

State, I am grateful to Sue and your family, including your 4 children and 14 grandchildren, for their great support over these years. I wish you a very happy retirement.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO JOHNNY TORRES

• Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, I would like to recognize and celebrate the many accomplishments of Mr. Johnny Torres, who has been an exemplary business leader for decades and has promoted Latino businesses in pioneering and innovative ways.

Born in Mayaguez, PR, to Mr. Senen Torres and Mrs. Rosa Rodríguez, Mr. Johnny Torres has been married to his wife Gloria for 57 years and is the proud father of Manuel, Richard, and Diana. After graduating from high school, he completed his B.A. in interior design at New York University and has been a resident of New Jersey for the last 47 years. In 1960, Mr. Torres took over the management and operation of a bodega that he and his brother purchased. As a *bodeguero*, he realized there was an urgent need to create an organization representing Spanish-speaking merchants to advocate on their behalf. Inspired by this experience, Mr. Torres founded the Metropolitan Spanish Merchants Association, also known as La Metro.

As the association grew, it increased its activities to effectively channel Hispanic food retailers' purchasing power. Mr. Torres organized, developed, and promoted the Cash & Carry Cooperative concept among the grocers and planned the growth and future of the cooperative, with sales reaching over \$56,000,000 in 1986.

As Mr. Torres familiarized himself with the needs and challenges of the small business community, he was determined to take action on their behalf. He spearheaded the creation of a technical assistance unit in the areas of business management; "El Vocero Mercantil," a Spanish trade newspaper; Metro Merchants Federal Credit Union to provide financial assistance to small merchants; and Metro Superette, Inc., a network of small grocery stores working under the name of Metro Superette and enjoying the benefits of a big chain.

Mr. Torres' knowledge and experience as a retailer, wholesaler, and small business organizer in New York was recognized by merchants across the Nation, helping create similar organizations. For 8 years, Mr. Torres helped spread this knowledge as a lecturer on small business management and development at Hostos Community College in the South Bronx.

Mr. Torres retired from the food industry in 1989 after 29 years of service. He then created the Institute for Human Development in New Jersey. As president of the institute, Mr. Torres is dedicated to the creation of programs

for Spanish-speaking sales people, executives, small business groups, and other organizations. Thousands of men, women, and children have benefited from his conferences and seminars, which cover subjects such as stress management, human relations, self-improvement, small businesses, and family relations.

For the past 25 years, Johnny has served Save Latin America, Inc., where he has planned, implemented, and advocated for various programs and services.

As Mr. Torres nears retirement, I am glad to see that his visionary leadership, talent, and genuine commitment to helping others are being recognized. I proudly congratulate Johnny Torres on his well-earned Lifetime Achievement Award for his exemplary service to small businesses, the Latino community, the people of New Jersey.●

##### TRIBUTE TO DEPUTY GREG COUNTRYMAN, JR.

• Mr. OSSOFF. Mr. President, I rise to honor Muscogee County Sheriff Deputy Greg Countryman, Jr., for his heroic and lifesaving service to the Chattahoochee River Valley.

On May 16, 2022, emergency personnel received a harrowing call about two children who were unconscious and not breathing after being pulled from a swimming pool. Already on the way home from his shift, Deputy Countryman quickly sprang into action and was the first to arrive on the scene. He swiftly administered CPR and successfully helped resuscitate the children until EMS arrived. Deputy Countryman's swift response saved their lives.

As Georgia's U.S. Senator, it is my honor to commend Muscogee County Sheriff's Deputy Greg Countryman, Jr., for his heroism and service to the Chattahoochee River Valley community.●

##### TRIBUTE TO AMERICA GRUNER

• Mr. OSSOFF. Mr. President, today I rise to honor someone who is a cornerstone of the Dalton, GA, community.

America Gruner has been a leader in her community for over 30 years. She serves as the CEO of the Coalicion de Lideres Latinos, an advocacy organization she founded that works to advance human and civil rights for the Latino community. Over the last three decades, she has accrued skills in civic participation, mental health and crisis intervention, medical interpretation, nonprofit organization management, and voting mobilization to help advance the lives of the people of Dalton. She has also become a leading voice for Dalton's Latino community, using her work as an experienced journalist to uncover injustices and right those wrongs. My team and I have had the privilege of witnessing Mrs. Gruner's impact on the State of Georgia firsthand, and she is a beacon of hope and service in our communities.

As Georgia's U.S. Senator, it is my honor to commend America Gruner for

her service and steadfast commitment to Dalton and the entire State of Georgia.●

##### TRIBUTE TO PATTI LYONS

• Mr. OSSOFF. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Patti Lyons for her 25 years of service to the coastal Georgia community.

Patti Lyons has dedicated her career to helping our seniors, oftentimes the most vulnerable among us. In 1997, Patti became the president of Senior Citizens, Inc., a nonprofit organization focused on ensuring older adults have the food, social programs, and community they need. I had the honor of delivering meals to seniors alongside Patti earlier this year. The smile Patti's warmth and joy brings to seniors' faces on their doorsteps was priceless, and it was obvious the amazing impact she has on people's lives every day.

As Georgia's U.S. Senator, it is my honor to commend Patti Lyons for her 25 years of service to the coastal Georgia community as president of Seniors Citizens, Inc.●

##### TRIBUTE TO MARTY McLENDON

• Mr. OSSOFF. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Marty McLendon for his dedication and unwavering commitment to Georgia's agricultural community.

Mr. McLendon has worked as a peanut farmer in Albany, GA, for the past 25 years, leading the Albany community in ensuring Georgia remains a top producer of quality peanuts. He continues this important work as a board member of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Peanut Standards Board. Mr. McLendon also currently serves as district chairman of the Flint River Soil and Water Conservation District and as a board member of Flint River Fresh, an Albany-based organization that helps low-income communities in Dougherty County and southwest Georgia access fresh fruits and vegetables. His work does not stop there. Mr. McLendon takes his commitment to public service to the next level by frequently opening his home to local events and gatherings, building community with his friends and neighbors.

As Georgia's U.S. Senator, it is my honor to commend Marty McLendon for his valiant service to the southwest Georgia community.●

##### TRIBUTE TO DR. CARLOS DEL RIO

• Mr. OSSOFF. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Dr. Carlos del Rio, MD, for his outstanding service to the State of Georgia and the entire Nation for more than 25 years.

Dr. del Rio, a native of Mexico, is a distinguished and awarded professor of medicine in the division of infectious diseases at Emory University School of Medicine. He has been a leader in epidemiology and research on diseases affecting the immune system and issues

related to early diagnosis of HIV, access to care, and compliance with antiretrovirals. Throughout his years of service, Dr. del Rio has worked with underserved populations to improve outcomes of those infected with HIV and to prevent infection with those at risk. His work has been published in multiple books and hundreds of scientific papers.

The COVID-19 pandemic only sharpened the public's ability to see Dr. del Rio's leadership first-hand, with countless Georgians and Americans turning to his expertise and guidance during such unsettling times. Dr. del Rio continues to excel at serving our country and our Georgia community. This year, he was selected as the new president of the Infectious Diseases Society of America, where he continues his commitment to promoting top-tier patient care, education, and research.

As Georgia's U.S. Senator, it is my honor to commend Dr. Carlos del Rio for his achievements and contributions to Georgia and our country.●

#### REMEMBERING FRANK BIRD GUMMEY III

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I pay tribute to the memory of Frank Bird GummeY III, a former attorney for Daytona Beach, Volusia County, and New Smyrna Beach, whose career spanned 44 years and put him in the middle of many court battles throughout the State.

Frank Bird GummeY III was born on April 12, 1945, to Frank Bird GummeY II and his wife, Madeline. The only son of three children, Frank grew up in Gladwyn, PA, and was raised by his mother after his father passed away when he was just 4 years old.

In 1963, Frank graduated from Governor Dummer Academy in Byfield, MA, and enrolled at the University of the South, Seawane, TN, graduating in 1967. He would later serve his alma mater as a trustee and regent. Frank then served in the Army for 2 years, spending time in Thailand before enrolling in law school at the University of Florida and received his J.D. in early 1973.

Frank's legal career began in Daytona Beach as an assistant city attorney, a position he held for 5 years until the city's attorney John Chew retired. He subsequently became the new city attorney and defended it throughout the 1980s and 1990s through many legal battles before leaving the city after 24 years. Frank then served as a deputy county attorney for Volusia County, where he argued a case involving the 2000 U.S. Presidential election. This brought him national recognition, though he declined press requests noting, "You don't try your cases in the press."

In 2004, Frank became New Smyrna Beach's city attorney as the city was involved in legal battles over its zoning laws for businesses. In 2017, Frank retired after a 44-year career of prac-

ticing law. After retirement, Frank embarked on cruises, traveled to Australia, New Zealand, and made time to meet friends for breakfast or lunch.

Throughout his legal career, Frank was involved with several legal organizations. He helped found the Florida Municipal Attorneys Association, served as president of the International Municipal Lawyers Association, and received the Charles S. Rhyne Lifetime Achievement in Municipal Law Award.

My wife Jeanette and I express our heartfelt condolences to Frank's wife Susan, their children Sarah and Frank, and their two grandchildren, Ezra and Madeline, on the loss of an important leader and great Floridian. May God bless his family during this time of sorrow.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:10 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 3846. An act to reauthorize the Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5455. An act to amend the First Step Act of 2018 to permit defendants convicted of certain offenses to be eligible for reduced sentences, and for other purposes.

H.R. 8025. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 South 1st Street in Minneapolis, Minnesota, as the "Martin Olav Sabo Post Office".

At 10:37 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 118. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to present Congressional Gold Medals to the United States Capitol Police and others who protected the Capitol on January 6, 2021.

At 10:56 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following resolution:

H. Res. 1496. Resolution relative to the death of the Honorable A. Donald McEachin, a Representative from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

At 1:46 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed to the following joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 100. Joint resolution to provide for a resolution with respect to the unre-

solved disputes between certain railroads represented by the National Carriers' Conference Committee of the National Railway Labor Conference and certain of their employees.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 119. Concurrent resolution providing for a correction in the enrollment of H.J. Res. 100.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 5455. An act to amend the First Step Act of 2018 to permit defendants convicted of certain offenses to be eligible for reduced sentences, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 8025. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 South 1st Street in Minneapolis, Minnesota, as the "Martin Olav Sabo Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

(LEGISLATIVE DAY NOVEMBER 29, 2022)

The following joint resolution was read the first time:

H.J. Res. 100. Joint resolution to provide for a resolution with respect to the unresolved disputes between certain railroads represented by the National Carriers' Conference Committee of the National Railway Labor Conference and certain of their employees.

#### 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-5583. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Methoxyfenozide; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9525-01-OCSP) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2022; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5584. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "IN-11460: 2-Propanoic acid, polymer with ethene, ethenyl acetate and sodium ethenesulfonate; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 10228-01-OCSP) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2022; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5585. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Lysate of *Willaertia magna* C2c Maky; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9994-01-OCSP) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 27, 2022; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.