

decision, and you are certainly young enough to enjoy it!

TRIBUTE TO VINCENT FORLENZA

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, Senator HATCH and I join together today to recognize the contributions of Vincent A. Forlenza, chairman, CEO and president of BD, in establishing and leading AdvaMedDx, an important new voice for the role of medical diagnostic tests in patient care.

BD, the leading global medical technology company, has a strong presence in both Maryland and Utah as do other companies in the medical device and diagnostics sectors. We understand firsthand the growing importance of diagnostics to power medical discoveries and transform patient care.

Mr. HATCH. The diagnostics sector spans thousands of different kinds of tests, from blood tests for cholesterol to new genetic tests that identify cancer variants and match patients to the most appropriate drugs. Diagnostic tests facilitate evidence-based medicine, improve quality of care, promote wellness, enable early detection of disease and often reduce overall health care costs.

In short, diagnostics play a critical role in the health care system and are an essential part of quality patient care. While these tests account for only about 2 percent of health care spending, they influence the large majority of the health care decisions made each and every day.

Ms. MIKULSKI. The impact of diagnostics, however, is not always well understood by patients, policymakers and, sometimes, even physicians. In 2010, Mr. Forlenza played an instrumental role in bringing together a group of leading diagnostics manufacturers to form a new trade association, AdvaMedDx, whose core mission is to create an understanding of the role diagnostics play in the health care system and help foster patient access to innovative, safe, and effective tests. Soon after the founding of the AdvaMedDx, Mr. Forlenza assumed the role of chairman of the board of directors, a position he has held for the last 3 years.

Mr. HATCH. During Mr. Forlenza's tenure as chairman, AdvaMedDx doubled the size of its membership and established itself as a credible voice on health care policy in Washington and around the world. Under Mr. Forlenza's leadership, the diagnostic industry has worked with a range of stakeholders to pursue initiatives that aim to reform and modernize the diagnostics regulatory and payment environment in order to keep pace with innovation and the changing health care landscape. AdvaMedDx works not only with Members of Congress and key public health agencies but also with organizations ranging from patient advocacy groups to cancer research societies to the World Health Organization.

Ms. MIKULSKI. As part of its contribution to the policy dialogue,

AdvaMedDx has organized Capitol Hill briefings at which leaders in the field of diagnostics have shared insights and current developments on topics including women's health, cancer diagnostics, antibiotic resistance, and infectious diseases. Just a few weeks ago, AdvaMedDx and the American Association for Cancer Research held a daylong symposium on personalized medicine and companion diagnostics, keynoted by the Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration and the Director of the National Institutes of Health.

Mr. HATCH. AdvaMedDx also has established itself as a global leader, driving collaboration with allied associations in Europe, Canada, Brazil, Japan, and Australia.

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. Forlenza has been a tireless champion for the power of diagnostics to promote wellness, improve patient outcomes and advance public health. The success of AdvaMedDx in a few short years is in large measure due to this vision that he brought to the organization.

Mr. HATCH. Congratulations to Vince on his accomplishments during his tenure as AdvaMedDx chairman, and best wishes to AdvaMedDx for many future successes.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING DR. RAY DOLBY

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the memory of Dr. Ray Dolby, a trailblazing engineer, entrepreneur, and pioneer in the field of sound who passed away on September 12, 2013. He was 80 years old.

Born in Portland, OR and raised in the San Francisco Bay area, Ray Dolby was a dedicated tinkerer from a young age, always curious about how things worked. As a high school student, he worked after school for the electronics company Ampex Corporation, playing a key role in developing Quadruplex, the world's first commercially successful video tape recorder, which revolutionized the world of television broadcasting.

After graduating from Stanford University with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering, Ray began a doctoral program in physics at Cambridge University in England, receiving his doctorate in 1961. The next year, his life changed: He met the love of his life, Dagmar, who was also at Cambridge studying as a summer student, and the two married in 1966 and had two beautiful sons, Tom and David.

In search of adventure, Ray spent 2 years traversing India as a technical adviser for the United Nations, working with the Indian Government to establish a new national laboratory focusing on the development of scientific and industrial instruments. Buoyed by his research in India, Dolby returned to England in 1965 and founded Dolby Laboratories, which he moved to San Francisco in 1976.

Throughout his career, Ray Dolby pioneered many of the most significant developments in sound and audio design. Early on, he invented noise-reduction technology that eliminated the hiss that had marred earlier forms of tape recorded sound and in the 1970s introduced Dolby Stereo, which allowed movie studios to record films in multi-channel surround sound. The innovation of surround sound played a pivotal role in allowing theatergoers around the world to enjoy the sound effects in such groundbreaking movies as "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" and "Star Wars" and innumerable other popular films produced in the decades that followed. Since then, Ray Dolby and Dolby Laboratories have pioneered a multitude of technologies in noise reduction, audio and video processing, live sound, and digital cinema, and won multiple Emmys and Academy Awards for their work.

