

Mae Smith, who also worked in the hotel. They fell in love and, in 1947, married at the courthouse on their lunch break.

When James and Esther migrated north to Chicago, he found work at Kentile Floors as a forklift operator—a job he would hold for the next four decades—but his true passion was an unwavering devotion to his faith. In 1957, James became a deacon at the Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church and later helped his son, Pastor James T. Meeks, get his start as a preacher at Salem Baptist Church. Deacon Meeks was a father figure to the entire community, and his powerful handshake, from years of farm and manual labor, served as a reminder to the youth at Salem Baptist that, if they were planning on hanging around street corners, getting into trouble, he would be watching.

Whether it was at Salem Baptist Church or the streets of Chicago, Deacon Meeks inspired so many young people to preach and simply do good deeds. It has been said that, when you heard Deacon Meeks' sermons, "you knew that the life that was behind the prayer, matched the words that were in the prayer." As a child, his son James recalled riding in the car with his family one Sunday morning. They were on their way to church, when his father noticed a woman stranded on the side of the road. Without hesitation, Deacon Meeks, in his Sunday suit, pulled over to lend a helping hand and fixed the woman's car. Grateful for his kindness, the woman offered Deacon Meeks some money. He politely declined. James and his siblings began yelling out the window, urging their father to take the money. When Deacon Meeks got back into the car, he shared a simple, but powerful message with his children: "You don't do everything for money." Deacon Meeks was a man of rock-solid values.

I want to offer my prayers and condolences to Deacon Meeks' wife of more than 70 years, Esther; their four children; Annie, James, Delores, William; their 10 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild. That is a legacy in which to be proud.

I will close with this: It was said at Deacon Meeks' memorial service, "It's lucky to have somebody who makes it hard to say goodbye." Well, it is hard to say goodbye to Deacon Meeks today, but I count myself lucky to have known him as a friend. Deacon James William Meeks will be missed.

#### TRIBUTE TO JOEL WEISMAN

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, today I want to say a few words about a Chicago icon—and one of the most admired journalists on television—Joel Weisman. This Friday will be the 40th anniversary of WTTW-Channel 11's longest running show, "Chicago Tonight: The Week in Review," and it will be Joel's farewell broadcast.

Since 1978, Joel has beamed into Chicago's living rooms to help us all digest

the news of the week. Throughout the series' four decades, Joel was there every step of the way: Joel has been with WTTW since 1973, starting as its political editor and commentator on "The Public News Center." A lifelong Chicagoan and graduate of the University of Illinois and Chicago-Kent College of Law, Joel has dedicated his career to informing the people of Chicago.

Every Friday night, Joel has welcomed fellow journalists to a roundtable discussion on the critical topics of the week. Oftentimes with humor, Joel has been Chicago's self-described "reporter, editor, traffic cop, and referee." He just has one simple rule: The panelists have to be nonpartisan and diverse. Today, unfortunately, this is hard to find on television, but as he said in his retirement announcement, "No one in journalism has been given the trust and editorial control of a show for that length of time." There is a reason he has been in that chair for 40 years. Joel Weisman has class and is a man of integrity. He insists the show represents just that. Well, I am here today to say, it absolutely does. Joel Weisman is a true newsman.

Joel Weisman has had an amazing career. Prior to joining WTTW, Joel worked for the Gary Post-Tribune, the former Chicago American, Chicago Sun-Times, and was a Midwest correspondent for the Washington Post. His work earned him Emmy, Peter Lisagor, Jacob Scher, and Associated Press awards. He has been inducted into the Silver Circle of the Chicago/Midwest chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. That is not all. Joel Weisman also has been nominated twice for the Pulitzer Prize for his investigative reporting. If you think there is nothing more Joel can fit into his incredibly busy schedule, you are wrong. In addition to being a fulltime journalist, he also runs a fulltime law practice that specializes in media talent representation.

I want to congratulate Joel Weisman on his distinguished career and thank him on behalf of the city he loves for his outstanding work and service to the Chicagoland area. He loves Chicago, and Chicagoans love him. Although he is retiring, Joel is not staying out of the political conversation. He will continue his service to his community and work as an attorney, focusing on media law. I am heartened that Joel will remain a powerful voice in the community, and I wish him and his family all the best.

#### ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. CORKER. Mr. President, section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act requires that Congress receive prior notification of certain proposed arms sales as defined by that statute. Upon such notification, the Congress has 30 calendar days during which the sale may be reviewed. The provision stipulates that, in the Senate, the notifica-

tion of proposed sales shall be sent to the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In keeping with the committee's intention to see that relevant information is available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications which have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such annex is available to all Senators in the office of the Foreign Relations Committee, Room SD-423.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

DEFENSE SECURITY  
COOPERATION AGENCY,  
Arlington, VA.

Hon. BOB CORKER,  
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,  
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 17-61, concerning the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Saudi Arabia for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$500 million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

GREGORY M. KAUSNER,  
(for Charles W. Hooper, Lieutenant  
General, USA, Director).

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 17-61

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

(ii) Total Estimated Value:  
Major Defense Equipment\* \$0 million.  
Other \$500 million.  
Total \$500 million.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE): None.

Non-MDE: Continued participation, technical assistance, and support in the Patriot Legacy Field Surveillance Program (FSP); the Patriot Advanced Capability 3 (PAC-3) FSP; and the Patriot Engineering Services Program (ESP). Also included are Patriot and HAWK Missile System spare parts and repair and return management services and component repairs, and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Army (SR-B-ZAT, ZAS, BDN A2, WAK AS, and subsequent cases).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: SR-B-UAJ Al.

(vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None.

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: See Attached Annex.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: January 17, 2018.

\*As defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Saudi Arabia—Continuation of Missile System Support Services

The Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has requested a possible purchase for continued participation, technical assistance, and support in the Patriot Legacy Field Surveillance Program (FSP); the Patriot Advanced Capability 3 (PAC-3) FSP;

and the Patriot Engineering Services Program (ESP). Also included are Patriot and HAWK Missile System spare parts and repair and return management services and component repairs, and other related elements of logistics and program support. The total estimated program cost is \$500 million.

This proposed sale will support U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives by helping to improve the security of a friendly country which has been, and continues to be, an important force for political stability and economic growth in the Middle East. This potential sale is a continuation of current support. Saudi Arabia will have no difficulty absorbing this equipment and support into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractors are Lockheed Martin, Bethesda, MD for the FSP and Raytheon Company, Andover, MA for the ESP. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the permanent assignment of any U.S. Government or contractor representatives to Saudi Arabia. Support teams of 4-10 people will travel to the country on a temporary basis for 1-3 weeks at a time.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

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#### Annex Item No. vii

##### (vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The Patriot Legacy and PAC-3 FSP programs assist international customers to maintain the readiness of their systems. These programs include the shared programs and country unique costs such as the Stockpile Reliability Test (SRT) and Missile Recertification programs. Services include the storage and aging program, surveillance firing program, the Patriot PAC-3 Missile Support Center (P3MSC), program support and a parts library.

2. As a participating international partner in the Patriot Engineering Services Program (ESP), Saudi Arabia is granted access to information such as engineering changes in development and under consideration, schedules for important events such as procurement and fielding of Patriot system improvements, development of Post Deployment Build (PDB) software, and a comprehensive program to address the issue of loss of sources of supply and advanced technology and their impact on availability of components. The program provides funding for the publication effort to incorporate country specific changes to Technical Manuals (TM). Preparation of all necessary Country specific TM change pages based on the latest version of the USG Department of Army Technical Manuals (DATMs) that support PDB requirements and the existing Repair Parts and Special Tools Lists (RPSTLs). Tasks include technical writing, illustrating, editing and quality review of all changes in accordance with Technical Information Operating Procedures (TIOPS). Organizational Maintenance, Intermediate maintenance and repair parts are covered. Preparation of change pages documenting any upgrades to the existing manuals. These manuals shall include and document any configuration changes as identified resulting in a new manual. Examples of country specific tasks include country unique communication studies and analysis, specialized training for operations and maintenance personnel for new

versions (builds) of system software, power generation trade studies, country unique publications, and in country technical and logistical support for system modifications.

