

she accomplished a great deal during her time in Juneau. During that term she chaired the Special Committee on Economic Development, International Trade and Tourism and was Vice Chair of the Resources Committee.

Cheryll is best known for working with colleagues across the aisle in moving Alaska's anti-stalking law out of the legislature and to the Governor's desk. Her bill allowed victims of stalking to obtain protective orders in the same way that victims of domestic violence could in the State of Alaska. Cheryll was also a strong supporter of therapeutic courts and passed a resolution encouraging prosecutors and public defenders to take full advantage of this important resource. She worked to make health insurance more affordable to small employers and helped promote trade relations between Alaska and Taiwan.

Cheryll was well liked by those inside and outside of the political circle and was viewed as a genuinely nice person. A mutual friend, Mike Chenault of Nikiski, who served with Cheryll in the Alaska House and is today the House Speaker had this to say about Cheryll: "She had a light smile and an easy way about her that made her popular not only inside, but outside the Capitol."

Alaska takes pride in the fact that our Legislature is composed of citizens who come to Juneau for a few months each year to do the business of the State and then return home to carry on their own lives. Art was central to Cheryll Heinze's life. In fact, her official legislative biography lists her profession as "Artist." In fact, she was a world class oil painter who took inspiration from Alaska's fabulous scenery. Her painting of Mount Foraker hung in the offices of the Foraker Group, a consulting group that supports Alaska's non-profit sector. We also took pride in Cheryll's poetry.

In addition to all of her other activities she was a former President of the Anchorage Symphony League, a board member of the Pacific Northern Academy and Breast Cancer Focus, Inc., a member of the Alaska Pacific University President's Steering Committee, and an Art Instructor at the University of Alaska Rural Extension. She was a member of the Anchorage Opera Board, the World Affairs Council and the Matanuska Charitable Foundation Board. Cheryll brought energy and enthusiasm to all she did.

I extend the Senate's deepest condolences to Harold and other members of the family. Cheryll left us well before her time but in a way that is so appropriate for Alaskans—in pursuit of adventure. Alaskans have lost a friend and a leader and she will be greatly missed.●

TRIBUTE TO MAYOR TED JENNINGS

● Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to a dedicated individual in Alabama, Mayor Ted Jen-

nings of Brewton, AL. Ted has been a successful businessman, pharmacist, and community, State, and national leader.

When he retires this year, he will have served as the mayor of Brewton for 24 years. During that time, he has grown Brewton both economically and technologically. But in addition to his success as a mayor, he has been a successful business owner and pharmacist. He is also well known in Alabama as former president and an active officer of the Alabama League of Municipalities and nationally has served on the board and in many other positions in the National League of Cities. He has, in both capacities, represented Brewton and Alabama as a strong advocate on matters of economic development. On a personal level, I want to express my appreciation to Ted for his friendship, advice, and counsel on matters critical to the area.

All of us who have come to know him over the years have observed his dedication to public service, his hard work, and his effective leadership. He has a host of friends and admirers—this Senator is one. I thank him for his service and know that, even in retirement, he will be a strong advocate for rural economic development and Alabama. I extend my best wishes to Ted and family as you begin your next adventure.●

RECOGNIZING BALDWIN APPLE LADDERS

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, small, local businesses play a critical role in our economy, creating two-thirds of all jobs across the Nation. Nowhere is small businesses' value more evident than in my home State of Maine. Even during these challenging economic times, entrepreneurs across the State continue to make headlines for their perseverance and can-do attitude in the face of adversity. I rise today to recognize and commend Baldwin Apple Ladders and owner Peter Baldwin for their tremendous contribution to the local economy and for resilience in the face of disaster that struck a mere 2 months ago.

Mr. Baldwin founded Baldwin Apple Ladders in 1984, in his hometown of Brooks, ME. Since its opening, Baldwin Apple Ladders has built approximately 30,000 ladders, which have been used in orchards throughout Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Wisconsin. Famous for their durability and signature style, the ladders were even featured in Martha Stewart Magazine. Mr. Baldwin's business purchases the lumber used in ladder production from local sources, generates jobs through shipping and delivery, and supplies customers nationwide, giving it a national as well local presence. While business was at its peak, the Baldwin Apple Ladders manufactured and sold an average of 1,200 ladders annually.

On May 8th 2012, Mr. Baldwin was contacted by a neighbor with the dev-

astating news that Baldwin's ladder building facility was on fire. Along with the stock inventory of finished ladders, production equipment, and stacks of unused materials, the fire consumed the 6,500 square foot dairy barn which housed his manufacturing operations.

