

guidance ensured total force solutions were integrated into corporate Air Force deliberations on key issues including Air Force core mission force mixes, readiness requirements, and personnel policies.

General Jackson championed the modernization needs of the component's aging inventory of aircraft and equipment that yielded an additional \$400 million in congressional support for Air Force Reserve modernization requirements via the National Guard and Reserve equipment account. This additional support ensured the mission effectiveness and survivability of citizen airmen and preserved the Air Force Reserve as an interoperable, flexible, and combat-ready force. As a result, Reservists were reliably called upon during his tenure to conduct combat and humanitarian operations abroad, in addition to supporting our homeland with unique capabilities such as aerial spray and hurricane hunting.

During General Jackson's tenure, Air Force Reservists have mobilized in support of 54 named operations and exercises and have conducted total force, joint, and coalition operations at more than 100 locations worldwide. General Jackson's visionary leadership and ceaseless efforts have established the Air Force Reserve as a combat-ready force and an essential provider of operational capability, strategic depth, and surge capacity. Ultimately, General Jackson successfully postured America's citizen airmen to stand as a hedge against risk, while remaining fully ready to support ongoing operations and to respond to emerging threats with agility and innovation.

Congratulations to General Jackson on the notable conclusion of an outstanding military career. On behalf of the people of the great State of Georgia and a grateful Nation, I offer my sincere thanks to General Jackson and his wife, Barbara. I wish them both the very best as they embark on this new chapter.●

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL PAUL W. "PK" KIRBY

● Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, on the occasion of his retirement from the U.S. Air Force, I recognize Col. Paul W. "PK" Kirby for his more than 41 years of dedicated service to our country. In his most recent assignment, he serves as the Vice Commander, Air Force Reserve Command Recruiting Service and Deputy Director of Recruiting, Air Force Reserve Command, Robins Air Force Base, GA. In this role, he exercises command and oversight of over 450 military and civilian personnel worldwide at over 45 main operating locations and serves as the principle adviser to the both the commander of recruiting and AFRC commander on all matters relating to recruiting.

Colonel Kirby enlisted in the Air Force in May 1973 and served 13 years prior to receiving his commission

through the Deserving Airman Commissioning Program. Prior to entering recruiting services, Colonel Kirby served as a key member of the personnel community and served as Commander of the 302nd Combat Support Squadron for 36 years on active duty, as a civilian and within the Air Force Reserve Command as a Traditional Reservist and Air Reserve Technician. During this time, he developed and implemented key policies and procedures for Reserve Officer Personnel Management Act, Officer Development, Innovative Readiness Training Program, and Centralized Training, thereby enhancing overall combat readiness for the command.

As Vice Commander of Air Force Reserve Recruiting, Colonel Kirby has developed and executed numerous initiatives resulting in the Air Force Reserve Command, AFRC, exceeding its annual recruiting goal for 8 consecutive years. As the second largest Air Force Major Command, AFRC has been manned at greater than 99 percent for the past 8 consecutive years, reversing a decade-long trend of failing to meet congressionally mandated end-strength levels. He is directly responsible for accessing more than 58,000 airmen helping to transform the Air Force Reserve recruiters into the most productive within the Department of Defense.

Paul could not have been such a tremendous leader without the love and unfailing support of his lovely wife of 39 years, Wanda, and their three children, Jeremy, Rebekah, and Christopher.

I join my colleagues in expressing our sincere appreciation to Col. Paul W. Kirby for his outstanding service to both the U.S. Air Force and our great Nation. We wish him the best as he transitions into retirement. Colonel Kirby is a true professional and a credit to himself and the U.S. Air Force Reserve.●

TRIBUTE TO CARRIE WALIA

● Mr. KING. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the outstanding devotion of Carrie Walia, who has worked to preserve Maine's rich outdoor heritage throughout her career. Carrie is stepping down from her position as executive director of Loon Echo Land Trust, and we recognize her service and thank her for her contribution to the great State of Maine.

In her role as executive director of Loon Echo Land Trust, LETL, Ms. Walia has invested deeply in the environmental sustainability of Maine's communities, specifically the Sebago Lakes region. That region has long been a renowned outdoor recreation area, attracting outdoor enthusiasts of all kinds. From boating to ice fishing, locals and visitors alike enjoy the natural beauty and tremendous resources it has to offer. Under Ms. Walia's leadership, LETL has been successful in preserving the region's beauty and ensuring its sustainability for years to come.

