

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