

ones of the lost, and all of those who worked tirelessly to serve the Surfside community.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO TYLER BLANCHETTE

• Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, I am honored to recognize Tyler Blanchette of Hudson as August's Granite Stater of the Month. Tyler has helped run an annual fundraiser outside his family's home in the middle of the winter to raise money for the Alzheimer's Association and has continued this effort even as he faces his own brain cancer diagnosis.

The yearly fundraiser began on a chilly day in the winter of 2009 when Tyler's older brother Brandon decided to sell hot chocolate on his front lawn to raise money to support Alzheimer's research. The inspiration behind the fundraiser stemmed from their great-grandfather, nicknamed "Big Papa," who was diagnosed with the disease and died from it when Brandon and Tyler were young.

Once Brandon grew older and moved out of the Blanchette's home, Tyler eagerly took over running the event—making the signs, brewing the hot chocolate, and getting the word out to the community.

The fundraiser, named Big Papa's Cocoa Stand in honor of Tyler's great-grandfather, sells hot chocolate for \$1 to friends, neighbors, and community members who come by for a hot drink and a good cause. All of the sales go to the Massachusetts/New Hampshire chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, and since its founding, Tyler's family has raised approximately \$30,000 for the organization.

Four years ago, Tyler was diagnosed with brain cancer, a diagnosis he is living with today. Yet he was determined to continue helping others by running the cocoa stand. Tyler never let his diagnosis stand in the way of his goal to raise money for the organization that is working to find a cure for the disease that took his great-grandfather's life.

Despite incredible adversity, Tyler has exemplified the spirit of the Granite State by forging on and serving his community no matter the circumstances. It is a mark of Tyler's compassion and grit that he continues to operate this fundraiser as he battles his own health challenges. I am proud to honor Tyler for his efforts and will pray for him and his family during this difficult time.●

##### RECOGNIZING BAXTER'S COFFEE

• Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, as ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Kentucky small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize a family-owned small business

and beloved staple, Baxter's Coffee of Somerset, KY, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

In 2001, Terri Tuttle opened Baxter's Coffee in Somerset, KY. After running a successful ice cream store, Terri decided to pursue a different business venture. She noticed an opportunity to fill a gap in the Somerset market since there were no coffee shops in town. As Terri brainstormed business names, she was inspired by her family's dog, Baxter. When Baxter's Coffee first opened in 2001, it was an instant hit. Along with delicious coffee, Terri and her team provided family-friendly service and a welcoming atmosphere. To meet growing demand, the original Baxter's Coffee shop soon moved to a new location on Ogden Street and opened a second location in 2005.

In 2021, Baxter's Coffee continues serving some of the best coffee in Pulaski County. As the business grew, so did the Tuttle family's involvement. Today, Terri's children, Jay, Lauren, and Ann, are actively involved in every facet of the business, from coffee roasting, to marketing, and bookkeeping. They continue welcoming customers from all over Kentucky and have expanded to four locations in Somerset, including a kiosk at Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital. Notably, since 2009, Baxter's Coffee has roasted its own coffee. Their newest location, which opened in 2016, includes a drive-thru, as well as a roasting and warehouse facility. Baxter's Coffee proudly offers its signature blends at all four locations and also sells its coffee wholesale and online. Baxter's Coffee also features baked goods and treats from local small businesses.

Like many small business owners, Terri is actively involved in her community. Baxter's Coffee is a member of the Somerset Pulaski Chamber of Commerce and regularly partners with them to hire local community members. For years, Baxter's Coffee has contributed to a wide range of local philanthropic organizations, including God's Food Pantry, and supported events such as charity golf tournaments, walks, and runs. They regularly support local school district events and organizations, including PTA fundraisers. To demonstrate appreciation for first responders, Baxter's Coffee provides free coffee to all on-duty police officers.

Baxter's Coffee is a remarkable example of the critical role small businesses play in uplifting and building community. Family-owned small businesses like Baxter's Coffee form the heart of towns across Kentucky, regularly stepping up to support their communities. Congratulations to Terri and the entire team at Baxter's Coffee. I wish them the best of luck and look forward to watching their continued growth and success in Kentucky.●

##### RECOGNIZING THE FLORIDA CHAPTER OF THE ALS ASSOCIATION

• Mr. SCOTT of Florida. Mr. President, ALS, or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord. ALS causes progressive degeneration of these motor neurons leading to their death. There is no cure for ALS, and although the mean survival time with ALS is 3 to 5 years, some people live 5, 10, or more years. While ALS is considered a "rare" disease, the reality is that 500,000 people alive today will eventually die from the disease.

I have seen how devastating and heartbreaking an ALS diagnosis is for families. Over time, this disease robs people of the ability to walk, talk, move, and breathe. In most cases, members of a patient's family eventually need to become full-time caregivers to help navigate all the challenges that ALS creates.

I want to commend the Florida chapter of the ALS Association for their work to fight ALS on all fronts and support the 1,300 families in Florida who are battling this disease each day. They work closely with a network of 10 ALS multidisciplinary clinics in the State to ensure those families have access to critical support as they fight this disease. Additionally, they provide a variety of programs and services that are designed to help ease the burden of ALS.

I want to thank the ALS staff and their many volunteers for their service to the community. I want to specifically recognize three individuals who are battling ALS.

