

support and was subsequently signed into law. The enactment of this legislation meant that a commemorative coin in Christa's honor was minted by the U.S. Treasury in 2021. Proceeds from the sale of this coin are going to support STEM education, helping to cultivate a new generation of scientists, engineers, and educators.

Today, we take pause to honor the seven outstanding professionals lost in the *Challenger* accident and acknowledge that this is a very difficult day for their colleagues at NASA, family and friends. Our hearts are with them on this day of remembrance.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING CHERYL A. HICKMON

• Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Cheryl A. Hickmon, national president of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated and chair of the national board of directors. A native of Hartford, CT, Cheryl, the youngest of three children, was born in 1962 to the late Dr. Ned Hickmon and Consuella Anderson Hickmon. Cheryl passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 20, 2022, at the age of 60, following a battle with a recent illness. She leaves to cherish her memory two brothers, Ned N. Hickmon and David W. Hickmon of Hartford, CT, many cousins throughout the United States, coworkers, many friends, and sorority sisters internationally, including members of the Hartford Alumnae Chapter.

Cheryl was deeply devoted to Delta Sigma Theta, and her loss will be felt by many. An active member for 39 years, Cheryl's devotion to Delta Sigma Theta began in 1982 with her initiation into the Alpha Xi Chapter at South Carolina State University. She served in multiple leadership positions at the local, regional, and national levels, including as Alpha Xi chapter president in 1983, South Atlantic regional representative in 1984, Hartford Alumnae chapter president in 2009, and was ultimately elected the 27th national president and chair of the national board of directors in November 2021. Her leadership has shaped generations of women across this country and was inspired by a deep belief in Delta's core values of sisterhood, scholarship, service, and social action.

Cheryl shared her wisdom, care, and compassion with all who crossed her path. Her unwavering commitment to making the world a better place meant Cheryl always sought new opportunities to uplift Americans, especially Black women. Her passion enabled her to have a profound impact on many through Delta Sigma Theta and her service with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Children's Defense Fund, and the National Council of Negro Women. Cheryl will be remembered as a true

champion for civil rights and social justice.

Cheryl's motivation to lend a helping hand to others in need also shaped her career of more than 30 years as a licensed clinical laboratory technologist. She supervised the In Vitro Fertilization Laboratories for andrology and endocrinology at Montefiore's Institute for Reproductive Medicine and Health. One of her greatest joys was supporting couples in their journey to become parents.

Cheryl was guided by the motto, "Don't measure life by the number of breaths you take but by the number of moments that take your breath away." Her servant leadership in every endeavor she pursued will leave a lasting and meaningful legacy across this country. I extend my deepest condolences to her family, friends, and the entire sisterhood of Delta Sigma Theta. I join each of them in honoring Cheryl's life by holding up her work as an example, one rooted in mentorship, enthusiasm, and service to our community.

Rest in peace, Cheryl. •

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Swann, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:46 a.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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1298. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1233 North Cedar Street in Owasso, Oklahoma, as the "Technical Sergeant Marshal Roberts Post Office Building".

H.R. 3579. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 East Main Street in Maroa, Illinois, as the "Jeremy L. Ridlen Post Office".

H.R. 3613. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 202 Trumbull Street in Saint Clair, Michigan, as the "Corporal Jeffrey Robert Standfest Post Office Building".

H.R. 4168. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6223 Maple Street, in Omaha, Nebraska, as the "Petty Officer 1st Class Charles Jackson French Post Office".

H.R. 5577. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3900 Crown Road Southwest in Atlanta, Georgia, as the "John R. Lewis Post Office Building".

The message further announced that pursuant to section 1004(b)(2)(C) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117-81), and the order of the House of January 4, 2021, the Speaker appoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution Reform: Mrs. Susan Davis of San Diego, California.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1298. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1233 North Cedar Street in Owasso, Oklahoma, as the "Technical Sergeant Marshal Roberts Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3579. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 East Main Street in Maroa, Illinois, as the "Jeremy L. Ridlen Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-104. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urging the United States Congress to oppose the Treasury Department's proposal to change Internal Revenue Service reporting requirements, which would unnecessarily and harmfully affect financial institutions and their customers in this Commonwealth; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 150

Whereas, The Treasury Department has proposed a change to Internal Revenue Service reporting requirements that would require financial institutions to report the total dollar amount of incoming and outgoing transactions from each customer account with gross inflows and outflows THAT HAVE REACHED A CERTAIN THRESHOLD in a tax year to the Internal Revenue Service; and

Whereas, Under the proposed reporting requirement, a financial institution must report an itemization of physical cash, transactions with foreign accounts and transfers to and from another account with the same

customer when the transactions to and from the account have reached a certain gross total threshold in a tax year; and

Whereas, The proposed reporting requirement would apply to personal or business savings, transactional, loan and investment accounts for a financial institution subject to the proposed reporting requirement; and

Whereas, It is not known how a financial institution would report the gross inflows and outflows for each customer account under the proposed reporting requirement; and

