

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO ESTELLA D. PATTERSON

• Mr. TILLIS. Mr. President, today I rise to recognize the remarkable career of Raleigh chief of police Estella D. Patterson, a law enforcement officer who has dedicated nearly 30 years of her life to protecting and serving her communities.

Her journey in law enforcement began in 1996, following her graduation from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Since August 2021, Chief Patterson has been the Raleigh chief of police, leading a team of over 900 sworn and civilian employees who share her unwavering commitment to the safety and security of Raleigh's residents.

During her renowned tenure in law enforcement, Chief Patterson led the implementation of the Greenway Unit and leveraged technology to develop the Raleigh Intelligence Center into a Real Time Crime Center. Her advocacy for safe communities also led to the city of Raleigh being selected to join the Public Safety Partnership City, a national designation which brings a wealth of resources and technical assistance for crime prevention.

From 1996 to 2005, Chief Patterson honorably served in the U.S. Army Reserve. Her service included combat tours to Kosovo in support of Operation Joint Guardian and to Iraq as part of Operation Enduring Freedom. Furthermore, Chief Patterson also served for 25 years with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department in multiple positions prior to joining the Raleigh Police Department.

Chief Patterson's career has been marked by a deep love for public service and her community. I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Chief Patterson for her ultimate dedication to law enforcement and our country. I wish Chief Patterson and her family the very best as she retires and begins this new chapter of her life. Chief Patterson embodies the very best of law enforcement. The city of Raleigh is proud of her and forever grateful for her service. ●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to section 2(b)(4) of Public Law 117-140, the Minority Leader appoints the following individual to the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of Asian Pacific History and Culture: Mr. Dennis Cheng of New York, New York.

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. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 605. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum age for children eligible for medical care under the CHAMPVA program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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

S. 606. A bill to authorize the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to reimburse the Town of Chincoteague, Virginia, for costs directly associated with the removal and replacement of certain drinking water wells; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. HASSAN (for herself and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 607. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish an integrated project team to improve the process for scheduling appointments for health care from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself and Mr. CASSIDY):

S. 608. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require additional information on math and clerical error notices; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL:

S. 609. A bill to improve mental health services of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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

S. 610. A bill to expand the VetSuccess on Campus program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 611. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and to expand eligibility for dependency and indemnity compensation paid to certain survivors of certain veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 612. A bill to amend the Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience Act to authorize grants to Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Mr. MARSHALL):

S. 613. A bill to require the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere to maintain the National Mesonet Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. COONS, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. KAINE, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO):

S. 614. A bill to designate the area of Sumner Row between 16th Street and Northwest and L Street Northwest in Washington, District of Columbia, as "Alexi Navalny Way"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BARRASSO, and Mr. LEE):

S. 615. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise taxes

on taxable chemicals and taxable substances; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 616. A bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to revise the Federal charter for the Foundation of the Federal Bar Association; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself and Mr. WELCH):

S. 617. A bill to permit the Attorney General to award grants for accurate data on opioid-related overdoses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TUBERVILLE (for himself and Mr. BANKS):

S. 618. A bill to prohibit the purchase or lease of agricultural land in the United States by persons associated with certain foreign governments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. HASSAN (for herself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 619. A bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to address the placement of security freezes for protected consumers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 620. A bill to provide public health veterinary services to Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations for rabies prevention, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Ms. SMITH (for herself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 621. A bill to accept the request to revoke the charter of incorporation of the Lower Sioux Indian Community in the State of Minnesota at the request of that Community, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Ms. SMITH (for herself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 622. A bill to amend the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Reservation Restoration Act to provide for the transfer of additional Federal land to the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 623. A bill to prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency from using assessments generated by the Integrated Risk Information System as a tier 1 data source in rulemakings and other regulatory, enforcement, or permitting actions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. PADILLA (for himself, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. WARREN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. KING, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. KAINE, and Mr. FETTERMAN):

S. 624. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to achieve parity between the cost-of-living adjustment with respect to an annuity under the Federal Employees Retirement System and an annuity under the Civil Service Retirement System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 625. A bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish a pilot program to hire transitioning servicemembers to be Border Patrol agents; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 107

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma

(Mr. MULLIN), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 107, a bill to amend the Lumber Act of 1956.

