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## Senate

The third day of January being the day prescribed by the Constitution of the United States for the annual meeting of the Congress, the Senate assembled in its Chamber at the Capitol for the commencement of the 1st session of the 113th Congress and at 12:01 p.m. was called to order by the Vice President.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chaplain will lead the Senate in prayer.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, we thank You that we are more than conquerors because You love us. We praise You that today Your conquering spirit has brought our beloved Senator MARK KIRK back to work in these hallowed Halls.

We are grateful that nothing can separate us from Your love, neither death, nor life, nor heights, nor depths, nor any created thing.

Give our Senators today spiritual, intellectual, and physical revitalization, infusing them with Your peace and power. Bless the lawmakers who will take the oath today. Fill them with Your spirit so that their lives will honor You.

We pray in Your merciful Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The VICE PRESIDENT led the pledge of allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair lays before the Senate one certificate of election to fulfill an unexpired term and the certificates of election of 33 Senators for 6-year terms beginning January 3, 2013. All certificates, the

Chair is advised, are in the form suggested by the Senate or contain all the essential requirements of the form suggested by the Senate. If there is no objection, the reading of the certificates will be waived and they will be printed in full in the RECORD.

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

#### THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the sixth day of November, two thousand and twelve Elizabeth A. Warren was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts a Senator from said Commonwealth to represent said Commonwealth in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, two thousand and thirteen.

Witness: His Excellency, the Governor, Deval L. Patrick, and our seal hereto affixed at Boston, this twenty-eighth day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve.

DEVAL L. PATRICK,  
*By His Excellency, the Governor.*

WILLIAM F. GALVIN,  
*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

[Estate Seal Affixed]

#### STATE OF WISCONSIN Office of the Governor

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR A SIX-YEAR TERM, UNITED STATES SENATOR, NOVEMBER 6, 2012

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November, 2012, Tammy Baldwin was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Wisconsin a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2013.

Witness: His excellency our governor Scott Walker, and our seal hereto affixed at Madison this 6th day of December 2012.

By the Governor:

SCOTT WALKER,  
*Governor.*

DOUGLAS LAFOLLETTE,  
*Secretary of State.*

[State Seal Affixed]

#### WYOMING

Secretary of State

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM  
*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November 2012, John Barrasso was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Wyoming, a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January 2013.

Witness: His Excellency our governor, Matthew H. Mead, and our seal hereto affixed at the Wyoming State Capitol, Cheyenne, Wyoming, this 15th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2012.

By the governor:

MATTHEW H. MEAN,  
*Governor.*

MAX MAXFIELD,  
*Secretary of State.*

[State Seal Affixed]

#### THE STATE OF OHIO

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM  
U.S. SENATOR

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November 2012, Sherrod Brown was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Ohio a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3d day of January, 2013.

Witness: His excellency our governor, and our seal hereto affixed at Columbus, Ohio, this 7th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2012.

By the governor:

JOHN R. KASICH,  
*Governor.*

JON HUSTED,  
*Secretary of State.*

[State Seal Affixed]

#### STATE OF WASHINGTON CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that at the General Election held in the state of Washington on the 6th day of November, 2012, Maria Cantwell was duly chosen by the qualified electors of

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.



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the state of Washington as United States Senator from the State of Washington to represent the state of Washington in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2013.

Witness: Her Excellency our Governor Christine Gregoire, and our seal hereto affixed at Olympia, Washington this 5th day of December, 2012.

By the Governor:

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE,  
Governor.

Attest:

SAM REED,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

THE STATE OF MARYLAND  
Executive Department  
Annapolis, Maryland

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM  
*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November, 2012, Ben Cardin was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Maryland a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2013.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor Martin O'Malley and our seal hereto affixed at the City of Annapolis, this 12th day of December, in the Year of Our Lord 2012.

By the Governor:

MARTIN O'MALLEY,  
Governor.

Attest:

JOHN P. McDONOUGH,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF DELAWARE  
Executive Department  
Dover

*To All Persons To Whom These Presents Shall Come, Greetings:*

Whereas, an election was held in the State of Delaware, on Tuesday, the sixth day of November, in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve, that being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the State of Delaware, in that behalf for the purpose of choosing by ballot a Senator for the people of said State in the United States Senate for the term of six years commencing January 3, 2013.

