

yet only 15 percent of flowers and foliage sold in the United States is domestically grown;

Whereas the domestic cut flower and foliage industry—

(1) creates a substantial economic impact daily; and

(2) supports hundreds of growers, thousands of small businesses, and tens of thousands of jobs in the United States;

Whereas most domestic cut flowers and foliage are sold in the United States within 24 to 48 hours after harvest and last longer than flowers shipped longer distances;

Whereas flowers and foliage grown domestically enhance the ability of the people of the United States to festively celebrate weddings and births and honor those who have passed;

Whereas flower and foliage giving has been a holiday tradition in the United States for generations;

Whereas flowers and foliage speak to the beauty of motherhood on Mother's Day and to the spirit of love on Valentine's Day;

Whereas flowers and foliage help commemorate the service and sacrifice of members of the Armed Forces on Memorial Day and Veterans Day; and

Whereas the Senate encourages the cultivation of flowers and foliage in the United States by domestic flower and foliage farmers: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates July 2026 as “American Grown Flower and Foliage Month”;

(2) recognizes that purchasing flowers and foliage grown in the United States supports the farmers, small businesses, jobs, and economy of the United States;

(3) recognizes that growing flowers and foliage in the United States is a vital part of the agricultural industry of the United States;

(4) recognizes that cultivating flowers and foliage domestically enhances the ability of the people of the United States to festively celebrate holidays and special occasions; and

(5) urges all people of the United States to proactively showcase flowers and foliage grown in the United States in order to show support for—

(A) the flower and foliage farmers, processors, and distributors in the United States; and

(B) the agricultural industry of the United States overall.

SENATE RESOLUTION 823—DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF AUGUST 2 THROUGH AUGUST 8, 2026, AS “NATIONAL FARMERS MARKET WEEK”

Mr. PADILLA (for himself, Ms. ERNST, Mr. KING, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. WELCH, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. JUSTICE, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. MARSHALL, and Mr. TILLIS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 823

Whereas farmers markets accounted for \$1,700,000,000 in income for farmers of the United States in 2020, demonstrating the crucial role of farmers markets in local economies;

Whereas, according to the Agricultural Marketing Service of the Department of Ag-

riculture, the number of farmers markets in the United States rose from 1,755 in 1994 to 8,771 in 2019, an average growth of nearly 7 percent per year;

Whereas farmers markets serve as significant educational sites and as bridges between urban and rural communities, contributing to a better public understanding of farming and ranching;

Whereas the adoption of more sustainable farming practices is closely associated with farmer-to-consumer interactions facilitated by farmers markets;

Whereas farmers markets and direct marketing farmers help improve the health and wellness of low-income people in the United States who receive Federal nutrition benefits; and

Whereas National Farmers Market Week is a time to recognize the unique and indispensable role farmers markets play in supporting food access, bolstering local economies, promoting healthy communities, and fostering sustainable farming: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week of August 2 through August 8, 2026, as “National Farmers Market Week”; and

(2) recognizes the vital role that farmers markets play in bringing communities together and in supporting the livelihoods of millions of people in the United States, from farmers and food producers to consumers.

SENATE RESOLUTION 824—DESIGNATING AUGUST 1, 2026, AS “GOLD STAR CHILDREN'S DAY”

Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. KELLY, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. COONS, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. JUSTICE, Mr. KAINE, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. FETTERMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KIM, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mrs. MOODY, Mr. OSSOFF, and Mr. ROUNDS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 824

Whereas the recognition of Gold Star Families in the United States dates back to World War I, when the families of fallen members of the Armed Forces displayed a service flag with a gold star in the window of their homes;

Whereas, in 1936, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed into law legislation declaring Gold Star Mother's Day, now known as “Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day”, a national observance honoring the mothers of fallen members of the Armed Forces annually on the last Sunday of September;

Whereas, since 2010, the Senate has honored Gold Star Spouses by resolution annually on April 5, recognizing the unique sacrifices made by spouses of fallen members of the Armed Forces;

Whereas many thousands of children of military families have lost parents who served in the Armed Forces and also deserve national recognition for the burden and legacy they carry; and

Whereas, since 2021, the Senate has honored Gold Star Children by resolution annually on August 1, recognizing the debt of gratitude owed to children of fallen members of the Armed Forces by the people of the United States as part of the debt owed to the members of the Armed Forces who sacrificed all in protecting the freedom of the United States and the people of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates August 1, 2026, as “Gold Star Children's Day”;

(2) honors the sacrifices and hardships of the children of fallen members of the Armed Forces; and

(3) encourages the people of the United States to observe Gold Star Children's Day in support of children of the fallen members of the Armed Forces of the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 825—COMMENDING MISSISSIPPI CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY FOR 200 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI AND THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. HYDE-SMITH (for herself and Mr. WICKER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 825

Whereas, on January 24, 1826, the Mississippi Legislature passed, and Governor David Holmes signed into law, an Act establishing Hampstead Academy in Hinds County, Mississippi, making what is now Mississippi Christian University the oldest institution of higher learning in Mississippi;

Whereas, in 1827, Hampstead Academy changed its name to “Mississippi Academy,” and, in 1830, the institution became “Mississippi College,” offering degrees in arts, sciences, and languages;

Whereas, in 1831, Mississippi College became the first coeducational institution of higher learning in the United States to grant degrees to women, bestowing diplomas upon Alice Robinson and Catherine Hall;

Whereas, in 1850, Mississippi College became affiliated with the Mississippi Baptist Convention, making it the second-oldest Baptist college in the United States;

Whereas, in 1921, the Mississippi College athletic teams became known as the Choctaws, paying homage to the Native American heritage of the region;

Whereas the formal graduate program of Mississippi College was established in 1950, followed by the addition of the School of Nursing in 1969 and the School of Law in 1975;

Whereas, in 2003, the Mississippi College Foundation was established to strengthen ongoing giving, which supports the vision of Mississippi College and recognizes its academic excellence and commitment to the cause of Christ;

Whereas, in 2005, the Tribal Council of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians passed a resolution supporting the continued use of the name “Choctaw” and related symbols by Mississippi College;

Whereas, in 2011, Mississippi College launched the first physician assistant program in the State of Mississippi and awarded its first educational leadership doctorate;

Whereas, in 2019, the Mississippi College Honors College was established and the Edward McMillan Center for Education Abroad was launched;

Whereas, in 2022, the Leland Speed Scholarship program, named in honor of longtime benefactor Leland Speed, was established, offering scholarships for eligible Mississippi students and leading to a record-breaking class of more than 1,000 new students in the fall of 2023;

Whereas, in 2023, the Gore Arts Complex, named in honor of renowned artist Dr. Samuel Gore, was dedicated and became home to the art programs of Mississippi College and the Institute for Southern Storytelling, representing the latest chapter in a legacy of