After the smoke cleared and the remaining assets were assessed, Mr. Baldwin was faced with a difficult decision to retire after 30 years in business, or rebuild. Mr. Baldwin chose to rebuild, refusing to let the fire dictate his future. Mr. Baldwin is committed to making ladders for as long as possible; recently building his first post-fire ladder, using tools that are no more advanced than what he had to work with when he first opened, back in 1984. Though this manner of manufacturing is considerably more arduous and time consuming, Mr. Baldwin is continuing his business and hoping to emerge stronger than ever.

Generous local donations, assistance, and support have helped in making tremendous strides in the rejuvenation of Baldwin Apple Ladders, a testament to the goodwill Mr. Baldwin has earned throughout the community. Mr. Baldwin's dedication to starting over and his perseverance in the face of such unimaginable obstacles is inspiring and a true example of the grit and incomparable spirit of Maine's entrepreneurs. I will eagerly follow Mr. Baldwin's progress in rebuilding, and extend my best wishes to him and Baldwin Apple Ladders and their future success.●

TRIBUTE TO TYLER DUTTON

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Tyler Dutton, a legal intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Tyler is a graduate of South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD. Currently, he is attending Emory University Law School in Atlanta, GA. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 9:33 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 2009. An act to improve the administration of programs in the insular areas, and for other purposes.

S. 2165. An act to enhance strategic cooperation between the United States and Israel, and for other purposes.

H.R. 205. An act to amend the Act title An Act to authorize the leasing of restricted Indian lands for public, religious, educational,

recreational, residential, business, and other purposes requiring the grant of long-term leases", approved August 9, 1955, to provide for Indian tribes to enter into certain leases without prior express approval from the Secretary of the Interior, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3001. An act to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Raoul Wallenberg, in recognition of his achievements and heroic actions during the Holocaust.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 11:35 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the speaker had signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 4155. An act to direct the head of each Federal department and agency to treat relevant military training as sufficient to satisfy training or certification requirements for Federal licenses.

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

At 12:08 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, 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. 5872. An act to require the President to provide a report detailing the sequester required by the Budget Control Act of 2011 on January 2, 2013.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 3401. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to temporarily extend tax relief provisions enacted in 2001 and 2003, to provide for temporary alternative minimum tax relief, to extend increased expensing limitations, and to provide instructions for tax reform.

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

S. 3412. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief to middle-class families.

S. 3413. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to temporarily extend tax relief provisions enacted in 2001 and 2003, to provide for temporary alternative minimum tax relief, to extend increased expensing limitations, and to provide instructions for tax reform.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 5872. An act to require the President to provide a report detailing the sequester required by the Budget Control Act of 2011 on January 2, 2013.

S. 3414. A bill to enhance the security and resiliency of the cyber and communications infrastructure of the United States.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, July 19, 2012, she had

presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 2009. An act to improve the administration of programs in the insular areas, and for other purposes.

S. 2165. An act to enhance strategic cooperation between the United States and Israel, 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-6882. A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the second quarter of fiscal year 2011 quarterly report of the Department of Justice's Office of Privacy and Civil Liberties; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6883. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General Norton A. Schwartz, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6884. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to recruitment incentives; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6885. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "A Report on Policies and Practices of the U.S. Navy for Naming the Vessels of the Navy; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6886. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's semiannual Monetary Policy Report to Congress; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6887. A communication from the Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules of Practice for Adjudication Proceedings" ((RIN3170-AA05) (Docket No. CFPB-2011-0006)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6888. A communication from the Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "State Official Notification Rule" ((RIN3170-AA02) (Docket No. CFPB-2011-0006)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6889. A communication from the Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules Relating to Investigations" ((RIN3170-AA03) (Docket No. CFPB-2011-0007)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6890. A communication from the Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Equal Access to Justice Act Implementation Rule" ((RIN3170-AA27) (Docket

No. CFPB-2012-0020)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6891. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates" (Notice 2012-47) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6892. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice Requirements under Section 101(j) of ERISA for Funding-Related Benefit Limitations in Single-Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plans" (Notice 2012-46) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2012; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6893. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR)—Disability and Rehabilitation Research Projects and Centers Program—Disability and Rehabilitation Research Project—Employment of Individuals with Disabilities" (CFDA No. 84.133A-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2012; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6894. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Pell Grant Program" (RIN1840-AD11) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2012; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6895. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "D and C Red No. 6 and D and C Red No. 7; Change in Specification" (Docket No. FDA-2011-C-0050) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2012; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6896. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Effective Date of Requirement for Premarket Approval for Cardiovascular Permanent Pacemaker Electrode" (Docket No. FDA-2011-N-0505) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 16, 2012; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6897. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant New Use Rule for Phenol, 2,4 dimethyl-6-(1-methylpentadecyl)-" (FRL No. 9649-4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 12, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6898. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana" (FRL No. 9699-1) received in the Office of the