

of farmers, and soon after, the organization began lobbying in the Commonwealth's capital for the electrification of rural Daviess County.

In its early years, the Daviess County Farm Bureau supported the community through disaster and development. In response to the flood of 1937, the organization provided support to the local hospital, fire department, and Red Cross. The organization took on local issues; this included conducting a study to establish a tobacco warehouse and assessing warehouse charges related to the sale of tobacco. Daviess County Farm Bureau also established a food locker refrigerating and processing plant, formed a committee to head a funding drive—which ultimately raised a total of \$23,669—for Kentucky Wesleyan College, and started a successful newsletter in the “Messenger Inquirer”. In response to the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Daviess County Farm Bureau partnered with River Valley Behavioral Health to create the “You’re Not Alone” campaign, which sought to bring mental health awareness to rural communities.

Today, after a century of service to Daviess County, the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and farmers everywhere, the Daviess County Farm Bureau continues to serve as “The Voice for Agriculture.” By lobbying the county, State, and Federal governments, the Daviess County Farm Bureau ensures that the needs of its membership are communicated to and considered by elected officials. Daviess County Farm Bureau is also active in the Kentucky Farm Bureau and American Farm Bureau.

In addition to its advocacy efforts, the Daviess County Farm Bureau still supports a number of local programs and organizations. These include 4-H clubs, Future Farmers of America chapters, and local schools and teachers that incorporate agriculture education in the classroom. The organization also sponsors the Annual Farm Expo, the Farm-City Breakfast, and the annual Rooster Booster Breakfast hosted by the Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce. Daviess County Farm Bureau is also responsible for administering several programs offered by the Kentucky Farm Bureau, including the Institute for Future Agricultural Leaders—IFAL—the Leadership Enhancement for Agricultural Development program, and college scholarship programs.

A dedication to advocating on behalf of farmers and a love of community have defined the first 100 years of the Daviess County Farm Bureau's history. In celebrating this momentous milestone, we also cast a hopeful eye toward the future. I have no doubt that the Daviess County Farm Bureau will play an integral role in shaping that future.●

#### RECOGNIZING SIMON'S SHOES

● 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 Simon's Shoes of Henderson, KY, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Operating a small business requires unparalleled commitment and perseverance, traits that have been inherited to each successive generation of the Simon Family. Jacob Simon immigrated to Henderson, KY, from Lithuania in 1910, following his two brothers who made Henderson their new home years prior. He began as a peddler selling merchandise across the county, but at times found it difficult to attract clients due to his lack of English. Insistent on improving his craft, Jacob developed a sense of trust with the locals as his career as a peddler led him to become a steadfast member of the community. As such, it did not take long for Jacob to embrace Henderson as his home. In the following years, Jacob mastered English, became an American citizen, and opened Simon's Shoes in January 1919.

In addition to footwear, Simon's Shoes offered a diverse array of clothing, and the store quickly became known for carrying any type of garment one could desire, from suits to base layers. His childhood in Lithuania and initial years in America had taught Jacob key principles of saving and being conservative with money, which were integral to the success of his business and the store's ability to survive the Great Depression. When Jacob's son, Larry, became involved in the family business, they decided to narrow the focus of the store to specialize in shoes.

As the store continued to flourish, Larry, who eventually took ownership of the business, was able to purchase the former J.C. Penny building next door and use this space for the store's inventory. The decades of success made Simon's Shoes a destination for people across the State and beyond. To this day, residents from Evansville, Owensboro, Louisville, St. Louis, as well as tourists traveling along the Ohio River make the journey to visit Simon's Shoes. Customers are continuously attracted by their wide range of shoes, inclusive of varying sizes and widths, and their benefits as a full-service store.

