

On September 12, Patsy earned well-deserved honors from the National Association of Broadcasters for her long-time leadership as president and owner of California Oregon Broadcasting, Inc., COBI.

As association president and our former Senate colleague Gordon Smith put it in presenting Patsy with its Chuck Sherman Television Leadership Award for local TV in medium and smaller markets, “Patsy’s passion for excellence in small market local television is unmatched. She exemplifies the best of broadcasting by running the longest continuously-owned and operated, independent broadcast organization in the West.”

Like former Senator Smith and countless elected officials throughout our State, I have come to know Patsy from regular visits to southern Oregon for townhalls, community meetings, and more.

When I visit TV station KOB1 in Medford, I can always count on a wide-ranging and thought-provoking set of questions from her station’s journalists, and of course, that steadfast commitment to serious and fair journalism starts at the top with Patsy.

As the son of a journalist, I very much appreciate her unshakable dedication to independent journalism that continues in the very best tradition of both her profession and in the legacy established back in 1933 by California Oregon Broadcasting, Inc.

As a Senator, I appreciate in equal measure her rock-solid devotion to local journalism that serves viewers so well in all of southern Oregon.

In Patsy’s remarks accepting her award, she noted that “Television in medium and smaller markets is a business where the hours are often long, the pressure to get it right is heavy, and the monetary compensation is not equal to the responsibilities.”

Then with classic Patsy modesty, she added, “I have been very fortunate throughout my career to be surrounded by individuals who might not make a lot of money, but who make a positive difference in their community each and every day and love their work.”

I will conclude my remarks by saying all of southern Oregon is incredibly fortunate that Patsy has set the bar high both for working long hours and love of her profession to make a positive difference in her community each and every day.

TRIBUTE TO PETER B. EDELMAN

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I want to recognize the work that Professor Peter B. Edelman, faculty director of the Center on Poverty and Inequality at Georgetown University, has done and for his decades-long career fighting for working families. Along with his equally if not more impressive wife, Marian Wright Edelman, it is not an exaggeration to say the two have improved the lives of millions of Americans.

A key figure in planning Senator Robert F. Kennedy’s memorable tour of the Mississippi Delta, Professor Edelman continues to help expose the crippling poverty that still permeates through our country. His books “So Rich, So Poor: Why It’s so Hard to End Poverty in America” and “Not a Crime to Be Poor. The Criminalization of Poverty in America” have been important in shaping my view on the lack of economic mobility in America. A dedicated public servant who has worked in various administrations and organizations, Professor Edelman has been on the forefront of promoting and implementing social justice policies.

While I recognize we live in a time where politicians and special interests groups have tipped the scales in favor of corporations and the wealthy, I am encouraged to know that Professor Edelman is educating the next generation of anti-poverty advocates.

As the Coalition on Human Needs honors Professor Edelman as a recipient of its 2019 Human Needs Hero award, I want to express my thanks for his work as an advocate of working families. He has improved countless lives, and his pragmatic yet principled approach serves as a model for those pursuing social change now and for years to come. For these reasons, it is my honor and privilege today to recognize the achievements of Professor Peter B. Edelman.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF JOURNEY HOUSE

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Journey House in Milwaukee, WI, on its 50th anniversary. For five decades, Journey House has been a beacon of hope in the city’s Clarke Square neighborhood. Since its founding in the summer of 1969, Journey House has made tremendous strides in helping families move out of poverty on Milwaukee’s near Southside. I am delighted to honor this remarkable community organization and commemorate this significant milestone.

Through its four core programs, Journey House has helped low-income community members achieve their greatest potential. Its adult education program provides basic skills and GED education in both English and Spanish to lay the foundation for a successful career path. Its youth development programs focus on keeping children and young adults away from drugs and violence. Its emphasis on workforce readiness builds the skills and motivation employers seek. Its family engagement events offer the simple but important gift of spending time together in a safe and welcoming environment. Programming also includes community learning centers, housing for homeless youth aging out of foster care, and affordable family housing.

Journey House began with a staff of two local teenagers, Zlan Kleczewski and Rudy Rosas, working as codirec-

tors. With funding from VISTA—Volunteers in Service to America—they organized programs for youth engagement and development. As Journey House started to grow and as Zlan and Rudy returned to school, the organization sought permanent leadership.

After receiving its first VISTA grant in 1969, Journey House hired its first full-time director in 1971. Today, Journey House is led by Dr. Michele Bria who, since her start in 1998, has been the inspiration behind the agency’s success. Under her leadership, the agency has grown from a small operation with two sites and a \$200,000 budget to a multimillion dollar organization that serves thousands daily. Her hard work and commitment are reflected in the achievements of countless youth and families who have broken the cycle of poverty.

