

65 years. After Teddy's military service ended, the Browns moved to West Haven, CT, where they have been deeply enmeshed in the community for over six decades.

In 1977, at the age of 37, Teddy made history as one of the first three Black police officers in the city of West Haven. He ably served the department for 28 years, retiring as a detective sergeant. On the force, Teddy was known as a positive role model for all, particularly for West Haven's youngest residents.

After his retirement, Teddy continued his outstanding legacy of community service. He served as commissioner on West Haven's Parks and Recreation Board and president of the West Haven Library Board. He continued to elevate future generations by coaching youth basketball.

Teddy was also one of the strongest supporters of the West Haven Black Coalition, founded by his wife Carroll in 1986. This long-standing community organization has disbursed more than \$200,000 in scholarships to students, in recognition of their academic achievements, leadership skills, and community service. For the past 37 years, Teddy was a strong advocate for the coalition, contributing financially to the scholarships and supporting Carroll's great work. The West Haven Black Coalition is a remarkable testament to the Browns' dedication to their community.

Through his decades of service as a law enforcement officer and a civic leader, Teddy left a lasting impact on everyone around him. But he will be remembered first and foremost as a man who loved his family. He led by example as a mentor and a role model to countless young people.

My wife Cynthia and I extend our deepest sympathies to Teddy's family during this difficult time, particularly to his wife Carroll, his three sons, and his grandchildren. May their many wonderful memories of Teddy be a blessing. I hope my colleagues will join me in honoring Teddy's life and legacy, both large and lasting.●

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF SKY TAVERN

● Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the 75th anniversary of Sky Tavern. In 1948, determined to help young Nevadans learn how to ski, Marcelle "Marce" Herz filled her station wagon up with kids and drove up the Mt. Rose Highway, fit them with equipment and gear, and began teaching them about the sport and the environment around them. Ms. Herz's efforts eventually led to the creation of the Sky Tavern's Jr. Ski Program, which has taught over 100,000 Reno area youth how to ski and snowboard and continues to serve over 2,000 children each winter.

Today, Sky Tavern is a nonprofit organization that provides summer and winter outdoor sports training, com-

petitions, recreation, and events that are open to all in the region. Sky Tavern's goal and mission is to give as many youth as possible the opportunity to engage in outdoor sports and recreation—no matter their financial or physical abilities—providing lifelong experiences that promote personal growth and responsibility. Operated by a volunteer workforce, Sky Tavern is a shining example of what is possible through strong community engagement. From the instructors down to the lift operators, nearly everyone helping Sky Tavern achieve its mission is taking time out of their personal lives to do so. At its core, Sky Tavern runs on the spirit of giving back, while also striving to fulfill founder Marce Herz's goal of helping any child learn to ski and have fun doing it.

There are many examples of how Sky Tavern has helped people grow through their love of the outdoors. Sky Tavern Ski Program alumni include Olympians such as three-time medalist David Wise, Lane Spina, and Tamara McKinney. Sky Tavern's promise to give opportunities to anyone, regardless of their physical or financial ability is the cornerstone that they operate on. The specially trained volunteer staff in their adaptive program are dedicated to helping children with disabilities learn how to ski and enjoy the outdoors. That dedication has yielded results; several Paralympians, including Gold-medalist Ricci Kilgore can trace their roots back to Sky Tavern.

Congratulations to Sky Tavern on its 75th anniversary. I look forward to seeing their continued impact on the lives of young people in Nevada.●

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL WILLIAM V. WENGER

● Mr. COTTON. Mr. President, it is my privilege to recognize the tremendous accomplishments of COL William V. Wenger on the occasion of his receipt of the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award from the Boy Scouts of America and the National Eagle Scout Association. Colonel Wenger has lived a life of honor, faith, and service. He is a patriot who has made America a safer and better nation.

Colonel Wenger served in the U.S. Army for more than 42 years, commanding American soldiers across the country and around the world. He served in the Gulf war, helped reestablish order in Los Angeles after the Rodney King riots, and provided military support to law enforcement after the 1994 Northridge earthquake.

In 2000, Colonel Wenger retired from the military, only to return to Active service after the September 11 terrorist attacks. He then volunteered for two tours of duty in both Iraq and Afghanistan, where he worked to bring stability, security, and the rule of law to lands haunted by terrorism. Among other contributions, he trained Iraqi and Afghan police and led counter-IED training efforts to save the lives of his fellow coalition soldiers and police.

Throughout his military career, Colonel Wenger demonstrated extraordinary tactical, strategic, combat advisory, and logistical leadership abilities. He consistently volunteered for difficult assignments, overcame daunting challenges, and relentlessly pursued excellence. He is precisely the kind of clear-eyed, tough minded, mission-oriented leader that every soldier should aspire to become.

