

global manufacturing and sustainability for General Motors. Gerald has made an immeasurable impact on General Motors and the metro-Detroit community over the past 44 years, and it is a privilege to recognize him here today and celebrate his upcoming retirement.

Gerald began his career with General Motors in 1980, working as a group leader at the Fisher Body Plant in Euclid, OH. This began his decades long career with General Motors that includes a number of leadership roles, professional achievements, and a legacy of excellence that will stand for years to come.

While serving as vice president of operational excellence, Gerald and his team placed an emphasis on improvement and efficiency, including innovations in process discipline and waste elimination. In 2020, when the COVID-19 pandemic began, Gerald used his extensive experience and knowledge in the manufacturing space to lead a team that produced critical medical supplies, such as ventilators and facemasks, for frontline medical workers, while implementing highly successful return-to-work safety protocols across the company. Beyond his work during the COVID-19 pandemic, Gerald also served as vice president of General Motors North American manufacturing and relations, bringing his expertise and insight to a wide swath of the company's operations. In his final role with General Motors, Gerald served as the executive vice president of GM's global manufacturing, manufacturing engineering, labor relations, and sustainability organizations, which included directing the work of more than 94,800 employees located across 4 continents and 13 countries.

Throughout the many positions and leadership roles Gerald has occupied across his career, what has remained consistent is his commitment to fostering positive change within General Motors and across the metro-Detroit area. This is evidenced by Gerald's work as a founding member of the GM inclusion advisory board. As well, as an alumnus of Kettering University in Flint, MI, Gerald serves on the university's board of trustees and continues to mentor young professionals starting out in their careers, along with serving on the National Board of Directors for the United Negro College Fund, UNCF. Named the 2021 Black Engineer of the Year by the Black Engineer of the Year Awards (BEYA) selection committee and presented during the BEYA STEM Conference. Additionally, the Michigan Chronicle has recognized Gerald among the Most Powerful African Americans in Southeast Michigan with several awards over the years. Most recently, in 2024, he was named to the Chronicle's Power 50 list. He has inspired hundreds of men and women to pursue and maintain careers in manufacturing and the automotive industry for more than four decades. Protégés speak of his ability to help them develop their

critical thinking skills and navigate daily decisions. Through these constant efforts, Gerald has undoubtedly made an indelible mark on General Motors's global workforce, while helping to lead efforts across the automotive industry to encourage more young professionals from diverse backgrounds to pursue careers in manufacturing, engineering, design, and beyond.

His passion for helping others enrich their lives is apparent in every aspect of Gerald's life. In 2018, Gerald and his wife Darlynn started the Gathering Church in Farmington Hills, MI. Along with helping families, the Gathering Church supports teens at the Detroit Covenant House, helps men at Mariner's Inn homeless shelter in Detroit, and inner-city children at the Detroit Leadership Academy.

Gerald has also been an ordained elder in the Detroit World Outreach Christian Center Church in Redford, MI, where he led the men's ministry known as Men of Valor. At 700 men strong, the ministry is focused on mentoring, teaching, and outreach to those in need.

I cannot understate the impact that Gerald Johnson has made on General Motors and, by extension, on the metro-Detroit community. His hard work and dedication over these many years steadfastly promoted positive change and created a culture at General Motors that continues to attract an immensely talented and diverse workforce. Though Gerald's leadership at General Motors will be missed, his legacy will most certainly endure and continue to inspire.●

#### TRIBUTE TO PAM RUBINOFF

● Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Madam President, I rise today to honor my constituent Pam Rubinoff. Pam is the coastal resilience lead for the Rhode Island Sea Grant and the University of Rhode Island Coastal Resources Center. She has spent three decades engaging with coastal communities, helping them implement science-informed coastal management and shoreline protection measures. Pam started her career working with coastal communities in Latin America and Africa but has focused her outreach in Rhode Island for the past 10 years. She has helped coastal communities address a range of challenges, including flooding and rising sea levels caused by climate change.

Pam's steadfast commitment to coastal communities in Rhode Island and beyond will have a lasting effect and protect people and communities from flooding and erosion. Pam worked with the city of Providence to pilot a near-real-time storm forecasting and infrastructure impact assessment tool, which has helped prioritize public emergency personnel response to flooded urban neighborhoods. With Pam's help, the Providence Resilience Partnership catalyzed \$2.3 million in Fed-

eral funding for a range of projects, including a climate risk assessment of the Fox Point Hurricane Barrier, the neighborhood's main line of defense against major storms. She created the first-ever Military Installation Resilience Review plan for Naval Station Newport, a U.S. Navy property located in a flood zone that is at growing risk for coastal inundation. Pam has also advanced scientific and community engagement through solutions like MyCoastRI, an app-based tool to gather and analyze photos of flooding and storm impacts.

