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U.S. Sens. Blackburn and Scott present resolution for Joe Biden to immediately secure the border

NASHVILLE, TENN. – U.S. Senator Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.) joined Senator Rick Scott (R-Fla.) in encouraging a swift Senate passage of their resolution denouncing the Biden administration's open border policies which have allowed more than 9 million individuals to illegally cross the U.S. southern border since President Joe Biden took office.

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Biden Issued 94 Executive Orders To Open The Border In His First 100 Days

"Whereas President Biden, beginning on day one of his administration, systematically dismantled effective border security measures and interior immigration enforcement."

Biden's Refusal To Close The Border Is Putting Americans In Danger

"Whereas President Biden's refusal to use his suspension of entry authority ensures that the border stays open, endangers the United States, and encourages illegal immigration."

CO-SIGNERS

•U.S. Senators Ted Cruz (R-Texas), Shelley Moore Capito

(R-W.Va.), John Hoeven (R-N.D.), Marco Rubio (R-Fla.), Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.), Josh Hawley (R-Mo.), Ted Budd (R-N.C.), Tom Cotton (R-Ark.), Tim Scott (R-S.C.), Roger Marshall (R-Kan.), Ron Johnson (R-Wis.), Mike Braun (R-Ind.), and Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-Miss.).

•This resolution is being led in the House of Representatives by Congresswoman Monica De La Cruz (TX-15) and passed with bipartisan support.



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Fort Campbell becomes first unit equipped with Army's new Next Generation Squad Weapon (NGSW) system for training

From Tactical Wire

A brigade from the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell was the first unit equipped with the Army's new Next Generation Squad Weapon (NGSW) system. Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, accepted Next Generation Rifles and Automatic Rifles in preparation for New Equipment Training (NET) in April. NET is an in-depth, train-the-trainer course that prepares designated non-commissioned officers to facilitate follow-on training across the

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company. "The process of developing and fielding new equipment is never without challenges and setbacks and speed bumps, so we're celebrating the fact that we're delivering on schedule, as promised," said Lt. Col. Mark Vidotto, the NGSW lead for the Soldier Lethality Cross-Functional Team (SL CFT) at Fort Moore, Georgia. "It was a team effort from start to finish." The "start" was 2018, and the "team" included the SL CFT and their Program Executive Office Soldier partners, Joint Program

Executive Office Armaments and Ammunition, Sig Sauer, Vortex and a number of other stakeholders who teamed to hasten development and production of the new system after the requirement was identified in a 2017 study that recognized the need for weapons that will perform better at range. More than 25,000 hours have been invested by Soldiers during the development and testing of the NGSW system, which includes the XM7 Rifle, the XM250 Automatic Rifle, the XM157 Fire Control and the 6.8

mm family of ammunitions. "The NGSW fielding is a culmination of a comprehensive and rigorous process of design, testing and feedback, all of which were led by Soldiers," said Col. Jason Bohannon, project manager, Soldier Lethality, PEO Soldier. "As a result, the Army is delivering on its promise to deliver to Soldiers the highest quality, most capable small-caliber weapons and ammunition." Based on modernization schedules, the Army will field NGSW systems to a National Guard armored brigade in May.

First Lady Maria Lee and Leadership Kingsport serve over 250 Tennessee first responders at event

KINGSFORT, Tenn.— First Lady Maria Lee and Leadership Kingsport, a program of the Kingsport Chamber, hosted a service project for firefighters, law enforcement, EMTs, and other local first responders in partnership with national nonprofit Operation Gratitude. The event took place on March 20.

Serves team. Each care package included assorted snacks and personal care items as well as a thank you note written by volunteers. "Tennessee communities depend on the dedicated service of our first responders to remain healthy, safe, and thriving. It was an honor to give back to them and communicate to them just how appreciated they are," said First Lady Maria Lee. "I'm thankful for the efforts of the Kingsport Chamber and Operation Gratitude to make this project possible."

Following the service project, First Lady Lee, the Tennessee Serves team, and local Chamber leadership distributed care packages and served lunch to 200 Kingsport first responders in a drive through distribution. The event began with a breakfast where attendees listened to various speakers, including a fireside chat with First Lady Maria Lee and CEO and President of the Kingsport Chamber, Miles Burdine. First Lady Lee and Chamber President Burdine

discussed various topics including the First Lady's initiative Tennessee Serves and the importance of giving back. "One of Leadership Kingsport and the Kingsport Chamber's primary goals is to support and enhance our community, which is exactly what we were able to do in today's service project, said Vanessa Bennett, Chief Operations Officer for the Chamber. "We were thrilled to hear firsthand from First Lady Maria Lee today and serve alongside her and the Tennessee Serves team."

Vicki Johnson, Director of National Volunteerism for Operation Gratitude, also presented at the event, engaging attendees in the mission of the nonprofit to create opportunities for all Americans to express appreciation to military and first responder communities. The event and subsequent service project were part of the Tennessee Serves March monthly challenge, "Serving Those Who Serve", calling for Tennesseans to give back to those in professions of service in their communities.

SAF PA gun rights victory declared sports page 1

Executive Vice President Alan M. Gottlieb. "It's an important win. The Third Circuit has affirmed that the Second Amendment applies to young adults, and that 1791 is the historical marker for understanding the right to keep and bear arms. Finally, the court has said 18-to-20-year-olds can open carry during a state of emergency in Pennsylvania."

Kraut, who is a Pennsylvania resident and practicing attorney in the state. "The court's decision is an important step forward to getting this issue resolved."

"We've been fighting this battle for more than three years," noted SAF Executive Director Adam

The Second Amendment Foun-



datation (saf.org) is the nation's oldest and largest tax-exempt education, research, publishing and legal action group focusing on the Constitutional right and heritage to privately own and possess firearms.

Founded in 1974, The Foundation has grown to more than 720,000 members and supporters and conducts many programs designed to better inform the public about the consequences of gun control.

Coach Silverfield finalizes contract... from sports page 1

(2020). "It's an honor and a privilege to be the head football coach at the University of Memphis," Silverfield remarked. "I am excited and appreciative of the commitment to continue moving forward with the progress of our football program."

The annualized total compensation for the duration of the contract is as follows: \$2.2 million for the 2024 season, \$2.25 million for the 2025 season, \$2.5 million for the 2026 season, \$2.6 million for the 2027 season and

\$2.7 million for the 2028 season. The compensation is allocated as \$200,000 in base salary per year with the remaining amount as non-salary compensation divided equally between radio and television appearance availability and public relations, public service and public speaking appearance availability. The contract also includes additional incentives and bonuses that can be earned through the team's performance.

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