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I extend my deepest gratitude to Gal, and I look forward to hearing of her good work in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO TOMAS IGNACIO USECHE-CANCRO

● Mr. RUBIO. Madam President, I recognize Tomas Ignacio Useche-Cancro, a summer 2024 intern with my Orlando office, for the good work he did for my office and the people of Florida.

Tomas is currently a student at St. Olaf College, pursuing a major in political science with a minor degree in international relations. He is a dedicated and diligent worker who was devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I extend my deepest gratitude to Tomas, and I look forward to hearing of his good work in the years to come.●

RECOGNIZING LAKE MARY LITTLE LEAGUE

● Mr. RUBIO. Madam President, I recognize Lake Mary Little League, the winners of the 2024 Little League World Series held in South Williamsport, PA, on August 25, 2024.

The Lake Mary Little League baseball team, led by Coach Jonathan Anderson, reached the Little League World Series with a perfect 13-0 record and finished their season with an overall record of 20-1. The team achieved victory in the southeast regional tournament, winning all four games with a combined score of 35-8 and qualifying for the worldwide baseball tournament.

To make it to the 2024 Little League World Series, Lake Mary defeated the Little League team from Goodlettsville, TN, in the regional championship game by a score of 11-0. During the tournament, Lake Mary also emerged victorious against teams from South Dakota, Washington, New York, Hawaii, Nevada, and Texas.

In the championship game against Taoyuan City, Taipei, Lake Mary managed to tie the game in the sixth inning after trailing 1-0, leading the game into extra innings for the third time in championship history. After a scoreless seventh inning, the eighth inning began with a runner at second base. Taipei failed to score in the top of the eighth inning.

On the first pitch of the bottom of the eighth inning, Hunter Alexander executed a bunt to the right. Taipei's pitcher grabbed the ball but his throw to first base flew into right field after no one was at the bag, allowing the runner from second base to make it to home plate and win the game for Lake

Mary. This was a thrilling victory for the Lake Mary team and for all Floridians.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to Coach Jonathan Anderson, Chase Anderson, Christopher Chikodroff, Lathan Norton, Hunter Alexander, JJ Feliciano, Jacob Bibaud, Liam Morrissey, Luis Calo, Landon Bono, Garrett Rohozen, DeMarcos Mieses, and Teraj Alexander. I look forward to hearing of their continued success in the years to come.●

REMEMBERING MATTIE STEPANEK

● Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam President, I rise today to honor and reflect on the remarkable life of Mattie Stepanek, a beloved member of our Rockville, MD, community, on the 20th anniversary of his passing. Despite his brief 14 years on this earth, Mattie's extraordinary achievements and tenacious spirit have left an enduring legacy that continues to inspire and uplift us all.

Mattie was born with a rare form of muscular dystrophy, a debilitating disease that presented tremendous challenges throughout his life. Yet Mattie faced these challenges with courage, grace, and an unyielding determination to spread a message of hope, peace, and love. His poignant poetry and heartfelt words touched the hearts of millions. His message transcended barriers and brought people together through a shared vision of a more compassionate world.

Mattie's literary talents were evident at a young age. He authored several best-selling books of poetry in which the essence of his dreams and aspirations were captured in verses that resonated deeply with readers of all ages and backgrounds. Mattie was wise beyond his years, and his words are a powerful reminder of the beauty and strength that can emerge from even the most difficult circumstances.

Mattie was a fervent advocate for peace. He envisioned a world where kindness and understanding would prevail. He worked tirelessly to promote his vision. Mattie once said "Unity is strength . . . when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved." His efforts to establish a National Peace Day have gained significant momentum and respect for his mission. Mattie's dream of a day devoted to peace should serve as both an inspiration and a call to action.

As we honor Mattie's life and legacy, I also want to recognize the incredible dedication of his mother Jeni Stepanek and the support of our community members, including Susan Farag. I commend their unrelenting commitment to honoring Mattie's legacy.

Although Mattie Stepanek's life was tragically cut short, it was filled with profound meaning and impact. His story is a testament of the power of resilience, love, and the human spirit. As we mark the 20th anniversary of his passing, let us reaffirm our commit-

ment to his vision of a world where peace and kindness flourish.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 12:21 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. 1608. An act to provide for the expansion of the Starr-Camargo Bridge near Rio Grande City, Texas, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1076. An act to require the Comptroller General of the United States to carry out a study on the trafficking into the United States of synthetic drugs, and related illicit finance, and for other purposes.