John Robinson is a recently retired, 32-year veteran of the U.S. Army. Most recently, he served as the chief warrant officer of the Army's field artillery branch. In the same way that he served in the military to protect our freedom here at home, he serves in the ALS community to help those coming along behind him with ALS. Just as John protected our freedom, he is a staunch protector of hope in the ALS community. John wants the next generation of those diagnosed with this dreadful disease to have better care, more effective treatments, and the possibility of improved prognosis and quality of life.

Troy Fields is a husband and father of four living with ALS in Tampa, FL. Prior to his diagnosis, Troy worked at a global financial technology company for 26 years. Troy believes acceptance never means that having ALS is okay. It simply means one is willing to deal with it. Whether he is talking about advocacy with the ALS community and encouraging others to take action or talking one on one with a chapter board member about outlining strategic goals, Troy's strategy for coping is to live in the moment, accept what he cannot control, and work to change what he can.

Diane Mummaw is from Deltona, FL, and is the mother of two children and a recently retired small business

owner. Despite battling ALS, she considers herself lucky because she is one of the precious few who has survived more than 5 years since her diagnosis. ALS affected her ability to function but it did not take away her ability to work for improvement. As an entrepreneur, she took on living with ALS with the very same grit, fortitude, and determination that she used to build and grow her business.

These three Floridians show so much strength and hope in the face of adversity, and I thank them for their many contributions to the ALS community and to our State.

Last year, Congress passed the ALS Disability Insurance Act to eliminate the 5-month waiting period for Social Security Disability Insurance benefits for disabled workers with ALS. I was proud to support this important legislation and will keep working to support Floridians with ALS and help to fight this horrible disease on all fronts.●

#### TRIBUTE TO BISHOP DOUGLAS MILES

● Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to a beloved pastor, an inspirational leader, and a lion for justice: Bishop Douglas Miles. He passed away on August 3 of this year at the age of 72, and I would like to take this time to honor his life and his legacy.

Bishop Miles was a lifelong Marylander, born in Baltimore City and raised in Lafayette Courts in East Baltimore. By the time he entered Johns Hopkins University as an undergraduate, he had determined that he would become a doctor and set out to earn his medical degree. He wanted to serve the weak and heal the sick. It was an auspicious career choice because, while he eventually switched majors and earned his degree in humanistic studies, Bishop Miles would commit five decades of his life to serving and to healing communities across Baltimore.

He first embarked on that mission by helping to found the organization Baltimoreans United in Leadership Development, or BUILD, where he served as cochair. In this role, Bishop Miles fought to build a better and stronger Baltimore for all by expanding job opportunities, supporting schools, strengthening neighborhoods, and improving housing. His efforts to force real action on housing at BUILD resulted in the construction of at least 767 affordable homes throughout the city over a 14-year span, and his leadership was pivotal in revitalizing the Oliver neighborhood in East Baltimore after a tragic fire that claimed seven lives.

When he wasn't pushing for progress with BUILD and the many other organizations he helped lead, including the Industrial Areas Foundation, the College Bound Foundation, and the Johns Hopkins BLocal initiative, he was run-

ning his beloved Koinonia Baptist Church, which he founded in 1992. As pastor, he used his gift for oratory and his deep religious faith to guide his congregation with spirit and grace. He was a titanic force, who could command an audience with equal vigor at the pulpit, the podium, and the policy table.

But regardless of whether he was delivering a sermon on the scriptures or leading a rally for social change, Bishop Miles always spoke his mind and lived his values fully. Just a few weeks ago, I met with him and a group of advocates about how to close the racial homeownership gap in this country and help every American achieve their full potential. He dedicated his life to holding the powerful to account and raising the voices of those who had too often been left out and left behind. I was honored to work with him over the years to strengthen our healthcare system, expand access to affordable housing, and prevent teen tobacco use, and I am forever grateful for his leadership on a host of other issues from gun violence to education to public safety to immigration. His dedication to the causes he held dear left an indelible mark on our communities, and you can find proof of his lifelong service in the countless lives he changed for the better throughout Baltimore City.

He is gone too soon, but his legacy and his spirit live on in all the Marylanders he helped shape and inspire, both as a faith leader and as an advocate for justice. Bishop Miles taught all of us what it means to live a life dedicated to serving your community, and it is a lesson we must never forget. In living, he inspired a generation to fight harder for those in need. In passing, his memory will continue to push future generations to serve and to heal, as he did.●

#### 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

As 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.)

#### MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following bill was discharged from the Committee on Rules and Administration pursuant to S. Res. 27, 117th Congress, and placed on the calendar:

S. 1. A bill to expand Americans' access to the ballot box, reduce the influence of big

money in politics, strengthen ethics rules for public servants, and implement other anti-corruption measures for the purpose of fortifying our democracy, 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-1847. A communication from the Congressional Affairs Director, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of First Vice President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 5, 2021; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1848. A communication from the Congressional Affairs Director, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 5, 2021; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1849. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the implementation of Executive Order 12938 concerning the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1850. A communication from the Senior Congressional Liaison, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Truth in Lending (Regulation Z); Impact of the 2021 Juneteenth Holiday on Certain Closed-End Mortgage Requirements" (12 CFR Part 1026) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 6, 2021; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1851. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the expiration of the Export Administration Act of 1979 that was declared in Executive Order 13222 of August 17, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1852. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12170 of November 14, 1979; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1853. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Belarus that was declared in Executive Order 13405 of June 16, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1854. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the situation in and in relation to Syria that was declared in Executive Order 13894 of October 14, 2019; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1855. A communication from the Acting Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of the Comptroller's 2020 Annual Report on Preservation and Promotion of