

Troop 6, sponsored by St. Frances Cabrini Church, has been in existence since 1967. When Mr. O became scoutmaster, it had about 12 Scouts; today that number is between 60 and 70. Mr. O, the founding partner in the Alexandria CPA firm Oestricher & Company, CPAs, has received the Distinguished Public Service Award by the Louisiana CPA Society and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He has been honored with many awards from the Scouting community as well as other local organizations. Mr. O has led trips to destinations like Philmont Scout Ranch and Canada Canoe trips, as well as taught other adult leaders across the Nation and represented the area at four national Scout jamborees. Now, his oldest scouts are in their 60s, but he is still there as scoutmaster. He has several "grandscouts," whose fathers were members of troop 6 under him, and one "great-grandscout," who shared the same scoutmaster as his grandfather. Troop 6 has had over 160 Eagle Scouts during his tenure scoutmaster and six of his Scouts have been ordained as Catholic priests. He certainly lives the Scout Law every day and epitomizes the troop 6 motto "Optimus Optimorum"—Best of the Best. We thank Mr. O for his dedication to being scoutmaster and being a good influence on so many young men in his community.●

#### RECOGNIZING AUNT CATFISH'S ON THE RIVER

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, as chairman of the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize a small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit that drives our economy. It is my privilege to recognize a family-owned small business committed to investing in its community. This week, it is my pleasure to honor Aunt Catfish's on the River, of Port Orange, FL, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

A long-time resident of Port Orange, Jim followed in the Galbreath family tradition of entrepreneurship. His mother, Ann Galbreath, founded and ran a restaurant called Marko's Drive-In in the 1950s. After it closed briefly, Jim bought Marko's and reopened it. Building on his experience, Jim used an old fishing dock to open a new restaurant in 1979, Aunt Catfish's on the River.

More than 40 years later, Aunt Catfish's on the River is still family-owned and operated. Jim's son, Brendan Galbreath, who started as a teenager, took the helm, keeping the business in the family. Under his leadership, Aunt Catfish's has stayed true to its reputation for outstanding service and delicious cuisine.

The Galbreath family's focus on building strong relationships with their community is a key part of their success. During the coronavirus pandemic, Aunt Catfish's opened a drive-through operation and expanded its

carryout services. Brendan served on the Port Orange South Daytona Chamber of Commerce/City of Port Orange Reopening Task Force, working with local business owners, civic leaders, and public health experts. Together, they designed and implemented the Port Orange Phase One Reopening Plan, enabling their community to reopen safely. Additionally, Aunt Catfish's on the River participated in the chamber's "I Am, I Go, I Support Local" campaign to support local businesses.

Like many Florida small businesses, Aunt Catfish's on the River experienced a sharp drop in revenue due to the coronavirus pandemic. In April 2020, the U.S. Small Business Administration launched the Paycheck Protection Program, a small business relief program that I was proud to author. The PPP provides forgivable loans to impacted small businesses and non-profits who maintain their payroll during the COVID-19 pandemic. Aunt Catfish's on the River used their PPP loan to keep their employees paid, while maintaining the highest health and safety standards for their customers.

Aunt Catfish's on the River is a notable example of the endurance and resilience of family-owned small businesses. Through their advocacy and service, Aunt Catfish's on the River has strengthened their local small business community. Congratulations to Brendan and the entire team at Aunt Catfish's on the River. I look forward to watching your continued growth and success.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Roberts, 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 and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:05 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 2216. An act to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to formally recognize caregivers of veterans, notify veterans and caregivers of clinical determinations relating to eligibility for the family caregiver program, and temporarily extend benefits for veterans who are determined ineligible for the family caregiver program, and for other purposes.

S. 2472. An act to redesignate the NASA John H. Glenn Research Center at Plum Brook Station, Ohio, as the NASA John H. Glenn Research Center at the Neil A. Armstrong Test Facility.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 7105) to provide flexibility for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in caring for homeless veterans during a covered public health emergency, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a retraining assistance program for unemployed veterans, and for other purposes.

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

S. 1694. An act to require any Federal agency that issues licenses to conduct lunar activities to include in the requirements for such licenses an agreement relating to the preservation and protection of the Apollo 11 landing site, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bill, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 2174. An act to expand the grants authorized under Jennifer's Law and Kristen's Act to include processing of unidentified remains, resolving missing persons cases, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. Con. Res. 52. Concurrent resolution to correct the enrollment of S. 3312.

