

known as Be The Match, has undertaken a laudable effort to connect transplant patients with healthy, unrelated donors through the Be The Match Registry. Today, the registry includes more than 9.5 million registered donors. Despite their success in raising awareness and soliciting support, a small percentage of our population is registered. Patients from ethnic and minority communities face particular difficulty in finding matches due to limited diversity within the registry, further complicating the search for a viable genetic match. Deutsche Knochenmarkspenderdatei gGmbH, DKMS, currently the largest bone marrow donor center in the world, shares Be The Match's commitment to increasing donor recruitment and diversifying the marrow donor registry.

This year, marrow donor registry drives will take place in communities across America. One in particular, known as Simon's Saturday, will take place in Emmaus, PA. The bone marrow donor drive is named after Simon Ernst, an energetic 8-year-old from Upper Milford, who is bravely battling leukemia and awaiting a bone marrow transplant. Participation in the marrow donor registry is simple and safe. Interested participants must meet the age and health requirements, fill out a registration form, and provide a swab of cheek cells. I would like to encourage those interested to attend a bone marrow drive in their community or to join online by visiting the NDMP website at www.BeTheMatch.org or the DKMS website at www.getswabbed.org.

The bone marrow donor program is a cause close to my family's heart, which is why I intend to participate in a bone marrow registry drive on February 18, 2012. This issue is especially important to my wife Kris, who has been a registered donor through Be The Match for the last 16 years, and I look forward to joining her and the more than 9.5 million individuals who have already joined. Together we can help provide hope and save lives.●

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL BECK

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Michael Beck, a fall intern in my Washington, DC office for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff and the people of the State of Florida.

Michael is a senior at Brigham Young University majoring in political science. He is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Michael for all the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO KATERINA ERBITI

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Katerina Erbiti, a fall intern in my Washington, DC office for all of

the hard work she has done for me, my staff and the people of the State of Florida.

Katerina is a graduate of Our Lady of Lourdes Academy in Coral Gables, FL. Currently, she is a freshman at American University. She is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Katerina for all the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO TAYLOR FERGUSON

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Taylor Ferguson, a fall intern in my Washington, DC office for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff and the people of the State of Florida.

Taylor is a graduate of Cardinal Newman High School in West Palm Beach, Florida and Florida Gulf Coast University, where he majored in political communications. He is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Taylor for all the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO COURTNEY HOUSTON-CARTER

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Courtney Houston-Carter, a fall law extern in my Washington, DC office for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff and the people of the State of Florida.

Courtney is a graduate of Tufts University, where he majored in political science. Last spring, he received his Juris Doctor from Suffolk University Law School. He is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Courtney for all the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO TAYLOR KLOUSTIN

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Taylor Kloustin, a fall intern in my Washington, DC office for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff and the people of the State of Florida.

Taylor is a junior at Elon University majoring in public administration and political science and minoring in business administration. She is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Taylor for

all the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO ART LINARES

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Art Linares, a fall intern in my Washington, DC office for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff and the people of the State of Florida.

Art is a graduate of the University of Tampa, where he received a degree in entrepreneurship. He is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Art for all the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO KAREN MUSTIGA

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Karen Mustiga, a fall intern in my Washington, DC office for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff and the people of the State of Florida.

Karen is a graduate of the University of Florida, where she majored in political science and economics. She is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Karen for all the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO CHRIS WASSMAN

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Chris Wassman, a fall press intern in my Washington, DC office for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff and the people of the State of Florida.

Chris is a sophomore pursuing a major in Political Science at The George Washington University. He is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Chris for all the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO NICOLE MARTINEZ

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Nicole Martinez, an intern in my Miami office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff and the people of the State of Florida.

Nicole is a senior at Coral Reef Senior High School in Miami, FL. Next fall, she will be attending the Wharton Undergraduate School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. She is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Nicole for all the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:55 a.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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 306. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement to provide for management of the free-roaming wild horses in and around the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge.

H.R. 1162. An act to provide the Quileute Indian Tribe Tsunami and Flood Protection, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE) announced that on February 3, 2012, he had signed the following enrolled bill, previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

H.R. 588. An act to redesignate the Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge as the Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 5:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 658. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2011 through 2014, to streamline programs, create efficiencies, reduce waste, and improve aviation safety and capacity, to provide stable funding for the national aviation system, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 306. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement to provide for management of the free-roaming wild horses in and around the Currituck National Wildlife Refuge; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 2079. A bill to extend the pay limitation for Members of Congress and Federal employees.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 1108. A bill to provide local communities with tools to make solar permitting more ef-

ficient, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-144).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

S. 1142. A bill to promote the mapping and development of the United States geothermal resources by establishing a direct loan program for high risk geothermal exploration wells, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to improve geothermal energy technology and demonstrate the use of geothermal energy in large scale thermal applications, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-145).

S. 1149. A bill to expand geothermal production, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-146).

By Mr. BINGAMAN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1160. A bill to improve the administration of the Department of Energy, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-147).

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with amendments:

S. 432. A bill to provide for environmental restoration activities and forest management activities in the Lake Tahoe Basin, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-148).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1925. A bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994.

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. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. CONRAD):

S. 2075. A bill to close unjustified corporate tax loopholes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 2076. A bill to improve security at State and local courthouses; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 2077. A bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to authorize Federal assistance to State adult protective services programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 2078. A bill to enable Federal and State chartered banks and thrifts to meet the credit needs of the Nation's home builders, and to provide liquidity and ensure stable credit for meeting the Nation's need for new homes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HELLER:

S. 2079. A bill to extend the pay limitation for Members of Congress and Federal employees; read the first time.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. Res. 369. A resolution congratulating the New York Giants for winning Super Bowl XLVI; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 412

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 412, a bill to ensure that amounts credited to the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund are used for harbor maintenance.

S. 418

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 418, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Civil Air Patrol.

S. 489

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 489, a bill to require certain mortgagees to evaluate loans for modifications, to establish a grant program for State and local government mediation programs, and for other purposes.

S. 672

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 672, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 824

At the request of Mr. BROWN of Ohio, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 824, a bill to provide for enhanced mortgage-backed and asset-backed security investor protections, to prevent foreclosure fraud, and for other purposes.

S. 881

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 881, a bill to amend the Consumer Credit Protection Act to assure meaningful disclosures of the terms of rental-purchase agreements, including disclosures of all costs to consumers under such agreements, to provide substantive rights to consumers under such agreements, and for other purposes.

S. 1058

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1058, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to ensure transparency and proper operation of pharmacy benefit managers.

S. 1269

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1269, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require the Secretary of Education to collect information from coeducational secondary schools on