Ms. Walia joined LETL in 2004, while also working for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. Since becoming the executive director of LETL in 2008, she has spearheaded many conservation efforts with tremendous success. Her accomplishments include doubling LETL's conservation lands from 3,300 to 6,600 acres and securing over \$5.5 million in grants for high priority land acquisitions. She leaves LETL poised for continued success working on behalf of Maine communities.

I would like to join LETL and the people of Maine in recognizing and thanking Ms. Walia for her work and dedication to our great State. Her groundbreaking work with LETL has helped to preserve Maine's valuable natural resources and contribute to Maine's status as a leader in nature conservation and environmental stewardship. The State of Maine owes Ms. Walia immensely for all her hard work, and I wish her all the best in her retirement.●

2016 MILITARY ACADEMY APPOINTEES FROM UTAH

● Mr. LEE. Mr. President, one of the great privileges of representing my fellow Utahns in the U.S. Senate is the annual opportunity to meet the exceptional young men and women from the great State of Utah who have answered the call of service by applying to the U.S. Air Force Academy, the U.S. Military Academy, the U.S. Naval Academy, and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

Under title 10 of the U.S. Code, each year Members of Congress are authorized to nominate a number of young men and women from their district or State to attend the country's service academies. It is my distinct honor to nominate 14 exemplary Utahns this year.

But receiving a congressional nomination does not guarantee acceptance. To be admitted, each applicant must meet on his or her own merits the academies' rigorous standards.

Well, I have studied the applications of these 14 men and women, and I can say, without hesitation or exaggeration, that you would be hard pressed to find a more accomplished, talented, patriotic group of American citizens anywhere. And so I was not surprised to learn that all 14 applicants have been accepted and will soon be joining the ranks of our Nation's military academies in the summer of 2016.

Each of these 14 students is of sound mind and body. This will serve them well in Colorado Springs, West Point, Annapolis, and Kings Point. But to succeed, they will need more than this.

The journey on which these young men and women will soon embark requires more than mental and physical aptitude. It demands strong moral character—leadership, courage, honesty, prudence, and self-discipline—and

above all, it calls for a steadfast commitment to service and a love of country.

Today I would like to recognize and congratulate each of these impressive students, all of whom embody, in their own unique way, the standards of excellence on which America's service academies are built.

Joseph Stryker Cooke will be attending the U.S. Naval Academy. Joseph attended Highland High School and graduated from Quince Orchard High School in Maryland, where he was captain of the tennis team, earning a bid to the State tournament, and a member of the National Honor Society. In addition to serving as a leader in his church's youth organization and as a tutor at a local elementary school, Joseph worked as a volunteer and prosthetics intern at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center.

Zachary Kirk Daines will be attending the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He graduated from Syracuse High School and has been attending the Marion Military Institute to prepare for West Point. Zach is a standout athlete, in football and track and field, as well as an Eagle Scout, a leader in his church's youth organization, secretary of his senior class, and a member of both the Future Business Leaders of America and Health Occupations Students of America.

Wyatt Ethan Espell, a North Summit High School graduate, accepted his appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He served as a mayor at Boys State, president of the Future Business Leaders of America, and vice president of Health Occupations Students of America, and he is a member of the National Honor Society. Wyatt played on the football team, wrestled, and ran track and cross country, and he volunteered at the Park City Medical Center. Wyatt spent his summers working with Glaser Land and Livestock.

Ian Alexander Hardy will be attending the U.S. Naval Academy after serving for 2 years in Tokyo, Japan, on a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He graduated from the Northern Utah Academy for Math, Engineering, and Science where he was captain of the CyberPatriot team. While studying at Weber State University, Ian served as the Ozone Telemetry Specialist for the High Altitude Reconnaissance Balloon for Outreach and Research team. Ian is an Eagle Scout, Boys State attendee, and played on the varsity rugby team.

Stephen Hunter Lee, a graduate from the Intermountain Christian School, will be attending the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. An Eagle Scout, with three Eagle Palms, he served as president of his junior class, editor of the yearbook, and captain of the soccer team. Stephen is a member of the National Honor Society and a scholarship recipient from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. An avid rock climber, Stephen is active in a local climbing club.

Michelle Chanmi Lee will be joining her brother at the Air Force Academy. She attended Northridge High School where she was vice president of the National Honor Society. Michelle challenged herself academically by graduating from the Medicine, Science, and Health Professions Academy, and she was a member of Health Occupations Students of America. Michelle served others in her role as a group leader in her vacation bible study and as a tutor in the Davis School District. She spent several years with her family on the Yongsan Garrison Army Base in South Korea.

Angela Ayame Marsh will be attending the U.S. Military Academy at West Point after graduating from the American School in Japan, where she served as the student body vice president. She was a member of the varsity debate team and was president of the Shine On Cancer Victims Support Group. A member of the National Honor Society, Angela cofounded and served as president of the Premedical Society and was the grand prizewinner in the poetry slam competition. She participates in CrossFit competitions and runs with the cross-country team.

Izaac Adam Polukoff will be attending the Merchant Marine Academy. He graduated from Park City High School and sharpened his academic and military skills at the Milton Academy. He was an Academic All-Star for the Utah High School Hockey League and was captain of his Ultimate Frisbee team. He found many ways to serve others by organizing the Park City Memorial 5K, volunteering with the Kimball Arts Center and with Boston Area Youth At Risk, and participating in the Environmental Club. Izaac is a member of the National Honor Society.

Xavier Ray Price will be attending the Air Force Academy. He is a graduate of Judge Memorial Catholic High School where he was captain of both the track and field and the football teams. Xavier's outstanding play on the football field helped his team win two State championships and earned him a spot on the First Team All-State selected by the Salt Lake Tribune. An honor roll student, he also volunteered with the Carmelite Monastery of Salt Lake at their annual Carmelite Fair fundraiser and with the Lady of Lourdes School.

Jacob Abraham Rice, from Morgan High School, will be attending the Air Force Academy. An attendee of both Boys State and Boys Nation, he also served as president of the National Honor Society, president of Empowering Youth to Prevent Suicide, and captain of the track and field team. Jacob was cocaptain of his speech and debate team, and in 2015, he was named the Forensics School Sterling Scholar. He used his music skills to play violin for patients at Primary Children's Hospital and the Pine View Transition Rehab Facility. Jacob serves as a board member of the Young Democrats of Utah.

Mitchell Charles Weller, a graduate of Layton High School, will be attending the Merchant Marine Academy. He was captain of his soccer team, and he served fellow students as a Layton High School student ambassador. A member of the National Honor Society, Mitchell was involved with the Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement organization and served as a group leader for the Technology Student Association, where he excelled in engineering contests at the State level. He also worked diligently to obtain his pilot's license.

David Sperry White will be attending the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. A graduate of Uintah High School, where he served as student body president, David also was vice president of the National Honor Society and captain of the basketball and cross-country teams. He earned his Eagle Scout award and received a scholarship from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. David was honored to attend Boys State and sit on the Vernal Youth City Council, where he served as president of the Vernal Youth in Action and organized the collection and distribution of 500 blankets for the Women's Shelter and Turning Point Shelter.

Autumn Eliza-Anne Wolfgramm, a West High School graduate, accepted an appointment to the Air Force Academy. She served as the student body secretary and captain of the swim team. She was a mentor for the Freshman Mentoring Society and volunteered with the Panther Pals, a service organization working with children with disabilities. She was also a leader in her church's youth program and a member of Health Occupations Students of America. Autumn is fulfilling her grandparents' dream when they emigrated from the Kingdom of Tonga to seek out better educational opportunities for their children.

Tyler James Wright will be attending the Air Force Academy. A graduate of Springville High School, Tyler was president of the debate team and Health Occupations Students of America. He was an active member of the track and field team, Model United Nations, Boy Scouts, and the Springville Youth City Council. An avid outdoorsman and reader, Tyler volunteers with Rocky Mountain Rescue Dogs and the Brookside Elementary reading program, as well as local art and air shows. Tyler serves as a cadet in the Civil Air Patrol.

It has been an honor and an inspiration to meet and to nominate each of these exemplary young men and women. Doing so has given me an unshakeable confidence in the future of this great Nation and the future of our Armed Services.

But to these 14 students and to all their future classmates from around the country, do not forget: this is but the beginning of your journey.

You would not have arrived at this point were it not for your hard work

and sacrifice. But now what matters most is not your accomplishments of the past, but what you have yet to achieve in the future.

Thank you.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

PROPOSED AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF NORWAY CONCERNING PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY—PM 51

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

To The Congress of the United States:

I am pleased to transmit to the Congress, pursuant to sections 123 b. and 123 d. of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2153(b), (d)) (the "Act"), the text of a proposed Agreement for Cooperation Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy (the "Agreement"). I am also pleased to transmit my written approval, authorization, and determination concerning the Agreement, and an unclassified Nuclear Proliferation Assessment Statement (NPAS) concerning the proposed Agreement. (In accordance with section 123 of the Act, as amended by Title XII of the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-277), a classified annex to the NPAS, prepared by the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence, summarizing relevant classified information, will be submitted to the Congress separately.) The joint memorandum submitted to me by the Secretaries of State and Energy and a letter from the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission stating the views of the Commission are also enclosed. An addendum to the NPAS containing a comprehensive analysis of Norway's export control system with respect to nuclear-related matters, including interactions with other countries of proliferation concern and the actual or suspected nuclear, dual-use, or missile-related transfers to such countries, pursuant to section 102A(w) of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3024(w)), is being submitted separately by the Director of National Intelligence.

The proposed Agreement has been negotiated in accordance with the Act and other applicable law. In my judgment, it meets all applicable statutory requirements and will advance the nonproliferation and other foreign policy interests of the United States.

The proposed Agreement contains all the provisions required by section 123 a. of the Act, and provides a comprehensive framework for peaceful nuclear cooperation with Norway based on a mutual commitment to nuclear nonproliferation. It would permit the transfer of unclassified information, material, equipment (including reactors), and components for nuclear research and nuclear power production. Norway has no nuclear power program, and no current plans for establishing one, but the proposed Agreement would facilitate cooperation on such a program if Norway's plans change in the future. Norway does have an active nuclear research program and the focus of cooperation under the proposed Agreement, as under the previous agreement, is expected to be in the area of nuclear research. The proposed Agreement would not permit transfers of Restricted Data, sensitive nuclear technology, sensitive nuclear facilities or major critical components of such facilities.

The proposed Agreement would provide advance, long-term (programmatic) consent to Norway for the retransfer for storage or reprocessing of irradiated nuclear material (spent fuel) subject to the Agreement to France, the United Kingdom, or other countries or destinations as may be agreed upon in writing. The United States has given similar advance consent to various other partners, including to Norway under the previous U.S.-Norway Peaceful Nuclear Cooperation Agreement that was in force from 1984 to 2014. The proposed Agreement would give the United States the option to revoke the advance consent if it considers that it cannot be continued without a significant increase of the risk of proliferation or without jeopardizing national security.

The proposed Agreement will have a term of 30 years from the date of its entry into force, unless terminated by either party on 1 year's advance written notice. In the event of termination or expiration of the proposed Agreement, key nonproliferation conditions and controls will continue in effect as long as any material, equipment, or component subject to the proposed Agreement remains in the territory of the party concerned or under its jurisdiction or control anywhere, or until such time as the parties agree that such items are no longer usable for any nuclear activity relevant from the point of view of safeguards.

Norway is a non-nuclear-weapon State party to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT). Norway has concluded a safeguards agreement and additional protocol with the International Atomic

Energy Agency. Norway is a party to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material, which establishes international standards of physical protection for the use, storage, and transport of nuclear material. It is also a member of the Nuclear Suppliers Group, whose non-legally binding guidelines set forth standards for the responsible export of nuclear commodities for peaceful use. A more detailed discussion of Norway's domestic civil nuclear activities and its nuclear nonproliferation policies and practices is provided in the NPAS and the NPAS classified annex submitted to the Congress separately.

I have considered the views and recommendations of the interested departments and agencies in reviewing the proposed Agreement and have determined that its performance will promote, and will not constitute an unreasonable risk to, the common defense and security. Accordingly, I have approved the proposed Agreement and authorized its execution and urge that the Congress give it favorable consideration.

This transmission shall constitute a submittal for purposes of both sections 123 b. and 123 d. of the Act. My Administration is prepared to begin immediately consultations with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the House Foreign Affairs Committee as provided in section 123 b. Upon completion of the 30 days of continuous session review provided for in section 123 b., the 60 days of continuous session review provided for in section 123 d. shall commence.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, June 14, 2016.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 10:05 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 1762. An act to name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in The Dalles, Oregon, as the "Loren R. Kaufman VA Clinic".

H.R. 2212. An act to take certain Federal lands located in Lassen County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Susanville Indian Rancheria, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2576. An act to modernize the Toxic Substances Control Act, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

At 11:30 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 337. An act to improve the Freedom of Information Act.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate: