

the Syrian American Club. In its early days, this organization assisted members in becoming American citizens, learning English, and served as a vital social support system for Lebanese and Syrian immigrants. After initially meeting at various locations across Danbury, the Club established a permanent home in "Little Lebanon" on New Street in Danbury in the 1930s, before moving to its current West Street location in 1993.

Highly active in the civic and cultural life of the Arabic speaking community in Danbury, the Lebanon American Club boasted many members who were major contributors to the economic, professional, and social fabric of the region. After the election of Chicory Buzaid as Danbury City Sheriff in 1937—the first Lebanese American elected to public office in the State of Connecticut—the Club's members became more politically active as well.

From the 1940s through the 1960s, the Club's activities expanded with regular dinners, scholarship programs for students, fundraisers to aid members in need, and an annual Labor Day weekend "Mahrajan" festival celebrating their Lebanese and Syrian heritage.

In the 1970s, a new wave of Lebanese immigrants sparked a revitalization of the Lebanon American Club and their activities expanded. New Club programs were established—and continue today—including a children's Christmas party and a scholarship award dinner which has grown tremendously over the years, providing tens of thousands of dollars in college scholarships to high school graduates. Additionally, the Lebanon American Club Ladies Auxiliary routinely holds dinners and wine tastings and is a significant contributor to the Club's overall activities.

In recent years, the Lebanon American Club has continued to expand and flourish. The Lebanon American Teacher Exchange program was established in 2002, and the annual Lebanon American Day flag raising ceremony was first held the next year in 2003. In 2009, the Club established a heritage monument committee to pay tribute to their immigrant ancestors, and the monument was unveiled at city hall during the 2010 Lebanon Day celebration. The Club has continued to thrive of late, including hosting regular blood drives throughout the COVID-19 pandemic to provide lifesaving aid to the community.

For a century, the Lebanon American Club has provided cultural, civic, and social support to its members, the Lebanese community, and the Danbury community at large. I have attended many Club activities and greatly appreciate and admire their long-standing commitment to preserving and promoting their cultural heritage while selflessly serving their community through their many activities and programs. I hope my colleagues will join me in congratulating the Lebanon American Club of Danbury, CT, on this

momentous occasion of their 100th anniversary.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. JOAN PHILLIPS

Mr. MANCHIN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the legacy of Dr. Joan Phillips for her many years of service dedicated to child well-being and to all people of West Virginia.

I have often said there is no greater accomplishment than to find yourself in a position to give back to the community you love. Dr. Phillips embodies giving, always willing to lend support and knowledge to those in need throughout her career.

Protecting and serving vulnerable people was her passion, one that motivated her throughout four decades of professional work. Dr. Phillips is viewed by her colleagues, and rightfully so, as an advocate for vulnerable children of West Virginia. Most recently serving as the co-medical director of Child Advocacy Center of Charleston Area Medical Center, her list of accomplishments is staggering, continuously pioneering child advocacy standards across the region.

As West Virginia's first ever board-certified child abuse pediatrician, Dr. Phillips has always been pivotal in ensuring that the children of our State receive the correct level of care. Over the course of her admirable career, Dr. Phillips has changed countless lives, both internally through the Child Advocacy Network and externally consulting through private practice. As a result of her efforts, she was in the first round of child abuse subspecialty recognized by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Dr. Phillips always made time to consult on cases and never turned down the opportunity to assist regardless of location. Other physicians, law enforcement officers and child protective services workers regularly sought her expertise and advice.

Over the years, Dr. Phillips held many leadership roles, including president of the American Academy of Pediatrics, numerous boards of local and statewide organizations, community health agencies, family service agencies, as well as State and national committees related to issues regarding child well-being.

Not only did Dr. Phillips fiercely dedicate her time to advancing child healthcare, but she also found time to pass her knowledge along to others. She regularly presented at conferences, mentored other child abuse medical providers and taught within medical and residency programs at West Virginia University and Marshall University. I know she has inspired many young leaders throughout her illustrious career, and I am confident they will carry the torch to ensure a brighter tomorrow. Truly, her legacy of dedication to health and childcare services is one we should all instill in ourselves.

With an unrivaled, strong spirit of optimism and innovation, her commit-

ment to preventing and treating child abuse in our communities is something to admire. Her work has undoubtedly changed the quality of healthcare in the State of West Virginia. I will always be grateful to Dr. Phillips for her lifetime of influential work.

While she is retiring and everyone is sure to miss her strong leadership, Dr. Phillips' unwavering dedication will leave a lasting legacy on the countless lives she has touched. Again, I congratulate Dr. Phillips for her remarkable years of service and her outstanding dedication to improving our great Nation, and I am honored to wish good health and much happiness to her and her family in the days and years ahead.●

TRIBUTE TO KEVIN FERN

● 1Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a notable Kansan, Kevin Fern. Mr. Fern is currently executive director of Visit Shawnee, a division of the Shawnee Chamber of Commerce and the official Destination Marketing Organization for the city of Shawnee. He has served the city of Shawnee since 2008 and was also nominated by Governor Laura Kelly to the Kansas Council on Travel and Tourism.