S. 127

At the request of Mr. FETTERMAN, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. SHEEHY) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) were added as cosponsors of S. 127, a bill to establish a whole-home repairs program for eligible homeowners and eligible landlords, and for other purposes.

S. 137

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. MORENO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 137, a bill to amend title 41, United States Code, to prohibit the Federal Government from entering into contracts with an entity that discriminates against firearm or ammunition industries, and for other purposes.

S. 143

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 143, a bill to amend the Clean Air Act to repeal the natural gas tax.

S. 158

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 158, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that aliens who have been convicted of, or who have committed, sex offenses or domestic violence are inadmissible and deportable.

S. 237

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 237, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide public safety officer benefits for exposure-related cancers, and for other purposes.

S. 310

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 310, a bill to establish a grant program to address the crisis in accessing affordable housing and child care through the co-location of housing and child care, and for other purposes.

S. 315

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCCORMICK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 315, a bill to require the Secretary of Transportation to issue a rule requiring access to AM broadcast stations in passenger motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

S. 339

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 339, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicare coverage of multi-cancer early detection screening tests.

S. 424

At the request of Mrs. BRITT, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) were added as cosponsors of S. 424, a bill to amend the Federal securities laws to enhance 403(b) plans, and for other purposes.

S. 526

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 526, a bill to prevent unfair and deceptive acts or practices and the dissemination of false information related to pharmacy benefit management services for prescription drugs, and for other purposes.

S. 540

At the request of Mr. TUBERVILLE, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) were added as cosponsors of S. 540, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the consideration of continuity of health care in determining best medical interest under the Veterans Community Care Program, and for other purposes.

S. 545

At the request of Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGOS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 545, a bill to prohibit certain uses of xylazine, and for other purposes.

S. 557

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. BRITT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 557, a bill to repeal the small business loan data collection requirements under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act.

S. 558

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, the names of the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. LUMMIS), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCCORMICK) and the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) were added as cosponsors of S. 558, a bill to provide for the consideration of a definition of antisemitism set forth by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance for the enforcement of Federal antidiscrimination laws concerning education programs or activities, and for other purposes.

S. 561

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. CURTIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 561, a bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to require the Secretary to designate food and food products to be made available under the supplemental nutrition assistance program, and for other purposes.

S. 573

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the names of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) and the Senator from

Vermont (Mr. WELCH) were added as cosponsors of S. 573, a bill to designate a mountain in the State of Alaska as Denali.

S.J. RES. 10

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 10, a joint resolution terminating the national emergency declared with respect to energy.

S. RES. 53

At the request of Mr. YOUNG, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. TUBERVILLE) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 53, a resolution recognizing the 80th anniversary of the amphibious landing on the Japanese island of Iwo Jima during World War II and the raisings of the flag of the United States on Mount Suribachi.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. COONS, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. KAINE, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO):

S. 614. A bill to designate the area of Sumner Row between 16th Street and Northwest and L Street Northwest in Washington, District of Columbia, as “Alexei Navalny Way”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 614

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

(1) The administration of President Vladimir V. Putin of the Russian Federation has engaged in transnational repression, assassinations of political opponents, poisoning and other attempted murders of political opponents, journalists, and human rights defenders, systemic human rights abuses, and unprovoked military attacks against and deployments to neighboring countries.

(2) The administration of President Vladimir V. Putin of the Russian Federation has carried out arrests and detentions of individuals who peacefully seek democratic freedoms or oppose his repression, corruption, and invasion of Ukraine.

(3) Alexei Navalny was a Russian political dissident and activist dedicated to promoting democratic freedoms and fighting corruption in Russia.

(4) On February 16, 2024, the Russian prison where Alexei Navalny was being held after his conviction on fabricated charges in February 2021 announced that he had died a day after he was seen in good health.

(5) Alexei Navalny had a history of exposing the widespread corruption that sustained