And Whereas, the official certificates or returns of said election, held in the several counties of the said State, in due manner made out, signed and executed, have been delivered to me according to the laws of the said State, by the Superior Court of said counties; and having examined said returns, and enumerated and ascertained the number of votes for each and every candidate or person voted for, for United States Senate, I have found Thomas R. Carper to be the person highest in vote, and therefore duly elected and chosen United States Senator of this State.

I, The Said Jack A. Markell, GOVERNOR aforesaid, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of the General Assembly of this State in that behalf do hereby, therefore, declare, make known and certify that the said Thomas R. Carper has received the highest vote at the election aforesaid and therefore is the legally elected United States Senator for the State of Delaware.

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the said State, the 5th day of December in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve and in the year of the Independence of the

United States of America two hundred thirty-seven.

By the Governor:

JACK A. MARKELL,  
Governor.  
JEFFREY W. BULLOCK,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

Governor's Office

December 10, 2012

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the sixth day of November, 2012, Bob Casey, Jr. was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a United States Senator to represent Pennsylvania in the Senate of the United States for a term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, 2013.

Witness: His excellency our Governor, Tom Corbett, and our seal hereto affixed at Harrisburg this tenth day of December, in the year of our Lord, 2012.

TOM CORBETT,  
Governor.  
CAROL AICHELE,  
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF TENNESSEE

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM  
*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify, that on the sixth day of November, 2012, Bob Corker was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Tennessee a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, 2013.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor, Bill Haslam, and our seal hereto affixed at Nashville this fifth day of December, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twelve.

By the Governor:

BILL HASLAM,  
Governor.  
TRE HARGETT,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF TEXAS

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM  
*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November, 2012, Ted Cruz was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Texas, a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2013.

Witness: His excellency our governor Rick Perry, and our seal hereto affixed at Austin, Texas this 6th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2012.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed at my Office in the City of Austin, Texas, this the 6th day of December, 2012.

By the Governor:

RICK PERRY,  
Governor.

Attest:

JOHN STEEN,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

THE STATE OF INDIANA

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR A SIX-YEAR TERM

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

Be it known by these presents:

Whereas, according to certified statements submitted by the Circuit Court Clerks of the several counties to the Election Division of the Office of the Secretary of State of Indiana, and based upon tabulation of those statements performed by the Election Division, the canvass prepared by the Election Division states that at the General Election conducted on the sixth day of November, 2012, the electors chose Joe Donnelly to serve the People of the State of Indiana as United States Senator from Indiana.

Now, Therefore, in the Name of and by the Authority of the State of Indiana, I Certify the Following in Accordance With Title 2 United States Code Section 1:

This is to certify that on the sixth day of November 2012, Joe Donnelly was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Indiana a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2013.

Witness: His excellency our Governor Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., and our seal hereto affixed at Indianapolis, this the twenty-eighth day of November, in the year of our Lord 2012.

By the Governor:

MITCH DANIELS, Jr.,  
Governor.

Attest:

CONNIE LAWSON,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
Executive Department

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM  
*To the President of the Senate of the United States of America:*

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November, 2012, Dianne Feinstein was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of California as a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2013.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 15th day of December 2012.

EDMUND G. BROWN, Jr.,  
Governor of California.

Attest:

DEBRA BOWEN,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF NEBRASKA

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November, 2012 Deb Fischer was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Nebraska a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2013.

Witness: His excellency our governor Dave Heineman, and our seal hereto affixed at 2:30 p.m. this 3rd day of December, in the year of our Lord 2012.

By the Governor:

DAVE HEINEMAN,  
Governor.

JOHN A. GALE,

Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF ARIZONA  
Department of StateCERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM  
*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November 2012, Jeff Flake was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Arizona a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning the 3rd day of January 2013.

Witness: His excellency the Acting Governor of Arizona, and the Great Seal of the State of Arizona hereto affixed at the Capitol in Phoenix this 3rd day of December 2012.

KEN BENNETT,  
*Acting Governor.*  
JIM DRAKE,  
*Acting Secretary of State.*

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF NEW YORK  
Executive Chamber*To the President of the Senate:*

This is to certify that on the sixth day of November, two thousand twelve, Kirsten E. Gillibrand was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of New York a Senator from said State to represent the State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, two thousand thirteen.

