

the wrong hands and to make our society safer. We owe our children nothing less.

#### BROWN UNIVERSITY

Mr. REED. Madam President, today I want to recognize an extraordinary university, deeply rooted in the history of Rhode Island, Brown University. Brown is celebrating its 250th anniversary. Brown University's founding in 1764 makes it the seventh oldest institution of higher education in the United States, predating even the American Revolution. The university originally began as a small school located in Warren, RI, known as the College of Rhode Island. As Brown grew, it moved to College Hill in Providence in 1770, where it has thrived to this day and was renamed a few years later to acknowledge a \$5,000 gift from Nicholas Brown, a member of the class of 1786.

Since its founding, Brown University has played an important role in Rhode Island and our Nation's history. Indeed, it was the first Ivy League institution to admit students of all religions. Brown remains committed to diversity and access. Over 20 years ago, Brown established the Leadership Alliance, a national academic consortium of leading research universities and minority-serving institutions with the mission to develop underrepresented students into outstanding leaders and role models in academia, business, and the public sector. Brown stands out for its willingness to openly delve into its past while staying focused on the future, and it has made a vital commitment to college access through its need-blind admissions policy, ensuring that no student admitted to Brown will be turned away for financial reasons.

Brown established a truly student-driven curriculum—the Brown Curriculum—in 1970 to allow students to personalize their course of study. In an effort to continue its edge in innovation, Brown launched its Plan for Academic Enrichment in 2002 to help transform the fields of research, education, and public leadership. Fiscal year 2013 saw the University conduct more than \$170 million in sponsored research, helping the Rhode Island economy and making new discoveries that can improve lives.

The commitment of Brown's alumni to public service is also particularly noteworthy and admirable. According to a 2013 article by Washington Monthly, Brown ranks fifth among national universities and first in the Ivy League for the number of alumni working in public service. Some of the Brown alumni currently playing important roles in the public sphere include Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen, U.S. Secretary of Labor Thomas Perez, and World Bank President Dr. Jim Yong Kim. Through this commitment to service, members of the Brown community continue to find ways to improve the quality of life for people across Rhode Island, the Nation, and the world.

I am proud of the talented men and women who have contributed to the success of Brown University over these past 250 years. I congratulate Christina Paxson, Brown's 19th president, the students, the Brown Corporation, and the entire Brown community on this significant milestone.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO JEFF TEAGUE

• Mr. PRYOR. Madam President, I wish to recognize Jeff Teague, president of Teague Auto Group in El Dorado, AR, who was named the 2014 Time Magazine Dealer of the Year.

Awarded annually, the Time Magazine Dealer of the Year Award recognizes the auto dealer who demonstrates exceptional business performance and distinguished community service. Jeff was recognized for the positive impact he is making on the El Dorado community.

In 1981, Jeff and his father opened their first dealership as partners, a Chevrolet-Oldsmobile dealership, in Walnut Ridge, AR. He opened his current dealership in El Dorado in 1990, and through hard work and determination, Jeff built his dealership into a thriving business. His story is an Arkansas success story which I am proud to acknowledge.

In addition to his business success, Jeff has been a licensed pilot for 26 years and frequently uses this skill to serve his community, including flying church members to charitable initiatives and serving as a standby pilot for a local liver transplant patient. He is a member of Rotary International, the El Dorado Chamber of Commerce, the El Dorado Economic Development Board, the Batesville Chamber of Commerce, and since 2007, has served as chairman of the South Arkansas Regional Airport Commission. Jeff also currently serves on the board of directors for Citizens Bank of Batesville.

Jeff and his wife, Sarah, are well known for their community involvement in El Dorado. They both are actively involved with the Boys & Girls Clubs of El Dorado, the South Arkansas Arts Center, the South Arkansas Symphony Orchestra, MusicFest El Dorado, the Salvation Army, Union County 4-H, the South Arkansas Historical Foundation, and Arkansas Baptist Children's Homes and Family Ministries.

I want to offer my congratulations to Jeff Teague on this well-deserved honor and thank him for his dedication and commitment to the community of El Dorado and to Arkansas. •

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:29 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. 1944. An act to protect private property rights.

H.R. 3308. An act to require a Federal agency to include language in certain educational and advertising materials indicating that such materials are produced and disseminated at taxpayer expense.

H.R. 3865. An act to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from modifying the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare for purposes of section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

The message also announced that pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 4303, and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Trustees of Gallaudet University: Mr. YODER of Kansas and Mr. BUTTERFIELD of North Carolina.

The message further announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2761, and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the British-American Interparliamentary Group: Mr. ROE of Tennessee.

##### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 12:47 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 2431. An act to reauthorize the National Integrated Drought Information System.

