) cessation of widespread abuses and violations by armed actors against civilians.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 372—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHOULD ESTABLISH A NATIONAL GOAL OF CONSERVING AT LEAST 30 PERCENT OF THE LAND AND OCEAN OF THE UNITED STATES BY 2030

Mr. UDALL (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Ms. WARREN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

##### S. RES. 372

Whereas access to public land, nature, and a healthy environment should be a right for all people, as that access is essential to the health, well-being, identity, cultures, and economic prosperity of the United States;

Whereas the United States faces a conservation and climate crisis, with nature in a steep decline and greenhouse gas emissions not declining at the rate scientists say is needed in the United States and worldwide;

Whereas scientists are documenting a rapid loss of natural areas and wildlife in the United States and throughout the world, including—

(1) a finding that, from 2001 to 2017, a quantity of natural areas equal to the size of a football field disappeared to development every 30 seconds in the United States, constituting more than 1,500,000 acres per year;

(2) a finding, published in the journal "Science", that the United States and Canada have lost 2,900,000,000 birds since 1970, representing a decline of 29 percent;

(3) the identification by State fish and game agencies of approximately 12,000 animal and plant species in the United States that require proactive conservation efforts to avoid extinction, of which approximately ⅓ will be lost in the next decades;

(4) a finding by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service that the United States has lost more than ⅓ of all freshwater and saltwater wetlands in the contiguous 48 States; and

(5) the 2019 findings by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services that—

(A) human activities are damaging ⅓ of ocean areas;

(B) only 3 percent of ocean areas remain pristine;

(C) 15 percent of mangroves remain;

(D) 50 percent of coral reefs remain; and

(E) at the current rate of losses, less than 10 percent of the Earth will be free of substantial human impact by 2050;

Whereas climate change is accelerating the decline of nature in the United States;

Whereas the Third National Climate Assessment found that climate change—

(1) is reducing the ability of ecosystems to provide clean water and regulate water flows;

(2) is limiting the ability of nature to buffer communities against disasters such as fires, storms, and floods, which disproportionately impacts communities of color and indigenous populations; and

(3) is having far-reaching effects on marine and terrestrial wildlife, including by altering habitats, forcing changes to migratory patterns, and altering the timing of biological events;

Whereas the decline of natural areas and wildlife in the United States follows global patterns, as the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services found that approximately 1,000,000 plant and animal species are threatened by extinction over the coming decades as a result of land conversion, development, climate change, invasive species, pollution, and other stressors;

Whereas nature, like the climate, is nearing a tipping point where the continued loss and degradation of the natural environment will—

(1) push many ecosystems and wildlife species past the point of no return;

(2) threaten the health and economic prosperity of the United States; and

(3) increase the costs of natural disasters, for which the Federal Government spent about \$91,000,000,000 in 2018;

Whereas the existing protections for land, the ocean, and wildlife in the United States are not sufficient to prevent a further decline of nature in the United States, with—

(1) only 12 percent of the land area in the United States permanently protected, mostly in Alaska and the West; and

(2) only 26 percent of Federal ocean territory permanently protected, the vast majority of which is in the remote western Pacific Ocean or northwestern Hawaii;

Whereas the United States has historically demonstrated leadership and resolve to protect, conserve, and restore the natural environment, including through a network of protected areas;

Whereas that network of protected areas is protected and supported by a variety of conservation laws passed at other times of crisis;

Whereas the United States—

(1) ranks among the top 5 countries in the world for the amount of wilderness-quality land and ocean remaining; and

(2) has the conservation experience and traditions necessary to make great strides in the protection of the remaining natural areas in the United States for future generations;

Whereas the Federal Government, the private sector, civil society, farmers, ranchers, fishing communities, and sportsmen have a history of working together to conserve the land and ocean of the United States;

Whereas the Exclusive Economic Zone of the United States, consisting of waters within 200 miles of the coastline—

- (1) covers 4,500,000 square miles;
- (2) is 23 percent larger than the landmass of the United States; and
- (3) provides a home to various ocean habitats and ecosystems, including—
  - (A) coral reefs;
  - (B) kelp forests;
  - (C) mangroves;
  - (D) seagrass beds; and
  - (E) deep-sea corals;

Whereas conserving and restoring nature is one of the most efficient and cost-effective strategies for fighting climate change;

Whereas, to confront the deterioration of natural systems and the loss of biodiversity around the world, and to remain below a 1.5 degrees Celsius increase in average global temperature, scientists recommend that roughly  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the planet be conserved; and

Whereas, as a step toward achieving that goal, some scientists have recommended that all countries commit to conserving and protecting at least 30 percent of the land and 30 percent of the ocean in each country by 2030, with a long-term goal of conserving  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the planet: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) given the evidence as of October 2019, the Federal Government should establish a national goal of conserving at least 30 percent of the land and 30 percent of the ocean within the territory of the United States by 2030;

(2) the goal described in paragraph (1) should be accomplished through an effort that includes the objectives of—

(A) working with local communities, Indian Tribes, States, and private landowners to conserve natural places and resources;