Witness: His excellency our Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and our seal hereto affixed at Albany, New York, this tenth day of December in the year two thousand twelve.

By the Governor:

ANDREW CUOMO,  
CESAR A. PERALES,  
*Secretary of State.*

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF UTAH

Office of the Lieutenant Governor

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the sixth day of November, 2012, Orrin G. Hatch was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Utah a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2013.

Witness: His excellency our governor Gary R. Herbert, and our seal hereto affixed at Salt Lake City, this 26th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2012.

GARY R. HERBERT,  
*Governor.*  
GREG BELL,  
*Lieutenant Governor.*

[State Seal Affixed]

THE CANVASSING BOARD OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM  
*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November, 2012, Martin T. Heinrich was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of New Mexico a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2013.

Witness: Her excellency our Governor Susana Martinez and our seal hereto affixed at Santa Fe this 7th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2012.

SUSANA MARTINEZ,  
*Governor.*DIANNA J. DURAN,  
*Secretary of State.*

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
Secretary of StateCERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM  
*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November 2012, Heidi Heitkamp was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of North Dakota a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January 2013.

In witness whereof, we have set our hands in the Capitol City of Bismarck this 9th day of November 2012, and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Dakota.

JACK DALRYMPLE,  
*Governor.*  
ALVIN A. JAEGER,  
*Secretary of State.*  
PENNY MILLER  
*Clerk of the Supreme Court Member State Canvassing Board.*

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF NEVADA  
Executive DepartmentCERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM  
*To the President of the Senate of United States:*

This is to certify that on Tuesday, the sixth day of November, 2012, Dean Heller was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Nevada a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2013.

Now, therefore, I Brian Sandoval, Governor of the State of Nevada, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws thereof, and do hereby Commission him, the said Dean Heller, as a Member of the United States Senate, and authorize him to discharge the duties of said office according to law, and to hold and enjoy the same, together with all powers, privileges and emoluments thereunto appertaining.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol at Carson City, Nevada on this 10th day of December, two thousand twelve.

BRIAN SANDOVAL,  
*Governor of the State of Nevada.*  
ROSS MULDER,  
*Secretary of the State of Nevada.*

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF HAWAII

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM  
*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the sixth day of November, 2012, Mazie Hirono was duly chosen by the qualified election of the State of Hawaii a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning at noon on the 3rd day of January 2013.

Witness: His excellency our governor, Neil Abercrombie, and our seal hereto affixed at Honolulu this 26th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2012.

By the Governor:

NEIL ABERCROMBIE,  
*Governor.*  
SCOTT T. NAGO,  
*Chief Election Officer.*

[State Seal Affixed]

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM  
*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November, 2012, Timothy Kaine was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the Commonwealth of Virginia to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2013.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor Robert F. McDonnell and our seal hereto affixed at Richmond, Virginia, this 12th day of December, in the year of our Lord, 2012.

ROBERT F. McDONNELL,  
*Governor of Virginia.*  
JANET VESTAL KELLY,  
*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF MAINE

Greeting:  
*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

Know Ye, That This is to certify that on the sixth day of November in the year Two Thousand and Twelve, Angus King was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Maine, a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, in the year Two Thousand and thirteen.

Witness: His excellency our Governor, Paul R. LePage, and our seal hereto affixed at Augusta, Maine this twenty-ninth day of November, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twelve.

By the Governor:

PAUL R. LEPAGE,  
*Governor.*  
CHARLES E. SUMMERS, JR.,  
*Secretary of State.*

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
Mark Dayton  
GovernorCERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM  
*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the sixth day of November, 2012, Amy Klobuchar was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Minnesota a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2013.

Witness: His excellency our governor Mark Dayton, and our seal hereto affixed at Saint Paul, Minnesota this 10th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2012.

By the Governor:

MARK DAYTON,  
*Governor.*  
MARK RITCHIE,  
*Secretary of State.*

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM  
*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the sixth day of November, Two Thousand Twelve, Joe Manchin III was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of West Virginia, a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years beginning on the third day of January, Two Thousand Thirteen.

Witness: His excellency our Governor, Earl Ray Tomblin, and our seal hereto affixed at Charleston this tenth day of December, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twelve.