Prior to his current position he spent a number of years in politics, working a variety of campaigns, including for Presidential candidate Dick Gephardt's campaign in 1988—always noting that he "wanted to be the guy behind the scenes, making everything happen." Following a number of years in campaign politics, Mr. Fern entered the hospitality industry, where he worked for more than 15 years in the hotel industry.

Mr. Fern is a long-time native of Shawnee, KS, and his passion for the city mixed with his ethos to "make our world just a little better" embodies the true Kansas spirit. I can confidently say Mr. Fern's impactful career has truly made the world and the city of Shawnee a better place.●

REMEMBERING P.J. O'ROURKE

● Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. President, I rise today in tribute to P.J. O'Rourke, one of America's greatest humorists. P.J. passed away after a brief illness earlier this year, leaving behind his beloved wife Tina and his three children, as well as countless readers who will miss the laughter and delight he brought them over a career that spanned nearly half a century.

P.J. was born 74 years ago in Toledo, OH. We are proud to call him an Ohio native. His father owned a car dealership; his mother was a homemaker. P.J. was the product of Toledo's public schools, then of Miami University in southwest Ohio. One of his English professors, spotting a unique talent, arranged a scholarship that allowed him to continue in school and get his degree in English, with honors.

In the 1970s, P.J. moved to New York. There, he became editor of the legendary satirical magazine "National Lampoon," then in its prime. After the Lampoon came stints at "Rolling Stone," the "Atlantic Monthly," and many other magazines, as well as 20 books known for their energy and wit.

Frequently, he turned his attention to American politics. Some here in Washington can still feel the sting. He even found humor in the world's trouble spots; He was in Beirut in the 1980s, Somalia and Afghanistan in the 1990s, Iraq in the 2000s.

One of my favorite P.J. O'Rourke quotes is: "Politics is a necessary evil, a necessary annoyance, a necessary conundrum." His tone was always one of mischievous irreverence, tempered by an abiding sympathy for our common humanity.

And he was never far from Toledo or from Ohio. "No Toledoan ever outgrows Toledo," he wrote several years ago, in a tribute to his hometown. He was clear-eyed about the charms of a Midwestern upbringing and blind to any imperfections.

"Toledo is better than exciting," he went on, "it's happy. Nothing is more conducive to unhappiness than taking yourself seriously, and taking yourself seriously is difficult when your baseball team is called the Mud Hens."

In truth, P.J. O'Rourke, while not taking himself too seriously, achieved much success in life—best-selling books, packed lecture halls in America and Europe, a journalistic career that took him to every corner of the world. But he never forgot he was from Toledo, from Ohio, from the heart of the country. And the country's heart always beat within him.

My fellow Buckeyes join me in bidding farewell and offering our thanks to a treasured native son.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 10:02 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. RASKIN) has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 2293. An act to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide certain employment rights to reservists of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, September 28, 2022, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 2293. An act to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide certain employment

rights to reservists of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and for other purposes.

S. 3895. An act to extend and authorize annual appropriations for the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom through fiscal year 2024.

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-5156. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Thymol; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 10188-01-OCSP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 20, 2022; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5157. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Glufosinate; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9521-01-OCSP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 20, 2022; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5158. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Novaluron; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 10187-01-OCSP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 20, 2022; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5159. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oxirane, 2-methyl-, polymer with oxirane, mono-C9-11-isoalkyl ethers, C10-rich, phosphates, potassium salts; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 9934-01-OCSP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 20, 2022; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5160. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Eugenol; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 10130-01-OCSP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 20, 2022; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5161. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "IN-11470: Styrene, copolymers with acrylic acid and/or methacrylic acid, with none and/or one or more monomers or polymers; Tolerance Exemption Amendment" (FRL No. 10099-01-OCSP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 20, 2022; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5162. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "IN-11645: Oxirane, 2-(phenoxyethyl)-, polymer with oxirane, onobutyl ether, block (A CI); Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 10122-01-OCSP) received

in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 20, 2022; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5163. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pesticides; Expansion of Crop Grouping Program VI" ((RIN2070-AJ28) (FRL No. 5031-13-OCSP)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 20, 2022; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5164. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hypochlorous Acid; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 10167-01-OCSP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 20, 2022; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5165. A communication from the Chairman, Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's annual report for calendar year 2021; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5166. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a strategic assessment of the Joint Force readiness to accomplish the National Security Strategy (OSS-2022-0760); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5167. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Reauthorization and Improvement of Mentor-Protege Program (DFARS Case 2020-D009)" (RIN0750-AK96) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2022; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5168. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Restriction on Acquisition of Tantalum (DFARS Case 2020-D007)" (RIN0750-AK94) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2022; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5169. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Private Security Contractors (PSCs) Operating in Contingency Operations, Humanitarian or Peace Operations, or Other Military Operations or Exercises" (RIN0790-AK87) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2022; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5170. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Sustainment), transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual Selected Acquisition Reports (SARs) for the Army Major Defense Acquisition Programs (MDAPs) and qualifying Middle Tier of Acquisition (MTA) programs; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5171. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5172. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the