While Ray is often recognized first and foremost for his revolutionary work in the field of sound, he and his wife Dagmar are also known as leaders in San Francisco's philanthropic community. They gave generously to numerous causes and organizations, supporting everything from stem cell research to community parks to the performing arts. I extend my deepest condolences to Ray's loving wife Dagmar; his children, Tom and David, and their spouses; and his four grandchildren. Dr. Ray Dolby will be deeply missed, but his legacy of generosity and innovation will live on in the countless lives he touched.●

REMEMBERING ELIZABETH DENEBEIM

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the memory of Elizabeth "Libby" Denebeim, a pillar of the San Francisco community, who passed away on November 15, 2013. She was 83 years old.

Libby was born and raised in the Midwest and graduated from the University of Missouri, where she met the love of her life, Robert Denebeim. After getting married, Libby went on to obtain a master's degree in education and taught elementary school in Tampa, FL, while Robert completed his service in the U.S. Air Force.

In 1956, the couple moved to the San Francisco Bay Area. Libby had always been dedicated to public service, and in San Francisco she became a leader in the community. She worked on behalf of so many agencies and organizations dedicated to improving education, mental health, the arts, and family services, including the San Francisco Board of Education; the San Francisco Mental Health Association; the Mayor's Advisory Council on Families, Children and Youth; the Mayor's Criminal Justice Council; San Francisco Head Start; and Jewish Family and Children's Services.

Libby was also a fierce advocate for the LGBT community. She fought to end the definition of homosexuality as a "mental illness" and remove it from the National Psychiatric Association's Manual of Mental Disorders. She campaigned against California Proposition 6, the Briggs Initiative, which sought to ban gays and lesbians from working in California's public schools, and also served on the San Francisco Health Department's Committee on Services for People with AIDS, the Mayor's HIV Task Force, and the NAMES Project.

Those lucky enough to know Libby recognized her as a vibrant, inspiring and generous woman who gave selflessly to her community. Through the years, she was honored by organizations ranging from the United Way to the Pacific Medical Center to the California State Legislature. Her contributions to the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond will be remembered fondly by everyone whose lives she touched. She will be deeply missed. I extend my heartfelt condolences to Libby's children, Robert, Nancy, David, William, Thomas, and Edward, and their spouses; her grandchildren, Daniel, Kathleen, Jack, Robert, Catherine, Allton, and Samuel; and her sisters-in-law, Beverley and Helene, brother-in-law Dart, their 13 children, and grandchildren.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

(The message received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 11:03 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY) has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3458. An act to treat payments by charitable organizations with respect to certain firefighters as exempt payments.

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

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 3212. An act to ensure compliance with the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil

Aspects of International Child Abduction by countries with which the United States enjoys reciprocal obligations, to establish procedures for the prompt return of children abducted to other countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

S. 1845. A bill to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes.

S. 1846. A bill to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, 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-3883. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohydrojasmon; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9398-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3884. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Flutriafol; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9902-17) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3885. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Flonicamid; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9902-07) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3886. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department of Defense (DoD) continuing to expand the role of women in the Navy and Marine Corps; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3887. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department of Defense (DoD) intending to assign women to the following previously closed positions: Riverine Patrol Boat, Riverine Small Craft, and Maritime Interdiction Operations; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3888. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "High-Performance Green Building Initiative Activities"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3889. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Generator Interconnection Agreements and Procedures" (Docket No. RM13-2-000) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on

December 12, 2013; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3890. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to groups designated by the Secretary of State as Foreign Terrorist Organizations (OSS 2013-1888); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3891. 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; Delaware; Attainment Plan for the Philadelphia-Wilmington, Pennsylvania-New Jersey-Delaware Nonattainment Area for the 1997 Annual Fine Particulate Matter Standard" (FRL No. 9904-14-Region 3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3892. 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 Implementation Plans; New Mexico; Prevention of Significant Deterioration; Greenhouse Gas Plantwide Applicability Limit Permitting Revisions" (FRL No. 9903-98-Region 6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3893. 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; Michigan" (FRL No. 9904-11-Region 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3894. 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; Pennsylvania; Philadelphia County Reasonably Available Control Technology under the 1997 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 9904-12-Region 3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3895. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards of Performance for Petroleum Refineries for Which Construction, Reconstruction, or Modification Commenced After May 14, 2007" (FRL No. 9904-06-Region OAR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3896. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Priorities List, Final Rule No. 57" (FRL No. 9903-89-OSWER) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3897. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 13-174); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3898. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to