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

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1423. An act to provide taxpayers with an annual report disclosing the cost and performance of Government programs and areas of duplication among them, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1944. An act to protect private property rights; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 2530. An act to improve transparency and efficiency with respect to audits and communications between taxpayers and the Internal Revenue Service; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 2531. An act to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from asking taxpayers questions regarding religious, political, or social beliefs; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 3308. An act to require a Federal agency to include language in certain educational and advertising materials indicating that such materials are produced and disseminated at taxpayer expense; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

## MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 3865. An act to prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from modifying the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare for purposes of section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

S. 2062. A bill to authorize Members of Congress to bring an action for declaratory and injunctive relief in response to a written statement by the President or any other official in the executive branch directing officials of the executive branch to not enforce a provision of law.

S. 2066. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the intentional discrimination of a person or organization by an employee of the Internal Revenue Service.

S. 2067. A bill to prohibit the Department of the Treasury from assigning tax statuses to organizations based on their political beliefs and activities.

## EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEVIN for the Committee on Armed Services.

Air Force nomination of Brig. Gen. Travis D. Balch, to be Major General.

Air Force nomination of Col. Nathaniel S. Reddicks, to be Brigadier General.

Air Force nomination of Brig. Gen. James C. Witham, to be Major General.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. Michael E. Williamson, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Col. Thomas R. Tempel, Jr., to be Major General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Kevin W. Mangum, to be Lieutenant General.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Brig. Gen. William T. Collins and ending with Brig. Gen. James S. Hartsell, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 30, 2014.

Marine Corps nomination of Lt. Gen. Robert E. Schmidle, Jr., to be Lieutenant General.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Jan E. Tighe, to be Vice Admiral.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Air Force nominations beginning with Kathryn L. Aasen and ending with John K.

Walton, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 9, 2014.

Air Force nominations beginning with David M. Berthe and ending with Paul A. Willingham, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 9, 2014.

Air Force nominations beginning with Amy R. Astonlassiter and ending with Aimee N. Zakaluzny, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 9, 2014.

Air Force nominations beginning with Elizabeth R. Andersondoze and ending with Aaron T. Yu, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 9, 2014.

Air Force nominations beginning with Wesley M. Abadie and ending with Scott A. Zakaluzny, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 9, 2014.

Air Force nominations beginning with William E. Dickens, Jr. and ending with Richard R. Givens II, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 30, 2014.

Air Force nominations beginning with Kyle William Blasch and ending with Andrew T. Maccabe, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 30, 2014.

Air Force nominations beginning with Luan Tran Le and ending with David C. Schaefer, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 30, 2014.

Air Force nominations beginning with Cynthia B. Camp and ending with Bryan M. Winter, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 30, 2014.

Air Force nominations beginning with Laura I. Fernandez and ending with Albert C. Rees, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 30, 2014.

Air Force nominations beginning with Diane M. Doty and ending with Edward D. Ronnebaum, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 30, 2014.

Air Force nominations beginning with Richard L. Allen and ending with Sandra R. Volden, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 30, 2014.

Air Force nominations beginning with Connie L. Alge and ending with Kenneth E. Yee, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 30, 2014.

Army nomination of Sun Y. Kim, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of William T. Monacci, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Glennie Z. Kertes, to be Major.

Army nomination of Charles A. Williams, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Roger J. Belbel and ending with Yves P. Leblanc, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 6, 2014.

Army nomination of Michael E. Cannon, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Aizenhawar J. Marrogi, to be Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Thomas E. Byrne and ending with James H. Chang, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 10, 2014.

Army nominations beginning with Christopher D. Coulson and ending with Michael Woodruff, which nominations were received

by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 10, 2014.

Army nominations beginning with Edward Ahn and ending with D012017, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 10, 2014.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Ernest P. Abelson II and ending with David D. Zyga, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 7, 2014.

Marine Corps nomination of Ryan M. Oleksy, to be Major.

Marine Corps nomination of Sean T. Hays, to be Major.

Marine Corps nomination of Lakendrick D. Wright, to be Major.

Marine Corps nomination of John E. Simpson III, to be Major.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Bill W. Brooks, Jr. and ending with Michael W. Costa, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 10, 2014.

Marine Corps nomination of James R. Keller, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Marine Corps nomination of Clennon Roe III, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Marine Corps nomination of Anthony Redman, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Marine Corps nomination of Jeffrey P. Wooldridge, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Billy A. Dubose and ending with John P. Mullery, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 10, 2014.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Christopher S. Eichner and ending with James Smiley, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 10, 2014.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Randall E. Davis and ending with Wade E. Wallace, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 10, 2014.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Damon L. Andersen and ending with Richardo A. Spann, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 10, 2014.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Paulo T. Alves and ending with Patrick J. Toal, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 10, 2014.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Christian D. Galbraith and ending with Mark J. Lehman, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 10, 2014.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Timothy J. Aldrich and ending with Chris A. Storey, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 10, 2014.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Kenneth L. Aikey and ending with Scott B. Roland, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 10, 2014.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Terry H. Choi and ending with Freddie D. Taylor, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 10, 2014.

Navy nomination of Leon M. Leflore, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of Gregory D. Sutton, to be Commander.

Navy nomination of Chad C. Schumacher, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nominations beginning with Jack D. Hagan and ending with Richard S. Montgomery, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 6, 2014.