

in-law Danielle, grandson Emerson, sister Michelle, nieces, friends, and others to as many events as possible.

Bill worked tirelessly to increase awareness about kidney disease in Delaware, spending time volunteering at local events, helping with community health screenings, and organizing support for World Kidney Day. True to character, even in his death, he helped those in need by being a deceased donor for patients waiting for organ transplants. As my family, staff, and I extend our deepest sympathies to all those who had the privilege of knowing Bill, I take comfort in knowing that his impact, passion, and determination will continue to bring hope to the kidney disease community for years to come.●

#### RECOGNIZING HOG TECHNOLOGIES

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, as chairman of the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize a small business that exemplifies the value of hard work and the storied American entrepreneurial spirit. It is my privilege to honor a Florida small business that exemplifies what it means to overcome adversity and to succeed as both a company and as a community leader. Today, I recognize Hog Technologies, of Stuart, FL, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Previously known as Waterblasting Technologies until a rebranding effort last year, Hog Technologies has grown significantly since its founding in 1988. Founder and chief executive officer, James P. Crocker, bought a single pressure washer from a friend and began knocking on doors to find work. Since then, Hog Technologies has been a one-of-a-kind entrepreneurial success story that has revolutionized an entire industry.

After discovering the niche industry of paint removal, James took a leap of faith and bought a 10,000-psi water-blasting machine. Soon, Hog Technologies was being awarded major contracts for their services. After years of success in this field, Hog Technologies expanded to create fully functioning models of a makeshift water-blasting vehicle. In 1997, the Original Stripe Hog was developed, effectively changing the landscape of the hydroblasting industry.

Today, Hog Technologies holds more than 20 patents, has products operating in 56 countries worldwide, and is a world leader in marking removal and pavement maintenance. Through strong investments in research and development, Hog has a diverse line of products, ranging from rubber and paint removal, to pavement marking equipment and machines, to industrial vacuums and hydro-excavators. In 2012, the team at Hog Technologies calculated that, over a period of 13 years, they have placed more units worldwide than their five largest competitors combined. With international success, they continue to expand by looking to

hire 130 new employees over the next 3 years. Hog Technologies is an incredible American industrial success story. Having remained local, Hog Technologies constructs their machines in the United States and continues to support Florida's economy.

In addition to supporting the local Stuart community, Hog Technologies has financed a large portion of the construction of a home for underprivileged children in India. In 2017, James was awarded the Stuart/Martin County Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year. Mr. Crocker has also recently followed his creative passion and began authoring children's books that aim to teach children leadership skills. Hog Technologies and their employees are very involved in their community and pride themselves on charitable endeavors. Annually, they participate in the Toys for Tots holiday gift drive and in local parades where they drive their machines through the streets of Stuart.

Hog Technologies is an outstanding example of a Florida manufacturing success story. In true American fashion, James and the team at Hog saw a problem and created a solution. They have seen incredible success, while remaining committed to supporting Stuart and its surrounding communities. I would like to congratulate Mr. James Crocker and the entire team at Hog Technologies on being named the Senate Small Business of the Week. I wish them good luck and look forward to watching their continued growth and success.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1112. An act to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to strengthen the background check procedures to be followed before a Federal firearms licensee may transfer a firearm to a person who is not such a licensee.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 617. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, to provide disaster tax relief, and for other purposes.

H.R. 8. An act to require a background check for every firearm sale.

#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 1112. An act to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to strengthen the background check procedures to be followed before a Federal firearms licensee may transfer a firearm to a person who is not such a licensee.

#### 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-462. A communication from the Air Force Federal Register Public Liaison Officer, Department of the Air Force, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sale to the Public" (RIN0701-AA83) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 28, 2019; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-463. A communication from the Air Force Federal Register Public Liaison Officer, Department of the Air Force, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Delivery of Personnel to United States Civilian Authorities for Trial" (RIN0701-AA85) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 28, 2019; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-464. A communication from the Air Force Federal Register Public Liaison Officer, Department of the Air Force, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Visual Information Documentation Program" (RIN0701-AA86) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 28, 2019; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-465. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on appropriations legislation within seven days of enactment; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-466. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Kentucky River Locks and Dams 1, 2, 3, and 4, Disposition Study and Integrated Environmental Assessment; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-467. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, four (4) reports relative to vacancies Department of Education, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 28, 2019; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-468. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Inspector General, Department of Education, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 28, 2019; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-469. A communication from the Chairman of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Buy American Act Report for fiscal year 2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-470. A communication from the Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Fiscal Year 2018 Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA) and Privacy Management Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-471. A communication from the Director of the Office of Financial Reporting and Internal Controls, Office of the Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "FY 2018 Agency Financial Report"; to

the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-472. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Department of Justice Freedom of Information Act 2018 Litigation and Compliance Report," and the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for all federal agencies' Freedom of Information Act reports; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-473. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency with respect to Cuba and of the emergency authority relating to the regulation of the anchorage and movement of vessels, as amended; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-7. A concurrent resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio condemning the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement and the increasing incidences of anti-Semitism; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10

Whereas, The citizens of the State of Ohio have a history of standing against bigotry, oppression, discrimination, and injustice; and

Whereas, Ohio and Israel have a long history of friendship and are great allies in support of each other's interests; and

Whereas, The State of Israel, the only democracy in the Middle East, is the greatest friend and ally of the United States in the Middle East; and

Whereas, Ohio is committed to increasing the ties and interactions in business, government, the arts, culture, and education between the State of Ohio and the State of Israel, further strengthening the historic ties between our State and that country; and

Whereas, Ties between Ohio's and Israel's academic, research, business, and nonprofit communities are both robust and long-standing; and