By the Governor:

EARL RAY TOMBLIN,  
Governor.  
NATALIE TENNANT,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF MISSOURI  
Governor of Missouri

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM  
*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November, 2012, Claire McCaskill was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Missouri a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2013.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, and our seal hereto affixed at the City of Jefferson this 10th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2012.

By the Governor:

JEREMIAH W. (JAY) NIXON,  
Governor.  
ROBIN CARNAHAN,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION  
Trenton, New Jersey

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the sixth day of November 2012, Robert Menendez, was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of New Jersey, a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, 2013.

Given, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this seventh day of December two thousand and twelve.

By the Governor:

CHRIS CHRISTIE,  
Governor.

Attest:

KIMBERLY M. GUADAGNO,  
LT. Governor/Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
Executive Department

This is to Certify that on the sixth day of November, two thousand and twelve Christopher S. Murphy was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Connecticut as Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January two thousand and thirteen.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor, Daniel P. Malloy and our seal hereto affixed at Hartford, this thirteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve.

DENISE MERRILL,  
Secretary of the State.  
DANIEL P. MALLOY,  
Governor.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF FLORIDA

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM  
*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November, 2012, Bill Nelson was duly chosen by

the qualified electors of the State of Florida from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3d day of January, 2013.

Witness: His excellency our governor, Rick Scott, and our seal hereto affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 20th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2012.

By the Governor:

RICK SCOTT,  
Governor.  
KEN DETZNER,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF VERMONT  
Office of the Governor

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM  
*To The President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November, 2012, Bernie Sanders was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Vermont to be a Senator from Vermont to represent Vermont in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2013.

Witness: Governor Peter Shumlin this 13th day of December, 2012.

PETER SHUMLIN,  
Governor.  
JIM CONDOS,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that, pursuant to the power vested in me by the Constitution of the United States and the laws of the State of South Carolina, I, Nikki Randhawa Haley, the governor of said State, do hereby appoint Timothy Eugene Scott a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States until the vacancy therein caused by the resignation of James Warren DeMint, is filled by election provided by law.

Witness: Her excellency our governor, Nikki Randhawa Haley, and our seal hereto affixed at the capitol in the City of Columbia, State of South Carolina this 2nd day of January, in the year of our Lord 2013.

By the Governor:

NIKKI HALEY,  
Governor.  
MARK HAMMOND,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
Executive Office

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM  
*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November, 2012, Debbie Stabenow was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Michigan a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2013.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the state of Michigan this 6th day of December, in the Year of our Lord Two Thousand Twelve.

By the Governor:

RICHARD D. SNYDER,  
Governor.  
RUTH JOHNSON,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE  
STATE OF MONTANA

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM  
TO THE UNITED STATES SENATE

I, Linda McCulloch, Secretary of State of the State of Montana, do hereby certify that Jon Tester was duly chosen on November 6th, 2012, by the qualified electors of the State of Montana as a United States Senator from said State to represent said State in the United States Senate. The six-year term commences on January 3rd, 2013.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor Brian Schweitzer, and the official seal hereunto affixed at the City of Helena, the Capital, this 28th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2012.

By the Governor:

BRIAN SCHWEITZER  
Governor.

Attest:

LINDA MCCULLOCH,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE  
PLANTATIONS  
State House,

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November, 2012, Sheldon Whitehouse was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2013.

Witness: His Excellency our governor Lincoln D. Chafee, and our seal hereto affixed at Providence this 7th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2012.

By the governor:

LINCOLN D. CHAFEE,  
Governor.  
A. RALPH MOLLIS,  
Secretary of State

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
Office of the Governor

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

In the name of the State of Mississippi, I, Phil Bryant, acting under the authority vested in the Governor, upon proper evidence received at the Office of the Secretary of State, do hereby certify that on the 6th day of November, Two Thousand Twelve Roger F. Wicker was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Mississippi a SENATOR from this State to represent the State of Mississippi in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, Two Thousand Thirteen.

Given Under My Hand, and our seal affixed hereto, at the City of Jackson, this the 3rd day of December in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twelve.

Attest:

PHIL BRYANT,  
Governor.  
C. DELBERT HOSEMAN, Jr.,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF  
OFFICE

The VICE PRESIDENT. If the Senators to be sworn in will now present themselves at the desk in groups of