

# TRIBUTE TO BERNARD A. BARTON, JR.

Mrs. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Bernard A. "Bud" Barton, Jr. on his retirement from the Library of Congress and to thank him for nearly three decades of dedicated public service.

Since 2015, Bud has served as chief information officer for the Library of Congress. As the senior information technology official for the Library, Bud established and enforced standards for IT resources and oversaw IT design, development, and service operations to ensure that the needs of the Library and those it serves were met. Bud oversaw the development of a Library-wide digital strategy, worked to improve IT security at the Library, and led efforts to optimize and modernize the Library's IT infrastructure. Under his leadership, the Library successfully addressed more than 100 technology recommendations identified by Congress and the nonpartisan Government Accountability Office, GAO.

Prior to joining the Library, Bud served as a U.S. Air Force officer, as deputy chief information officer for the North Carolina National Guard, and then as chief information officer for the Defense Technical Information Center. In these latter roles, Bud managed the design, planning, implementation, and testing of disaster recovery and continuity of operations capabilities for these agencies.

Mr. Barton leaves the Library a stronger institution that is better prepared than ever to serve the needs of Congress, researchers, and all Americans.

Bud, thank you for your public service. We owe you a debt of gratitude and wish you a well-deserved retirement.

## TRIBUTE TO KOBYE NOEL

Mr. WARNOCK. Mr. President, today I have the distinct privilege and honor to recognize Kobye Noel for over two decades of faithful and unwavering service to the U.S. Senate.

Koby, a native of the Old Line State, has held the line during 23 years of service to the Senate, always striving for equity, transparency, and diligence in all she does. From her time on the Democratic Policy Committee supporting the work of Leader Harry Reid that would lead to our country's most recent budget surplus, to her work as a staffer on the Senate Budget Committee supporting the committee's work to pass the Affordable Health Care Act, ushering in a new era of healthcare in our country, Kobye has never wavered in her commitment to this body or to helping the American people.

When not working on committee, Kobye has served a host of Senators including Senator Doug Jones of Alabama, Senator Heidi Heitkamp of North Dakota, and Senator OSOFF of Georgia. I am especially grateful

Koby and her wealth of experience has been able to serve on my staff as mail manager for the past 10 months. In her time overseeing our office's correspondence, we have sent over 200,000 correspondence messages to Georgians, updating them on the issues and legislation critically important to their lives.

It is written that the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. I congratulate Kobye on retirement with such distinguished service and wish her a bountiful harvest for all of her labor on behalf of the U.S. Senate and the people of Georgia.

## ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

### REMEMBERING ALAN KALTER

• Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I rise today with a heavy heart to pay tribute to Alan Kalter, a warm, generous man and friend to many. Alan passed away on October 4, 2021, at the age of 78.

Alan was born in 1943 in Brooklyn, NY. He graduated from what was then Hobart College in 1964, after which he attended the New York University School of Law. His radio work began while he was still an undergraduate, when he served as an announcer for WGVA in Geneva, NY.

While working as a high school English teacher, Alan furthered his passion for the radio through weekend gigs. Three years later, he was hired at WHN Radio in New York, where he was a newsman for 4 years. Following this, Alan transitioned into commercials and then game shows. His work as an announcer earned him acclaim, and his voice was recognizable to people across the country.

In 1995, Alan joined the Late Show with David Letterman, following the retirement of Bill Wendell. A dynamic addition who was known for his open-minded willingness to try any stunt or suggestion, Alan quickly became beloved by staff and audience members alike. He was known for his calming, affable presence and the enthusiasm with which he approached every task before him.

When not on air, Alan lived quietly in Stamford, CT, where he resided for over four decades. I had the distinct privilege of having Alan as a friend, and I can attest firsthand to his caring and compassion.

Alan's great humor and thoughtful spirit touched countless lives. He brightened the days of both friends and strangers without a second thought. Alan was also guided by his deeply rooted values and dedicated himself to giving back to his community.

My wife, Cynthia, and I extend our deepest sympathies to Alan's family during this difficult time, especially his wife, Peggy, his two daughters, and his five grandchildren. May their many wonderful memories of Alan provide them solace and comfort in the days ahead.●

### REMEMBERING MARISSA MCCALL

• Mr. OSSOFF. Mr. President, Marissa McCall's positive impact on Georgians' lives will be felt for generations.

Marissa was a tireless and effective advocate for those who otherwise had none. She poured her heart and her work into the defense of those who faced brutality at the hands of the justice system; into advocacy for those who lacked the resources and connections to defend themselves; and into urgent reform of a justice system in which class and race bias are endemic and the rights and dignity of individuals are daily violated. Marissa made a huge difference for so many.

