

seniors, veterans, disabled individuals, and working families.

That is why I am pleased to announce that this important site has been recognized by the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Coalition as a 2020 recipient of the Charles L. Edson Tax Credit Award, which recognizes excellence in the affordable housing industry and organizations that have demonstrated the most impactful use of the Housing Credit.

Historic Ashe Hospital in Jefferson is no exception. The historic building includes a community room for residents to gather, office space for those now working from home, a library for residents of all ages, and a memory room with artifacts from the original hospital. Wide hallways, tall ceilings, and large windows remind residents of the great public spaces of the past and beautiful views of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Historic Ashe is also located across the street from the Appalachian District Health Department, which delivers services including case management, skilled nursing, physical and occupational therapy, and respite care. Vaya Health of western North Carolina provides a variety of mental health services on-site, and other community partners provide GED classes to those interested, transportation to the local senior center, volunteer opportunities, and a variety of other education and support services.

It is truly a monumental achievement in terms of creative property development and the judicious use of public and private funding to benefit the residents of Jefferson, while contributing to the Nation's vital supply of affordable housing.

Several groups and individuals were instrumental in bringing the project to fruition, including Northwestern Housing Enterprises, Incorporated, Redstone Equity Partners, Foss & Company, Bank of Tennessee, Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati, Tise-Kiester Architects of Chapel Hill, and notably E. G. "Ned" Fowler, President of Northwestern Housing Enterprises.

To everyone involved in the development of Historic Ashe Hospital for affordable housing in Jefferson, I offer my congratulations and gratitude on behalf of the people of North Carolina. Thank you.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Committee on Intelligence to be sequentially referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

(The message received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:35 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, without amendment:

S. 743. An act to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the soldiers of the 5307th Composite Unit (Provisional), commonly known as "Merrill's Marauders", in recognition of their bravery and outstanding service in the jungles of Burma during World War II.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 991. An act to extend certain provisions of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act until September 30, 2030, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1923. An act to amend title 31, United States Code, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue certain circulating collectible coins, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2166. An act to authorize a comprehensive, strategic approach for United States foreign assistance to developing countries to strengthen global health security, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3010. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a mission statement of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

H.R. 3228. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize health professional trainees to provide treatment via telemedicine, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4104. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint a coin in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Negro Leagues baseball.

H.R. 4864. An act to develop and implement policies to advance early childhood development, to provide assistance for orphans and other vulnerable children in developing countries, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4908. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the collection of a health care copayment by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from a veteran who is a member of an Indian tribe.

H.R. 5664. An act to amend the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 to ensure adequate time for the preparation of the annual Trafficking in Persons Report, require the timely provision of information to the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and the Bureau of Diplomatic Security of the Department of State regarding the number and location of visa denials based, in whole or in part, on grounds related to human trafficking, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6092. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national clinical pathway for prostate cancer, access to life-saving extending precision clinical trials and research, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6192. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to honor the 100th anniversary of completion of coinage of the "Morgan Dollar" and the 100th anniversary of commencement of coinage of the "Peace Dollar", and for other purposes.

H.R. 6210. An act ensuring that goods made with forced labor in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China do not enter the United States market, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6589. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop and submit to

Congress a plan to address the material weakness of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7795. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the ability of veterans to access and submit disability benefit questionnaire forms of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

