

Israel, and South Africa. She is a widely recognized community leader and has received numerous awards and accolades. In July 2002, for instance, Pastor Browning was inducted as an honorary member into Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. In 2006, she received an honorary doctor of divinity degree from AME University in Monrovia, Liberia. In 2007, she was honored to preach Spelman College's Baccalaureate Ceremony, where she served on the Spelman College Sisters Chapel Wisdom Center Executive Board. In 2016, she became a member of the board of trustees at Wesley Theological Seminary, and in 2017, she accepted the request to serve on the Board of RISE TOGETHER: The National Mentorship Network for Women of Color in Ministry, WOCIM.

Pastor Browning has also organized and convened over 30 annual women's spiritual retreats, attracting thousands of participants from throughout the United States and around the world. She self-published her first book, "Our Savior, Our Sisters, Ourselves. Biblical Teachings & Reflections on Women's Relationships," in 2006. The book provides teachings that explore the realities of being a Black woman, wife, mother, and minister. It is designed to empower and bless women as they continue on their own journeys of faith. Her second book, "Faithful, Focused and Fearless: Lessons to Fortify Your Future," was released June 2009.

The Brownings are the proud parents of Grainger Browning III, a 2008 graduate of Morehouse College, and Candace Davis, a 2008 graduate of Hampton University and current graduate student at Howard University. They are the proud grandparents of Grainger Browning IV and Kaylah Browning and Imani Davis.

The story of Ebenezer AME Church is much like the Parable of the Mustard Seed. When Grainger and Jo Ann Browning arrived at Ebenezer AME in 1983, the church had a membership of 17 people and an annual budget of \$12,000. Under the Brownings' inspired leadership, the membership now exceeds 8,000 people, and the church has an annual budget of \$10 million. Ebenezer AME Church has over 100 different ministries dedicated to serving the spiritual, educational, political, social, economic, health, and recreational needs of the community. For nearly 30 years, the Ebenezer AME Church family has donated nearly \$2 million in scholarships to high school graduates and returning college students. Ever mindful of the multitude of spiritual and physical needs, Ebenezer AME Church's future plans include the development of a school, family life center, and senior citizen complex. The Brownings and Ebenezer AME Church continue to strive to be a source of help and inspiration within the walls of the church and throughout the community.

I am proud to celebrate the Brownings' 35th anniversary at Ebenezer

AME Church this Sunday. I call upon all of my Senate colleagues to join me in congratulating the Reverend Dr. Grainger Browning, Jr., and his wife, the Reverend Dr. Jo Ann Browning, for their extraordinary leadership and dedicated service to their parishioners, the surrounding community, and all of humankind.●

REMEMBERING AUBREY MCGINNIS

● Ms. DUCKWORTH. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the life of Aubrey McGinnis.

Aubrey was born on December 26, 1960, and passed away on Saturday, March 18, 2017.

Aubrey joined the U.S. Army in 1981, serving the Illinois Army National Guard for 22 years and retiring as a chief warrant officer 4 pilot.

During his service, Aubrey graduated from the Illinois Institute of Technology, where he earned a bachelor's of science degree in electrical engineering in 1986. After working for a few years at Amoco, he earned an additional degree in aviation technology at Vincennes University on a Tuskegee Airman Scholarship. Aubrey then pursued his lifelong passion to fly commercially with, first, Comair, Inc., and later with United Airlines as an airline pilot.

As a loving husband to Ericka McGinnis and devoted father, Aubrey enjoyed being a provider and spiritual guide to his beautiful family.

Aubrey was a dear friend to many, and he left a profound mark on the lives of all those he loved and met. He was a quiet voice of reason and wisdom, and I am proud to stand here today and honor his legacy.●

TRIBUTE TO LOUISE ABERCROMBIE

● Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Louise Abercrombie, a woman who has worked diligently serving the people of Oklahoma through her journalism career for 50 years.

Louise began her career with the Ponca City News, gathering city briefs, walking almost 30 blocks a day. This hard work eventually led her to cover obituaries and religion and then the chamber of commerce beat and politics.

Louise covered all aspects of community news in her career, becoming widely known for her accurate reporting and keen research skills. She has interviewed six Oklahoma Governors, covered five Presidents, many international leaders, and several Members of Congress. I personally had the privilege of working with her when she covered a countless number of my fly-ins over the years.

I want to thank Louise Abercrombie on her years of service and wish her well in her retirement. Well done, Louise.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Ridgway, 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 Committee on Armed Services.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2017, the Secretary of the Senate, on September 13, 2018, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 994. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for the protection of community centers with religious affiliation, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2017, the Secretary of the Senate, on September 14, 2018, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 589. An act to establish Department of Energy policy for science and energy research and development programs, and reform National Laboratory management and technology transfer programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1109. An act to amend section 203 of the Federal Power Act.

H.R. 5895. An act making consolidated appropriations for Energy and Water Development, the Legislative Branch, Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:25 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 bills, without amendment:

S. 97. An act to enable civilian research and development of advanced nuclear energy technologies by private and public institutions, to expand theoretical and practical knowledge of nuclear physics, chemistry, and materials science, and for other purposes.