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

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 8282. An act to impose sanctions with respect to the International Criminal Court engaged in any effort to investigate, arrest, detain, or prosecute any protected person of the United States and its allies; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, September 11, 2024, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1608. An act to provide for the expansion of the Starr-Camargo Bridge near Rio Grande City, Texas, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. WARNER for the Select Committee on Intelligence.

*John Bradford Wiegmann, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

*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. SCHATZ:

S. 5017. A bill to improve the retirement security of American families by increasing Social Security benefits for current and future beneficiaries while making Social Security stronger for future generations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 5018. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to clarify and preserve the breadth of the protections under the Medicare Secondary Payer Act; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. 5019. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 340 South Loudon Avenue in Baltimore, Maryland, as the "United States Representative Elijah E. Cummings Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BOOKER:

S. 5020. A bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to establish certain requirements for meat, poultry, fruit, and vegetable purchases by the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. WELCH:

S. 5021. A bill to ensure the accessibility of drugs furnished through the drug discount program under section 340B of the Public Health Service Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. KAINE):

S. 5022. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 29 Franklin Street in Petersburg, Virginia, as the "John Mercer Langston Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. KING (for himself and Mr. ROUNDS):

S. 5023. A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to improve falls prevention research and activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHMITT:

S. 5024. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to carry out a pilot program on establishing a geospatial workforce development program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. HELMY (for himself and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 5025. A bill to amend the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to make available under the assistance to firefighters grant program the establishment of cancer prevention programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 5026. A bill to establish programs to reduce rates of sepsis; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. HAGERTY, Ms. LUMMIS, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. CRAMER, and Mr. DAINES):

S. 5027. A bill to increase access to affordable housing, reduce regulatory barriers, increase oversight, and assist the most vulnerable; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. 5028. A bill to require Federal contractors to implement a vulnerability disclosure policy consistent with NIST guidelines, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. KAINE, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. Res. 808. A resolution congratulating and expressing gratitude to Commander Jeremy Robertson and the crew of the USS Carney for the exemplary and historic performance during their 235-day deployment to the United States Naval Forces Europe-Africa and the United States Naval Forces Central Command; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. Res. 809. A resolution supporting the designation of September 13, 2024, as "National Sepsis Day"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. Res. 810. A resolution expressing support for the designation of the week of September 11 through September 17, 2024, as "Patriot Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. WARNOCK (for himself and Mr. OSSOFF):

S. Res. 811. A resolution condemning the horrific shooting at Apalachee High School in Winder, Georgia, recognizing the victims, and expressing condolences and support to their families and their communities; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 103

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 103, a bill to modify the minimum required weight of orange juice soluble solids.

S. 552

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 552, a bill to extend duty-free treatment provided with respect to imports from Haiti under the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act.

S. 633

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the names of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS), the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS), the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 633, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Everett Alvarez, Jr., in recognition of his service to the United States.

S. 711

At the request of Mr. BUDD, the names of the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. BRITT), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST) were added as cosponsors of S. 711, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the invaluable service that working dogs provide to society.

S. 838

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 838, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve ac-

cess to mental health services under the Medicare program.

S. 1007

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) were added as cosponsors of S. 1007, a bill to establish in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor of the Department of State a Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBTQI+ Peoples, and for other purposes.

S. 1185

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY) and the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1185, a bill 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.

S. 1206

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1206, a bill to amend the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 to protect civil rights and otherwise prevent meaningful harm to third parties, and for other purposes.

S. 1262

At the request of Ms. DUCKWORTH, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1262, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to require Federal employee health benefit plans to include assisted reproductive treatment benefits, and for other purposes.

S. 1390

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1390, a bill to repeal the sunset provision of the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996, and for other purposes.

S. 1514

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1514, a bill to amend the National Housing Act to establish a mortgage insurance program for first responders, and for other purposes.

S. 1558

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1558, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the brave women who served in World War II as members of the U.S. Army Nurse Corps and U.S. Navy Nurse Corps.

S. 1794

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) was added as a cosponsor

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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