

# TRIBUTE TO BARBARA RIVERA HOLMES

• Mr. OSSOFF. Mr. President, I rise to commend Barbara Rivera Holmes for her dedicated service to Southwest Georgia's economic development and small business community. Ms. Rivera Holmes serves as president and CEO of the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce and the chamber's foundation. For over two decades, she has dedicated her work to the people of Southwest Georgia, first working as a reporter at the Albany Herald and "Southwest Georgia Living" before joining Albany-Dougherty County's economic development commission. In 2015, she took over as interim president and CEO of the chamber, becoming its permanent leader in August 2016.

Founded in 1910, the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce works to represent the interests of Southwest Georgia's business community on the local, State, and Federal levels, unlocking economic opportunities and growing the local economy. Under Ms. Rivera Holmes' leadership, the Albany area chamber has undertaken new, creative initiatives aimed at driving economic development and helping small businesses thrive, including launching a public-private partnership aimed at helping unemployed rural residents start their own businesses.

Most recently, Ms. Rivera Holmes graduated from the Institute for Organization Management, the professional development program of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, demonstrating her continued commitment to better represent the local chamber and serving her community—and I congratulate her on this achievement.

As Georgia's U.S. Senator, I commend Albany Area Chamber of Commerce president and CEO Barbara Rivera Holmes for her career of service to Southwest Georgia's business community.●

## 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF FLORIDA HOUSE ON CAPITOL HILL

• Mr. SCOTT of Florida. Mr. President, the Florida legislative act establishing Florida House on Capitol Hill was approved by Governor Ruben Askew on March 30, 1972. Rhea Chiles, wife of Senator and Governor Lawton Chiles, worked tirelessly with like-minded citizens from across the State, to purchase, renovate, and open a place for Floridians to gather while in our Nation's Capital. The Florida House on Capitol Hill is Florida's embassy in Washington, DC, that connects, celebrates, and champions Florida to the world and has been a home away from home for hundreds of thousands of Floridians over the past 50 years.

The Florida House welcomes congressional leaders, students, teachers, visitors on vacation, and Floridians living and working in our Nation's Capital. Men and women conducting business in Washington, DC, gather at Florida

House to grow Florida's economy and influence around the world. The intern program for college students has afforded hundreds of young men and women the opportunity to learn more about the Federal Government and help prepare them for meaningful careers.

Due to the endless dedication of the Florida House Staff, trustees, and generous contributors, the Florida House has been able to remain an intricate part of Washington, DC, hosting over 10,000 visitors per year. The Florida House operates with the generosity of Floridians, without State tax dollars, and belongs to the people of Florida and remains a place where all Floridians will find comfort, kindness, and a cold glass of Florida orange juice in their "home away from home."

The 50th anniversary of Florida House on Capitol Hill will be celebrated on October 26, 2023. We, Members of the U.S. Senate, recognize the ongoing service of Florida House on Capitol Hill to the citizens of Florida for 50 years.●

## MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Kelly, 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.)

## PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO SIGNIFICANT NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS CENTERED IN COLOMBIA THAT WAS DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 12978 OF OCTOBER 21, 1995—PM 25

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect be-

yond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia declared in Executive Order 12978 of October 21, 1995, is to continue in effect beyond October 21, 2023.

The circumstances that led to the declaration of a national emergency on October 21, 1995, have not been resolved. The actions of significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States and to cause an extreme level of violence, corruption, and harm in the United States and abroad. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12978 with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, October 17, 2023.

## MEASURES DISCHARGED PETITIONS

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, hereby direct that the Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee be discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 32, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to "Small Business Lending Under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (Regulation B)".

John Kennedy, Roger Marshall, Cynthia M. Lummis, Tom Cotton, John Thune, Cindy Hyde-Smith, John Cornyn, Mike Crapo, Shelley Moore Capito, John Barrasso, Bill Hagerty, Mike Lee, Joni Ernst, Rick Scott, Roger F. Wicker, Mike Braun, Mitt Romney, Pete Ricketts, Steve Daines, Marco Rubio, James Lankford, Jerry Moran, Kevin Cramer, Chuck Grassley, Thom Tillis, John Boozman, Deb Fischer, Ron Johnson, Eric Schmitt, Mitch McConnell.

