

schools in the State of Indiana. It has been named an Indiana Four Star School multiple times.

In 2014, Memorial Elementary School's ISTEP+ pass rate for English/Language Arts scores increased by nearly 2 percent to 96.7 percent. Mathematics scores increased to 98 percent combined for third through fifth grades.

Memorial Elementary School's effectiveness can be found in its holistic approach and dedication to student achievement. Memorial staff, students, and students' families work together to teach and instill values that develop strong character and HEART: honesty, effort, attitude, respect, and teamwork. With some of the highest English and mathematics scores in Indiana, Memorial Elementary School is a stellar example of the benefits that result from dedication, motivation, collaboration, and family partnership in education.

I would like to recognize Memorial Elementary School principal, Debra Misecko, the entire staff, the student body, and their families. The effort, dedication, and value you put into education led not only to this prestigious recognition, but will benefit you and our communities well into the future.

On behalf of the citizens of Indiana, I congratulate Memorial Elementary School, and I wish the students and staff continued success in the future.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO DR. EUGENE MCKAY

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I wish to honor today Chancellor Eugene McKay of Arkansas State University-Beebe. Chancellor McKay will be retiring at the end of December after nearly half a century of dedication to education, the university, and the State of Arkansas.

Chancellor McKay has been a fixture at ASU-Beebe since 1966. He started as a professor of English and French, became vice chancellor of academic affairs and, in 1994, was named chancellor.

During his time with ASU-Beebe, Chancellor McKay oversaw an extensive campus renovation and expansion. Under his leadership, enrollment nearly tripled, and the ASU-Beebe campus had the highest student success rate of any Arkansas institution of higher education.

His passion helped improve higher education across Arkansas. In 1999, he founded ASU-Heber Springs, and he worked with ASU-Newport to become a stand-alone institution in 2001.

Chancellor McKay's dedication to his community extended beyond the campus. In addition to serving on the Arkansas Community College Board, he also served with the Beebe Chamber of Commerce, the Beebe Economic Development Commission, and United Way of White County, to name a few.

Retirement won't slow him down. Chancellor McKay plans to continue to challenge himself by taking yoga and mathematics classes.

I congratulate Chancellor McKay for his outstanding achievements in education and thank him for his service to ASU-Beebe and the countless students he impacted. I was proud to support his efforts to foster growth at the university and help make his vision for a campus emergency alert system a reality. I greatly appreciate his commitment to the university and higher education and wish him continued success in all of his endeavors. ASU-Beebe has benefited greatly from his leadership and dedication.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, 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.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:04 p.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 bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 8. An act to modernize energy infrastructure, build a 21st century energy and manufacturing workforce, bolster America's energy security and diplomacy, and promote energy efficiency and government accountability, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 8. An act to modernize energy infrastructure, build a 21st century energy and manufacturing workforce, bolster America's energy security and diplomacy, and promote energy efficiency and government accountability, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 2359. A bill to restore Second Amendment rights in the District of Columbia.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2109. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to develop an integrated plan to reduce administrative costs under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-173).

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. MCCAIN for the Committee on Armed Services.

\* Alissa M. Starzak, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army.

\* John Conger, of Maryland, to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.

\* Stephen P. Welby, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

\* Franklin R. Parker, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

Marine Corps nomination of Lt. Gen. John E. Wissler, to be Lieutenant General.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Clinton F. Faison III, to be Vice Admiral.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Nadja Y. West, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Col. Edward E. Hildreth III, to be Brigadier General.

Army nominations beginning with Colonel Jennifer G. Buckner and ending with Colonel Patrick B. Roberson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 16, 2015.

Air Force nominations beginning with Col. Blake A. Gettys and ending with Col. Karen E. Mansfield, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 19, 2015.

Air Force nominations beginning with Col. Todd M. Branden and ending with Col. Fermin A. Rubio, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 19, 2015.

Air Force nominations beginning with Col. David M. Bakos and ending with Col. Gregory S. Woodrow, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 19, 2015. (minus 1 nominee: Col. Clifford N. James)

Air Force nomination of Brig. Gen. Edward P. Maxwell, to be Major General.

Air Force nominations beginning with Brig. Gen. Robert C. Bolton and ending with Brig. Gen. Wayne A. Zimmet, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 19, 2015.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. John D. Bansemer, to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Col. Russell A. Muncy, to be Brigadier General.

Air Force nomination of Col. Patricia N. Beyer, to be Brigadier General.

Air Force nomination of Col. Christopher W. Lentz, to be Brigadier General.

Air Force nominations beginning with Col. Lee Ann T. Bennett and ending with Col. Tracey A. Siems, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 19, 2015.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. John C. Thomson III, to be Major General.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. Sylvia R. Crockett, to be Major General.

Air Force nominations beginning with Col. Kenneth T. Bibb, Jr. and ending with Col. Michael P. Winkler, which nominations were

received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 30, 2015.

Mr. MCCAIN. 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 Bryan K. Allen and ending with Garrick H. Yokoe, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 19, 2015.

Army nomination of James D. Ferguson, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Kelvin L. Brown and ending with Paul L. Wagner II, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 19, 2015.

Army nominations beginning with Daesoo Lee and ending with Brian D. Ray, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 19, 2015.

Army nomination of Wayne W. Santos, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Anthony J. Fadell, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Ricardo Alonsojournet, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Jeffrey M. Sloan, to be Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Andrew C. Dillon and ending with Andre R. Holder, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 19, 2015.

Army nomination of Rebecca R. Tomsyck, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Everett S. P. Spain, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Shane R. Reeves, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with David E. Bentzel and ending with Brian U. T. Kim, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 19, 2015.

Army nominations beginning with Teresa L. Brininger and ending with Richard A. Villarreal, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 19, 2015.

Army nominations beginning with Kevin R. Bass and ending with D003940, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 19, 2015.

Army nominations beginning with Kimberlie A. Biever and ending with Pamela M. Wulf, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 19, 2015.

Army nominations beginning with David Barrett and ending with Jennifer S. Zucker, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 19, 2015.

Army nominations beginning with David W. Laws and ending with John E. Swanberg, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 19, 2015.

Army nomination of William A. Altmire, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Jesus J. T. Nufable, to be Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Ruben Bermudezpagan and ending with Todd W.

Schaffer, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 19, 2015.

Army nomination of Joshua A. Carlisle, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of William C. Moorhouse, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Gregg T. Olsow, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Roger S. Giraud, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Steven M. Wilke, to be Colonel.

Navy nomination of Kenneth C. Collins II, to be Captain.

\*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Ms. CANTWELL) (by request):

S. 2360. A bill to improve the administration of certain programs in the insular areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. NELSON, Ms. AYOTTE, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 2361. A bill to enhance airport security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. JOHNSON:

S. 2362. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide enhanced security measures for the Visa Waiver Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Ms. AYOTTE):

S.J. Res. 27. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Secretary of Agriculture relating to inspection of fish of the order Siluriformes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. Res. 329. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding an agreement reached at the United Nations Climate Change Conference held in Paris in December 2015; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. KAINE, and Mr. PERDUE):

S. Res. 330. A resolution congratulating the Tunisian National Dialogue Quartet for winning the 2015 Nobel Peace Prize; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 330

At the request of Mr. HELLER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey

(Mr. BOOKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 330, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions, and for other purposes.

S. 569

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 569, a bill to reauthorize the farm to school program, and for other purposes.

S. 574

At the request of Mr. SCOTT, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 574, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers a credit against income tax for employees who participate in qualified apprenticeship programs.

S. 579

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 579, a bill to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to strengthen the independence of the Inspectors General, and for other purposes.

S. 613

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 613, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the efficiency of summer meals.

S. 624

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 624, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to waive co-insurance under Medicare for colorectal cancer screening tests, regardless of whether therapeutic intervention is required during the screening.

S. 885

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 885, a bill to direct the Architect of the Capitol to place in the United States Capitol a chair honoring American Prisoners of War/Missing in Action.

S. 979

At the request of Mr. COTTON, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 979, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 1152

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1152, a bill to make permanent the extended period of protections for members of uniformed services relating to mortgages, mortgage foreclosure, and eviction, and for other purposes.