

work in partnership to protect and maintain these cultural sites, preserving them for generations to come: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) commemorates the 80th anniversary of the establishment of the Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge;

(2) recognizes the importance of this protected land to biodiversity and fragile ecosystems in Vermont and the world; and

(3) resolves to support the National Wildlife Refuge System, including the Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge, by providing the necessary financial and staffing resources to carry out its mission of conserving wildlife, protecting habitats, and providing access to outdoor recreational opportunities.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 434—COMMEMORATING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MONROE DOCTRINE

Mr. RISCH (for himself, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. VANCE, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 434

Whereas, on December 2, 1823, President James Monroe articulated what became to be known as the “Monroe Doctrine” in his seventh annual message to Congress;

Whereas, in the Monroe Doctrine, President Monroe asserted “a principle in which the rights and interests of the United States are involved, that the American continents, by the free and independent condition which they have assumed and maintain, are henceforth not to be considered as subjects for future colonization” by foreign powers;

Whereas the Monroe Doctrine asserted a spirit of solidarity with the newly independent republics of Latin America and established the principle that autocratic influences and depredations by powers outside the region present dangers to the peace, safety, and independence of the free nations of the Western Hemisphere;

Whereas President Monroe established the defensive character of the Monroe Doctrine by asserting that, “It is only when our rights are invaded or seriously menaced that we resent injuries or make preparation for our defense.”;

Whereas President Monroe proclaimed the doctrine after the Russian Empire attempted to claim and colonize territories in present-day Alaska and the Pacific Northwest in 1821, and the seizure of the USS Pearl by the Russian sloop Apollon in 1822;

Whereas, according to the National Archives, the United States Government invoked the Monroe Doctrine in 1865 to exert diplomatic and military pressure in support of the Mexican President Benito Juárez, which enabled Juárez to lead a successful revolt against the Emperor Maximilian, who had been placed on the throne by the French Empire;

Whereas, according to the National Archives, President John F. Kennedy invoked the Monroe Doctrine when the Soviet Union built missile launch sites in Cuba in 1962, and as part of the successful actions of his administration to see the Soviet missiles withdrawn from the dismantled missile launch sites in Cuba;

Whereas, on September 17, 1987, the Senate adopted an amendment, by a bipartisan vote of 90 to 2, to S. 1174 (100th Congress), known as the “National Defense Authorization Act

for Fiscal Years 1988 and 1989”, affirming “the sense of the Senate that the policy of the United States toward Central America should be based on the principles of the Monroe Doctrine”;

Whereas the National Security Strategy dated October 2022 states that “no region impacts the United States more directly than the Western Hemisphere,” and acknowledges the threat of external interference or coercion in the Western Hemisphere from the People’s Republic of China, the Russian Federation, and the Islamic Republic of Iran;

Whereas the 2023 Posture Statement of the United States Southern Command acknowledges that external malign actors like the People’s Republic of China and the Russian Federation are aggressively exerting influence over neighboring countries in Latin America and the Caribbean and raises concerns about Iranian intelligence and security activities;

Whereas the 2023 Posture Statement of the United States Southern Command notes that the People’s Republic of China is encroaching upon sensitive critical infrastructure in the Western Hemisphere through investments, including in deep-water ports, cyber facilities, and space facilities which can have a potential dual use for malign commercial and military activities;

Whereas the 2023 Posture Statement of the United States Southern Command notes that the Russian Federation undertakes extensive disinformation campaigns in Latin America, bolsters authoritarian regimes like the Republic of Cuba, the Republic of Nicaragua, and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, and pursues military engagement and gray zone operations in this region;

Whereas the posture statement for 2023 of the United States Northern Command asserts “Our competitors and potential adversaries, particularly the People’s Republic of China and Russia, continue to challenge the rules-based international order” and “seek to advance their interests and gain global advantages through political intimidation, economic coercion, cyber and information operations, asymmetric attacks on infrastructure, and the direct threat or actual employment of military force”;

Whereas the letter and spirit of the Monroe Doctrine continue to inspire the efforts of the people of the United States to—

(1) maintain robust domestic, economic, and defense capabilities; and

(2) partner with democratic nations of the Western Hemisphere on a basis of mutual respect and support for shared beneficial diplomatic, commercial, and security endeavors: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) commemorates the 200th anniversary of the promulgation of the Monroe Doctrine;

(2) reasserts the rights and interests of the United States, in accordance with the Monroe Doctrine, to oppose a foreign power extending malign influence that could endanger or undermine the democracies of the Western Hemisphere; and

(3) recognizes the principles of hemisphere freedom and independence, as enshrined in the Monroe Doctrine, as an enduring foundational cornerstone of the foreign policy of the United States.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 435—RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 30 THROUGH NOVEMBER 4, 2023, AS “NATIONAL VETERANS SMALL BUSINESS WEEK”

Ms. ERNST (for herself, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. DAINES,

Mr. BOOKER, Mr. RISCH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WICKER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CASEY, Mr. HOEVEN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mrs. FISCHER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BUDD, Mr. REED, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. OSSOFF, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. KELLY, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. Kaine, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KING, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. TILLIS, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. COONS, Mr. HAWLEY, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. PETERS, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. GRAHAM, Ms. LUMMIS, and Mr. SCHMITT) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 435

Whereas the Armed Forces of the United States train individuals with the skills, discipline, and leadership necessary to establish and operate a successful business;

Whereas there are over 1,700,000 veteran-owned small businesses in the United States, employing over 2,900,000 individuals;

Whereas veteran-owned small businesses make up nearly 5 percent of all businesses in the United States;

Whereas veteran-owned small businesses account for more than \$800,000,000,000 in total receipts every year;

Whereas there are over 160,000 women veteran-owned small businesses in the United States, employing over 119,000 individuals;

Whereas the Small Business Administration hosts events honoring National Veterans Small Business Week from October 30 through November 4, 2023;

Whereas the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate celebrates National Veterans Small Business Week during the week of October 30 through November 4, 2023; and

Whereas the week of October 30 through November 4, 2023, would be an appropriate time to celebrate National Veterans Small Business Week: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the week of October 30 through November 4, 2023, as “National Veterans Small Business Week”;

(2) supports the goals and ideals of National Veterans Small Business Week;

(3) recognizes the importance of creating policies that promote a business-friendly environment for small business owners that is free of unnecessary and burdensome regulations and red tape; and

(4) expresses appreciation for the continued service to the United States by the veterans of the United States through small business ownership and entrepreneurship.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 436—EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 24, 2023, TO OCTOBER 31, 2023, AS “BATWEEK”

Mr. WELCH (for himself and Mr. BRAUN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 436

Whereas bats are vital to the sustainability of natural ecosystems, national economies, and human health by controlling