In addition to her scientific work, Pam is great mentor for the next generation of coastal management professionals. Countless undergraduate and graduate students who Pam mentored are now local partners in emergency management, sustainability, and other professions where they put climate science to use. Her ability to clearly communicate the need for shoreline protection makes her highly sought after by government advisory committees, industry groups, community organizations, and the media. I applaud Pam's work and thank her on behalf of all the Ocean State.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:24 p.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 bill, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 3791. An act to reauthorize the America's Conservation Enhancement Act, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 3960. An act to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide a good faith exception to the imposition of fines for false assertions and certifications, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5103. An act to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to approve or deny spend plans within a certain amount of time, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6395. An act to amend the Energy Act of 2020 to require the Secretary of the Interior to include the Secretary of Health and Human Services in consultations regarding designations of critical minerals, elements, substances, and materials.

H.R. 6826. An act to designate the visitor and education center at Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine as the Paul S. Sarbanes Visitor and Education Center.

H.R. 6843. An act to expand the boundaries of the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area to include Lafourche Parish, Louisiana.

H.R. 7177. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to consolidate certain divisions in the Northern District of Alabama.

H.R. 7316. An act to make improvements in the enactment of title 54, United States Code, into a positive law title and to correct related technical errors.

H.R. 7324. An act to make improvements in the enactment of title 41, United States Code, into a positive law title and to improve the Code.

H.R. 7326. An act to amend chapters 4, 10, and 131 of title 5, United States Code, as necessary to keep those chapters current and to correct related technical errors.

H.R. 7332. An act to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain Federal land to the State of Utah for inclusion in certain State parks, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7339. An act to make revisions in title 51, United States Code, as necessary to keep the title current, and to make technical amendments to improve the United States Code.

H.R. 7341. An act to make technical amendments to title 49, United States Code, as necessary to improve the Code.

H.R. 7872. An act to amend the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Act to modify certain requirements applicable to salinity control units, and for other purposes.

H.R. 8666. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to authorize holding court for the Central Division of Utah in Moab and Monticello.

H.R. 9151. An act to strengthen the Department of Justice's enforcement against trade-related crimes.

H.R. 9563. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to limit the availability of civil actions affected by United States sanctions, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that pursuant to 1092(b)(2) of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263), and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, the Speaker and the Minority Leader of the Senate jointly appoint the following individual to serve as Co-Chair of the Commission on the Future of the Navy: Ms. Mackenzie Eaglen of Arlington, Virginia.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 5103. An act to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to approve or deny spend plans within a certain amount of time, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 6395. An act to amend the Energy Act of 2020 to require the Secretary of the Interior to include the Secretary of Health and Human Services in consultations regarding designations of critical minerals, elements, substances, and materials; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 7177. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to consolidate certain divisions in the Northern District of Alabama; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 7316. An act to make improvements in the enactment of title 54, United States Code, into a positive law title and to correct related technical errors; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 7324. An act to make improvements in the enactment of title 41, United States Code, into a positive law title and to improve the Code; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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H.R. 8666. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to authorize holding court for the Central Division of Utah in Moab and Monticello; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 9151. An act to strengthen the Department of Justice's enforcement against trade-related crimes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 7332. An act to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain Federal land to the State of Utah for inclusion in certain State parks, 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-6637. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Shelby County, Tennessee; Revisions to Startup, Shutdown, and Malfunction Rules" (FRL No. 12238-02-R4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6638. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; ID; Update Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL No. 12269-01-R10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6639. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tennessee: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions" (FRL No. 12278-01-R4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6640. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Connecticut; New Haven and Fairfield Counties Second 10-Year Limited Maintenance Plan for the 2006 24-Hour PM<sub>2.5</sub> Standard" (FRL No. 12283-02-R1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6641. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Rubber Tire Manufacturing" ((RIN2060-AV70) (FRL No. 5949.1-03-OAR)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6642. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Plan Requirements for Commercial and Industrial Solid Waste Incineration Units That Commenced Construction On or Before June 4, 2010 and Have Not Been Modified or Reconstructed Since August 7, 2013" ((RIN2060-AT28) (FRL No. 5960-02-OAR)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6643. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Partial Approval and Partial Disapproval; North Carolina; Second Period Regional Haze Plan" (FRL No. 10405-02-R4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6644. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Georgia; Second Period Regional Haze Plan" (FRL No. 10407-02-R4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6645. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Texas: Incorporation by Reference of State Hazardous Waste Management Program" (FRL No. 9522-01-R6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6646. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Wisconsin; Second Period Regional Haze Plan" (FRL No. 12100-02-R5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6647. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Waste Emissions Charge for Petroleum and Natural Gas Systems: Procedures for Facilitating Compliance, Including Netting and Exemptions" ((RIN2060-AW02) (FRL No. 10246.1-03-OAR)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6648. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Lime Manufacturing Plants Technology Review; Correction" ((RIN2060-AV59) (FRL No. 5948.2-02-OAR)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 26, 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6649. 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; Maryland; Determination of Attainment by the Attainment Date for the 2010 1-Hour Primary Sulfur Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 11858-02-R3) received during adjournment of the Senate in