Whereas, The elected representatives of Ohio recognize the importance of expressing their unabridged support for the Jewish people and the State of Israel's right to exist and thrive, and their unabridged support for Israel's right of self-defense; and

Whereas, There are increasing incidents of anti-Semitism around the world, including across the United States and in Ohio, including desecration of Jewish religious sites; and

Whereas, The international Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement is one of the main vehicles for legitimizing anti-Semitism on campus and advocating the elimination of the Jewish State; and

Whereas, Anti-Israel activities and activities promoting the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement against Israel are widespread in the State of Ohio, including on several university campuses and in other Ohio communities, and contribute to anti-Semitic and anti-Zionistic propaganda and threats to both American and Israeli Jewish students, and result in deliberate interference with the learning environment of all students; and

Whereas, The dramatic increase in Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions campaign activities on college campuses around the country has resulted in increased animosity and intimidation against Jewish students,

negatively impacting student programming of vital importance to all American students related to the State of Israel and politics in the Middle East; and

Whereas, Leaders of the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement say their goal is to eliminate Israel as the home of the Jewish people, and signs and messaging at anti-Israel rallies have adopted the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement's theme slogan, "Palestine forever, Israel Never Ever" meaning that the State of Israel would cease to exist, falsely denying the Jewish people's and Israel's historical connection to its ancient home in the Land of Israel, including the present day State of Israel, and Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria, which were the heartland of the ancient nations of Israel and Judah; and

Whereas, Ohio's elected representatives who defend the inalienable right to free speech understand that the goals and activities of Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions campaigns in Ohio are harmful to the State's relationships with Ohio's Jewish citizens, with Ohio's non-Jewish citizens who support the State of Israel and the Jewish people, and with the Jewish homeland, Israel, and have a deleterious impact on the educational environment; and

Whereas, The Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions campaign's call for academic boycotts has been condemned by many of our nation's largest academic associations, over two hundred fifty university presidents, and many other leading scholars as a violation of the bedrock principle of academic freedom; and

Whereas, The members of the General Assembly condemn all groups, including white nationalist, neo-Nazi, and national socialist groups, that promote hatred, religious persecution, or violence towards others: Now therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the members of the General Assembly condemn the international Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement and its activities in Ohio for legitimizing anti-Semitism and for seeking to undermine the Jewish people's right to self-determination, which they are fulfilling in the State of Israel; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the members of the General Assembly condemn activities that contribute directly or indirectly to the denial, violation, or delegitimization of any people's academic freedom, including, but not limited to, promotion of academic boycotts by the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement against Israel; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the members of the General Assembly consider the international Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement and its agenda inherently antithetical and deeply damaging to the causes of peace, justice, equality, democracy, and human rights for all peoples in the Middle East and in the United States; and be it further

*Resolved*, That we, the members of the 132nd General Assembly of the State of Ohio, reaffirm our support for the State of Israel, recognize that the Jewish people are indigenous to the land of Israel, condemn all attacks on the people of Israel, support Israel's right to engage in lawful acts of self-defense, and oppose all attempts to deny the legitimacy of Israel as a sovereign state; and be it further

*Resolved*, That we, the members of the 132nd General Assembly of the State of Ohio, reaffirm our position that the trustees, administrators, and educators at all levels in our universities in Ohio, must take an active stand against all anti-Semitic actions and intimidation taken against Jewish students on their campuses, whereby all students may feel safe, and be safe, from harm due to these pernicious activities; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the members of the General Assembly encourage and support the exercise of free speech and civil debate, particularly on college campuses, and further encourage university and college administrations to curb any impediments to free speech and any abridgment of free speech on campus by any individuals or groups, and urge them to take disciplinary action against all students, faculty, and administrators who engage in actions that abridge free speech on campus in violation of the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Chancellor of Higher Education and each of the nine members of the Ohio Board of Regents, the provosts and chairpersons of the boards of trustees of all Ohio public and private colleges and universities, and the Israeli Embassy in Washington, D.C., for transmission to the proper authorities in the State of Israel.

POM-8. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging the United States Congress to grant additional authority to the Federal Communications Commission allowing for the Commission to stop unwanted robocalls and "call spoofing"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 386

Whereas, Receipt of unwanted telephone calls is the most frequent complaint received by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) from consumers nationwide. Unwanted calls include automated telemarketing or solicitation calls that deliver a recorded message (also known as robocalls); and

Whereas, Recently, these robocalls have been combined with a process called "spoofing" in which the call appears to originate from a local, often legitimate, number to trick consumers into answering the call. As technology continues to evolve, the number of robocalls and spoofing continues to grow; and

Whereas, Under the federal Truth in Caller ID Act, individuals are prohibited from transmitting misleading or inaccurate caller ID information with the intent to defraud, cause harm, or wrongly obtain anything of value. Although the FCC has initiated new policy initiatives to combat illegal robocalls and ID spoofing, more needs to be done; and

Whereas, Congress should pass legislation to provide the FCC with the tools and resources it needs to combat illegal and disruptive robocalls; and

Whereas, The FCC encourages consumers to file a complaint when an illegal call is received. Although the FCC uses social media and the internet to reach consumers, the FCC should use all means available to provide consumers with information needed to file a complaint; Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved* by the House of Representatives, That we urge the Congress of the United States to grant additional authority to the Federal Communications Commission allowing it to stop unwanted robocalls and "call spoofing"; and be it further

*Resolved*, That we urge the Federal Communications Commission to educate the public on how to report illegal telephone calls; and be it further

*Resolved*, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the members of the Michigan congressional delegation, and the chairman and commissioners of the Federal Communications Commission.