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, hereby direct that the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 42, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Food and Nutrition Service relating to "Application of *Bostock v. Clayton County* to Program Discrimination Complaint Processing-Policy Update", and, further, that the joint resolution be immediately placed upon the Legislative Calendar under General Orders.

Roger Marshall, Mike Braun, James E. Risch, Roger F. Wicker, Markwayne Mullin, Mike Lee, Tom Cotton, J.D. Vance, Joni Ernst, Steve Daines, James Lankford, Katie Boyd Britt, Marsha Blackburn, Thom Tillis, Mike Crapo, Tommy Tuberville, John Thune, Josh Hawley, Cynthia M. Lummis, Eric Schmitt, Marco Rubio, John Cornyn, Ted Cruz, Cindy Hyde-Smith, John

Kennedy, Lindsey Graham, Ron Johnson, John Boozman, Rick Scott, John Barrasso.

### MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following joint resolution was discharged from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, by petition, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 802(c), and placed on the calendar:

S.J. Res. 32. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to “Small Business Lending Under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (Regulation B)”.

The following joint resolution was discharged from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, by petition, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 802(c), and placed on the calendar:

S.J. Res. 42. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Food and Nutrition Service relating to “Application of *Bostock v. Clayton County* to Program Discrimination Complaint Processing—Policy Update”.

### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2384. A communication from the Administrator, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Farm Labor Stabilization and Protection Pilot Program (FLSP) Funding Announcement” received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 3, 2023; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2385. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Ledprona Double-stranded RNA; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance” (FRL No. 10944-01-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2023; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2386. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration’s 2023 compensation program adjustments; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2387. A communication from the Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2022 annual report of the Farm Credit Administration Regulator of the Farm Credit System; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2388. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Annual Report on the Plan for the Nuclear Weapons Stockpile, Nuclear Weapons Complex, Nuclear Weapons Delivery Systems, and Nuclear Weapons Command and Control System; to the Committees on Appropriations; Armed Services; and Foreign Relations.

EC-2389. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a

report relative to the January-June 2023 semiannual readiness report part 1 (OSS-2023-0971); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2390. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the January-June 2023 semiannual readiness report part 2 (OSS-2023-0972); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2391. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the situation in or in relation to Syria that was declared in Executive Order 13894 of October 14, 2019; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2392. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13413 with respect to the Democratic Republic of the Congo; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2393. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13067 with respect to Sudan; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2394. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13536 with respect to Somalia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2395. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 12170 with respect to Iran; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2396. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13959 with respect to the threat from securities investments that finance certain companies of the People’s Republic of China; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2397. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13664 with respect to South Sudan; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2398. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 14024 with respect to specified harmful foreign activities of the Government of the Russian Federation; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2399. A communication from the Chair and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to various countries; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2400. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Conformity With the Inflation Reduction Act for Renewable Energy on the Outer Continental Shelf” (RIN1010-AE20) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President

of the Senate on October 5, 2023; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2401. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Proposed Final Program, the last in a series of three proposals necessary to prepare the 2024–2029 National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2402. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Regulatory Guide (RG) 3.77 Rev 0, ‘Weather Related Administrative Controls at Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installations’” received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 5, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2403. A communication from the Administrative Assistant, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Removing Golden Paintbrush From the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Plants” (RIN1018-BE72) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 10, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2404. A communication from the Biologist of the Ecological Services Program, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Revision of a Nonessential Experimental Population of Black-Footed Ferrets (*Mustela nigripes*) in the Southwest” (RIN1018-BD61) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 10, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2405. A joint communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Chair of the White House Council on Environmental Quality, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “The White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council’s Recommendations for the Justice40 Initiative Phase One Implementation, The Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool, and Air Pollution Emissions Limits for Incinerators”; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2406. A communication from the Deputy Director, Human Resources Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, two (2) reports relative to vacancies in the Environmental Protection Agency, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 2, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2407. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; Missouri; Control of Emissions from Volatile Organic Liquid Storage” (FRL No. 11259-02-R7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2408. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Toxic Substances Control Act Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances” (FRL No. 7902-02-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 4, 2023; to