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ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. MENENDEZ. Madam President, section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act requires that Congress receive prior notification of certain proposed arms sales as defined by that statute. Upon such notification, the Congress has 30 calendar days during which the sale may be reviewed. The provision stipulates that, in the Senate, the notification of proposed sales shall be sent to the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In keeping with the committee's intention to see that relevant information is available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications which have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such annex is available to all Senators in the office of the Foreign Relations Committee, room SD-423.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

DEFENSE SECURITY
COOPERATION AGENCY,
Washington, DC.

Hon. ROBERT MENENDEZ,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(5)(C) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended, we are forwarding Transmittal No. 22-0K. This notification relates to enhancements or upgrades from the level of sensitivity of technology or capability described in the Section 36(b)(1) AECA certification 19-65 of October 29, 2019.

Sincerely,

JAMES A. HURSCH,
Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 22-0K

Report of Enhancement or Upgrade of Sensitivity of Technology or Capability (Sec. 36(b)(5)(C), AECA)

(i) Purchaser: Government of Japan.

(ii) Sec. 36(b)(1), AECA Transmittal No.: 19-65; Date: October 29, 2019; Implementing Agency: Air Force.

(iii) Description: On October 29, 2019, Congress was notified by Congressional certification transmittal number 19-65 of the possible sale, under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, of the upgrade of up to ninety-eight (98) F-15J aircraft to a Japanese Super Interceptor (JSI) configuration consisting of up to one hundred three (103) APG-82(v)1 Active Electronically Scanned Array (AESAs) Radar (includes five (5) spares); one hundred sixteen (116) Advanced Display Core Processor II (ADCP II) Mission System Computer (includes eighteen (18) spares); and one hundred one (101) ALQ-239 Digital Electronic Warfare System (DEWS) (includes three (3) spares). Also included were Joint Mission Planning System (JMPS) with software, training and support; Selective Availability Anti-spoofing Module (SAASM); ARC-210 radio, aircraft and munition integration and test support; ground training devices (including flight and maintenance simulators); support and test equipment; software delivery and support; spare and repair parts; communications equipment; facilities and construction support; publications and technical doc-

umentation; personnel training and training equipment; U.S. Government and contractor engineering; technical and logistics support services; studies and surveys; and other related elements of logistical and program support. The estimated total program cost was \$4.5 billion. Major Defense Equipment (MDE) constituted \$2.4 billion of this total.

This transmittal reports the addition of the following MDE items: one hundred three (103) AN/ALQ-250 Eagle Passive Active Warning Survivability System (EPAWSS) Electronic Warfare (EW) suites. The total cost of new MDE articles is \$956 million. This does not increase the total net cost of MDE, which will remain \$2.4 billion. The total case value will not increase, remaining \$4.5 billion.

(iv) Significance: The inclusion of this MDE represents an increase in capability over what was previously notified. The proposed articles and services will support Japan's defense of its airspace.

(v) Justification: This proposed sale will support the foreign policy goals and national security objectives of the United States by improving the security of a major ally that is a force for political stability and economic progress in the Asia-Pacific region. It is vital to the U.S. national interest to assist Japan in developing and maintaining a strong and effective self-defense capability.

(vi) Sensitivity of Technology: The Eagle Passive Active Warning Survivability System (EPAWSS) is an advanced all-digital EW suite which provides the F-15 with fully integrated radar warning, geolocation, situational awareness, and self-protection solutions to detect and defeat surface and airborne legacy, current, and future threats in highly contested, dense signal environments. EPAWSS is equipped with advanced Radio Frequency (RF) Electronic Countermeasures (ECM), enabling deeper penetration against modern integrated air defense systems and providing rapid response capabilities designed to protect the aircrew.

The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale is UNCLASSIFIED.