S. 2946. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify the meaning of the terms "act of war" and "blocked asset", and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 3021. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 300 South Fourth Street in Minneapolis, Minnesota, as the “Diana E. Murphy United States Courthouse”.

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

H.R. 606. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1025 Nevin Avenue in Richmond, California, as the “Harold D. McCraw, Sr., Post Office Building”.

H.R. 660. An act to require the Secretary of the Interior to submit to Congress a report on the efforts of the Bureau of Reclamation to manage its infrastructure assets.

H.R. 1911. An act to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to monitor and combat anti-Semitism globally, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2591. An act to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to modernize the funding of wildlife conservation, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2606. An act to amend the Act of August 4, 1947 (commonly known as the Stigler Act), with respect to restrictions applicable to Indians of the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3186. An act to establish an Every Kid Outdoors program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3635. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act in order to improve the process whereby medicare administrative contractors issue local coverage determinations under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3764. An act to extend the Federal recognition to the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4689. An act to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the Northport Irrigation District in the State of Nebraska.

H.R. 4824. An act to allow certain State and tribal permitting authority to encourage expansion of broadband service to rural and tribal communities, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4913. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 816 East Salisbury Parkway in Salisbury, Maryland, as the “Sgt. Maj. Wardell B. Turner Post Office Building”.

H.R. 5059. An act to amend the Home Owners’ Loan Act with respect to the registration and supervision of insurance savings and loan holding companies, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5317. An act to repeal section 2141 of the Revised Statutes to remove the prohibition on certain alcohol manufacturing on Indian lands.

H.R. 5349. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1325 Autumn Avenue in Memphis, Tennessee, as the “Judge Russell B. Sugarmon Post Office Building”.

H.R. 5532. An act to redesignate the Reconstruction Era National Monument as the Reconstruction Era National Historical Park, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5737. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 108 West D Street in Alpha, Illinois, as the “Captain Joshua E. Steele Post Office”.

H.R. 5784. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2650 North Doctor Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, shall be known and designated as the “Vel R. Phillips Post Office Building”.

H.R. 5868. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 530 Claremont Avenue in Ashland, Ohio, as the “Bill Harris Post Office”.

H.R. 5923. An act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to exchange certain public lands in Ouachita National Forest, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5935. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1355 North Meridian Road in Harritown, Illinois, as the “Logan S. Palmer Post Office”.

H.R. 6020. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 325 South Michigan Avenue in Howell, Michigan, as the “Sergeant Donald Burgett Post Office Building”.

H.R. 6040. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land and facilities of the Central Valley Project.

H.R. 6116. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 362 North Ross Street in Beaverton, Michigan, as the “Colonel Alfred Asch Post Office”.

H.R. 6197. An act to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to authorize rewards for thwarting wildlife trafficking linked to transnational organized crime, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6198. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Office, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6227. An act to provide for a coordinated Federal program to accelerate quantum research and development for the economic and national security of the United States.

H.R. 6287. An act to provide competitive grants for the operation, security, and maintenance of certain memorials to victims of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

H.R. 6411. An act to amend the duties of the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) to ensure FinCEN works with Tribal law enforcement agencies, protects against all forms of terrorism, and focuses on virtual currencies.

H.R. 6561. An act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to issue a final regulation based on the proposed regulation relating to the Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) under the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

H.R. 6662. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend the special election period under part C of the Medicare program for certain deemed individuals enrolled in a reasonable cost reimbursement contract to any Medicare Advantage eligible individual enrolled in such a contract during the final year such contract is extended, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6690. An act to establish a smart card pilot program to combat fraud, waste, and abuse and to protect beneficiary identity under the Medicare program.

H.R. 6720. An act to prohibit the slaughter of dogs and cats for human consumption, and for other purposes.

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

S. Con. Res. 46. Concurrent resolution directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 5895.

The message further announced that the House agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 5895) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 589) to establish Department of Energy policy for science and energy research and development programs, and reform National Laboratory management and technology transfer programs, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1109) to amend section 203 of the Federal Power Act.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH) reported that on today, September 17, 2018, he has signed the following enrolled bills, which were previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

S. 994. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for the protection of community centers with religious affiliation, and for other purposes.

H.R. 589. An act to establish Department of Energy policy for science and energy research and development programs, and reform National Laboratory management and technology transfer programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1109. An act to amend section 203 of the Federal Power Act.

H.R. 5895. An act making consolidated appropriations for Energy and Water Development, the Legislative Branch, Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 606. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1025 Nevin Avenue in Richmond, California, as the “Harold D. McCraw, Sr., Post Office Building”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1911. An act to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to monitor and combat anti-Semitism globally, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 2591. An act to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to modernize the funding of wildlife conservation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 2606. An act to amend the Act of August 4, 1947 (commonly known as the Stigler Act), with respect to restrictions applicable to Indians of the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

H.R. 3186. An act to establish an Every Kid Outdoors program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3635. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act in order to improve the process whereby medicare administrative contractors issue local coverage determinations under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 4689. An act to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the Northport Irrigation District in the State of Nebraska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.