

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. MCHEE
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