H.R. 8276. An act to authorize the President to posthumously award the Medal of Honor to Alwyn C. Cashe for acts of valor during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 991. An act to extend certain provisions of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act until September 30, 2030, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 1923. An act to amend title 31, United States Code, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue certain circulating collectible coins, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 2166. An act to authorize a comprehensive, strategic approach for United States foreign assistance to developing countries to strengthen global health security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 3010. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a mission statement of the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 4864. An act to develop and implement policies to advance early childhood development, to provide assistance for orphans and other vulnerable children in developing countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 4908. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the collection of a health care copayment by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from a veteran who is a member of an Indian tribe; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 5664. An act to amend the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 to ensure adequate time for the preparation of the annual Trafficking in Persons Report, require the timely provision of information to the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and the Bureau of Diplomatic Security of the Department of State regarding the number and location of visa denials based, in whole or in part, on grounds related to human trafficking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 6092. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national clinical pathway for prostate cancer, access to life-saving extending precision clinical trials and research, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 6192. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to honor the 100th anniversary of completion of coinage of the "Morgan Dollar" and the 100th anniversary of commencement of coinage of the "Peace Dollar", and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 6210. An act ensuring that goods made with forced labor in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China do not enter the United States market, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 6589. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop and submit to Congress a plan to address the material weakness of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 7795. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the ability of veterans to access and submit disability benefit questionnaire forms of the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

S. 4653. A bill to protect the healthcare of hundreds of millions of people of the United States and prevent efforts of the Department of Justice to advocate courts to strike down the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

H.R. 8337. An act making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2021, and for other purposes.

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 3228. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize health professional trainees to provide treatment via telemedicine, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 4675. A bill to amend the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

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-5511. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Trichoderma asperellum, strain T34; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 10013-33-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5512. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pseudomonas fluorescens strain ACK55; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 10013-27-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5513. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "User Fees" (RIN0790-AK45) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2020; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5514. 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 persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism that was established in Executive Order 13224 on September 23, 2001, as amended; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5515. 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; Texas; Construction Prior to Permit Amendment" (FRL No. 10014-57-Region 6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5516. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Wyoming Underground Injection Control Program; Class VI Primacy" (FRL No. 10013-68-OW) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5517. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances (19-5.B)" (FRL No. 10013-95-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5518. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Miscellaneous Changes Under the Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act of 2019 and the Bipartisan American Miners Act of 2019" (Notice 2020-68) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2020; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5519. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice Regarding the Special Per Diem Rates for 2020-2021" (Notice 2020-71) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2020; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5520. 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 "Modifications to Rev. Proc. 2016-37 and Rev. Proc. 2019-39" (Rev. Proc. 2020-40) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2020; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5521. 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 "Update to Rev. Rul. 94-74" (Rev. Rul. 2020-19) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2020; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5522. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Convention on Cultural Property Implementation Act, a report relative to actions taken in fiscal year 2019 to conclude cultural property agreements with Bulgaria, China, Honduras, and Algeria; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5523. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Convention on Cultural Property Implementation Act, three (3) reports of the Cultural Property Advisory Committee (CPAC) from 2019 relative to memoranda of understanding and cultural property agreements; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5524. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting,

pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Specialty Care Models to Improve Quality of Care and Reduce Expenditures" (RIN0938-AT89) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 22, 2020; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5525. 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 "Limitation on Deduction for Business Interest Expense" ((RIN1545-BO73) (TD 9905)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2020; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5526. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of State, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the status of deconfliction channels with Iran; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5527. A communication from the Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the cost of response and recovery efforts for FEMA-3538-EM in the State of Louisiana having exceeded the \$5,000,000 limit for a single emergency declaration; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5528. A communication from the Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the cost of response and recovery efforts for FEMA-3540-EM in the State of Texas having exceeded the \$5,000,000 limit for a single emergency declaration; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5529. A communication from the Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the cost of response and recovery efforts for FEMA-3529-EM in the State of Hawaii having exceeded the \$5,000,000 limit for a single emergency declaration; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5530. A communication from the Director, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2020-09, Small Entity Compliance Guide" (FAC 2020-09) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2020; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5531. A communication from the Director, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2020-09, Introduction" (FAC 2020-09) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2020; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5532. A communication from the Executive Director, Office of General Counsel, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Waiver of Notarization Requirement for Spousal Consent; Withdrawal of Interim Rule" (5 CFR Part 1650) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2020; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5533. A communication from the Executive Director, Office of General Counsel, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board,