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ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO OFFICER JAMES ASHLEY, OFFICER CLAYTON KELLY, AND OFFICER CONNOR MALONEY

• Mr. PAUL. Madam President, on Thursday, May 12, 2021, three Louisville Metro Police Department Officers bravely saved the lives of two citizens from their burning vehicles.

After another driver collided with a pulled-over vehicle, Officers James Ashley, Clayton Kelly, and Connor Maloney quickly responded to the scene. The circumstances in which these officers arrived were less than ideal. Both drivers were unresponsive in vehicles moments from being engulfed in flames on a dangerous and busy interstate. In addition, these relatively new officers had never been trained to extract people from burning vehicles. But without hesitation, these brave officers quickly jumped into action.

Officers Kelly and Maloney used a baton to bust out a window and pulled one of the drivers to safety. Officer

Ashley did the same and communicated with the other driver allowing him to crawl from his burning vehicle.

Seventh Division Lieutenant Jeff Lauder stated, "These people would not have survived had it not been for the quick decision making and bravery of these officers." The actions of these three officers directly saved the lives of two citizens in an extremely dangerous situation.

Officers Ashley, Kelly, and Maloney are brave servants to the city of Louisville and a true testament to the hard-working Louisville Metro Police Department. I am proud to salute these officers and have no doubt they will continue to be an incredible asset to citizens of Louisville.●

RECOGNIZING BUBBY'S BBQ

• Mr. PAUL. Madam 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 Bubby's BBQ of Corbin, KY, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

For as long as he can remember, Marcus "Bubby" Shepherd loved to cook. He appreciated how food could bring people together and create a sense of comfort for everyone at the table. After working as a truck driver for 15 years, Marcus decided to switch career paths and open a restaurant that showcased his specialty: cooking and smoking meat. Hence, Bubby's BBQ of Corbin, KY, was born and very quickly became a Shepherd family affair, spearheaded by Marcus.

From carefully crafted pulled pork barbecue to exceptionally crisp fried catfish, Bubby's BBQ has a vast selection of menu items that are undeniably delectable. Whether customers choose to order from the menu or opt for the all-you-can-eat buffet, it is certain that the food will always be excellent. Marcus ensures that all of the food served abides by his recipes, so that each meal eaten at Bubby's tastes as if Marcus had whipped it up himself. The barbecue is smoked for 10-12 hours each night using hickory wood, and everything is homemade, right down to the BBQ sauce. This attention to detail is what has made Bubby's BBQ widely recognized for its consistency and high-quality food. A testament to their success, Bubby's BBQ has won the People's Choice Award for Best Restaurant several years in a row in various categories.

The delicious food attracts thousands of customers from all over Kentucky, and the welcoming ambience and high-quality service at Bubby's makes people never want to leave. The waitstaff goes out of their way to guarantee the customers are always satisfied and their drinks are never empty. Everyone that visits Bubby's BBQ feels as if they

are part of the restaurant family, and a missing regular never goes unnoticed by the staff. Some will go to the restaurant as many as four to five times a week and never get tired of the food. Bubby's care is not limited to its customers; it extends to its local community. The restaurant hosts many fund-raising events to raise money for the youth sports teams in the Corbin area. Bubby's BBQ also uses its resources to support those who do not have stable access to food through its involvement in the Corbin Community Backpack Program, an initiative that provides local schoolchildren, who have little or no food available at their home, backpacks full of food to last them over the weekends. Additionally, Bubby's BBQ assists with Operation James Scott, a veteran-led community activity that purchases Christmas presents for local children.