Whereas, Maintaining the privacy and security of customer account information is a primary goal of each financial institution in this Commonwealth; and

Whereas, The proposed reporting requirement could jeopardize the privacy and security of customer account information; and

WHEREAS, Financial institutions are already subject to many burdensome regulatory requirements; and

Whereas, The proposed reporting requirement would only exacerbate that burden, particularly for smaller financial institutions; therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United States to oppose the Treasury Department's proposal to change Internal Revenue Service reporting requirements, which would unnecessarily and harmfully affect financial institutions and their customers in this Commonwealth; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the following:

- (1) The President of the United States.
- (2) The President pro tempore of the United States Senate.
- (3) The chairperson of the Committee on Finance of the United States Senate.
- (4) The Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.
- (5) The chairperson of the Committee on Ways and Means of the United States House of Representatives.
- (6) Each member of Congress from Pennsylvania

POM-105. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urging the United States Congress to oppose the proposal to make an unnecessary and harmful change to Internal Revenue Service reporting requirements that affect financial institutions and their customers in this Commonwealth; to the Committee on Finance.

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 195

Whereas, The Biden Administration has proposed a change to Internal Revenue Service reporting requirements that would require financial institutions to report the total dollar amount of incoming and outgoing transactions from each customer account with gross inflows and outflows in common amounts to the Internal Revenue Service; and

Whereas, Under the proposed reporting requirement, a financial institution must report an itemization of physical cash, transactions with foreign accounts and transfers to and from another account with the same customer when the transactions to and from the account have a gross total amount threshold that would commonly impose a significant burden on ordinary citizens and small businesses; and

Whereas, The proposed reporting requirement would apply to personal or business savings, transactional, loan and investment accounts for a financial institution subject to the proposed reporting requirement; and

Whereas, It is not known how a financial institution would report the gross inflows

and outflows for each customer account under the proposed reporting requirement; and

Whereas, Maintaining the privacy and security of customer account information is a primary goal of each financial institution in this Commonwealth; and

Whereas, The proposed reporting requirement could jeopardize the privacy and security of customer account information; and

Whereas, financial institutions are already subject to many burdensome regulatory requirements; and

Whereas, The proposed reporting requirement would only exacerbate that burden, particularly for smaller financial institutions; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United States to oppose the proposal to make an unnecessary and harmful change to Internal Revenue Service reporting requirements that affect financial institutions and their customers in this Commonwealth; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to all the following:

- (1) The President of the United States.
- (2) The President pro tempore of the United States Senate.
- (3) The chairperson of the Committee on Finance of the United States Senate.
- (4) The Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.
- (5) The chairperson of the Committee on Ways and Means of the United States House of Representatives.
- (6) Each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

POM-106. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of North Dakota recognizing parents as the chief stakeholders of the future and education of their children; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 3049

Whereas, in most instances, the parents are the primary caretakers and guardians of their children; and

Whereas, parents should be recognized as the primary stakeholders in their children's futures; and

Whereas, parents should repudiate weaponizing labels and government agencies for merely participating in the political process; and

Whereas, it is necessary to restore the balance of respect and power between parents and the government for the benefit of children by recognizing parents as the chief stakeholders of children's futures; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of North Dakota, the Senate Concurring therein, That the Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly recognizes parents as the chief stakeholders of the future and education of the their children; and

Resolved, That the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation, the Attorney General of the United States, and the Executive Director of the National School Boards Association.

POM-107. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging the United States Congress to clarify its position on the legality of marijuana under the Controlled Substances Act of 1970; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 158

Whereas, Despite federal law criminalizing marijuana, many states have exercised their authority to enact marijuana laws that reflect the needs and interests of their citizens. Currently, the state of Michigan is among a majority of states that have chosen to regulate marijuana under state law; and

Whereas, The federal government's lack of clarity and inconsistency in its interpretation of the legality of marijuana under the Controlled Substances Act of 1970 has created confusion and uncertainty for states legislating marijuana operations. This, in turn, affects law enforcement, banking, taxation, and zoning; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the Congress of the United States to clarify its position on the legality of marijuana under the Controlled Substances Act of 1970; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-108. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of New Jersey rescinding all applications previously transmitted by the New Jersey Legislature to the Congress of the United States calling for a convention for the purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 161

Be it Resolved by the Senate of the State of New Jersey (the General Assembly concurring):

1. All applications previously transmitted by the New Jersey Legislature to the Congress of the United States calling for a convention for the purpose of proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution are hereby rescinded.

2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State, shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly or the Secretary of the Senate to the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives and to the Secretary of the United States Senate in Washington, D.C.

