

peacetime and in war, they have also mentored over 15,000 young people in Louisiana in the last 20 years. We graduate from our three programs in Louisiana about 1,400 kids a year, each one with a mentor.

So I wish to give a shout out to the National Guard and the National Guard Youth Challenge Program.

Of course, a program we all support on both sides of the aisle is Big Brothers Big Sisters. There are three Big Brothers Big Sisters agencies, serving 871 at-risk youth in the State of Louisiana.

These are youth who include children of single parent families, those with a parent who currently may be incarcerated or children who have been involved in the juvenile justice system. We have a wonderful Big Brother Big Sister mentor here. Urmie is an outstanding Big Sister serving in Jennings, LA, who proudly says her most rewarding aspect of serving as a mentor is: Knowing I am making a difference in a young person's life.

Finally, our Big Buddy Program. Big Buddy is a leading community program in Baton Rouge, LA. It is national as well, supported broadly by Members of Congress and local officials. We in our program serve 700 disadvantaged youth each week.

One of their most dedicated mentors, John, has served since 2008 and is a product of mentoring.

John's father wasn't a presence in his life, so by his own admission, he lacked guidance growing up. However, he was blessed with some caring adults—his coach, teacher, and pastor—who stepped in to make sure he did not fall through the cracks.

Once into adulthood and established in his career, John felt the need to reconnect and give back to children who face adversity. John is now the proud mentor of two mentees: Bobby and Charles.

I encourage all Americans to seek out opportunities in their community to serve as a mentor, and I urge the public and private sectors to come together and create partnerships to close the mentoring gap.

With an increase in dedicated mentors like Lorita, Michael, Urmie, and John we can ensure that more young Americans are better prepared for school, work, and life.

Once again, please join me in celebrating January 2014 as National Mentoring Month and in honoring the millions of Americans who guide our youngest citizens towards achieving their dreams.

Now I am going to end. But I do want to particularly say how proud I am of the Million Women Mentors which I find very exciting as a woman leader. I know the Presiding Officer will be thrilled to see the number of extraordinary businesses and organizations that are trying to identify 1 million mentors for girls in America to go into the field of science, technology, engineering, and math, which is a game

changer for little girls and young women to think about careers such as science, technology, engineering, and math. There is often a need in our country for that skilled labor, so mentors are stepping up and filling in the gap.

I want everyone to be proud that today is a celebration of mentorship month. I thank Senator ISAKSON for joining me in supporting this effort.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 335) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

#### NATIONAL ASBESTOS AWARENESS WEEK

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 336.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 336) designating the first week of April 2014 as "National Asbestos Awareness Week."

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 336) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

#### MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 1950

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I am told that S. 1950 is at the desk and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill by title for the first time.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1950) to improve the provision of medical services and benefits to veterans, and for other purposes.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask for its second reading but object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The bill will be read for the second time on the next legislative day.

#### APPOINTMENT AUTHORITY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the upcoming recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

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

#### SIGNING AUTHORITY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that during the adjournment or recess of the Senate from Thursday, January 16, through Monday, January 27, Senators LEVIN, WARNER, and ROCKEFELLER be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions.

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

#### ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2014, THROUGH MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2014

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn and convene for pro forma sessions only with no business conducted on the following dates and times and that following each pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Friday, January 17, at 11:15 a.m.; Tuesday, January 21 at 10:30 a.m.; and Friday, January 24 at 9:30 a.m.; that the Senate adjourn on Friday, January 24, 2014, until 2 p.m. on Monday, January 27, 2014; that on Monday, following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that following any leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 1926, the flood insurance legislation.

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

#### PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, the next rollcall vote will be Monday, January 27, at 5:30 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 11:15 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:55 p.m., adjourned until Friday, January 17, 2014, at 11:15 a.m.

## NOMINATIONS

## Executive nominations received by the Senate:

## THE JUDICIARY

STEPHEN R. BOUGH, OF MISSOURI, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI, VICE FERNANDO J. GAITAN, JR., RETIRING.

RICHARD FRANKLIN BOULWARE II, OF NEVADA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA, VICE PHILIP M. PRO, RETIRED.

SALVADOR MENDOZA, JR., OF WASHINGTON, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON, VICE LONNY R. SUKO, RETIRED.

STACI MICHELLE YANDLE, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS, VICE JOHN PHIL GILBERT, RETIRING.

## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

GUSTAVO VELASQUEZ AGUILAR, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, VICE JOHN D. TRASVINA, RESIGNED.

## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

JEROME H. POWELL, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM FOR A TERM OF FOURTEEN YEARS FROM FEBRUARY 1, 2014. (REAPPOINTMENT)

## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

NINA HACHIGIAN, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS, WITH THE RANK AND STATUS OF AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY.

MATTHEW H. TUELLER, OF UTAH, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF YEMEN.

## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

MARIA CONTRERAS-SWEET, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, VICE KAREN GORDON MILLS, RESIGNED.

## CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

RICHARD CHRISTMAN, OF KENTUCKY, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 6, 2017. (REAPPOINTMENT)

SHAMINA SINGH, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 6, 2014, VICE ALAN D. SOLOMONT, RESIGNED.

SHAMINA SINGH, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 6, 2019. (REAPPOINTMENT)

## IN THE COAST GUARD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD RESERVE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203(A):

*To be captain*

RUBY L. COLLINS  
MICHAEL W. WAMPLER

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD UNDER TITLE 14, U.S.C. SECTION 271(E):

*To be lieutenant commander*

WILLIAM C. ADAMS  
LISA M. AGUIRRE  
SCOT C. ALBRECHT  
MICHAEL D. ANDERSON  
RYAN G. ANGELO  
MORGAN D. ARMSTRONG  
NICOLE D. AUTH  
LEE D. BACON  
AMMIE L. BALDWIN  
ARMELL V. BALMACEDA  
DAVID BARKALOW  
ALEXANDER S. BARKER  
PRESTON A. BARROW  
KEVIN A. BEAUDOIN  
MICHAEL A. BENSON  
TIMOTHY J. BERNADT  
RICHARD J. BIRBILAS  
JASON R. BLYTH  
JEREMY A. BOHN  
THOMAS R. BOLIN  
MICAH W. BONNER  
KURT F. BRANDSTAETTER  
JASON A. BUSTAMANTE  
MICHAEL J. CAGLE  
JASON R. CAMERON  
ACE V. CASTLE  
ADAM T. CERNOVICH  
NATHANIEL E. CHAMPLIN  
BRIAN M. CHAPMAN  
ALEXANDRA K. CHERRY  
RICHARD M. CHMIELECKI  
MUHAMMADALI N. COCHRAN

LEAH M. COLE  
DANIEL K. COMUNALE  
CARA J. CONDT  
NEAL A. CORBIN  
CHRISTOPHER H. COURTNEY  
JEFFREY D. COWAN  
TREVOR C. COWAN  
JEFFREY R. DAIGLE  
ADAM M. DAVENPORT  
ROBERT B. DAVENPORT  
JESSICA S. DAVILA  
KELVIN J. DAVIS  
JARROD A. DEIR  
KELLY A. DEUTERMANN  
RYAN P. DEVLIN  
TODD R. DEVRIES  
KRISTINA K. DEWINTER  
JESSE M. DIAZ  
JOHN R. DOGGETT  
PATRICK A. DRAYER  
TIFFANY A. DUFFY  
BROCK S. ECKEL  
STEVEN R. ELLIOTT  
KRISTOPHER R. ENSLEY  
TODD D. FARRELL  
MICHAEL G. FAULKNER  
JOEL S. FERGUSON  
JOHN A. FILIPOWICZ  
ROBERT F. FITZGERALD  
CHRISTOPHER A. FLOYD  
DAVID M. FRENCH  
GAVIN V. GARCIA  
CHRISTIAN C. GAUDIO  
SARAH J. GEOFFRION  
EMILY M. GIBBONS  
MICHAEL S. GLINSKI  
JUSTIN H. GORDON  
ANNA A. GRAFCHIKOVA  
JOSEPH F. GRAHAM  
DOUGLAS D. GRAUL  
MATTHEW E. GRAY  
MICHAEL P. GREENE  
MYLES J. GREENWAY  
ANDREW T. GREENWOOD  
JEREMY M. GREENWOOD  
MATTHEW A. GULLY  
JASON D. HAGEN  
KRISTEN A. HAHN  
PETER K. HAHN  
JONATHAN E. HANNAN  
CHAD E. HANSON  
JOSHUA B. HARRINGTON  
TODD E. HARTFIEL  
AMANDA R. HENDERSON  
DIRK E. HEPWORTH  
ROBERTO R. HERRERA  
SCOTT M. HIGBEE  
GREGORY E. HIGGINS  
MICHAEL A. HJERSTEDT  
KENNETH E. HOGUE  
ANDREA M. HOLT  
DANIEL B. HOWE  
NATHAN R. HUDSON  
JUSTIN C. HUNT  
WILLIAM J. JACOBS  
BEAU J. JAMES  
JEFF G. JANARO  
JEANITA A. JEFFERSON  
SEAN P. JEHU  
WILL D. JOHNSON  
HANNAH K. KAWAMOTO  
MATTHEW M. KEENEY  
RYAN P. KELLEY  
KALEN M. KENNY  
JEREMY A. KIME  
MARVIN L. KIMMEL  
JOSEPH M. KLINKER  
SEAN J. KONECCI  
JAMIE L. KOPPI  
HEIDI L. KOSKI  
AARON J. KOWALCZK  
MARK E. LABERT  
MICHAEL W. LALOR  
JILLIAN M. LAMB  
RYAN L. LAMPE  
IGOR V. LANDYSHEV  
JON D. LANE  
MARC J. LANORE  
ADAM G. LEGGETT  
BRIAN S. LIED  
TONYA M. LIM  
KIRTLAND L. LINEGAR  
JEREMY D. LOEB  
LORI A. LOUGHRAN  
ASHLEY F. LOVEJOY  
GREGORY R. LYNCH  
DAVID S. MACCAFERRI  
BRYON J. MACE  
JOHN K. MACKINNON  
RHANNA N. MACON  
JODY J. MAISANO  
PATRICK A. MARSHALL  
MARY E. MARTIN  
THOMAS P. MARTIN  
ROGER M. MASSON  
CHARLES R. MATHIS  
CAMERON A. MCCAMPBELL  
AMY D. MCELROY  
WILLIAM T. MCGHEE  
GREGORY A. MCLAMB  
YANCEE L. MCLEMORE  
KEVIN J. MCQUILLEN  
CHRISTIAN T. MELLICK  
CHARLES A. MELLOR  
JEANINE M. MENZIE  
GARRETT R. MEYER  
MICHAEL J. MEYER