#### 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-6159. A communication from the Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Standard for Hand-Held Infant Carriers" (16 CFR Part 1225) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 14, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6160. A communication from the Attorney Adviser, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Qualification and Certification of Locomotive Engineers; Miscellaneous Revisions" (RIN2130-AC40) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6161. A communication from the Attorney Adviser, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Method for Calculating Monetary Threshold for Reporting Rail Equipment Accidents/Incidents" (RIN2130-AC49) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6162. A communication from the Attorney Adviser, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule

entitled "State Highway-Rail Grade Crossing Action Plans" (RIN2130-AC72) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6163. A communication from the Director of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Truth in Lending (Regulation Z); Earned Wage Access Programs" (12 CFR Part 1026) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6164. A communication from the Program Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Appraisals for Higher-Priced Mortgage Loans Exemption Threshold" (RIN1557-AF04) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6165. A communication from the Program Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Licensing Amendments" (RIN1557-AE71) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6166. 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 "Statutory Limitations on Like-Kind Exchanges" (RIN1545-BP02) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2020; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6167. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Semiannual Report of the Office of Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6168. A communication from the Chairman of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6169. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedures for Asylum and Withholding of Removal; Credible Fear and Reasonable Fear Review" (RIN1125-AA94) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2020; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6170. A communication from the Agency Representative, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Trademark Fee Adjustment" (RIN0651-AD42) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2020; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-266. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana urging the United States Congress and the Louisiana congressional delegation to take

such actions as are necessary to fully fund the Livestock Indemnity Program in response to the negative impact created by losses to the Louisiana livestock industry as a result of Hurricane Laura and Hurricane Delta; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

### HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 24

Whereas, Hurricane Laura made landfall along the coast of Louisiana on August 27, 2020, as a category four storm, becoming the strongest storm in Louisiana history and causing an estimated ten billion dollars in damage from the southwestern to the northern part of the state; and

Whereas, Hurricane Laura created an estimated one billion six hundred million dollar loss to the Louisiana agriculture industry, including a loss of one million eight hundred thousand dollars to the livestock sector alone; and

Whereas, an estimated one hundred one thousand poultry, one hundred thirty cattle, and a dozen horses died as a direct result of the storm and the extreme health and insect conditions that followed; and

Whereas, Louisiana was hit directly by Hurricane Delta on October 9, 2020, causing more catastrophic damage to many of the same areas of the state as Hurricane Laura; and

Whereas, Hurricane Delta likely created numerous additional losses to the Louisiana agriculture industry, including livestock, the extent of which will only be known after surveys and research of the industry can be conducted; and

Whereas, the 2014 Farm Bill authorized the Livestock Indemnity Program, within the United States Department of Agriculture, to provide benefits to eligible livestock owners or contract growers for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality caused by eligible loss conditions, including adverse weather, disease, and attacks; and

Whereas, the United States Congress neglected to fund the Livestock Indemnity Program properly, creating a situation where Louisiana livestock producers are unable to utilize the program at a time when it is needed most to offset losses created by Hurricane Laura and Hurricane Delta. Therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress and the Louisiana congressional delegation to take such actions as are necessary to fully fund the Livestock Indemnity Program in response to the negative impact created by losses to the Louisiana livestock industry as a result of Hurricane Laura and Hurricane Delta; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-267. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana urging the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to pass a stimulus plan that includes funds for unemployment, housing, local government, struggling businesses, education, and health care; to the Committee on Finance.

### HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 30

Whereas, since surging around the globe into a worldwide pandemic earlier this year, the COVID-19 virus has taken an enormous economic and human toll across countries and continents, crippling heretofore healthy citizens and industries; and

Whereas, to help states with costs for COVID-19 mitigation and response measures, the United States Congress passed the

Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act; and

Whereas, measures designed to protect the health and safety of Louisiana's populace from the COVID-19 virus have also had a negative impact on the economic fortunes of many of those same citizens through lost or reduced income from closures, capacity restrictions, and other public health measures; and

Whereas, the cost of this highly infectious pandemic to Louisiana businesses, citizens, and local and state government continues to rise; and

Whereas, the unprecedented number of unemployment insurance claims due to COVID-19 has drained the state's previously robust unemployment insurance trust fund; and

Whereas, local revenue collections have plummeted as economic activity has slowed, and as a result, local governments are struggling to provide crucial services; and

Whereas, already made vulnerable by lost jobs or decreased income from the COVID-19 pandemic, many Louisiana citizens face the prospect of housing insecurity as they struggle to provide a safe and secure place for themselves and their families to live while also maintaining basic services such as water, electricity, and food; and

Whereas, the federal government provided unemployment and housing assistance in its last COVID stimulus package, but there is a great need for further economic relief. Therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to pass a stimulus plan that includes funds for unemployment, housing, local government, struggling businesses, education, and health care; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEE, from the Joint Economic Committee:

Special Report entitled "The 2020 Joint Economic Report" (Rept. No. 116-335).

By Ms. COLLINS, from the Special Committee on Aging:

Special Report entitled "A Record of Bipartisan Policymaking in Support of Older Americans" (Rept. No. 116-336).

## 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. CARDIN:

S. 5040. A bill to require the Secretary of State to submit to Congress a strategy of the Department of State and the United States Agency for International Development to address the global climate change crisis, improve the energy and resource efficiency of the Department, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO):

S. 5041. A bill to establish the Advisory Committee on Climate Risk on the Financial Stability Oversight Council; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.