Born in Santa Ana, CA, Marissa earned her degree in political science from Georgia's Spelman College and her law degree from Louisiana State University in 2008.

Marissa developed a first-of-its-kind program at the Georgia Justice Project to help address the systemic barriers facing formerly incarcerated people.

She joined the Southern Center for Human Rights in 2016, cementing her role as one of Georgia's foremost champions for civil and human rights.

Marissa's keen legal mind and deep empathy powered her work for reform. She fought persistently and effectively to end the broken cash bail system at Atlanta's Municipal Court, to reform the criminal record system, and to ban the shackling of incarcerated women during pregnancy.

In 2020 and 2021, after the murder of Ahmaud Arbery, Marissa was instrumental in the repeal of Georgia's citizen's arrest law. As a result, Georgia the first State in the Nation to pass such a reform.

Marissa is remembered by her family as a loving mother, a devoted sister, a cherished daughter, and a loyal friend.

Georgia and the United States are fairer and more just for Marissa's service.

I thank my colleagues in the U.S. Senate for joining me in honoring the work and life of Marissa McCall.●

## MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2021, the Secretary of the Senate, on October 12, 2021, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House had agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 1301) to provide for the publication by the Secretary of Health and Human Services of physical activity recommendations for Americans.

### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2021, the Secretary of the Senate, on October 12, 2021, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing

that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 4981. An act to amend the Fentanyl Sanctions Act, to modify certain deadlines relating to the Commission on Combating Synthetic Opioid Trafficking.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2021, the enrolled bill was signed on October 14, 2021, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. BOOKER).

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2021, the Secretary of the Senate, on October 12, 2021, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CONNOLLY) had signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 1301. An act to provide for the publication by the Secretary of Health and Human Services of physical activity recommendations for Americans.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2021, the enrolled bill was signed on October 14, 2021, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. BOOKER).

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4350. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 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.

The message also announced that the Speaker and Minority Leader announced their joint appointment, pursuant to section 203(c) of the Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Act of 2008 (34 U.S.C. 50323), and the order of the House of January 4, 2021, of the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the State and Local Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Board: Mr. Donny H. Youngblood of Bakersfield, California.

The message further announced that the Speaker and Minority Leader announced their joint appointment, pursuant to section 103 (c) of the Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Act (34 U.S.C. 50313), and the order of the House of January 4, 2021, of the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the Federal Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Board: Mrs. Val Butler Demings of Orlando, Florida.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 4 of the United States Semiquincentennial Commission Act of 2016 (Public Law 114-196),

and as previously agreed, because of the change in Congress and the presumed statutory intent of the Commission, the Minority Leader appoints the following Member for appointment to the United States Semiquincentennial Commission on behalf of the Speaker: Mr. Joseph F. Crowley of Arlington, Virginia.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 4350. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 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.

#### ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on October 14, 2021, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1301. An act to provide for the publication by the Secretary of Health and Human Services of physical activity recommendations for Americans.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. DAINES:

S. 2987. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to deny Federal retirement benefits to individuals convicted of child sex abuse; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LEE:

S. 2988. A bill to require any COVID-19 vaccine mandate issued by Congress or an Executive agency to include informed parental consent for the administration of a COVID-19 vaccine to a minor, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 2989. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance the Blue Campaign of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. MARSHALL):

S. 2990. A bill to impose sanctions with respect to foreign persons that engage in certain transactions relating to Cuba and to impose sanctions with respect to human rights abuse and corruption in Cuba, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 2991. A bill to establish a Department of Homeland Security Center for Countering Human Trafficking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. GRAHAM,

Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. LUMMIS, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. WARNER, Mr. HAWLEY, and Mr. DAINES):

S. 2992. A bill to provide that certain discriminatory conduct by covered platforms shall be unlawful, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Ms. DUCKWORTH):

S. Res. 420. A resolution relating to the death of the Honorable Adlai Ewing Stevenson III, former Senator for the State of Illinois; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. ERNST, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. Res. 421. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 127

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 127, a bill to support library infrastructure.

S. 535

At the request of Ms. ERNST, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) were added as cosponsors of S. 535, a bill to authorize the location of a memorial on the National Mall to commemorate and honor the members of the Armed Forces that served on active duty in support of the Global War on Terrorism, and for other purposes.

S. 697

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 697, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint commemorative coins in recognition of the Bicentennial of Harriet Tubman's birth.

S. 870

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 870, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to mental health services under the Medicare program.

S. 934

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 934, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve rural health clinic payments.

S. 1061

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1061, a bill to encourage