

Capital and begin work in the U.S. Senate.

Kim represents all that is great about public service—not just in aspiration to serve our Nation, but in aspiration to change it, too. When she first started at the disbursing office in October of 1987, there were just two female Senators. Today, there are 24, in addition to our first female Vice President. In the disbursing office itself, Kim was one of only 10 women on staff when she began her decades of service; she is now one of 45 women out of the office's 58 staff.

The journey to Washington, DC, was a long one for Kim—geographically speaking. She comes from the town of Nevada, IA—the State where her parents Harold and Jan Brinkman still reside. She has been sure to make the trek and visit home, bringing along her daughter, Maya Caceres, a recent graduate of the University of Kentucky. An active member of her church and a frequent volunteer, she has managed to lay deep roots here in our Nation's Capital.

Kim has been a kind, giving presence in the Senate for the past three decades. A compendium of Capitol knowledge, we will surely miss her sage advice and dutiful support. While her departure is a profound loss for this institution, Kim deserves a restful and fulfilling retirement following her years of extraordinary service.

TRIBUTE TO AMY F. WOOLF

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam President, I rise today to honor the achievements of Ms. Amy F. Woolf, a specialist in Nuclear Weapons Policy with the Congressional Research Service, on the occasion of her retirement.

Amy Woolf served the Congress with distinction for more than 34 years. Before joining CRS, she was a member of the research staff at the Institute of Defense Analyses and spent a year at the Department of Defense, where she contributed to the 1994 Nuclear Posture Review. She earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Stanford University and a master's degree in public policy from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Ms. Woolf is recognized throughout Congress, the military, and the nuclear weapons and arms control communities as an expert on issues related to U.S. and Russian nuclear forces and arms control. She has authored countless CRS reports addressing issues such as nuclear weapons strategy and doctrine, nuclear force structure, strategic arms control and the U.S.-Russian arms control agenda, hypersonic weapons, and threat reduction programs in Russia and other former Soviet states.

A particular highlight of her tenure at CRS was her work supporting the Congressional debate on the New START treaty in 2010. Her unique knowledge of the issues positioned her as the go-to expert for members of Congress and their staff with questions

about the treaty. She analyzed treaty provisions, helped staffers navigate false and confusing claims about the treaty, and provided needed historical context. She also gave seminars on the procedural aspects of ratification. Throughout the time that Congress considered the treaty, Ms. Woolf was available to members of Congress and their staff 7 days a week and answered questions after hours. Her work for Congress on this treaty lasted from the start of negotiations in 2009 through submission to the Senate and ratification in December 2010.

In serving the CRS mission, Ms. Woolf helped members of Congress and their staff navigate complex nuclear weapons issues by narrowing in on their specific needs and succinctly providing them with accurate, balanced, and complete information. She has equally served opponents and supporters of nuclear arms control treaties. She answered questions about the future of the U.S. nuclear weapons arsenal from a variety of congressional offices with diverse viewpoints. Ms. Woolf participated in seminars for congressional staff on a regular basis and could shift seamlessly from a 101-style overview of basic nuclear concepts for freshly minted Capitol Hill staffers to a lengthy in-depth briefing on U.S. nuclear posture and deterrence issues that would offer new insight to even the most seasoned policy advisor. Because of her three decades assisting Members of Congress and their staff, she demonstrated the keen ability to read her audience well and discern what information will be most useful to them. In an exceptional moment in 2018, the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee recognized her work from the dais after a hearing on Presidential authority over nuclear weapons. This followed a personal briefing for the chairman and prep work for the committee staff.

Ms. Woolf also earned a reputation in CRS for her tireless work to educate new analysts, researchers, and congressional staff. She is widely recognized in the policy community throughout the United States for her depth of knowledge, her understanding of both nuclear weapons capabilities and arms control, and her ability to clearly express complex issues associated with both. Ms. Woolf has been an indispensable asset to the U.S. Congress. I am proud to say she is also a Marylander.

Amy Woolf's deep well of knowledge and expertise will be sorely missed in the halls of Congress and throughout the nuclear policy community. Her colleagues and I join in wishing her all the best as she begins this next chapter in retirement.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO DR. DOUG REISIG

• Mr. DAINES. Madam President, today I have the distinct honor of rec-

ognizing Dr. Doug Reisig of Missoula County as Montanan of the Month for his distinguished career as an educator and for his devotion to Montana students, parents, and the community.

Doug was born and raised in the great State of Montana. He earned his master's degree from the University of Montana and his PhD from Montana State—"Go Cats!" Doug taught at Billings West High School before accepting a job at the St. Ignatius School District. It was in St. Ignatius that he met his lovely wife, Mary Jo. Doug and Mary Jo have been married for almost 43 years and have raised two wonderful daughters, Megan and Callie. They are now the proud grandparents of four grandsons.

Doug has been a teacher, building administrator, and superintendent for 46 years, serving as the superintendent at Hellgate Elementary for the past 34 years. Prior to his retirement, he received the G.V. Erickson Award from the School Administrators of Montana for his contribution to the betterment of education in our great State.

Since Doug took over as superintendent, the school has seen a 33-percent increase in enrollment. He also oversaw the construction of the new middle school.

During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, under Doug's leadership, Hellgate Elementary was a leader in delivering meals to children in need, and he went the extra mile by selflessly donating his increase in salary to the Family Resource Fund. With Doug's direction and precautions in place, both Hellgate Elementary School and Middle School were in session 5 days a week during the 2020 and 2021 school years.

It is my honor to recognize Dr. Doug Reisig for serving the State of Montana as an educator and for his dedication to ensuring Montana students have a bright future ahead.

Congratulations on your retirement, Doug. You make Montana proud.●

REMEMBERING RODRIGO "ROD" GARCIA

• Mr. PADILLA. Madam President, I rise to celebrate the life and mourn the passing of Rodrigo "Rod" Garcia, a man who dedicated his life to empowering and advocating for the next generation of young Latino STEM students and professionals.

Born in 1943 in Los Angeles, CA, Rod learned early on the importance of higher education and public service. After graduating from the California State University in Los Angeles with a bachelor's degree of science in engineering, he worked for the city of Los Angeles as a civil engineer.

As one of the few Hispanic engineers at the time, Rod saw the need to diversify California's booming tech and STEM fields. Beginning in 1973, he gathered fellow Hispanic engineers in his own garage to create fellowship and determine how to expand opportunities

for their community. In 1974, the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, also known as SHPE, was officially founded and incorporated. As the founder, Rod had a vision to advance networking and education opportunities for other young Latino students and professionals in the engineering field. And almost 50 years later, the SHPE has grown to include over 13,000 members and 286 chapters nationwide. Through Rod's leadership and vision, SHPE has impacted the lives of thousands of Latinos, including myself.

I first met Rod as a young mechanical engineering student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. As a young Latino from Los Angeles, joining SHPE gave me a sense of belonging. Rod always took the time to engage with students, hear their unique stories, and encourage them to complete a STEM degree. Rod dedicated his life to ensuring that fellow Latinos had opportunities and understood the value of a STEM degree in the real world.

Rod left behind an incredible legacy that will continue to live on. He will be remembered for his devotion and advocacy and for his ability to empower the Latino community. I am eternally grateful for Rod's impact on my own life. The American dream endures because of leaders like Rod Garcia, who don't shut the door to opportunity as they walk through it, but who open it wider for those who come next.

My wife Angela and I send our deepest condolences and prayers to his wife Cynthia Cathy Wong, his children Marlene Tomasina Zamora, Marianne Pilar Garcia, and Rodrick Fitzgerald Garcia, and the rest of his family and friends.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:02 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 bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5118. An act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to prioritize the completion of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail, and for other purposes.

At 3:30 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 bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5376. An act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of S. Con. Res. 14.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The message further announced that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SARBANES) has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 7334. An act to extend the statute of limitations for fraud by borrowers under certain COVID-19 economic injury disaster loan programs of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7352. An act to amend the Small Business Act to extend the statute of limitation for fraud by borrowers under the Paycheck Protection Program, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. HICKENLOOPER).

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 5376. An act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of S. Con. Res. 14.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CARPER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works:

Report to accompany S. 2372, a bill to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to make supplemental funds available for management of fish and wildlife species of greatest conservation need as determined by State fish and wildlife agencies, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 117-135).

Report to accompany S. 3742, a bill to establish a pilot grant program to improve recycling accessibility, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 117-136).

Report to accompany S. 3743, a bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to carry out certain activities to improve recycling and composting programs in the United States, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 117-137).

By Ms. CANTWELL, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 3662. A bill to temporarily increase the cost share authority for aqueous film forming foam input-based testing equipment, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 117-138).

By Mr. DURBIN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 4430. A bill to amend title 35, United States Code, to establish an interagency task force between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the Food and Drug Administration for purposes of sharing information and providing technical assistance with respect to patents, and for other purposes.

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. COTTON (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. HAGERTY):

S. 4699. A bill to provide that the Federal Communications Commission may not prevent a State or Federal correctional facility from utilizing jamming equipment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. KING, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 4700. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for limitations on copayments for contraception furnished by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for

other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. HASSAN:

S. 4701. A bill to provide cybersecurity support for small business concerns through the small business development center program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. KAINE (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. PADILLA):

S. 4702. A bill to impose limits on excepting competitive service positions from the competitive service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. COTTON (for himself, Mr. TUBERVILLE, and Mr. MARSHALL):

S. 4703. A bill to direct the President to take such actions as may be necessary to prohibit the purchase of public or private real estate located in the United States by the Chinese Communist Party, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. TILLIS (for himself and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 4704. A bill to require the Comptroller General of the United States to submit a report regarding ways to improve the patent examination process at the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TILLIS (for himself and Mr. BURR):

S. 4705. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to relocate a memorial honoring the 9 Air Force crew members who lost their lives in an airplane crash in the Cherokee and Nantahala National Forests during a training mission on August 31, 1982; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SCHATZ, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 4706. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for the duration of active service of the Chief Justice of the United States and associate justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. BROWN):

S. 4707. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Buckeye Trail as a national scenic trail, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL:

S. 4708. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for wigs as durable medical equipment under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LUJÁN (for himself and Ms. ERNST):

S. 4709. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to amend regulations to allow for certain packers to have an interest in market agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. TILLIS:

S. 4710. A bill to include phosphate and potash on the final list of critical minerals of the Department of the Interior; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. TILLIS:

S. 4711. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to amend regulations relating to exemptions for engines and equipment for purposes of national security, and for other purposes; to