

are a stark reminder of the commitment and sacrifice that firefighters throughout our great Nation make on a daily basis serving communities large and small. They are truly our domestic defenders and epitomize their moniker of “America’s Bravest.”

International Association of Fire Fighters—IAFF—Baltimore Fire Officers Local 964 Lieutenant Paul Butrim and Baltimore Firefighters IAFF Local 734 Acting Lieutenant Kelsey Sadler and Firefighter/Paramedic Kenneth Lacayo died after a partial collapse trapped them in a burning rowhouse in west Baltimore last Monday. These fallen brothers and sister leave behind grieving family members, a devastated firefighter family, and a community in mourning. We owe them the deepest gratitude and respect.

During this difficult time, I ask my Senate colleagues to hold in their prayers the families and friends of the victims, the members of the Baltimore City Fire Department, and the citizens of Baltimore. This tragedy affects us all. Families lost a mom, a dad, a sister, a brother, an aunt, an uncle, a firefighter, a friend. In the pre-dawn hours of Monday, January 24, 2022, Baltimore City firefighters were dispatched to the 200 block of South Stricker Street for a reported rowhouse fire. As the firefighters responded, the dispatcher relayed that there was a “report of persons trapped.” Shortly after they arrived at the scene, the building partially collapsed, killing Lieutenant Butrim, Acting Lieutenant Sadler, and Firefighter/Paramedic Lacayo. A fourth firefighter, Baltimore IAFF Local 734 member John McMaster, was transported to Shock Trauma and has since been released to recover from his injuries. Please keep him and his family in your prayers, too.

Lieutenant Butrim was just 37, but already a 16-year veteran of the Baltimore City Fire Department. He was no stranger to putting himself in harm’s way. He was called to the job in 2005 when he began his training as a firefighter/paramedic. Immediately after completing his training, he joined the Baltimore City Fire Department. He was always looking to improve his skills as a firefighter/paramedic, eventually earning the rank of lieutenant. Those who knew him say that he was not just an excellent firefighter; he was also an all-around good guy and always willing to help. Paul was a big sports fan and especially liked following NASCAR, baseball, and hockey. He married Rachel, his best friend and love of his life, in 2015. Their son, Nolan, was born in 2016. Tragically, Nolan passed suddenly in February 2019, leaving the family heartbroken.

Ms. Sadler, 33, a firefighter for 15 years, was serving as an acting lieutenant for the department when she was killed in the partial rowhouse collapse. Three days after her death, the Baltimore City Fire Department officially promoted Kelsey to the rank of lieutenant. Lieutenant Sadler began her

career with the Baltimore City Fire Department after graduating from high school in 2006. Lieutenant Sadler had a big heart, a strong will, and the determination to get any task done. Family was her priority. Her presence in any room made everything better and brighter. She was an amazing wife to Brandon, an incredible stepmom to Mila, and the best aunt to Lily and Emmett. When it came to the job, she earned the respect of her colleagues doing what she did best. Everyone who witnessed the beauty and dedication in how she lived her life will remember her.

Firefighter/Paramedic Lacayo, 30, was a native of Montgomery County, MD. He became a firefighter in 2012 and a paramedic in 2014, serving first with the Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad, where he received multiple citations for going above and beyond the call of duty. He joined the Baltimore Fire Department in 2014 and was assigned to Engine 14 in August 2021. All those who knew Firefighter/Paramedic Lacayo well describe him as the pinnacle of what a good person should be: kind and humble, always putting others before himself. His exceptional skills as a firefighter and paramedic were matched by his bright smile and his unfailing good nature.

Kurt Vonnegut said, “I can think of no more stirring symbol of man’s humanity to man than a fire engine.” I agree. There are no adequate words to describe the pain and the severity of these losses. But today, this tribute remembers and celebrates their lives, memorializes their sacrifice, and commemorates their service. These public servants worked every day on the frontlines, answering the call whenever sudden danger occurred until the very end. On January 24, these brave men and woman made the ultimate sacrifice.

Knowing what I know about these fire fighters is best described with words like service, sense of duty, response, commitment, courage, and sacrifice. And while those are strong reasons by which to live, sadly, in the firefighting profession, they are also the reasons by which they die. It is important to rejoice in the lives and contributions these lost souls have given, knowing that this world is a safer place because of the men and women across this country who continue to give their lives so others may live. From this moment forward, we will honor these three firefighters who lost their lives for their bravery and courage. Today, I ask that, in their honor—and for firefighters everywhere—please help protect our firefighters in their heroic efforts to save lives.

36TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE “CHALLENGER” SPACE SHUTTLE DISASTER

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I rise in recognition of the 36th anniversary of the *Challenger* Space Shuttle Dis-

aster and to pay tribute to the memory of all seven *Challenger* crewmembers: Gregory Jarvis, Judith Resnik, Francis Scobee, Ronald McNair, Michael Smith, Ellison Onizuka, and Christa McAuliffe.

On January 28, 1986, the world witnessed a fatal accident that claimed the lives of all seven of the *Challenger*’s crewmembers. As many of my colleagues will remember, just moments after launch, the shuttle exploded, never having left the Earth’s atmosphere. It was later determined that unusually cold temperatures caused several seals within the shuttle’s right rocket booster to fail, ultimately resulting in this devastating tragedy.

This anniversary is a particularly difficult day for the people of New Hampshire as we pause to remember the *Challenger* crew, including Granite Stater Christa McAuliffe. The *Challenger* mission had been chosen to pilot President Reagan’s Teacher in Space Program, and Concord schoolteacher Christa McAuliffe was selected to be the program’s first participant. Christa looked forward to the opportunity to teach two lessons from space and share her once-in-a-lifetime experience with students across the country.

