

furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

5. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal are authorized for release and export to the United Arab Emirates.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### REMEMBERING JARED DON RICKER

• Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I honor Jared Don Ricker, of Caldwell, ID, who passed away unexpectedly on June 12, 2022, at the far too young age of 42. He is deeply missed by his family and many friends and remembered as a wonderful man, great father, kind listener, and fun companion.

I came to know of Jared through two of his three brothers, Bryan and Cameron, who have both served as members of my staff. Bryan represented me as a regional director for southwest Idaho. Cameron is chief clerk of the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, a position he served in when I was chairman of the committee. I extend my deep condolences to Jared's many loved ones, who include his wife Brianna Lynn and four children: Jackson Don, Brice Laney, Campbell Zoe, and Collins Bree. My prayers for God's comfort are also with Jared's parents, Don and Peggy, as they mourn the loss of their son, Jared's other brother, Chase, and Jared's many other family members and friends.

Jared, who was born on February 8, 1980, and graduated from Nampa High School, was a fellow Eagle Scout. He shared this proud achievement with his son, Jackson. Jared also served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Columbus, OH. After returning from his mission, he met and married the love of his life Bri, and they made a beautiful family together. He earned his associate degree in multimedia and worked with his employer of 15 years, Iliad Media Group, as the IT director and supporting engineer.

Jared shared his love and laughs generously with his family, friends, co-workers, and all those who were blessed to be a part of his life. He was a fun-loving and deeply caring father, husband, son, brother, uncle, son-in-law, brother-in-law, and friend. He loved his children dearly, their passions and talents, and he loved serving others, sharing the gospel and making connections. His obituary movingly notes, "He showed his love by filling your soul and your belly . . . Jared almost always had a smile on his face. Everyone was a friend to him. He left anyone he met a better person." Those who knew him recall his kindness, generosity, and humor. Jared is remembered as a great listener with a heart of gold.

We are so fortunate to have had Jared's light glow so brightly in our world. My heart goes out to all those who loved him, as we honor his life,

mourn his loss, and cherish his loving memory.●

#### TRIBUTE TO TOM KUNTZ

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, today I have the distinct honor of recognizing Tom Kuntz of Carbon County for his unwavering dedication to the Red Lodge community and his 30 years of public service to the people of Montana through his selfless firefighting career.

As a graduate from both the National Fire Academy Executive Fire Officers Program and Ithaca College, Tom brought his skills and passion to the Treasure State when he first moved to Montana in 1992 and began what would become a distinguished career in firefighting. He now serves as the chief of the Red Lodge Fire Department and has been an active leader in responding to the fires and natural disasters that have impacted the community over the years.

Notably, Tom served as a key player in responding to the 24,000-acre Robertson Draw Fire that blazed through Carbon County in June of 2021. Roughly 1 year after the community faced the devastating wildfire, they were hit with historic flooding, which has wreaked havoc throughout the county. Referred to as "the 500-year flood," the high waters have caused catastrophic damage to people's homes, properties, businesses, and public infrastructure. Tom acted swiftly, working on the frontlines to help mitigate the wreckage and help members of the Red Lodge community.

Tom and his wife Eliza also serve the community through their various restaurant and hospitality businesses which have become staples in downtown Red Lodge and attract both locals and visitors from near and far. They also raised their two daughters to be involved in public service, and they regularly help out at the family businesses.

It is my honor to recognize Tom Kuntz for his dedication to keeping the people of Red Lodge safe through a seemingly relentless series of natural disasters and for his many years of public service to the great State of Montana. Tom, thank you for all you do help our communities prosper and stay safe. You make Montana proud.●

#### NOTICE OF A TIE VOTE UNDER S. RES. 27

• Mr. MANCHIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to print the following letter in the RECORD.

The material follows:  
U.S. SENATE, COMMITTEE ON ENERGY  
AND NATURAL RESOURCES,

July 21, 2022.

To the Secretary of the Senate:

The nomination of Laura Daniel-Davis, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior (Land and Minerals Management), vice Joseph Balash, resigned, PN 1553, having been referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, the Committee, with a quorum present, has voted on the nomina-

tion as follows—on the question of reporting the nomination favorably with the recommendation that the nomination be confirmed, 10 ayes to 10 noes.

In accordance with section 3, paragraph (1)(A) of S. Res. 27 of the 117th Congress, I hereby give notice that the Committee has not reported the nomination because of a tie vote and ask that this notice be printed in the RECORD pursuant to the resolution.

JOE MACHN III,  
Chairman.●

#### REMEMBERING DANIEL J. WHITFIELD

• Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Daniel J. Whitfield, a "happy warrior" in the conservative movement whose dynamic personality and disarming humor brought countless conservative activists together in friendship for the cause of liberty.

In addition to Dan's engaging presence at conferences, networking events, and small gatherings, he was also a gifted writer and communicator who channeled his mastery of the English language into high-impact direct mail fundraising appeals and—later—gripping fiction.

Dan was born in Birmingham, England, on September 14, 1982, to Michael and Jennifer. He was a lifelong lover of liberty, joining the UK Conservative Party at the age of 14. He proudly displayed a photo of the Right Honourable Baroness, Margaret Thatcher, on his bedroom wall.

After graduating from Nottingham University, Daniel earned a M.A. in history from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Dan moved to the Washington, DC, area shortly thereafter for an internship at the Leadership Institute. Dan soon joined the LI staff full-time, where he built up his resume by empowering conservative activists to become leaders while developing lifelong connections across the conservative movement in the United States.

After more than 2 years at LI, Dan became a copywriter for the Eberle Communications Group, a job he cherished from the start as it allowed him to stay in the U.S., where he would be able to pursue a career as well as his future wife, Nena Bartlett. Dan remained a longtime volunteer faculty member for LI, giving generously of his time to train hundreds of conservatives to become better writers.

Daniel dreamed of having a big family and, after a truly unique courtship, began building one with his wife, Nena, in 2014.

Dan and Nena brought three beautiful girls into the world: Dagny Joy, Magnolia Jennifer, and Zora Katherine. Dan's incredible spirit shines through in each of his daughters.

In addition to starting a family, Dan's other life ambition was to become a published author. He achieved his goal with his first book, "Eagle Ascending," published by TouchPoint Press. His second book, "The Spider's

Revenge," will be published posthumously next year.

Dan touched the lives of countless thousands of conservative activists in the United States and across the pond. His roots may have been in Nottingham, but Dan Whitfield was American through and through. Anyone lucky enough to have met Dan even for just a moment is better for it. Dan's personal warmth and professional accomplishments have left an indelible mark on countless people around the world. He will be greatly missed.●

#### REMEMBERING WILLIE ELDRAGE ARTIS

● Mr. PETERS. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a highly regarded business leader, mentor, and community leader from Flint, MI: Mr. Willie Eldrage Artis, founder and owner of Genesee Packaging, who passed away on June 2, 2022, at the age of 88. Mr. Artis made an immeasurable impact as a partner to the automotive industry, on the Flint community, and the State of Michigan over the past 40 years. It is a privilege and a sorrow both to recognize him here today and celebrate his lifework and many achievements.

Born in 1934, Willie spent the first 18 years of his life living with his parents in Memphis, TN, amid the height of the South's Jim Crow Era. Though difficult, these years instilled in Willie an unflinching work ethic and the ability to stand up for himself and his rights, even in the most difficult of circumstances. After leaving for Chicago, Willie began working on the manufacturing floor of the Triangle Container Corrugated Company, learning the ins-and-outs of the packaging business from the ground up. He brought this knowledge with him when he moved to Flint in 1964 and began working for Flint Boxmakers. In just 2 years, he was promoted to manufacturing manager.

In 1979, Willie and a fellow colleague of color took advantage of the recently issued minority business programs administered by General Motors to leverage their years of expertise and open Genesee Packaging. Since its formation, Genesee Packaging has been a place of opportunity for the community to gain employment and increased access to economic achievement for customers and employees alike.

His energetic service to the Flint community and State of Michigan included his membership with the Michigan Minority Business Development Council, Genesys Health Systems, the Flint Public Library, and the Flint Business and Development Council. In 1989, he was appointed to serve on Governor James Blanchard's entrepreneurial business commission, was inducted into the Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame in 2001, and in 2005 received special recognition from Governor Jennifer Granholm for his many contributions to the State of Michigan. Additional recognition for

his work in minority business development and civil rights came from then President Bill Clinton, the U.S. Senate, the Michigan House of Representatives, the State of Michigan, and the city of Flint.

In October of 2019, Willie published his memoir in a book titled "From Jim Crow to CEO: The Willie E. Artis Story," where he shared his lessons from life and business as one of America's most honored industrialists. His story embodies that of the American dream, rising up from poverty through determination and hard work, embracing entrepreneurship and becoming a sought-after partner by top corporations and even the White House during the Obama administration.

I cannot understate the impact that Mr. Artis has had on the city of Flint and State of Michigan. A pillar of strength and leadership throughout the community and the embodiment of generosity to those who knew him personally, Willie will no doubt be missed, but his legacy will endure. I ask you to join me—and Willie's beloved wife Veronica, their children, and their grandchildren—in recognizing and celebrating his life and numerous accomplishments. I hope that each of us can find some comfort in the precious moments and memories that were shared with him.●

#### 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-4662. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-440, "Advisory Neighborhood Commission Boundaries Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4663. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-441, "Pro Bono Legal Representation Expansion Amendment Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4664. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-442, "Flood Resilience Amendment Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4665. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-443, "Urban Forest Preservation Authority Amendment Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4666. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-456, "Medical Necessity Restroom Access Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4667. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-457, "Protecting Consumers

from Unjust Debt Collection Practices Amendment Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4668. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-458, "East Capitol Gateway Eminent Domain Authority Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4669. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-459, "Reverse Mortgage Insurance and Tax Payment Program Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4670. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-460, "Certificate of Assurance Moratorium Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4671. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-461, "COVID-19 Hotel Recovery Grant Program Temporary Amendment Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4672. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-462, "Green Finance Authority Board Quorum Temporary Amendment Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4673. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-463, "Coronavirus Support Remote Cooperative Association Meetings Temporary Amendment Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4674. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-465, "Career Mobility Action Plan Program Establishment Temporary Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4675. A communication from the Acting Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the Administration's 2018 through 2021 FAIR Act Commercial Activities Inventory, the 2016 FAIR Act Inherently Governmental Activities Inventory, and the 2018-2021 FAIR Act Executive Summary; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4676. A communication from the Executive Director, Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Eighty-First Financial Statement for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4677. A communication from the Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2020 annual report for the Department's Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4678. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting additional legislative proposals relative to the "National Defense