

Latino Americans to our country. Our 58 million Latino colleagues, neighbors, and friends teach our children, enhance our economy, and honorably serve in our military. Hispanic Americans have embodied our entrepreneurial spirit and influenced our communities since America's inception.

America's annual tribute to Hispanic heritage reminds us of the extraordinary impact those in the Latino community have made to our Nation. Without vital organizations like the Guadalupe Centers fostering communal development, the American Dream might be out of reach for many.

I ask that the Senate join me in commending the Guadalupe Centers on their 98 years of providing education, youth development, and health and social services to the greater Kansas City Latino community, along with celebrating the beginning of Hispanic Heritage Month.●

FORT PIERRE BICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

Mr. ROUNDS. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the history, culture, and community of Fort Pierre as we celebrate its bicentennial anniversary.

Located at the confluence of the Missouri River and the Bad River, the current location of Fort Pierre had long been occupied by Native Americans, including the Lakota and Arikara. In 1743, the French explorers Francois and Louis-Joseph Verendrye first encountered this area. Six decades later, Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clark made their first contact with the Lakota Nation at the Bad River Gathering in present-day Fort Pierre, and it soon became a prominent fur trading center. Its proximity and ease of access to the Missouri River helped Fort Pierre grow from a fur trading settlement into a regional hub and a prosperous community.

Fort Pierre remains the oldest continuous area of European settlement in South Dakota. Today Fort Pierre is still fiercely independent, the place where the East meets the Old West. The rugged cowboy spirit remains strong and cattle still outnumber people. The legacy of self-reliant pioneers and entrepreneurs who founded this community is evident yet today. With its river breaks and wide-open plains, locals enjoy many outdoor adventures, including fishing and boating, a weekend rodeo, or conversations around the campfire. Hunting is a big part of the culture, and Stanley County is home to some of the best hunting land in the State.

As residents of Fort Pierre, Jean and I are happy to call this vibrant community our home. I congratulate the city of Fort Pierre on celebrating its 200th anniversary and wish it all the best in the years to come.●

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ALLIANCE TO SAVE ENERGY

● Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the achievements of the Alliance to Save Energy over its 40-year history of working with Presidents of both political parties and Members of Congress on both sides of the aisle to advance Federal energy efficiency policy.

In 1977, Senators Charles Percy and Hubert Humphrey—a Republican from Illinois and a Democrat from Minnesota—founded the alliance as the leading energy efficiency coalition of businesses, governments, environmental groups, and consumer advocates. The goal of the alliance from the start has been simple: “Use less and do more.” In the wake of the oil embargoes and energy shortages of the 1970s, that message resonated loud and clear, and it still does.

Energy efficiency is America's largest energy resource, contributing more to our Nation's energy needs over the last 40 years than any other fuel source. Without the economy-wide improvements in energy efficiency made since 1973, it is estimated that today's economy would require 60 percent more energy than we consume now. In fact, savings from energy efficiency improvements over the last 40 years have reduced our national energy bill by an estimated \$800 billion, all while growing and expanding our economy. Energy efficiency saves money, improves national security, reduces pollution, encourages innovation, boosts U.S. competitiveness, and creates jobs.

For 40 years, the alliance has taken great care to cultivate and maintain bipartisan support for policies supporting energy efficiency. Maybe the best example—certainly for me the most personal example—is the alliance's steadfast support and continued advocacy for the Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act, bipartisan energy efficiency legislation I have introduced along with my friend and partner, Senator ROB PORTMAN. They recognize, as I do, that to accomplish anything in Washington, you must have friends and supporters across the entire political spectrum. The alliance's commitment to bipartisanship is not simply rooted in their history, but is also as a matter of practicality. In a Congress that is divided along partisan lines on so many issues, energy efficiency is one priority that can bring us together on a bipartisan, bicameral basis to get big things done.

The alliance also prides itself on its ability to bring businesses together alongside public and consumer advocates. The business case for energy efficiency is unimpeachable. Energy efficiency is the largest sector within the U.S. clean energy economy, employing nearly 2.2 million Americans nationwide—the majority of whom work for small businesses. American companies are leading the way in innovation and technological advancements in lighting, appliances, and building materials,

to name a few. By working collaboratively with businesses and consumer leaders, the alliance is helping to improve energy efficiency across all sectors of the economy and develop new ways to bring new products and services to market.

Today the alliance is led by President Kateri Callahan, and the fiduciary board is chaired by Gil Quiniones, who is president and chief executive officer of the New York Power Authority. It is my privilege to serve as the honorary cochair of the alliance. I am joined by Honorary Vice Chairs Senators ROB PORTMAN and CHRIS COONS, as well as Senators LAMAR ALEXANDER, SUSAN COLLINS, ED MARKEY, LISA MURKOWSKI, MARK WARNER, and RON WYDEN, as well as Representatives MICHAEL BURGESS, ADAM KINZINGER, DAVID MCKINLEY, DAVE REICHERT, PAUL TONKO, and PETER WELCH. The alliance is rightfully proud of their storied bipartisan traditions, and this ideologically diverse and talented roster is a testament to the possibilities to make positive change when we listen to one another and work together.

I would like to close today by recognizing the past contributions of members who previously served on the alliance honorary board: Senators Jeff Bingaman, Larry Craig, Alan Cranston, Byron Dorgan, John Heinz, Jim Jeffords, Bennett Johnston, Richard Lugar, Mark Pryor, Mark Udall, and Timothy Wirth, along with Representatives Ralph Hall, Steve Israel, John Edward Porter, and Zach Wamp. I had the good fortune of working alongside many of these distinguished public servants. I am proud to be part of the shared legacy of this collection of energy-efficiency champions.

I congratulate the alliance on all they have accomplished since it was founded in 1977. Now, the alliance stands at the precipice of the next 40 years, which will undoubtedly usher in unforeseeable challenges and opportunities in the energy sector. I stand with them today, energized by their success so far, and ready for the next set of energy efficiency policies we need to succeed.

Thank you.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:26 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 joint resolution, without amendment:

S.J. Res. 49. Joint resolution condemning the violence and domestic terrorist attack that took place during events between August 11 and August 12, 2017, in Charlottesville, Virginia, recognizing the first responders who lost their lives while monitoring the events, offering deepest condolences to the families and friends of those individuals who were killed and deepest sympathies and support to those individuals who were injured by the violence, expressing support for the Charlottesville community, rejecting White nationalists, White supremacists, the Ku

Klux Klan, neo-Nazis, and other hate groups, and urging the President and the President's Cabinet to use all available resources to address the threats posed by those groups.

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

H.R. 931. An act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop a voluntary registry to collect data on cancer incidence among firefighters.

H.R. 2427. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Assistant Secretary for State and Local Law Enforcement to produce and disseminate an annual catalog on Department of Homeland Security training, publications, programs, and services for State, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2433. An act to direct the Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Intelligence and Analysis to develop and disseminate a threat assessment regarding terrorist use of virtual currency.

H.R. 2442. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require an annual report on the Office for State and Local Law Enforcement.

H.R. 2443. An act to require an inventory of all facilities certified by the Department of Homeland Security to host infrastructure or systems classified above the Secret level, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2453. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the Intelligence Rotational Assignment Program in the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2454. An act to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish a data framework to provide access for appropriate personnel to law enforcement and other information of the Department, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2468. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a homeland intelligence doctrine for the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2470. An act to require an annual homeland threat assessment, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2471. An act to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to share with State, local, and regional fusion centers release information from a Federal correctional facility, including name, charging date, and expected place and date of release, of certain individuals who may pose a terrorist threat, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2611. An act to modify the boundary of the Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 23. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal to the Filipino Veterans of World War II.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 931. An act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop a voluntary registry to collect data on cancer incidence among firefighters; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2817. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "EPTC; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9965-71) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2017; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2818. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Venezuela that was originally declared in Execu-

tive Order 13692 of March 8, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2819. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Restrictions on Qualified Financial Contracts of Systemically Important U.S. Banking Organizations and the U.S. Operations of Systemically Important Foreign Banking Organizations; Revisions to the Definition of Qualifying Master Netting Agreement and Related Definitions" (RIN7100-AE52) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 11, 2017; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2820. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; KY; Revisions to Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9967-57-Region 4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2821. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Montana; Regional Haze Federal Implementation Plan" (FRL No. 9967-62-Region 8) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2822. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; El Paso Carbon Monoxide Limited Maintenance Plan" (FRL No. 9966-98-Region 6) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2823. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of California Air Plan Revisions, South Coast Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 9966-89-Region 9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2824. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Missouri Air Quality Implementation Plans; Final Rule; Determination of Attainment for the 2010 1-hour Primary Sulfur Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standard; Jefferson County Non-attainment Area" (FRL No. 9967-49-Region 7) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2825. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "State of Iowa; Approval and Promulgation of the State Implementation Plan, the 111(d) Plan, and the Operating Permits Program" (FRL No. 9967-52-Region 7) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2017; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.