JASON A. MICHALCZAK  
ALLISON M. MIDDLETON  
JAMES R. MILLER  
JODI J. MIN  
ALEXANDER J. MOORE  
JOSEPH W. MORGANS  
JASON G. MORITZ  
GREGORY C. MOSKO  
GREGORY N. MOURITSEN  
ZACHARY M. MUNDY  
SEAN M. MURRAY  
JUSTIN P. NADOLNY  
THAO V. NGUYEN  
KEIDI M. NIEMANN  
MICHAEL J. NORDHAUSEN  
JOSHUA L. O'BRIEN  
ESTEVAN OLIVERA  
JENNIFER M. OSBURN  
CORRINA OTT  
JAMES H. PAFFORD  
ERIC C. PARE  
KALEB PEREZ  
SEAN M. PETERSON  
ARIEL E. PIEDMONT  
WALTER S. PIERCE  
STEPHEN W. PITTMAN  
DAVID C. PIZZURRO  
CHRISTIAN T. POLYAK  
NICHOLAS R. PORTA  
JONATHAN H. POTTERTON  
THOMAS E. PRZYBYLA  
WAYNE E. REED  
JOSEPH R. REINHART  
LISA M. RODMAN  
WILLIAM B. ROGERS  
JOSE M. ROSARIO  
JOHNA N. ROSSETTI  
DANA E. RUPPRECHT  
BEN P. RUSSELL  
DANA E. SCHULMAN  
MARK E. SEAVEY  
MAX J. SEDA  
COURTNEY A. SERGEANT  
MARIE L. SEVIN  
LISA M. SHARKEY  
JONATHAN D. SHUMATE  
DANIELLE M. SHUPE  
JOHN M. SINGLETARY  
JASON A. SMILE  
JERRY L. SMITH  
MATTHEW B. SMITH  
TRAVIS R. SMITH  
BAXTER B. SMOAK  
DAVID N. SOLORZANO  
MATTHEW M. SPOLARICH  
CHARLES B. STANLEY  
JEFFREY J. SULLENS  
CHRISTINA D. SULLIVAN  
DANIEL B. SWEIGART  
LAURA M. SWIFT  
BRYAN J. SWINTEK  
JOSHUA M. TABOR  
MARIO B. TEIXEIRA  
MAILE I. TESLER  
PAUL D. TESSITORE  
CHAD R. THOMPSON  
RYAN J. TICKELL  
KELLEY L. TIFFANY  
BRYAN D. TILEY  
JASON E. TRICHLER  
HOWARD E. VACCO  
KELLY A. VANDENBERG  
ERIC A. VANVELZEN  
PEDRO L. VAZQUEZ  
JONATHAN R. WAECHTER  
JASON S. WARREN  
CHRISTIANE D. WEBER  
CHRISTOPHER L. WEBER  
ANDREW S. WEISS  
EUSTACIA Y. WEIST  
KYLE A. WEIST  
JENNIFER L. WESCOTT  
JUDSON B. WHEELER  
BRIAN R. WHISLER  
MICHAEL E. WHITTREDGE  
BRYAN P. WICK  
WILLIAM D. WICKLINE  
DUSTIN R. WILLIAMS  
JAMES E. WILLINGHAM  
JOSHUA D. WINE  
KEVIN L. WINTERS  
KISMET R. WUNDER  
ADAM K. YOUNG

## IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

*To be brigadier general*

COL. PAUL W. TIBBETS IV

## IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

*To be colonel*

STEPHEN E. FORSYTH, JR.  
ERIC J. FRYE