

TRIBUTE TO BRUCE “DD” MACRAE

• Mr. PADILLA. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the more than 45-year career of Bruce “DD” MacRae, vice president of U.S. Government affairs for the West Region of UPS, ahead of his September retirement.

Bruce grew up and attended school in Long Beach, CA, and is a second generation Long Beach native. In 1978, he began his UPS career unloading trucks in the Anaheim package facility. By 1983, he became a full-time driver and Teamster Union shop steward. And in 1987, Bruce entered management when he was promoted to preload supervisor.

Bruce has risen through the ranks, acquiring skills in operations, industrial engineering, customer relations, community and public relations, security investigations, and U.S. Government affairs.

In addition to his regional government affairs responsibilities, Bruce has played an active role in his community. He serves as the chairman of both the Los Angeles Sheriff's Youth Foundation and the board of trustees of the Battleship USS *Iowa*. He also serves on the boards of California State University Long Beach Athletics, the Orange County Sheriff's Advisory Council, the California Renewable Transportation Alliance, Truckers Against Trafficking, and numerous other civic and educational organizations. Bruce is a past president of the California Trucking Association and has held leadership roles in the Arizona, Nevada, and Hawaii trucking associations.

Bruce's contributions have left an indelible mark on his community, on his State, and on the tens of thousands of employees who work for UPS in California.

As Bruce embarks on this new chapter in his life, his absence will undoubtedly be felt by all those fortunate enough to have collaborated—or enjoyed a cigar—with him. I extend my heartfelt wishes to Bruce and his family for a joyful retirement.●

REMEMBERING WILLIAM F. PICKARD

• Mr. PETERS. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of William F. Pickard, a distinguished entrepreneur, education advocate, business titan, philanthropist, and co-owner of the Michigan Chronicle, who passed away on June 12, 2024, at the age of 83.

William Pickard was born on January 28, 1941, in La Grange, GA. He earned degrees from Flint Mott College, Western Michigan University, the University of Michigan, and Ohio State University. His entrepreneurial journey began in 1971 with the purchase of his first McDonald's franchise in Detroit, later expanding to own several franchises.

In 1982, President Ronald Reagan appointed him as the first Chairman of the African Development Foundation.

He continued to diversify his ventures, including purchasing Regal Plastics Company in 1984, founding Bearwood Management Company, Inc., in 1987, and serving on the National Advisory Committee on Trade Policy and the Federal Home Loan Bank Board under President George H.W. Bush.

In 1998, Pickard founded Grupo Antolin Primera Automotive Systems and ARD Logistics, followed by Vitec LLC in 1999. He also invested in the MGM Grand Casino in Detroit and founded the Global Automotive Alliance, a holding company for several automotive parts manufacturers. His influence extended to the media industry in 2003 when he helped fund Real Times Media, LLC, which acquired the Chicago Defender and other African-American-owned newspapers.

Throughout his career, Pickard received numerous accolades, including the Distinguished Alumni Award from Western Michigan University in 1980 and being named Michiganiaan of the Year by the Detroit News in 2001. In 2016, Michigan Governor Rick Snyder appointed him as a trustee on the Western Michigan Board of Trustees. He published “Millionaire Moves: Seven Proven Principles of Entrepreneurship” in 2017, the same year Western Michigan University named a residence hall in his honor.

In addition to his business accomplishments, Pickard was a co-managing partner of MGM Grand Detroit Casino and co-owner of five Black-owned newspapers, including the Michigan Chronicle. His extensive philanthropic efforts supported causes such as the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, the Motown Historical Museum, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

Pickard's dedication to education and community development was exemplified by his generous contributions to Western Michigan University, his alma mater, and Wayne County Community College District. In recognition of his lifetime of service and philanthropy, he was awarded the Michigan Lifetime Humanitarian Award in 2019.

I trust that my Senate colleagues will join me in recognizing the extraordinary contributions of William F. Pickard and extending our heartfelt condolences to his family and loved ones. His legacy will continue to inspire and uplift future generations.●

TRIBUTE TO WAYNE DAVENPORT

• Mr. TUBERVILLE. Mr. President, when we think of coaches, we often think of athletic coaches. But our students also need dedicated academic coaches, like U.S. Army LTC Wayne Davenport of Trussville, AL. Wayne enlisted in the Army in 1985 after graduating from Huffman High School in Birmingham, AL. He served for 22 years, with tours in South America and Afghanistan as an officer in the 20th

Special Forces Group. Because of his gift for building successful teams, Wayne was chosen to help redesign the special forces group following 9/11. His blueprint is still used to this day.

