

help ensure that all students have the opportunity to succeed academically and socially.

This Blue Ribbon Award is a tribute not only to the students, but also to the administrators, teachers, staff, and parents of Falmouth High School. Together, they are accomplishing their mission to help students succeed in the classroom and as engaged citizens. They are making a difference in the lives of their students, helping them reach their full potential. I congratulate the entire community for this well-deserved recognition.

#### RECOGNIZING YARMOUTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I am delighted to commend Yarmouth Elementary School in Yarmouth, ME, on being named a 2018 National Blue Ribbon Exemplary High Performing School. Serving 358 students from second through fourth grade, this outstanding school is one of only 349 schools across the country to receive Blue Ribbon recognition from the U.S. Department of Education.

Created in 1982, the Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private schools that are either academically superior in their States or that demonstrate significant gains in student achievement. The schools singled out for this national recognition are models of high educational standards and accountability.

The Blue Ribbon designation continues a tradition of quality education in Yarmouth. The graduation rates and assessment test scores for the town's K-12 school district consistently are among the highest in the State of Maine.

Yarmouth Elementary School's mission statement, "Empowering all students to create fulfilling lives in a changing world," is carried out daily. Students focus on the core values of fairness, citizenship, respect, and caring. The core curriculum has a strong focus on math, literacy, science, and social studies, with special programs that recognize each student's individual learning style.

Rich and diverse learning opportunities are a part of every child's experience, from art and music, to library skills and physical education. The school involves all students in extra-curricular activities, which helps forge a strong school community where students are connected and encouraged to pursue their interests. Throughout the curriculum, students are also taught to use technology both effectively and responsibly.

Faculty, parents, and community members are committed to both academic excellence and each child's social, emotional, and physical health. Faculty work to ensure a safe and secure learning environment and to develop strong and collaborative relationships with parents and community members. An active parent-teacher or-

ganization supports enriching educational activities, and the Yarmouth School Foundation promotes excellence and innovation by funding a number of projects and initiatives.

I applaud the administrators, teachers, staff, and parents of Yarmouth Elementary School. Together, they are succeeding in their mission to build students' confidence and generate momentum for learning. I am pleased that the U.S. Department of Education has selected Yarmouth Elementary School for this well-deserved honor, and I congratulate the entire school community for this outstanding achievement.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO RICHARD "RICK" BERNDT

• Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, this Wednesday, November 28, 2018, the Sisters of Mercy will be celebrating 50 years of service to Mercy Health Services provided by one of my longest and dearest friends, Richard O. Berndt. That is right: half a century of service.

Rick is a senior partner at Gallagher, Evelius & Jones, LLP, a firm he joined after he assisted the firm's founder, Francis X. Gallagher, at the Maryland Constitutional Convention in 1967. That was the year Rick earned his law degree from the University of Maryland School of Law. That was where we met, and he has remained one of my closest and most trusted advisers ever since. He earned his bachelor's degree from Villanova University in 1964 and went on to earn a master's degree from Johns Hopkins University in 1970. His continued devotion to all three institutions—but, perhaps, especially his beloved "Nova"—knows no bounds.

Rick, the son of German immigrant bakers, is actively and productively engaged in Maryland's business community, and he currently serves on the boards of Mercy Health Services, Inc., and Johns Hopkins Medicine. Over the last five decades, Rick has served on the boards of Associated Catholic Charities, Inc., Baltimore Community Foundation, Baltimore Development Corporation, Baltimore Equitable Society Insurance Company, Center Stage, Inc., Maryland Academy of Sciences (Maryland Science Center), Goucher College, Good Samaritan Hospital, and the Board of Regents of the University of Maryland Higher Education System, and for-profit companies such as Mercantile Bankshares Corp.

Rick has never sought the spotlight. Perhaps that is one of the reasons he has been so influential over the course of his career. As the Baltimore Sun reported in 2001, "Without making headlines, Berndt played an important role in moving the Baltimore Archdiocese into the foreground on civil rights, rebuilding the Inner Harbor in the 1970s, shaping the campaigns and policies of leading Democrats, pushing a major statewide gun control measure and ne-

gotiating the huge Inner Harbor East waterfront development." Then-Delegated Howard P. "Pete" Rawlings referred to Rick as "the political pope of Baltimore." That was nearly 20 years ago; I can assure you Rick hasn't slowed down since.

