

reads, "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free." But we have not always lived up to the values on that inscription. When World War II displaced millions of Jews, many of them sought asylum in the United States. Thousands were turned away and sent back to their deaths in their home countries. The most infamous incident was a ship called the *St. Louis* that carried almost 1,000 Jewish refugees to a port in Miami. After being denied entry and forced to return to Europe, more than a quarter of those passengers perished in the Holocaust.

It is important to acknowledge and learn from dark chapters in our history like this one, so that we can do a better job of respecting and protecting human life moving forwards. This is why I have been so troubled by President Trump's anti-refugee policies. Whether by making the lowest Presidential determination on refugee admissions in the program's history or by locking up asylum-seekers at our southern border, the Trump administration has turned our Nation's back on those fleeing violence and oppression and stained the U.S. reputation as a champion of human rights.

We cannot allow these policies to continue. First and foremost, they are wrong. This sort of behavior violates the most basic tenets of our democracy: equality, freedom, and justice. But beyond that, it actively hurts our country to ignore the plight of refugees. When we shirk our responsibility as a global leader in humanitarian assistance, we exacerbate worldwide instability that will affect us, too. Moreover, by closing our doors to refugees, we miss out on the valuable contributions that they make to our society. Think of the contributions to science, art, and politics that refugees like Albert Einstein, Gloria Estefan, and Madeline Albright have made to the United States and to humanity. As I speak, think of all the displaced people around the world who are working on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic to help keep their adopted communities, including ours, safe.

To improve our country's treatment of refugees, I worked with Senators LEAHY, BOOKER, and HARRIS and Representative ZOE LOFGREN to introduce the Refugee Protection Act of 2019. This bill is a comprehensive blueprint for reinvigorating U.S. refugee and asylum systems. It bolsters the U.S. Refugee Admission Program and expands protections for refugees, and restores due process and dignity for asylum seekers. Broadly, it seeks to repair the U.S. role as a refuge for the persecuted. I urge all of my colleagues to support this crucial, lifesaving measure.

The most important thing to remember is that refugees are our fellow human beings who have found themselves in the most difficult of circumstances. They are brothers, daughters, fathers, grandmothers, and friends. They have ideas, hopes, and as-

pirations and deserve the same respect, security, dignity, and opportunity we wish for ourselves and our families and friends. This World Refugee Day, let us recommit to providing safe harbor to the vulnerable, no matter where they are from. I always like to say that our values are our strength, so let us live by our values and help build a brighter future for all the world's peoples.

#### TRIBUTE TO REAR ADMIRAL PATRICK "PAT" A. PIERCEY

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to a great leader and an exceptional officer, Rear Admiral Patrick "Pat" A. Piercey who will soon retire from the U.S. Navy after over 35 years of dedicated service to the Nation. Rear Admiral Piercey is a native of Clinton, OK, and graduated with distinction from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1985. He is a true professional and a dedicated leader. Throughout his career, he commanded our great sailors at many levels, deployed numerous times in defense of the Nation and served in some of the most critical positions in our Navy. Rear Admiral Piercey has provided outstanding leadership, advice, and sound professional judgment on numerous critical issues of enduring importance to the Navy, Congress, and the Nation.

Rear Admiral Piercey commanded USS *Howard*—DDG 83—USS *Bunker Hill*—CG 52—Carrier Strike Group 9, and Naval Surface Forces Atlantic. Due to his sound judgment and intellect, Rear Admiral Piercey served in many critical assignments, including special assistant to the Deputy Director of the White House Office of Management and Budget, executive assistant to the Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Director for Operations—J3—U.S. Indo-Pacific Command.

For the past 2 years, Rear Admiral Piercey has served as the Chief of Staff of U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany. During this period of extraordinary change and challenge in Europe's security environment, Rear Admiral Piercey has improved relationships with NATO allies and European partners. Through his strategic vision, he has successfully positioned U.S. European Command to meet every mission requirement in Europe.

On behalf of my colleagues and the entire U.S. Congress, I want to thank Rear Admiral Piercey for his decades of dedicated service to the Navy and our Nation. I am sure that many officers and sailors will continue to emulate him as a role model for service, sacrifice and leadership. I also want to thank his wife, Katherine, and their children, Rebecca and Andrew, for their sacrifices and tremendous support. I join my colleagues in wishing him and his family fair winds and following seas and future success in retirement.

#### TRIBUTE TO JOSH JORGENSEN

Mr. ROUNDS. Mr. President, today I rise to recognize Josh Jorgensen, a legislative aide in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, his colleagues, and the State of South Dakota.

Josh is a native of Sioux Falls, SD. He is a graduate of Bishop O'Gorman High School in Sioux Falls, SD, and the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, SD. During his undergraduate career, Josh majored in journalism and political science and served as president of the College Republicans.

Josh first joined my office as an intern in the spring of 2016. During this time, he proved himself to be a diligent and dedicated worker and became a true asset to my office.