From its humble beginnings five decades ago, Journey House has played a transformative role in one of Milwaukee’s most ethnically diverse and economically challenged neighborhoods. I am proud to recognize the contributions made by Journey House over the past 50 years, and I am grateful for the work the staff do every day to change lives for the better.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING HIGH STREET CHURCH

● Mr. JONES. Mr. President, I rise today in recognition of High Street Church of Christ in Tuscumbia, AL. For over a century, this church has been a source of hope and inspiration to the city of Tuscumbia and the State of Alabama. Through their ministry and outreach, they have transformed the lives of so many Alabamians.

Last year, on September 28-30, High Street Church of Christ hosted their centennial celebration with 2 days of events commemorating 100 years of tireless work and dedication. The speakers for the event included Brothers Michael S. Robert, Mansel Long, and Stanley Hubbard, many of whom who have been longstanding members of the church. I am proud to be able to honor the High Street Church here on the U.S. Senate floor and to let the congregants of this church know that they have my support and good wishes.

In is written, “Upon this rock I will build my church.” High Street Church of Christ has proven to be a rock—a pillar of the local community in Northwest Alabama—since its inception in 1918. High Street Church has been a trailblazer as one of the first minority congregations in north Alabama. Under the current leadership of Brothers Eddie Goodloe, William Long, Roderick Metcalf, and Thomas Sledge, the church’s good work continues.

As they approach their 101st celebration, I congratulate the church on its first 100 years, and I look forward its continued growth and watching its

positive impact on Tuscumbia and Alabama for years to come.●

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

NOTIFICATION OF THE PRESIDENT'S INTENT TO ENTER INTO A TRADE AGREEMENT REGARDING TARIFF BARRIERS WITH JAPAN—PM 29

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Congress of the United States:

On October 16, 2018, my Administration notified the Congress that I intended to initiate trade negotiations with Japan on a United States-Japan Trade Agreement. As stated in that notification and subsequent consultations with the Congress, my Administration proposed pursuing negotiations with Japan in stages. I am pleased to report that my Administration has reached an initial trade agreement regarding tariff barriers (the “agreement”) with Japan and I intend to enter into the agreement in the coming weeks.

Accordingly, pursuant to section 103(a)(2) of the Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015 (Public Law 114-26, Title I) (the “Act”), I hereby notify the Congress that I intend to enter into a trade agreement regarding tariff barriers with Japan under section 103(a) of the Act.

In addition, I also will be entering into an Executive Agreement with Japan regarding digital trade.

My Administration looks forward to continued collaboration with the Congress on further negotiations with Japan to achieve a comprehensive trade agreement that results in more fair and reciprocal trade between the United States and Japan.

DONALD J. TRUMP.

THE WHITE HOUSE, September 16, 2019.

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-2558. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage Programs” (RIN0560-AI45) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 11, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2559. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule en-

titled “Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Increased Assessment Rate” ((7 CFR Part 985) (Docket No. AMS-SC-19-0026)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2560. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Reorganization and Transfer of Regulations” ((7 CFR Part 735) (Docket No. AMS-FGIS-18-0073 FR)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2561. A communication from the Chief of the Army Privacy Office, Department of the Army, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “The Army Privacy Program” ((RIN0702-AB03) (32 CFR Part 505)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2019; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2562. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program” (RIN0790-AJ40) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2019; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2563. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Venezuela that was declared in Executive Order 13692 of March 8, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2564. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Ukraine that was originally declared in Executive Order 13660 of March 6, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2565. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to persons undermining democratic processes or institutions in Zimbabwe that was declared in Executive Order 13288 of March 6, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2566. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Fiscal Year 2018 Methane Hydrate Program”; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2567. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; California; South Coast Air Quality Management District; Stationary Source Permits” (FRL No. 9997-16-Region 9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 11, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2568. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; Ohio; Revisions to Nox SIP Call and CAIR Rules” (FRL No. 9999-47-Region 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 11, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2569. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Findings of Failure to Submit State

Implementation Plans Required for Attainment of the 2010 1-Hour Primary Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS)” (FRL No. 9999-85-OAR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 11, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2570. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Relaxation of the Federal Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP) Gasoline Volatility Standard for the Atlanta RVP Area” (FRL No. 9999-87-OAR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 11, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2571. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Standards of Performance for Stationary Compression Ignition Integral Combustion Engines; Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule” (FRL No. 9999-86-OAR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 11, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2572. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Revenue Procedure Providing Guidance for Making Late Elections or Revoking an Election under Certain Provisions of Section 168(k) of the Internal Revenue Code” (Rev. Proc. 2019-33) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2573. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Method Change Procedures Accompanying the Section 451 NPRMs” (Rev. Proc. 2019-37) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2574. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Examination of Returns and Claims for Refund, Credit, or Abatement; Determination of Tax Liability” (Rev. Proc. 2019-36) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 10, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2575. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of firearms parts and components abroad controlled under Category I of the U.S. Munitions Lists of M16A4 upgrade kits to Thailand in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 19-008); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2576. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “National Health Service Corps Report to Congress for the Year 2018”; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2577. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Prevailing Rate Systems; Redefinition of Certain Appropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Areas” (RIN3206-AN87) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 11, 2019; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.