Although the Teacher in Space program was discontinued following the accident, the families of the *Challenger*’s crew established the first *Challenger* Center for Space Science Education to promote science, technology, engineering, and math—STEM—education. The center is a nonprofit that engages with students and teachers, providing hands-on education in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Today, 40 *Challenger* learning centers have opened globally, and they are continuing to expand opportunities for innovative programs and activities in STEM. Though we lost five dedicated astronauts, a hard-working engineer, and a passionate and devoted educator 36 years ago, the *Challenger*’s poignant legacy continues to live on.

So many of our students and teachers can point to Christa McAuliffe and *Challenger* learning centers as having inspired them to pursue careers in education, science, mathematics, and innovation. New Hampshire has both the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center, an air and space museum and planetarium, as well as the Christa McAuliffe School, an elementary school in Concord. I have no doubt Christa would be glad to know that a great number of young women have chosen to follow in her footsteps and embrace the values she worked so hard to espouse. Christa lived by the words, “I touch the future. I teach.” More than three decades later, her enduring impact on the future is clear.

In 2019, the Senate passed the Christa McAuliffe Commemorative Coin Act, legislation I sponsored with the late Senator Mike Enzi of Wyoming. The legislation was advanced through Congress with overwhelming bipartisan

support and was subsequently signed into law. The enactment of this legislation meant that a commemorative coin in Christa's honor was minted by the U.S. Treasury in 2021. Proceeds from the sale of this coin are going to support STEM education, helping to cultivate a new generation of scientists, engineers, and educators.

Today, we take pause to honor the seven outstanding professionals lost in the *Challenger* accident and acknowledge that this is a very difficult day for their colleagues at NASA, family and friends. Our hearts are with them on this day of remembrance.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING CHERYL A. HICKMON

• Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Cheryl A. Hickmon, national president of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated and chair of the national board of directors. A native of Hartford, CT, Cheryl, the youngest of three children, was born in 1962 to the late Dr. Ned Hickmon and Consuella Anderson Hickmon. Cheryl passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 20, 2022, at the age of 60, following a battle with a recent illness. She leaves to cherish her memory two brothers, Ned N. Hickmon and David W. Hickmon of Hartford, CT, many cousins throughout the United States, coworkers, many friends, and sorority sisters internationally, including members of the Hartford Alumnae Chapter.

Cheryl was deeply devoted to Delta Sigma Theta, and her loss will be felt by many. An active member for 39 years, Cheryl's devotion to Delta Sigma Theta began in 1982 with her initiation into the Alpha Xi Chapter at South Carolina State University. She served in multiple leadership positions at the local, regional, and national levels, including as Alpha Xi chapter president in 1983, South Atlantic regional representative in 1984, Hartford Alumnae chapter president in 2009, and was ultimately elected the 27th national president and chair of the national board of directors in November 2021. Her leadership has shaped generations of women across this country and was inspired by a deep belief in Delta's core values of sisterhood, scholarship, service, and social action.

Cheryl shared her wisdom, care, and compassion with all who crossed her path. Her unwavering commitment to making the world a better place meant Cheryl always sought new opportunities to uplift Americans, especially Black women. Her passion enabled her to have a profound impact on many through Delta Sigma Theta and her service with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Children's Defense Fund, and the National Council of Negro Women. Cheryl will be remembered as a true

champion for civil rights and social justice.

Cheryl's motivation to lend a helping hand to others in need also shaped her career of more than 30 years as a licensed clinical laboratory technologist. She supervised the In Vitro Fertilization Laboratories for andrology and endocrinology at Montefiore's Institute for Reproductive Medicine and Health. One of her greatest joys was supporting couples in their journey to become parents.

Cheryl was guided by the motto, "Don't measure life by the number of breaths you take but by the number of moments that take your breath away." Her servant leadership in every endeavor she pursued will leave a lasting and meaningful legacy across this country. I extend my deepest condolences to her family, friends, and the entire sisterhood of Delta Sigma Theta. I join each of them in honoring Cheryl's life by holding up her work as an example, one rooted in mentorship, enthusiasm, and service to our community.

Rest in peace, Cheryl. •

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.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:46 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. 1298. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1233 North Cedar Street in Owasso, Oklahoma, as the "Technical Sergeant Marshal Roberts Post Office Building".

H.R. 3579. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 East Main Street in Maroa, Illinois, as the "Jeremy L. Ridlen Post Office".

H.R. 3613. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 202 Trumbull Street in Saint Clair, Michigan, as the "Corporal Jeffrey Robert Standfest Post Office Building".

H.R. 4168. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6223 Maple Street, in Omaha, Nebraska, as the "Petty Officer 1st Class Charles Jackson French Post Office".

H.R. 5577. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3900 Crown Road Southwest in Atlanta, Georgia, as the "John R. Lewis Post Office Building".

The message further announced that pursuant to section 1004(b)(2)(C) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117-81), and the order of the House of January 4, 2021, the Speaker appoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution Reform: Mrs. Susan Davis of San Diego, California.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

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PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-104. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urging the United States Congress to oppose the Treasury Department's proposal to change Internal Revenue Service reporting requirements, which would unnecessarily and harmfully affect financial institutions and their customers in this Commonwealth; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 150

Whereas, The Treasury Department has proposed a change to Internal Revenue Service reporting requirements that would require financial institutions to report the total dollar amount of incoming and outgoing transactions from each customer account with gross inflows and outflows THAT HAVE REACHED A CERTAIN THRESHOLD in a tax year to the Internal Revenue Service; and

Whereas, Under the proposed reporting requirement, a financial institution must report an itemization of physical cash, transactions with foreign accounts and transfers to and from another account with the same