He later returned as a senior legislative correspondent, and through hard work and dedication, he worked his way up to legislative aide, handling Tribal relations, healthcare, and education issues for my office. Josh has played an instrumental role in my office by providing insight and guidance into these issues.

Josh has been a dedicated and faithful public servant during his time working in the Senate. I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to him for his fine work. As he continues on with his career, he bears the esteem of a grateful State and my utmost gratitude for a job well done.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO CAROLYN ASHCRAFT

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Carolyn Ashcraft on her retirement as State librarian and director of the Arkansas State Library after 15 years of transformative leadership.

Carolyn has a dedication to the State of Arkansas and a passion for books, and her departure from a career that blended the two will leave a significant void in Arkansas' library community. Her enthusiasm for libraries has been evident since childhood, leading to an invitation to serve as a student library aide in sixth grade. She went on to serve in a similar position at the university level while earning her degree in English at the University of Arkansas at Monticello. She continued her education at the University of Alabama, where she earned a master's degree in library science. In 1981, Carolyn launched her professional career at the Grant County Library and next served as director at the Saline County Library. She held this position until she started with the Arkansas State Library in 1993, where she served in various positions, including deputy director in the library development unit before being selected as State librarian in 2005.

Carolyn's career and the accomplishments of the Arkansas library system

during her tenure as State librarian testify to her dedication and influential direction. Under her guidance, our libraries adapted emerging technologies. She helped facilitate the transition to digitization, expanding digital programs such as the Traveler Statewide Digital Resource Program and establishing the Arkansas Digital Library Consortium in 2018. She also oversaw the relocation of the agency and its collection of books, State and Federal documents, Library for the Blind materials, and other documents.

Carolyn is known for having an unrivaled and encompassing knowledge of libraries, as evidenced by her involvement in both State and national professional library associations. The list of such organizations is lengthy and includes the Arkansas Library Association, American Library Association, the Association for Rural and Small Libraries, and Chief Officers of State Library Agencies.

I thank Carolyn for her contributions to Arkansas during her career of dedicated service, guidance, and support of our public libraries and library services. She will be missed, but I am confident she will enjoy her time in retirement.●

#### 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.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

##### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 3:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 3084. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the limitation on pay for certain high-level employees and officers of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

##### ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, June 22, 2020, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 3084. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the limitation on pay

for certain high-level employees and officers of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

#### 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. MARKEY:

S. 4018. A bill to strengthen the Mutual Defense Treaty between the United States and the Republic of Korea, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Ms. SMITH, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. KING, Mr. YOUNG, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BURR, Mr. KAINE, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. WARREN, Ms. ERNST, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. BROWN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. COONS, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. HASSAN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RISCH, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. UDALL, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. PETERS):

S. 4019. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to designate Juneteenth National Independence Day as a legal public holiday; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Ms. WARREN, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 4020. A bill to prevent an unconstitutional war with North Korea; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mrs. CAPITO, and Mrs. BLACKBURN):

S. 4021. A bill to accelerate rural broadband deployment; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. 4022. A bill to require the Federal Communications Commission to update the national broadband plan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. 4023. A bill to enhance maritime cybersecurity; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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

S. 4024. A bill to establish in the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency of the Department of Homeland Security a Cybersecurity Advisory Committee; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. 4025. A bill to authorize appropriations for the maritime environmental and technical assistance program; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 4026. A bill to expedite and expand provision of American Citizen Services worldwide during the COVID-19 pandemic, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. ERNST:

S. 4027. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to require Members of Congress, spouses of Members of Congress, and employees of Congress who receive a loan under the pay-

check protection program to submit a financial disclosure form; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. DAINES:

S. 4028. A bill to amend the Act of June 4, 1897, to increase a penalty for the unauthorized landing of certain aircraft on wilderness areas of the National Forest System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. 4029. A bill to express the sense of Congress regarding the need for a nationwide moratorium on electric and natural gas utility disconnections during the nationwide emergency relating to the spread of the novel coronavirus; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. 4030. A bill to establish an intercity passenger rail service investment grant program; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Ms. MCSALLY:

S. 4031. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a temporary nonrefundable personal tax credit for travel, hospitality, and entertainment expenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LANKFORD (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mr. LEE, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 4032. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow above-the-line deductions for charitable contributions for individuals not itemizing deductions; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. COONS, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. SMITH, Mr. JONES, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. PETERS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. UDALL, Ms. WARREN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BROWN, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. KAINE, and Ms. ROSEN):

S. 4033. A bill to require States to establish contingency plans for the conduct of elections for Federal office in response to national disasters and emergencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 4034. A bill to expand eligibility for and provide judicial review for the Elderly Home Detention Pilot Program, provide for compassionate release based on COVID-19 vulnerability, shorten the waiting period for judicial review during the COVID-19 pandemic, and make other technical corrections; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. HARRIS, Ms. WARREN, Ms. SINEMA, and Mr. CRAMER):

S. Res. 633. A resolution supporting the goals of International Myalgic