Three generations of the Simon family have been involved in the operations of Simon's Shoes, the latest Simon to take the reins being Larry's son Bruce Simon. Even as the store passes down through the successive generations, the Simons remain active members of the business for as long as possible. In 1975, then 85-year-old Jake Simon told local newspaper “The Gleaner”, “When I draw my last breath, that store will be in my consciousness.” Likewise, Larry continues to visit Simon's Shoes often, stating that he would be in the store up to 6

days a week for several hours each day at 84 years of age. The Simons' passion for their business has grown into a now-century long catalyst for its success, as the store that once occupied a fraction of the building on First and Main Street now consists of three buildings on the same corner. Congratulations to the entire Simon family and to the whole team at Simon's Shoes. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success in Kentucky.●

#### REMEMBERING REGINALD M. FELTON

● Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, I rise to honor the life of a dedicated public servant and a champion for education: Mr. Reginald “Reggie” M. Felton from my State of Maryland. Our community lost Reggie only a few days ago, at the age of 75. Today, I would like to take a moment to celebrate his extraordinary life and pay tribute to his lasting legacy of good works.

The story of Reggie's life can be defined by one word: service. He served our Nation in the military as a member of the U.S. Coast Guard and, later, as a Senior Executive within the Department of the Navy. He served his town and county as president of a local citizens association, as chair of the Silver Spring Center Citizens Advisory Board, and as chairman of the Freedom Fund Dinner organized by the Montgomery County Branch of the NAACP.

But most of all, Reggie served our students. With the trust of his community behind him, Reggie won a seat on the Montgomery County Board of Education in 1994. He would serve on the board for another 20 years, winning reelection in 1998 and 2002 and rising to become the first African-American president of the Montgomery County Board of Education, a position he held for three terms.

Reggie's commitment to the mission and spirit of the school board led to real results during his tenure. The Montgomery County School Board earned national recognition for excellence while Reggie served on the board, and it is no wonder why. Under his leadership, the Montgomery County Public Schools, which make up the largest school district in my State, saw major improvements in the quality of education and in the process for selecting and onboarding superintendents. Reggie also focused his efforts on establishing higher standards in curriculum, and those higher standards continue to inform a tradition of excellence at Montgomery County Public Schools that lives on to this day. In short: Reggie's time as president of the Montgomery County School Board helped make Montgomery County schools some of the best in the Nation.

Throughout his extraordinary life, Reggie Felton nurtured his talent for leadership, stepped up to serve his community and his country, and did all that he could to improve the lives of

his fellow citizens. He was beloved by all—respected across our communities for his kindness, his good humor, his brilliance, and his grace.

On a personal note, Reggie was a good friend whom I admired greatly. I will always remember his warm and generous spirit, his wonderful smile, and his determination to serve others. I know I speak for Marylanders everywhere when I say our State is eternally grateful for his service and sacrifice.

Today, Reggie's legacy lives on in every young student who benefits from his good deeds—whether they know it or not—and his story will continue to inspire us all. Thank you, Reggie. We love you.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:39 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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5585. An act to establish the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Health, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7666. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain programs relating to mental health and substance use disorders, and for other purposes.

At 2:32 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, with an amendment and an amendment to the title, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

S. 2089. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that grants provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for State veterans' cemeteries do not restrict States from authorizing the interment of certain deceased members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces in such cemeteries, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 5585. An act to establish the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Health, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 7666. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain programs relating to mental health and substance use disorders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. SCHATZ, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 3273. A bill to take certain land in the State of California into trust for the benefit of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 117-125).

H.R. 1975. An act to take certain land located in San Diego County, California, into

trust for the benefit of the Pala Band of Mission Indians, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 117-126).

H.R. 4881. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust for the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona certain land in Pima County, Arizona, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 117-127).

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. MENENDEZ for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Reuben E. Brigety II, of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of South Africa.

Nominee: Reuben Earl Brigety, II.  
Post: U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa.