POM-109. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Texas urging the United States Congress to pass legislation that would grant licensing authority for public school bus drivers to the states; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 3

Whereas, Each day, more than 26 million students rely on school buses for safe transportation, and many school districts have experienced difficulty in keeping up with this demand due to federal licensing requirements that have exacerbated the shortage of school bus drivers; and

Whereas, Part 383 of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations requires school bus drivers to obtain a Commercial Driver's License, but the application process has included unnecessary obstacles to meeting this obligation; for example, the testing and training portions of the CDL application were previously handled by different third-party skills examiners, which limited applicants' ability to complete the exams if they did not have access to both a tester and a trainer; a recent change to this rule helps states streamline the process of obtaining a CDL by allowing the same examiner to both test and train an applicant, revealing that with less federal interference, states can license school bus drivers more efficiently; and

Whereas, According to a survey conducted by School Bus Fleet Magazine, most school districts have endured some degree of bus driver shortage, and data from the National Association for Pupil Transportation reveals that many school districts consider CDL requirements to be a major factor in their ability to recruit and retain bus drivers; one Texas school district has successfully overcome its shortage, but only through costly training programs that compensate new drivers as they complete the CDL application; and

Whereas, School districts that provide valuable transportation services are burdened by a flawed federal system with inefficient licensing requirements, and Congress should solve this problem by allowing states to establish regulations according to their own needs; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas, 3rd Called Session, hereby respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to pass legislation that would grant licensing authority for public school bus drivers to the states; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Texas secretary of state forward official copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress, and to all the members of the Texas delegation to Congress with the request that this resolution be entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

POM-110. A notification from the Acting Governor of the State of New Jersey to inform the United States Congress of New Jersey's intention to withdraw from the Waterfront Commission Compact; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-111. A motion adopted by the Legislature of Chautauqua County, New York, urging the President of the United States, and the United States Congress to support, uphold, and preserve the principles set forth in the Constitutions of the United States and State of New York, and exercise their legislative and executive powers within the bounds of their constitutional authority; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-112. A petition from a citizen of the State of Missouri making an official request for review of the Ripley County Court in Case Numbers (375), (376), (377), January 1973; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. SCHATZ, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 1688. An act to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act (Rept. No. 117-63).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Ms. CANTWELL for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

*Kathy K. Im, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2024.

*Thomas E. Rothman, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2026.

*Elizabeth M. Sembler, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Cor-

poration for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2026.

*John Edward Putnam, of Colorado, to be General Counsel of the Department of Transportation.

*Max Vekich, of Washington, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for a term expiring June 30, 2026.

*Jed David Kolko, of California, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs.

*Steven Scott Cliff, of California, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

*Ann Claire Phillips, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Maritime Administration.

*Laura Gore Ross, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2028.

*Victoria Marie Baecher Wassmer, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Transportation.

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the Records on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

*Coast Guard nominations beginning with Capt. Wayne R. Arguin and ending with Capt. John C. Vann, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 13, 2021.

*Coast Guard nominations beginning with Capt. Franklin H. Schaefer and ending with Capt. Tiffany G. Danko, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 28, 2021.

*Coast Guard nominations beginning with Rear Adm. (lh) Christopher A. Bartz and ending with Rear Adm. (lh) Jonathan P. Hickey, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 1, 2021.

*Coast Guard nomination of Peter F. Bosma, to be Captain.

By Mr. PETERS for the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

*Margaret A. Burnham, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Civil Rights Cold Case Records Review Board.

*Gabrielle M. Dudley, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Civil Rights Cold Case Records Review Board.

*Henry Klibanoff, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Civil Rights Cold Case Records Review Board.

*Brenda E. Stevenson, of California, to be a Member of the Civil Rights Cold Case Records Review Board.

*Tovah R. Calderon, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

*Adrienne Jennings Noti, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

*Cathy Ann Harris, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board.

*Cathy Ann Harris, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board for the term of seven years expiring March 1, 2028.

*Susan Tsui Grundmann, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations

Authority for a term of five years expiring July 1, 2025.

*Ed Gonzalez, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

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. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. COONS):

S. 3553. A bill to review domestic biopharmaceutical manufacturing capabilities in order to improve public health and medical preparedness and response capabilities and domestic biopharmaceutical manufacturing capabilities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself, Mr. CASSIDY, and Mr. BURR):

S. 3554. A bill to establish an alternative use of certain Federal education funds when in-person instruction is not available; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself, Ms. ERNST, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. PAUL, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. BARRASSO, and Mr. SUL-LIVAN):

S. 3555. A bill to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to clarify the scope of the authority for emergency temporary standards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. LUMMIS (for herself and Mr. KELLY):

S. 3556. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to modify certain regulations relating to the requirements for commercial driver's license testing and commercial learner's permit holders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. CASSIDY):

S. 3557. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend the Quality Payment Program-Small Practice, Underserved, and Rural Support Program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 3558. A bill to amend the Arms Export Control Act to provide for better monitoring and verification of the use of defense articles and defense services by countries of concern, and for other purpose; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. CASEY):

S. 3559. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to prohibit institutions of higher education participating in Federal student assistance programs from giving preferential treatment in the admissions process to legacy students or donors; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 3560. A bill to promote and support the local arts and creative economy in the United States; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 3561. A bill to require owners of covered federally assisted rental dwelling units to install temperature sensors in such units, and