Bubby's BBQ has cultivated a famed reputation for its authenticity. There is a strong sense of comfort every guest can feel when they dine at Bubby's. With food that resembles family cooking, phenomenal service that prioritizes customer satisfaction, and interior design that reflects a southern country style, Bubby's makes you feel at home. This quality of care and intimacy with customers is distinct to small businesses. Everyone who goes to Bubby's BBQ knows there is just no place like it, nor could it ever be replicated. Marcus's ability to transform his passion into a successful business is an embodiment of the entrepreneurial spirit that uplifts this country. I want to thank Marcus Shepherd and the Shepherd family for all of the work they have done to support their community of Corbin and the American people. I look forward to watching your continued growth and success in Kentucky.●

TRIBUTE TO NICHOLAS BOSTIC

• Mr. YOUNG. Madam President, I rise today to formally express my gratitude for the heroic actions of Nicholas Bostic in Lafayette, IN, on July 11, 2022.

Just after midnight on Monday, July 11, Nicholas Bostic ran into a burning home and rescued five children inside. Nicholas was driving and observed a home engulfed in flames. He stopped to make sure the residents had left the building, and he saw a teenager and three younger children stuck inside. Nicholas ran into the building to help the four children exit safely. When he discovered one child was still missing, Nicholas immediately reentered the home to find the missing child. By the time he found her, the fire had spread, making it unsafe to exit through the downstairs door. Nicholas broke the second story window and jumped out, sheltering the girl from the fall by landing on his side. Thanks to Nicholas, the child escaped with only minor injuries, and the other four children were unharmed.

In helping shield the children from injury, Nicholas developed first-degree burns and suffered from smoke inhalation. I pray for Nicholas as he recuperates from his injuries and wish him a full and swift recovery. I also want to recognize and thank the first responders who helped put out the fire and treat Nicholas and the children.

Despite the danger, Nicholas did not hesitate to run into the burning building—twice—to make sure everyone safely escaped. I share the view of Lafayette Police Department who noted, "Nicholas Bostic's heroic actions saved lives." I join the Lafayette community in commending Nicholas for the selflessness he displayed. Today, I thank Nicholas for his heroism and am proud to call him a fellow Hoosier.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Swann, 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 which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

REPORT OF THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13441 OF AUGUST 1, 2007, WITH RESPECT TO LEBANON—PM 37

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to Lebanon declared in Executive Order 13441 of August 1, 2007, is to continue in effect beyond August 1, 2022.

Certain ongoing activities, such as Iran's continuing arms transfers to Hizballah—which include increasingly

sophisticated weapons systems—serve to undermine Lebanese sovereignty, contribute to political and economic instability in the region, and continue to constitute an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13441 with respect to Lebanon.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, Jr.
THE WHITE HOUSE, July 28, 2022.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:40 p.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. 623. An act to extend the Gabriella Miller Kids First Pediatric Research Program at the National Institutes of Health, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3771. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for research and improvement of cardiovascular health among the South Asian population of the United States, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3952. An act to strengthen the role of the Chief Scientist of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in order to promote scientific integrity and advance the Administration's world-class research and development portfolio.

H.R. 3962. An act to authorize notaries public to perform, and to establish minimum standards for, electronic notarizations and remote notarizations that occur in or affect interstate commerce, to require any Federal court to recognize notarizations performed by a notarial officer of any State, to require any State to recognize notarizations performed by a notarial officer of any other State when the notarization was performed under or relates to a public Act, record, or judicial proceeding of the notarial officer's State or when the notarization occurs in or affects interstate commerce, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4040. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend telehealth flexibilities under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4551. An act to amend the U.S. SAFE WEB Act of 2006 to provide for reporting with respect to cross-border complaints involving ransomware or other cyber-related attacks, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4990. An act to codify the Institute for Telecommunication Sciences and to direct the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to establish an initiative to support the development of emergency communication and tracking technologies, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5313. An act to protect children and other consumers against hazards associated with the accidental ingestion of button cell or coin batteries by requiring the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a consumer product safety standard to require child-resistant closures on consumer products that use such batteries, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6929. An act to increase the benefits guaranteed in connection with certain pension plans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6933. An act to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require reporting relating to certain cost-share requirements.

H.R. 7132. An act to preserve safe access to communications services for survivors of domestic violence and other crimes, and for other purposes.