3. Increasing Patriot and Hawk spares support provides Saudi Arabia the capability to sustain and bolster missile system operations through the purchase of spares, consumable repair parts, support equipment, supplies, and maintenance. Included is support for the procurement and transportation of classified parts that are part of Saudi Arabia's current Patriot and Hawk Missile System configurations, with a highest classification of CONFIDENTIAL.

4. If a technologically advanced adversary obtains knowledge of the specific hardware and software source code in this proposed sale, the information could be used to develop countermeasures or equivalent systems that might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

5. A determination has been made that Saudi Arabia can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

6. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal are authorized for release and export to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO MARK COURNOYER

• Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, it is my pleasure to announce our Granite Stater of the Month for January, Mark Cournoyer, of Jaffrey, NH. Mark embodies New Hampshire's all-hands-on-deck spirit, where we work together and do what we can to strengthen our communities. In Mark's case, he has dedicated himself to making our roads safer by educating drivers, particularly new drivers, about the serious danger and potentially tragic consequences of distracted driving.

A former police officer and emergency medical technician in Fitzwilliam and Jaffrey and now a fourth-generation director of the Cournoyer Funeral Home, Mark volunteers his time to helping prevent the kind of accidents that he has responded to for years. Mark delivers presentations at area driver's education classes and local schools, sharing statistics behind distracted driving, as well as telling real stories about the outcomes of distracted driving with the hope that he can help keep the young people he meets safe.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, about nine people are killed and more than 1,000 injured every day in the United States as a result of distracted driving. Anything that takes a driver's attention off of the road—texting, eating, reading, or looking for objects—can result in a tragic accident. Mark's efforts are critical to reducing the all-too-common practice of distracted driving, and his dedication to improving public safety can help save lives in his community and across New Hampshire.

In towns and cities across New Hampshire, many of our citizens go above and beyond to look out for one another and make their communities safer. Mark Cournoyer has done just that, volunteering his own time and wisdom to making our roads safer and helping to prevent more accidents from distracted driving. It is an honor to recognize him as our Granite Stater of the Month and join him in raising awareness about this important issue.●

##### TRIBUTE TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TEACHER OF THE YEAR FINALISTS

• Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I would like to have printed in the RECORD an article that was published in today's Miami Herald, "What makes a classroom click? Meet four great teachers who make it happen," and recognize the finalists for the annual Miami-Dade County Teacher of the Year contest. I wish them, and all nominated teachers from around the State the best of luck and commend their hard work and dedication to Florida's students.

The material follows:

WHAT MAKES A CLASSROOM CLICK? MEET  
FOUR GREAT TEACHERS WHO MAKE IT HAPPEN  
(By Kyra Gurney)

What's the secret to being a great teacher? The four finalists for Miami-Dade's annual Teacher of the Year contest—chosen from the county's roughly 18,000 public school teachers—have some ideas.

Inspiring students takes passion, hard work and perseverance, they said. Above all, a great teacher finds a way to connect with each child as an individual, not as a test score.

The winner of the 2019 Francisco R. Walker Miami-Dade County Teacher of the Year will be announced on Jan. 25 along with the rookie teacher of the year. The awards dinner will be held at 6 p.m. at the DoubleTree by Hilton Miami Airport & Convention Center at 711 NW 72nd Ave. The winner will compete for the state title.

Here are the finalists:

NORTH REGION: MOLLY WINTERS DIALLO,  
ALONZO AND TRACY MOURNING SENIOR HIGH

Molly Winters Diallo grew up in a family of teachers, so going into education "felt like it was the natural route to take," she said.

Her first teaching job was at a private school in the British Virgin Islands. In the early 2000s, Winters Diallo moved to Miami because she wanted to teach in the Haitian community. She spent five years at Miami Edison Senior High before transferring to Alonzo and Tracy Mourning Senior High, where she teaches Advanced Placement Human Geography and Psychology and Honors U.S. History.

Winters Diallo said she encourages every student to take advanced classes, like the college-level Advanced Placement courses she teaches.

"I believe that regardless of students' backgrounds, they should be able to take advanced coursework and they should see college as an attainable goal," she said.

In 2016, Winters Diallo was selected as a Bezos Educator Scholar—one of 12 teachers chosen nationwide to participate in a leadership program funded by the Bezos Family Foundation, which was created by the parents of Amazon founder Jeff Bezos. As part