Winston Churchill said, "We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give." Rick has been successful as an attorney and in life because his ethical compass has always been pointed to true north. He may be modest about his service, but it hasn't gone unnoticed. Rick is the recipient of numerous public service awards including not one, but two, papal medals from Pope John Paul II; the Pro Bono Service Award from the University of Maryland School of Law Alumni Association; the Frances Morton Froelicher Civic Statesmanship Award from the Citizens Planning and Housing Association; and the Greater Baltimore Committee Award for Outstanding Service. In 1994, then-Cardinal William Keeler bestowed on Rick one of the highest honors the Roman Catholic Church can give to a layperson: the rank of Knight Commander in the Papal Order of St. Gregory the Great.

One of the blessings of my life is to count Rick Berndt as a mentor, adviser, and friend. I hope my Senate colleagues will join me, along with the Sisters of Mercy, Rick's innumerable other friends, and his family in celebrating his career and his legacy of selfless devotion to the service of others.●

#### 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

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.)

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2017, the Secretary of the Senate, on November 20, 2018, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 3554. An act to extend the effective date for the sunset for collateral requirements for Small Business Administration disaster loans.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2017, the Secretary of the Senate, on November 20,

2018, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MCHENRY) had signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 2152. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for assistance for victims of child pornography, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2017, the enrolled bills were signed on November 23, 2018, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. PERDUE).

## MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 3:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MESSER) signed the following enrolled bills:

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. 1209. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 901 N. Francisco Avenue, Mission, Texas, as the "Mission Veterans Post Office Building".

H.R. 2979. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 390 West 5th Street in San Bernardino, California, as the "Jack H. Brown Post Office Building".

H.R. 3230. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 915 Center Avenue in Payette, Idaho, as the "Harmon Killebrew Post Office Building".

H.R. 4890. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9801 Apollo Drive in Upper Marlboro, Maryland, as the "Wayne K. Curry Post Office Building".

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. 4946. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1075 North Tustin Street in Orange, California, as the "Specialist Trevor A. Win'E Post Office".

H.R. 4960. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 511 East Walnut Street in Columbia, Missouri, as the "Spc. Sterling William Wyatt Post Office Building".

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. 5504. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4801 West Van Giesen Street in West Richland, Washington, as the "Sergeant Dietrich Schmieman Post Office Building".

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

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".

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

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

H.R. 5787. An act to amend the Coastal Barrier Resources Act to give effect to more accurate maps of units of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System that were produced by digital mapping of such units, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6784. An act to provide for removal of the gray wolf in the contiguous 48 States from the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife published under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

## MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 5787. An act to amend the Coastal Barrier Resources Act to give effect to more accurate maps of units of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System that were produced by digital mapping of such units, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 6784. An act to provide for removal of the gray wolf in the contiguous 48 States from the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife published under the Endangered Species Act of 1973; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

## MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 3649. A bill to provide for programs to help reduce the risk that prisoners will recidivate upon release from prison, and for other purposes.

## 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-7072. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Creation of Interstitial 12.5 Kiloherertz Channels in the 800 MHz Band Between 809-817/854-862 MHz et al" ((WP Docket No. 15-32) (FCC 18-143)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7073. A communication from the Chief, Pricing Policy Division, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Comprehensive Review of the Part 32 Uniform System of Accounts; Jurisdictional

Separations and Referral to the Federal-State Joint Board" ((WP Docket No. 14-130) (FCC 18-141)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7074. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.3613 of the Commission's Rules Regarding Filing of Contracts, Modernization of Media Regulation Initiative" ((RIN No. 3060-AK71) (MP Docket No. 18-4 and MP Docket No. 17-105) (FCC 18-145)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7075. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Mobility Division, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Promoting Investment in the 3550-3700 MHz Band" ((GN Docket No. 17-258) (FCC 18-149)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7076. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Safety Standards for portable Hook-On Chairs" ((Docket No. CPSC-2015-0016) (FCC 18-145)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7077. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Environmental Impacts and Related Procedures" (RIN2132-AB26) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7078. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Design Standards for Highways" (RIN2125-AF72) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7079. A communication from the Senior Attorney-Advisor, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Environmental Impact and Related Procedures" (RIN2125-AF60) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7080. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inseason Adjustment to the 2018 Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Pollock, Atka Mackerel, and Pacific Cod Total Allowable Catch Amounts; Correction" (RIN0648-XF866) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7081. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Non-American Fisheries Act Crab Vessels Operating as Catcher Vessels Using Pot Gear in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XF940) received in the Office of the