

As a student at Seminole Elementary School in the 1990's, Jade participated in a weekly culture class on the Brighton Reservation to learn about Seminole history. This was her favorite class and served as an inspiration for her continued learning of Native American affairs.

Like her students, Jade is a second language learner of Creek. She believes teaching the language to her students is very important, as there are only 33 speakers of the language left in the region. She is dedicated to doing everything she can to keep the language alive for future generations.

Jade teaches Creek 1 and 2 at Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School to seventh and eighth grade students. She graduated from Edison College in 2004 and was offered a job teaching Seminole history. The weekly program helped the creation of the charter school in 2007, where Jade taught Seminole history until 2015.

I extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to Jade for her dedication to her students and the Seminole Tribe of Florida, and look forward to hearing of her continued success in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO BECKY PELTONEN

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Becky Peltonen, the Bay County Teacher of the year from Deane Bozeman School in Panama City, Florida, FL.

Becky received this award months after Hurricane Michael devastated Bay County, which caused several hurricane-related delays throughout the school district. She was honored and humbled to represent all who have worked to repair homes and begin rebuilding the Bay County community.

Becky is an agriculture biotechnology teacher who has taught for 29 years. She has teamed up with parents and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to develop a scientific exploration of animal and plant ecosystems, which has allowed for students to construct their own freshwater habitats.

Becky focuses on teaching students how to raise and grow their own food, which provides them meaningful tools and allows them to save money at the grocery. Becky takes pride when former students return to tell her that she better-equipped them to navigate life after their class together.

I thank Becky for her hard work in educating students, especially while facing the aftermath of Hurricane Michael's life-changing effects. I wish her the very best in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO JUSTIN PIGOTT

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I am pleased to honor Justin Pigott, the Martin County Teacher of the Year from Jensen Beach High School in Jensen Beach, FL.

Justin works to ensure his classroom is a positive environment for his stu-

dents. He wants each student to feel they are accepted, heard, and supported while in school. Justin memorializes the names of each student prior to their first day of class to ensure they know they matter to him.

Justin is an Advanced Placement calculus teacher at Jensen Beach High School and has taught for 16 years, the last in the Martin County School District. He also works as a student mentor at Indian River State College's Take Stock in Children scholarship program, assists students with SAT and ACT test preparation, and served as a sponsor for his school's math honor society.

I would like to thank Justin for the good work he has done for his students over the years. I wish all the best to him, and look forward to learning of his continued success in coming years.●

#### TRIBUTE TO SHANE SWEZEY

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Shane Swezey, the Sarasota County Teacher of the Year from Oak Park School in Sarasota, FL.

Shane received this award at the Education Foundation of Sarasota County's Ignite Education Awards Celebration in front of a crowd of more than 300 people. Shane provides music education and therapy services to students at Oak Park School, the district's center school for special needs. He is a staunch advocate for students with special needs, preferring to focus on the abilities of his students, rather than dwell on their disabilities. He views music as an engaging, motivating, and accessible medium to support his students' academic goals.

Shane's colleagues note he uses creative teaching methods to engage his students and build trust with them. He plays songs and sings with his students to cue certain words from them. When a student says the word in question, his attempt is successful, and this is part of what makes his job so worthwhile to him.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Shane for his tireless work to help teach his students. I look forward to hearing of his continued good work in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO JESSICA WOOD

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Jessica Wood, the Monroe County Teacher of the Year from Key West High School in Key West, FL.

Jessica teaches Advanced Placement biology and biology and is the science department chair. Her work has an impact on the entire school as she leads the school's recycling club efforts and serves as a sponsor for Keys to Be the Change, a school club focused on developing student character through service.

Jessica also works with members of outside agencies to read to younger students and promote substance abuse prevention outreach throughout the

community. The main thing that inspires Jessica as an educator is the ability to effect positive change on her students by serving as a role model and to continue learning herself.

Jessica is active in her field, working on her pedagogy and assisting others. She has held numerous professional development trainings at her school and throughout the school district. She has been a part of the STEM fair and is also a member of the building level planning team.

I extend my best wishes to Jessica for her work as a teacher and look forward to learning of her continued success in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO ROBERT A. ALTENKIRCH

● Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, today I wish to commend Dr. Robert Altenkirch for his leadership at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. Dr. Altenkirch led the university as president from 2011 to 2019. While serving in this capacity, he implemented many strategic growth initiatives and promoted economic development throughout the campus and the city of Huntsville, AL.

Under Dr. Altenkirch's leadership, UAH provided assistance in recruiting numerous corporations to north Alabama. Those corporations include Blue Origin, Aerojet, Rocketdyne, GE Aviation, and Polaris. He also spearheaded the purchase of a 58-acre business park that is adjacent to the campus and serves as a town center for the students and faculty.

