

S. RES. 549

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 549, a resolution designating June 15, 2018, as "World Elder Abuse Awareness Day".

AMENDMENT NO. 2854

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2854 intended to be proposed to H.R. 5515, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2019 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. REED (for himself and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 3083. A bill to amend the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 to improve career and technical education opportunities for adult learners, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I am proud to reintroduce the Career and Technical Education for Adult Learners or the CTE for All Act with my colleague, Senator BALDWIN.

Our legislation addresses the critical need to expand educational opportunities for working adults with low academic skills. The need for strengthening the skills base for working adults continues to grow. Increasingly, middle-skill and sustainable wage jobs require education beyond high school. Yet, according to U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey data, 12 percent (24 million) of working age adults have less than a high school diploma. Recent Department of Education data show that only 5 percent of adults with less than a high school diploma have any type of postsecondary certificate, certification, or license compared to 27 percent of adults overall. Moreover, an estimated 36 million adults in the U.S. have low skills with nearly one in six having low literacy skills and one in three having low numeracy skills.

Our ability to grow the economy and decrease income inequality will depend, in large part, on our commitment to providing education and training programs to low-skilled adults. These workers are concentrated in fields such as construction, health care, manufacturing, and hospitality. Expanding career and technical education opportunities to these workers could enhance their career trajectories and strengthen their earning potential, fueling economic productivity and growth for the future. Unfortunately, according to the

U.S. Department of Education, roughly half of low-skilled workers are not engaged in formal or non-formal learning opportunities. The CTE for All Act aims to change that by ensuring that there are pathways for adult learners in career and technical education programs.

Specifically, our legislation will ensure that programs funded under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act align with adult education programs and industry sector partnerships authorized under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. The CTE for All Act requires consultation with the state director for adult education in the development of the statewide plan for career and technical education. The bill calls for career and technical education programs to include low-skilled adults among the special populations targeted for outreach and support and allows states to report separate performance indicators for adult career and technical education students. The legislation makes adult education providers that offer integrated education and training programs eligible to receive career and technical education funding. Additionally, the legislation encourages career and technical education programs to include work experiences for their students of all ages.

We have worked with the adult education community and other stakeholders in developing this legislation. We are pleased to have the support of the National Council of State Directors of Adult Education, the Commission on Adult Basic Education, the National Skills Coalition, and the National Coalition for Literacy.

As a Nation, we are at our best when every person—no matter their starting point—has the opportunity to develop their skills and reach their potential. The CTE for All Act will strengthen the ladder of opportunity for adult learners who work hard every day to provide for their families. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation and work with us to include these provisions in the reauthorization of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 550—CONGRATULATING THE GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS FOR THEIR DOMINANT BACK-TO-BACK CHAMPIONSHIP VICTORY IN THE 2018 NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION FINALS

Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Ms. HARRIS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

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Whereas, on June 8, 2018, the Golden State Warriors defeated the Cleveland Cavaliers by a score of 108–85, to win the 2018 National Basketball Association (referred to in the preamble as the "NBA") Finals in 4 games;

Whereas the Golden State Warriors captured their third championship in 4 years, and their sixth championship in the history of the franchise;

Whereas this dominant championship victory of 2018 marks the first time a professional sports team from the San Francisco Bay area in California has clinched a back-to-back championship title in 28 years;

Whereas every single member of the 2017–2018 Golden State Warriors team contributed to this championship, including Jordan Bell, Chris Boucher, Quinn Cook, Stephen Curry, Kevin Durant, Draymond Green, Andre Iguodala, Damian Jones, Shaun Livingston, Kevon Looney, Patrick McCaw, JaVale McGee, ZaZa Pachulia, Klay Thompson, David West, and Nick Young;

Whereas, despite capturing its third championship in 4 years, the Golden State Warriors overcame a grueling NBA season, in which the team suffered a rash of injuries both during the season and in the playoff run;

Whereas Kevin Durant was named Most Valuable Player of the NBA Finals for the second straight year, with 2 signature performances in Games 3 and 4 of the series, including scoring 43 points on the road in Cleveland, Ohio in Game 3, and registering a triple-double performance in Game 4;

Whereas Steph Curry similarly registered signature performances in the NBA Finals series, in Game 2 when he scored 33 points to break the NBA Finals record for 3-pointers in a game, with 9 3-pointers made, and in Game 4 when he scored 37 points, bringing his scoring average to 27.5 points for the series;

Whereas Steve Kerr, Mike Brown, and the entire team of coaches and staff have been instrumental in developing the Golden State Warriors' dynamic and record-setting style of play, and have fostered a positive, selfless team spirit;

Whereas Joe Lacob and Peter Gruber have built one of the most exciting and high-performing franchises in NBA history; and

Whereas the dedicated fan base of the Golden State Warriors has offered unrelenting, passionate support to the team: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the Golden State Warriors for winning the 2018 National Basketball Association Championship, a back-to-back victory after the team's 2017 championship;

(2) recognizes the historic achievements of all the players, coaches, and staff who contributed to the 2017–2018 season; and

(3) celebrates the pride exhibited by the Golden State Warriors, including their selfless teamwork and extraordinary character, joy, determination, and hard-work.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I rise to introduce a resolution recognizing—and commending—the Golden State Warriors for overcoming a battle-tested season to prevail as the 2017–2018 NBA World Champions.

After going 16 and 5 in the postseason and sweeping the Cleveland Cavaliers in the NBA Finals, the Warriors have become back-to-back champions for the first time in franchise history, and have won three championships in the past four years.

They are now appropriately considered an NBA dynasty, and can easily lay claim to being the team of this decade. They are also now recognized as one of the greatest teams ever assembled. And what is frightening for the rest of the league, is that it appears this team is far from finished.