(B) improving access to nature for all people in the United States, including for communities of color and economically disadvantaged communities;

(C) sequestering carbon and greenhouse gas emissions in the land and ocean of the United States;

(D) increasing public incentives for private landowners to voluntarily conserve and protect areas of demonstrated conservation value and with a high capacity to sequester carbon and greenhouse gas emissions;

(E) focusing work at a large-landscape scale that is biologically and ecologically meaningful;

(F) preventing extinction by recovering and restoring animal and plant species;

(G) stabilizing ecosystems and the services of ecosystems, restoring degraded ecosystems, and maintaining ecological functions; and

(H) increasing economic opportunities for farmers, ranchers, fishermen, and foresters; and

(3) the goal described in paragraph (1) and the objectives described in paragraph (2) should be accomplished through an effort that—

(A) makes science the foundation of conservation decisions by providing communities access to sound, up-to-date scientific information about—

(i) the land and waters around those communities; and

(ii) how the land and waters around those communities are changing in a warming world;

(B) respects Tribal sovereignty and the right to Tribal self-determination so that American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian communities can fulfill what each views as priorities for the stewardship of the natural, cultural, and historic resources of the community;

(C) protects private property rights and traditional land uses and enables land own-

ers to pass down the working land of those land owners to the next generation because private land accounts for approximately 60 percent of the land area in the contiguous 48 States;

(D) addresses environmental justice and the necessity of a more equitable distribution of the benefits of nature to all people, including communities of color and economically disadvantaged communities;

(E) takes into account a wide range of flexible and enduring conservation solutions;

(F) involves the design and implementation of objectives and strategies locally and regionally; and

(G) provides tools and resources to ensure that the areas described in subparagraphs (A) through (C) are effectively managed for conservation values and to sequester carbon and greenhouse gas emissions.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 373—EX-PRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF SEPTEMBER 2019 AS “SICKLE CELL DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH” IN ORDER TO EDUCATE COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE UNITED STATES ABOUT SICKLE CELL DISEASE AND THE NEED FOR RESEARCH, EARLY DETECTION METHODS, EFFECTIVE TREATMENTS, AND PREVENTATIVE CARE PROGRAMS WITH RESPECT TO COMPLICATIONS FROM SICKLE CELL DISEASE AND CONDITIONS RELATED TO SICKLE CELL DISEASE**

Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. RUBIO, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. COONS, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. JONES, Mr. YOUNG, and Mr. LANKFORD) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

**S. RES. 373**

Whereas sickle cell disease (referred to in this preamble as “SCD”) is an inherited blood disorder that is a major health problem in the United States and worldwide;

Whereas SCD causes the rapid destruction of sickle cells, which results in multiple medical complications, including anemia, jaundice, gallstones, strokes, restricted blood flow, damaged tissue in the liver, spleen, and kidneys, and death;

Whereas SCD causes episodes of considerable pain in the arms, legs, chest, and abdomen of an individual;

Whereas SCD affects an estimated 100,000 individuals in the United States;

Whereas approximately 1,000 babies are born with SCD each year in the United States, with the disease occurring in approximately 1 in 365 newborn African-American infants and 1 in 16,300 newborn Hispanic-American infants, and can be found in individuals of Mediterranean, Middle Eastern, Asian, and Indian origin;

Whereas more than 3,000,000 individuals in the United States have the sickle cell trait and 1 in 13 African Americans carries the trait;

Whereas there is a 1 in 4 chance that a child born to parents who both have the sickle cell trait will have the disease;

Whereas the life expectancy of an individual with SCD is often severely limited;

Whereas, while hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (commonly known as “HSCT”) is currently the only cure for SCD and advances in treating the associated com-

plications of SCD have occurred, more research is needed to find widely available treatments and cures to help individuals with SCD; and

Whereas September 2019 has been designated as Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month in order to educate communities across the United States about SCD, including early detection methods, effective treatments, and preventative care programs with respect to complications from SCD and conditions related to SCD: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month; and

(2) encourages the people of the United States to hold appropriate programs, events, and activities during Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month to raise public awareness of preventative care programs, treatments, and other patient services for those suffering from sickle cell disease, complications from sickle cell disease, and conditions related to sickle cell disease.

**AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED**

SA 948. Mr. SHELBY proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 3055, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes.

SA 949. Mr. YOUNG (for himself and Mr. GARDNER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 948 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 3055, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 950. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. SHELBY) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 948 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 3055, supra.

SA 951. Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. KAINE, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 948 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 3055, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 952. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 948 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 3055, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 953. Mr. TESTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 948 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 3055, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 954. Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. DAINES) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 948 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 3055, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 955. Ms. BALDWIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 948 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 3055, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 956. Ms. HASSAN (for herself and Mr. VAN HOLLEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 948 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 3055, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 957. Mr. JONES submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 948 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 3055, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 958. Mr. JONES submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 948 proposed by Mr. SHELBY to the bill H.R. 3055, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 959. Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. MURPHY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA