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TRIBUTE TO MATTHEW MCCOY

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Matthew McCoy, a fall intern in my Orlando, FL, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Matthew McCoy is a student at the University of Central Florida, where he majors in political science. He is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience.

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TRIBUTE TO LEA MANGINO

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Lea Mangino, a spring intern in my Orlando, FL, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Lea is a student at the University of Central Florida, where she majors in political science and minors in business administration. She is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience.

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TRIBUTE TO MARIAH MAY

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Mariah May, a fall intern in my Orlando, FL, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Mariah May is a student at the University of Central Florida, where she majors in political science. She is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience.

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TRIBUTE TO PAOLA RAMOS

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Paola Ramos, a spring intern

in my Orlando, FL, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Paola is a student at the University of Central Florida, where she majors in legal studies and minors in criminal justice. She is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to her for all the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO AARON ROSENTHAL

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Aaron Rosenthal, a spring intern in my Orlando, FL, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Aaron is a student at the University of Central Florida, where he majors in history. He is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience.

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TRIBUTE TO GABRIELLA RUIZ

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Gabriella Ruiz, a spring intern in my Orlando, FL, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Gabriella is a student at the University of Central Florida, where she majors in political science and minors in Spanish and business administration. She is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to her for all the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO ALYSSA SCHOENROCK

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Alyssa Schoenrock, a spring intern in my Orlando, FL, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Alyssa is a student at the University of Central Florida, where she majors in legal studies. She is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to her for all the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO ZUBAIR SHAIKH

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Zubair Shaikh, a spring intern in my Orlando, FL, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Zubair is a student at Valencia College, where he majors in political science. He is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to him for all the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO LOGAN SPINA

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Logan Spina, a spring intern in my Orlando, FL, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Logan is a student at the University of Central Florida, where he majors in political science. He is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Logan for all the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO CYNTHIA "CINDY" STEVENS

● Mr. WICKER. Mr. President, today I wish to celebrate the admirable career of Ms. Cynthia "Cindy" Stevens, a native Mississippian whose success in business is accompanied by a lifelong devotion to mentorship and public service.

After graduating from Mississippi State University, Cindy came to Washington as an aide to Mississippi Congressman Sonny Montgomery. She would go on to serve as his legislative director, helping to develop policies that made our State and country better.

Diligence and a devotion to good governance continued in her next role as the director of public affairs at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, where she worked on issues related to campaign finance and the administration of election laws by Federal agencies. She then joined the Washington Board of Trade, serving as a tireless advocate for the business community.

A reputation for hard work and results has characterized Cindy's work at the global accounting firm Deloitte since she started in 1993 as a member of the support staff for its east coast litigation support services. She was quickly promoted to risk support management and rose to become a principal in government relations, overseeing legislative affairs at the State and local

levels. She led Deloitte's efforts to comply with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, and her collaboration with the strategy groups of other Big Four firms helped meet key legislative and regulatory agency objectives.

Cindy has been a role model to other female professionals throughout her career. She was a mentor to my current chief of staff when she was first starting her congressional career. Later at Deloitte, she highlighted the achievements and talents of younger female employees to her peers in other firms. She has also been instrumental in efforts to elect women to Congress.

Cindy's own story of success as one of the highest ranking female principals at Deloitte continues to inspire young women. She remains active in organizations she supports, serving on the Mississippi State Foundation Board of Directors, National Capital Multiple Sclerosis Society Board, and the U.S. Chamber Public Affairs Committee.

I wish Cindy well in her retirement. I know she will continue to use her talents and experience to benefit her community.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Cuccia, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

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.)

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-4939. A communication from the Management and Program Analyst, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Forest Services Directives" (RIN0596-AC65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 18, 2018; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4940. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bacillus subtilis strain FMCH002; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9971-55) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 20, 2018; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4941. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule en-

titled "Bacillus licheniformis strain FMCH001; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9971-54) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 20, 2018; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4942. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Chloromequat Chloride; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9974-42) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 20, 2018; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4943. A communication from the General Counsel, Government Accountability Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of violations of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of Justice's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosions (ATF) between fiscal years 2000 and 2016; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-4944. A communication from the Senior Official performing the duties of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department of Defense's Evaluation of the TRICARE Program for fiscal year 2017; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4945. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Paul A. Grosklags, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4946. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Gary H. Cheek, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4947. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Admiral Scott H. Swift, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4948. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Employment of Military Resources in the Event of Civil Disturbances" (RIN0790-AK07) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 18, 2018; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4949. 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 North Dakota Underground Injection Control Program; Class VI Primacy" (FRL No. 9976-92-OW) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 20, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4950. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "New York: Incorporation by Reference of State Hazardous Waste Management Program" (FRL No. 9974-06-Region 2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 20, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4951. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule en-

titled "Approval of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Missouri; Hospital, Medical, and Infection Waste Incineration (HMIWI) Units" (FRL No. 9977-10-Region 7) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 20, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4952. 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; Control of Air Pollution from Visible Emissions and Particulate Matter" (FRL No. 9976-92) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 20, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4953. A communication from the Chief of the Branch of Domestic Listing, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Threatened Species Status for Yellow Lance (RIN1018-BB45) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 20, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4954. A communication from the Program Coordinator, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (Duck Stamp) Contest Regulations" (RIN1018-BB23) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 20, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4955. A communication from the Chief of the Branch of Listing Policy and Support, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Removing Textual Descriptions of Critical Habitat Boundaries for Mammals, Birds, Amphibians, Fishes, Clams, Snails, Arachnids, Crustaceans, and Insects" (RIN1018-BA81) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 20, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4956. A communication from the Chief of the Branch of Delisting, Downlisting, and Foreign Species, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Removing the Black-Capped Vireo From the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife" (RIN1018-BB79) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 20, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4957. A communication from the Chief of the Branch of Domestic Listing, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Threatened Species Status for Louisiana Pinesnake" (RIN1018-BB46) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 20, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4958. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Certain 2018 Cost-of-Living Adjustments" (Rev. Proc. 2018-22) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 18, 2018; to the Committee on Finance.