

the great State of South Carolina, it is my pleasure to honor the legacy of Parker High School for its centennial anniversary. Formed as a bold collaboration between textile mills and educators in Greenville County, the vision and success of the Parker experiment has received national recognition. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the inspiring impact Parker High School has had on generations of hardworking South Carolinians.

In the 1920s, the textile industry was an integral part of the fabric of South Carolina. Recognizing that many children raised in the textile mill villages attended the local mill village schools only through the sixth grade, Upstate mill leaders fought to provide a quality education for the Woodside area community. Their vision was to provide vocational training and a lengthened formal education for the children of the Parker District, an area on the west side of Greenville County that consisted of 14 textile communities. Their efforts paid off, and Parker High School was established in 1923.

Parker High School came to be celebrated as one of the top schools in the Nation. Its success was fueled in part by its first superintendent—Dr. L.P. Hollis—who inspired the Woodside community with his unwavering commitment to children's education. Dr. Hollis introduced basketball and Boy Scouts to the State of South Carolina, crafting a recreational program that spurred student development and success. Recognized for its rigorous academics, Parker High School also afforded students access to brilliant extracurricular activities, with a marching band that won multiple prestigious awards on local, State, and national levels.

During its 62-year tenure, the vision and success of the Parker experiment was studied by educators nationally and internationally. Before closing its doors in 1985, Parker High School was named as one of America's "Top 100" high schools five times. Today, plans are being developed for a Parker High School museum on campus to cement the groundbreaking history of the Upstate's unique and inspiring education system.

The legacy of Parker High School remains one of excellence. Congratulations to the Woodside community as they continue celebrating Parker's 100th anniversary. ●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Stringer, one of his secretaries.

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

REPORT TO ADVISE THAT HE IS EXERCISING HIS AUTHORITY TO DESIGNATE AN ACTING INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—PM 49

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 Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

To the Congress of the United States:

This is to advise that I am exercising my authority to designate an Acting Inspector General of the Department of Commerce. I have directed that Jill Baisinger, who is currently serving as the Chief of Staff in the Office of Inspector General at the Department of the Interior, shall serve concurrently as Acting Inspector General of the Department of Commerce, effective 30 days from today.

In January, the Inspector General of the Department of Commerce resigned and the Deputy Inspector General began performing the functions and duties of the Inspector General in an acting capacity.

I have determined that during this period of transition, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) at the Department of Commerce would benefit from leadership brought in from outside of the office. In a letter to the President dated March 18, 2024, the Chairman and Ranking Member of the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology (Committee) stated that they had reached the same conclusion after a 10-month investigation. The attached letter from Counsel to the President Ed Siskel, which I have incorporated here by reference, provides additional details regarding the Committee's investigation.

Jill Baisinger is well positioned to provide independent and strong leadership to the OIG at the Department of Commerce. She has an exemplary track record in the Office of Inspector General at the Department of the Interior and previously at the Office of Inspector General at the Department of State. Her leadership experience, deep understanding of the mission of Inspectors General, and expertise in oversight and investigations will help the OIG perform its vital role for the Department of Commerce.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR.
THE WHITE HOUSE, May 1, 2024.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:48 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, 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. 529. An act to extend the customs waters of the United States from 12 nautical

miles to 24 nautical miles from the baselines of the United States, consistent with Presidential Proclamation 7219.

H.R. 615. An act to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture from prohibiting the use of lead ammunition or tackle on certain Federal land or water under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture, and for other purposes.

H.R. 764. An act to require the Secretary of the Interior to reissue regulations removing the gray wolf from the list of endangered and threatened wildlife under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

H.R. 1767. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that educational assistance paid under Department of Veterans Affairs educational assistance programs to an individual who pursued a program or course of education that was suspended or terminated for certain reasons shall not be charged against the entitlement of the individual, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3195. An act to rescind Public Land Order 7917, to reinstate mineral leases and permits in the Superior National Forest, to ensure timely review of Mine Plans of Operations, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3397. An act to require the Director of the Bureau of Land Management to withdraw a rule of the Bureau of Land Management relating to conservation and landscape health.

H.R. 3738. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs the Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition Administration, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4016. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the repayment by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of benefits misused by a fiduciary.

H.R. 4824. An act to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out terrestrial carbon sequestration research and development activities, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4877. An act to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to direct the Secretary of Energy to carry out a research, development, and demonstration program with respect to abandoned wells, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6093. An act to improve the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's weather research, support improvements in weather forecasting and prediction, expand commercial opportunities for the provision of weather data, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 12:52 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 474. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen reporting to the CyberTipline related to online sexual exploitation of children, to modernize liabilities for such reports, to preserve the contents of such reports for 1 year, and for other purposes.

H.R. 292. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 24355 Creekside Road in Santa Clarita, California, as the "William L. Reynolds Post Office Building".

H.R. 996. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3901 MacArthur Blvd., in New Orleans, Louisiana, as the "Dr. Rudy Lombard Post Office".

H.R. 2379. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 616 East Main Street in St. Charles, Illinois, as the "Veterans of the Vietnam War Memorial Post Office".

H.R. 2754. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2395 East Del Mar Boulevard in Laredo, Texas, as the “Lance Corporal David Lee Espinoza, Lance Corporal Juan Rodrigo Rodriguez & Sergeant Roberto Arizola Jr. Post Office Building”.

H.R. 3865. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 South 8th Street in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, as the “Lieutenant William D. Lebo Post Office Building”.

H.R. 3944. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 West Church Street in Mount Vernon, Georgia, as the “Second Lieutenant Patrick Palmer Calhoun Post Office”.

H.R. 3947. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 859 North State Road 21 in Melrose, Florida, as the “Pamela Jane Rock Post Office Building”.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mrs. MURRAY).

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 615. An act to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture from prohibiting the use of lead ammunition or tackle on certain Federal land or water under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 1767. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that educational assistance paid under Department of Veterans Affairs educational assistance programs to an individual who pursued a program or course of education that was suspended or terminated for certain reasons shall not be charged against the entitlement of the individual, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, May 1, 2024, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

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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-4236. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations and Standards Branch, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Oil and Gas and Sulfur Operations on the Outer Continental Shelf - Civil Penalty Inflation Adjustment” (RIN1014-AA61) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 22, 2024; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4237. A communication from the Administrative Specialist, Office of Hearings and Appeals, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Practices Before the Department of the Interior” (RIN1094-AA56) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2024; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4238. A communication from the Administrative Specialist, Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Financial Assistance Interior Regulation” (RIN1090-AB23) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2024; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4239. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Consumer Furnace Fans” (RIN1904-AE15) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 22, 2024; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4240. A communication from the Director of Regulations, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Risk Management and Financial Assurance for OCS Lease and Grant Obligations” (RIN1010-AE14) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 30, 2024; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4241. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regula-

tion and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Energy Conservation Program: Standards for Dishwashers” (RIN1904-AF60) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2024; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4242. A communication from the Biologist of the Branch of Domestic Listing, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for 12 Species on Hawai'i Island” (RIN1018-BG65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4243. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program”; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4244. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program”; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4245. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Environmental Justice Government-to-Government Program”; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4246. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving Cooperative Agreement Program”; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4247. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Reducing Embodied Greenhouse Gas Emissions for Construction Materials and Products”; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4248. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Clean Ports Program: Zero-Emission Technology Deployment Competition”; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4249. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Clean Ports Program: Climate and Air Quality Planning Competition”; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4250. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Hydrofluorocarbon Reclaim and Innovative Destruction Grants”; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4251. 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; New Hampshire; Amendments to Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program Regulation” (FRL No. 11714-02-R1) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April