Continuing to add to his legacy, Dr. Altenkirch established the D.S. Davidson Invention to Innovation business incubator. This regional initiative fosters, promotes, and accelerates the commercialization of technology-based ventures through incubation, co-working, mentorship, funding, and strategic support.

Not only did Dr. Altenkirch expand the university physically and economically, but he also contributed to the university's growth in total enrollment over the past 5 years. By the fall of 2019, the enrollment at UAH skyrocketed by more than 10,000 students. The average ACT score for incoming freshman reached an alltime record high at the university under Dr. Altenkirch. By fall 2018, the average score was 28.5, which is the highest among the State of Alabama's public universities.

Studying mechanical engineering, Dr. Altenkirch earned a B.S. from Purdue University, an M.S. from the University of California, Berkeley, and a Ph.D. from Purdue. He was recognized as one of the 101 Most Influential People in the State of New Jersey in 2009, as Dr. Altenkirch served as the president of New Jersey Institute of Technology for 9 years prior to his tenure at UAH.

Dr. Altenkirch deserves the highest recognition for his outstanding leadership at the University of Alabama in

Huntsville. He helped shape a more prosperous future for the university, the city of Huntsville, and the State of Alabama. The impact he has made on UAH and the entire north Alabama community will not be forgotten.●

#### 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.)

#### PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

#### REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO YEMEN THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13611 OF MAY 16, 2012—PM 16

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days before the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13611 of May 16, 2012, with respect to Yemen is to continue in effect beyond May 16, 2019.

The actions and policies of certain former members of the Government of Yemen and others continue to threaten Yemen's peace, security, and stability, including by obstructing the political process in Yemen and the implementation of the agreement of November 23, 2011, between the Government of Yemen and those in opposition to it, which provided for a peaceful transition of power that meets the legitimate demands and aspirations of the Yemeni people. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Ex-

ecutive Order 13611 with respect to Yemen.

DONALD J. TRUMP.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, May 13, 2019.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BARRASSO, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works:

Report to accompany S. 383, a bill to support carbon dioxide utilization and direct air capture research, to facilitate the permitting and development of carbon capture, utilization, and sequestration projects and carbon dioxide pipelines, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116-38).

Report to accompany S. 747, a bill to reauthorize the diesel emissions reduction program, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116-39).

By Mr. HOEVEN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 211. A bill to amend the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 to secure urgent resources vital to Indian victims of crime, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116-40).

By Mr. GRAHAM, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1208. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 with respect to payments to certain public safety officers who have become permanently and totally disabled as a result of personal injuries sustained in the line of duty, and for other purposes.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. LANKFORD (for himself and Ms. SINEMA):

S. 1419. A bill to require agencies to publish an advance notice of proposed rule making for major rules; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. SINEMA (for herself and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. 1420. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to improve the effectiveness of major rules in accomplishing their regulatory objectives by promoting retrospective review, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. KING, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SCHUMER, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 1421. A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the 23d Headquarters Special Troops and the 3133d Signal Service Company in recognition of their unique and distinguished service as a "Ghost Army" that conducted deception operations in Europe during World War II; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 1422. A bill to transfer revenues from the net investment income tax to the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 1423. A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of dental, vision, and hearing care

under the Medicare and Medicaid programs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 1424. A bill to promote affordable access to evidence-based opioid treatments under the Medicare program and require coverage of medication assisted treatment for opioid use disorders, opioid overdose reversal medications, and recovery support services by health plans without cost-sharing requirements; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 1425. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the deduction for interest on education loans, to extend and expand the deduction for qualified tuition and related expenses, and eliminate the limitation on contributions to Coverdell education savings accounts; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. ENZI, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. RISCH, Mr. SULLIVAN, and Mr. WICKER):

S. 1426. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. GARDNER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. TILLIS, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. PETERS, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 1427. A bill to amend the National Institute of Standards and Technology Act to improve the Network for Manufacturing Innovation Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BROWN, and Ms. HASSAN):

S. 1428. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit treatment of student loan payments as elective deferrals for purposes of employer matching contributions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. ENZI, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. RISCH, and Mr. SULLIVAN):

S. 1429. A bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered species or threatened species, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LANKFORD (for himself, Mr. PETERS, and Ms. SINEMA):

S. 1430. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to prevent fraud by representative payees; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 1431. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform retirement provisions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Ms. ERNST):

S. 1432. A bill to direct the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to establish an interagency working group to study Federal efforts to collect data on sexual violence and to make recommendations on the harmonization of those efforts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. COTTON (for himself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 1433. A bill to limit funding for any extension of the New START Treaty or any successor agreement unless the agreement includes the People's Republic of China and