

thousands of others across the country, Head Start is a lifeline for struggling families and a stepping stone out of poverty.

Fifty-four years since its founding, the work of Head Start and Early Head Start remains paramount. Children in poverty are more than twice as likely to suffer traumatic childhood experiences such as abuse, neglect, homelessness, and parental substance abuse. Exposure to these kinds of trauma results in greater likelihood of chronic disease, mental illness, and substance use disorders, as well as decreased likelihood of high school graduation and increased likelihood of involvement with the juvenile justice system. We know that children having access to safe and stable environments mitigates these effects and that Head Start is on the front line of providing children with nurturing relationships.

This Saturday, not only do we celebrate the Head Start program reaching another milestone, but we celebrate the hundreds of thousands of dedicated Head Start staff and educators who work hard every day to support and teach the next generation.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### 300TH ANNIVERSARY OF LITCHFIELD, CONNECTICUT

• Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the town of Litchfield, CT, as it celebrates 300 years of local government.

Incorporated in 1719 by an act of the Colonial Assembly of Connecticut, Litchfield was first settled the following year and consisted of a mere home lots. Before long, the town grew thanks to a breadth of small industries, its significant position as part of two stagecoach lines, and its 1751 designation as the county seat.

A beautiful, welcoming place to live and flourish, Litchfield is located in the bucolic hills of western Connecticut and is home to a multitude of historic places of interest.

One of the most notable parts of the town are its historical houses. These remarkable structures are not only fascinating because of their fine, antique architecture and design, but also for their many famous residents. Some held temporary visitors, such as Sheldon's Tavern, where George Washington slept during the American Revolution. Others were the homes of important Connecticut luminaries including Revolutionary War patriot Ethan Allen, Governor and signer of the Declaration of Independence Oliver Wolcott, cofounder of the Litchfield China Trading Company Alexander Catlin, and Continental Army Colonel Benjamin Tallmadge.

Litchfield has a number of other wonderful historical attractions, including the Tapping Reeve Law School. Started in 1775, Tapping Reeve began with Aaron Burr as its first student.

Throughout its 58 years as a functioning law school, it educated over 1,200 students from throughout the Nation. Tapping Reeve counts Connecticut Governor Samuel A. Foot, U.S. Senator John C. Calhoun, Connecticut Governor Roger Sherman Baldwin, and Levi Woodbury, the first U.S. Supreme Court justice to attend law school, among its alumni. Now the restored law school building and Tapping Reeve House are available for public tours, thanks to the Litchfield Historical Society.

The Connecticut General Assembly recognized Litchfield's rich past and important role throughout our State's history by designating the borough of Litchfield a historic district in 1959. Litchfield remains a constantly growing yet still peaceful part of our State, which is highly regarded by residents and visitors alike. I have greatly enjoyed visiting Litchfield on numerous occasions and appreciating its quintessential New England characteristics.

A town with a commendable dedication to its impressive past and a positive, thoughtful look toward the future, Litchfield is an extraordinary Connecticut town. I hope my colleagues will join me in congratulating Litchfield on three centuries of distinction, and I send my best wishes for the town's future success.●

#### REMEMBERING TYRONE THOMPSON

• Ms. ROSEN. Mr. President, today, it is with both great pride and tremendous sadness that I honor the legacy of an incredible Nevadan, Assemblyman Tyrone Thompson, who was taken from us far too soon, earlier this month. A proud native of Las Vegas, Assemblyman Thompson, a product of Nevada's public education system, graduated from Valley High School in 1985. He then went on to earn his bachelor's degree in criminal justice with a minor in sociology from Northern Arizona University, and he earned his masters of arts degree in organizational management from the University of Phoenix in 2000.

Thompson was first appointed to the Nevada State Legislature by the Clark County Commission on April 16, 2013 as the representative for District 17. During the 79th and 80th legislative sessions, he fought for improvements to our States' public education system as chairman of the education committee. Then, during the 80th session, Assemblyman Thompson's leadership skills were recognized by his peers in the Statehouse when he was appointed majority whip for the Nevada Assembly.

In October 2017, Thompson was inducted into the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Hall of Fame at Northern Arizona University, his alma mater.

Assemblyman Tyrone Thompson had a heart that was bigger than life. Whether it was tackling homelessness

in our State, increasing access to quality education, mentoring, or fighting to expand social services, Assemblyman Thompson always followed through on his word. Our community lost a champion on May 4, 2019, but Tyrone Thompson lives on through a legacy unmatched in Nevada. He touched countless lives, inspired so many, and planted seeds of selfless acts throughout Nevada.

We honor him and his family as we carry his heart, passion, selflessness, and community-minded spirit with us every day.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Ms. Roberts, one of his secretaries.

#### PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

REPORT RELATIVE TO THE ISSUANCE OF AN EXECUTIVE ORDER DECLARING A NATIONAL EMERGENCY TO DEAL WITH THE THREAT POSED BY THE UNRESTRICTED ACQUISITION OR USE IN THE UNITED STATES OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY OR SERVICES DESIGNED, DEVELOPED, MANUFACTURED, OR SUPPLIED BY PERSONS OWNED BY, CONTROLLED BY, OR SUBJECT TO THE JURISDICTION OR DIRECTION OF FOREIGN ADVERSARIES—PM 17

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:*

Pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*) (IEEPA), the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.*), and section 301 of title 3, United States Code, I hereby report that I have issued an Executive Order declaring a national emergency to deal with the threat posed by the unrestricted acquisition or use in the United States of information and communications technology or services designed, developed, manufactured, or supplied by persons owned by, controlled by, or subject to the jurisdiction or direction of foreign adversaries.

Foreign adversaries are increasingly creating and exploiting vulnerabilities in information and communications technology and services, which store and communicate vast amounts of sensitive information, facilitate the digital economy, and support critical infrastructure and vital emergency services, in order to commit malicious cyber-enabled actions, including economic and industrial espionage against

the United States and its people. Although maintaining an open investment climate in information and communications technology, and in the United States economy more generally, is important for the overall growth and prosperity of the United States, such openness must be balanced by the need to protect our country against critical national security threats. To deal with this threat, additional steps are required to protect the security, integrity, and reliability of information and communications technology and services provided and used in the United States.

The Executive Order prohibits certain transactions involving information and communications technology or services where the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary), in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, the Attorney General, the Secretary of Homeland Security, the United States Trade Representative, the Director of National Intelligence, the Administrator of General Services, the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, and, as appropriate, the heads of other executive departments and agencies (agencies), has determined that:

(i) the transaction involves information and communications technology or services designed, developed, manufactured, or supplied, by persons owned by, controlled by, or subject to the jurisdiction or direction of a foreign adversary; and

(ii) the transaction:

(A) poses an undue risk of sabotage to or subversion of the design, integrity, manufacturing, production, distribution, installation, operation, or maintenance of information and communications technology or services in the United States;

(B) poses an undue risk of catastrophic effects on the security or resiliency of United States critical infrastructure or the digital economy of the United States; or

(C) otherwise poses an unacceptable risk to the national security of the United States or the security and safety of United States persons.

I have delegated to the Secretary the authority to, in consultation with, or upon referral of a particular transaction from, the heads of other agencies as appropriate, take such actions, including directing the timing and manner of the cessation of transactions prohibited pursuant to the Executive Order, adopting appropriate rules and regulations, and employing all other powers granted to the President by IEEPA, as may be necessary to implement the Executive Order. All agencies of the United States Government are directed to take all appropriate measures within their authority to carry out the provisions of the Executive Order.

I am enclosing a copy of the Executive Order I have issued.

DONALD J. TRUMP,  
THE WHITE HOUSE, May 15, 2019.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:02 a.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 bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2379. An act to reauthorize the Bullet-proof Vest Partnership Grant Program.

At 12:01 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, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 299. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.

H.R. 389. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to pay rewards under an asset recovery rewards program to help identify and recover stolen assets linked to foreign government corruption and the proceeds of such corruption hidden behind complex financial structures in the United States and abroad.

H.R. 1037. An act to increase transparency with respect to financial services benefitting state sponsors of terrorism, human rights abusers, and corrupt officials, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1060. An act to provide regulatory relief to charitable organizations that provide housing assistance, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1313. An act to amend the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 to clarify certain allowable uses of funds for public transportation security assistance grants and establish periods of performance for such grants, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1437. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to achieve security of sensitive assets among the components of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1594. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a process to review applications for certain grants to purchase equipment or systems that do not meet or exceed any applicable national voluntary consensus standards, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1912. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for requirements relating to documentation for major acquisition programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2066. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the Intelligence Rotational Assignment Program in the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2578. An act to reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program, 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. 389. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to pay rewards under an asset recovery rewards program to help identify and recover stolen assets linked to foreign government corruption and the proceeds of such corruption hidden behind complex financial structures in the United States and

abroad; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 986. An act to provide that certain guidance related to waivers for State innovation under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act shall have no force or effect.

H.R. 2157. An act making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, 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-1284. A communication from the Senior Official performing the duties of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of nine (9) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of major general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777, this will not cause the Department to exceed the number of frocked officers authorized; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1285. A communication from the Chairwoman of the Nuclear Weapons Council,