After retiring from the military, Wayne's desire to serve took him into education. And for 15 years, he has been using his talents to help students find confidence and reach new heights as the JROTC instructor at Gadsden High School. His supervisor describes him as a “Godsend.” This is evidenced by both his success and the success of his students. Recently, Gadsden High's JROTC team became the first program in Alabama to place as one of the most elite 32 academic bowl teams out of more than 2,000 teams in the world. But, that is not all.

Wayne also serves as the coach for Gadsden High's scholars bowl team, where he has led four teams to the national championship. He spends many early mornings and late nights preparing for these competitions without complaint. Additionally, Wayne is helping build a culture of academic excellence that begins long before students reach high school age. Now, he is training elementary teachers on how to begin preparing students at an early age so that Alabama's students can compete at all levels with other States.

I join the city of Gadsden and the State of Alabama in expressing our deep gratitude for Wayne's dedication to helping educate and influence the next generation. It is my honor to recognize him as the July Veteran of the Month.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Stringer, 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.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2023, the Secretary of the Senate, on June 25, 2024, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 138. An act to amend the Tibetan Policy Act of 2002 to modify certain provisions of that Act.

H.R. 2365. An act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to carry out a

national project to prevent, diagnose, treat, and cure Parkinson's, to be known as the National Parkinson's Project, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4581. An act to amend title V of the Social Security Act to support stillbirth prevention and research, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of June 20, 2024, the enrolled bills, except S. 138 and H.R. 4581, were subsequently signed on June 28, 2024, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. CARDIN).

The enrolled bills S. 138 and H.R. 4581 were subsequently signed on July 5, 2024, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the Acting President pro tempore (Mrs. SHAHEEN).

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2023, the Secretary of the Senate, on June 28, 2024, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 870. An act to authorize appropriations for the United States Fire Administration and firefighter assistance grant programs, to advance the benefits of nuclear energy, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1240. An act to transfer administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal lands from the Army Corps of Engineers to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, to take such lands into trust for the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2023, the enrolled bills were subsequently signed on July 5, 2024, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the Acting President pro tempore (Mrs. SHAHEEN).

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:04 p.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. 2789. An act to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy on efforts to strengthen subnational cooperation between the United States and Mexico, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4132. An act to provide for the imposition of sanctions with respect to forced organ harvesting within the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6586. An act to require a strategy to oppose financial or material support by foreign countries to the Taliban, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7152. An act to direct the Secretary of State to establish a national registry of Korean American divided families, and for other purposes.

H.R. 8070. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2025 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.

H.R. 8771. An act making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 703 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 903), and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, the Speaker reappoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the Social Security Advisory Board for a term of 6 years: Ms. Nancy Altman of Bethesda, Maryland.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 2(b) of the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys Act (Public Law 116-156), amended by section 201 of title II, division O of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, the Minority Leader appoints the following individual to the Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys: The Honorable Yusef Idris Faadel Salaam of New York, New York.

At 3:12 p.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 bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 8774. An act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 2789. An act to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy on efforts to strengthen subnational cooperation between the United States and Mexico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 4132. An act to provide for the imposition of sanctions with respect to forced organ harvesting within the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 6586. An act to require a strategy to oppose financial or material support by foreign countries to the Taliban, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 7152. An act to direct the Secretary of State to establish a national registry of Korean American divided families, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, July 8, 2024, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 138. An act to amend the Tibetan Policy Act of 2002 to modify certain provisions of that Act.

S. 870. An act to authorize appropriations for the United States Fire Administration and firefighter assistance grant programs, to advance the benefits of nuclear energy, and for other purposes.

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-5100. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of the Upper Cumberland Viticultural Area" (RIN1513-AD02) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 28, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5101. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Key West July 4th Fireworks, Key West, FL" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2024-0472)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 28, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5102. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Cuyahoga River, Cleveland, OH" ((RIN1625-AA09) (Docket No. USCG-2023-0188)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 28, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5103. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Trenton DTE Boiler Demolition, Trenton, MI" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2024-0519)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 28, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5104. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Annual Fireworks Displays within the Sector Columbia River Captain of the Port Zone" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2024-0253)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 28, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5105. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Upper Mississippi River, Prairie du Chien, WI" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2024-0366)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 28, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5106. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fixed and Moving Safety Zone; Vicinity of the M/V HAPPY DIAMOND; Houston Ship Channel and Seabrook, TX" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2024-0425)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 28, 2024; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5107. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Elizabeth River, Norfolk Harbor, Norfolk, VA" ((RIN1625-AA08)