(The following is a list of members of my immediate family. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, amount, date, and donee: Brigety, Reuben: \$100.00, 03/31/2021, ACTBLUE; \$250.00, 07/23/2020, Biden for President; \$250.00, 07/23/2020, Biden Victory Fund; \$50.00, 03/23/2020, ACTBLUE; \$50.00, 03/23/2020, Evelyn for NY; \$500.00, 02/21/2020, Evelyn for NY; \$100.00, 02/05/2020 ACTBLUE; \$250.00, 12/31/2019, Tom Malinowski for Congress; \$250.00, 12/31/2019, Franken for Iowa; \$100.00, 10/22/2019, ACTBLUE; \$250.00, 09/30/2019, Franken for Iowa; \$1,000.00, 08/14/2019, Biden for President; \$500.00, 06/30/2019, Dan for Colorado; \$250.00, 06/30/2019, Scott Cooper for Congress; \$100.00, 05/23/2018, ACTBLUE; \$100.00, 05/23/2018, ACTBLUE; \$100.00, 05/23/2018, Helmer for Congress; \$250.00, 02/12/2018, Amy McGrath for Congress; \$250.00, 12/31/2017, Josh Butner for Congress; \$250.00, 12/13/2017, Tom Malinowski for Congress; \$250.00, 09/27/2017, Helmer for Congress; \$50.00, 09/20/2017, ACTBLUE; \$250.00, 09/04/2017, Josh Butner for Congress; \$500.00, 08/09/2017, Dan for Colorado; Selassie, Leelie: \$100.00, 07/31/2021, Emily's List; \$35.00, 07/31/2021, Emily's List; \$25.00, 05/20/2020, ACTBLUE; \$25.00, 05/20/2020, ACTBLUE; \$25.00, 04/24/2020, ACTBLUE; \$7.00, 04/18/2020, ACTBLUE; \$5.00, 01/30/2018, ACTBLUE; \$10.00, 01/23/2018, ACTBLUE.

Timmy T. Davis, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the State of Qatar.

Nominee: Timmy T. Davis.  
Post: State of Qatar.

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Contributions, amount, date, and donee: Timmy T. Davis: None.  
Patti R. Davis: \$100, 08/24/2018, ACT BLUE; \$10, 08/24/2018, ACT BLUE.

Francisco O. Mora, of Florida, to be Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador.

Nominee: Francisco Oscar Mora.  
Post: Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador.

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persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, amount, date, and donee: Donna Shalala for Congress: \$100, 5/4/2018, Ivette Mora (wife); \$100, 5/4/2018, Francisco O. Mora; Act Blue—Andrew Gillum: \$300, 9/9/2018, Francisco O. Mora; Debbie Wasserman for Cong: \$250, 11/1/2018, Francisco O. Mora; Biden for President: \$250, 4/27/2019, Francisco O. Mora; \$500, 9/12/2019, Francisco O. Mora; \$1,000, 4/8/2020, Francisco O. Mora; \$250, 4/28/2020, Francisco O. Mora; Biden Victory Fund: \$500, 8/17/2020, Francisco O. Mora; Biden for President: \$500, 8/17/2020, Francisco O. Mora.

Michael Alan Ratney, of Massachusetts, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Nominee: Michael Ratney.  
Post: Saudi Arabia.

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Contributions, amount, date, and donee: From Self: None.  
From Spouse: (Karen Sasahara): \$16.66, 11/18/2020, Andy Kim for Congress; \$16.67, 11/18/2020, Jon Ossoff for Congress; \$16.67, 11/18/2020, Raphael Warnock for Congress; \$100.00, 7/31/2021, Andy Kim for Congress.

Amanda Bennett, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Executive Officer of the United States Agency for Global Media.

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, for the Committee on Foreign Relations I report favorably the following nomination list which was printed in the RECORD on the date indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that this nomination lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Foreign Service nominations beginning with Alyce Camille Richardson and ending with Diane Jones, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 7, 2022.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

#### EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE—TREATY

The following executive report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations:

Treaty Doc. 116-2: Extradition Treaty with the Republic of Croatia with 2 declarations (Ex. Rept. 117-4).

The text of the committee-recommended resolution of advice and consent to ratification is as follows:

#### (A) THE U.S.-CROATIA EXTRADITION AGREEMENT

*Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein),*

Section 1. Senate Advice and Consent Subject to a Declaration

The Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Agreement between the