In the civilian world, Colonel Wenger has earned distinction as a manager, trainer, author, business leader, and professor of business, history, and military science. He is husband to Robin D. Wenger and father to two sons, John Paul and Patrick.

He is also a committed philanthropist who participates in his local Kiwanis, Rotary Club, and Knights Templar, among other civic organizations. He is a U.S. Army Reserve ambassador and a leader of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, which supports our Reserve service-members, their families, and their employers. The ESGR recently awarded Colonel Wenger its highest award, the prestigious James Roche Spirit of Volunteerism Award.

More than any other civic organization, however, Colonel Wenger has demonstrated an exceptional, lifelong commitment to the Boy Scouts of America. He joined the Boy Scouts in 1954 and earned his Eagle Scout Award in 1963. He has since served in senior positions in the organization, including being elected the chief of the Tribe of Tahquitz. While serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, he devoted much of his limited free time to support the development of the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts in those nations. For his work, he will receive the highest honor bestowed by Scouting on April 23—an honor well earned.

A nation is only as good as its people. America is not made great by its geography or its founding documents alone. It is made great by the patriots who serve the Nation and make us proud when we look up and salute the American flag. It is made great by men who dedicate decades of their lives to protect this Nation in uniform, more than half a century to educating our youth to be "physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight," and who spend their later years teaching young adults about our Nation's history. In short, it is made great by men like Colonel Wenger.

On behalf of a grateful nation, I would like to thank Colonel Wenger for his contributions to our Republic.●

REMEMBERING IRMA CANTU ACOSTA

● Mr. PADILLA. Mr. President, I rise today to celebrate the life of Irma Cantu Acosta, a titan in Southern Californian real estate and a beloved wife, mother, and grandmother.

Irma grew up in Los Angeles after her parents, Tomasita Saenz Cantu and

Benjamin Cantu, moved their family from Texas to California in 1950. She graduated from Theodore Roosevelt High School and attended Stockton Bible College in Stockton, CA. But after only one semester, as her son Gary says, Irma and her high school sweetheart Ernie “missed each other too much,” and they chose to get married in 1962. Together, they had three children—Gary, Yvette and Daliah Lynn—before Irma started what would become a highly accomplished career in real estate.

Because of her intelligence and uncompromising drive, she quickly became an association executive for the Montebello Board of Realtors, where she would serve for 43 years. While there, she received numerous awards for both her personal and professional achievements, including Woman of the Year for her record in association management.

As a founding board member of the National Association of Hispanic Real Estate Professionals, she helped make the dream of homeownership possible for more Latinos. She served as a mentor to countless real estate professionals and business owners, providing guidance and care to the next generation of business leaders in Montebello.

Throughout our Nation’s long and storied history, there have been leaders, allies, and advocates who have chosen not just to work hard and succeed in their chosen fields, but to turn around and help others achieve the American dream. Irma was one of those leaders. In the families she helped, the mentees she guided, and in her three strong, compassionate children, Irma kept that dream alive. What better gift to leave behind than hope for the next generation.

California’s thoughts are with Irma’s husband Ernie; her children Gary, Yvette, and Daliah Lynn; and all those who knew and loved her.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Ms. Kelly, one of his secretaries.

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

REPORT OF THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN PROCLAMATION 10371 OF APRIL 21, 2022, WITH RESPECT TO THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AND THE EMERGENCY AUTHORITY RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF THE ANCHORAGE AND MOVEMENT OF RUSSIAN-AFFILIATED VESSELS TO UNITED STATES PORTS—PM 8

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 Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

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 declared in Proclamation 10371 of April 21, 2022, with respect to the Russian Federation and the emergency authority relating to the regulation of the anchorage and movement of Russian-affiliated vessels to United States ports, is to continue in effect beyond April 21, 2023.

The policies and actions of the Government of the Russian Federation to continue the premeditated, unjustified, unprovoked, and brutal war against Ukraine continue to constitute a national emergency by reason of a disturbance or threatened disturbance of international relations of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Proclamation 10371.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR.
THE WHITE HOUSE, April 18, 2023.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:28 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, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1151. An act to hold the People’s Republic of China accountable for the violation of United States airspace and sovereignty with its high-altitude surveillance balloon.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 2 of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 715a), and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, the Speaker appoints the following Member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission: Mr. THOMPSON of California.

The message further announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 3003, and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, the Speaker appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Mr. COHEN of Tennessee, Mr. CLEAVER of Missouri, and Mr. VEASEY of Texas.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 1928a, and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, the Speaker appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the United States Group of the NATO Parliamentary As-

sembly: Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia, Ms. SÁNCHEZ of California, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, and Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1151. An act to hold the People’s Republic of China accountable for the violation of United States airspace and sovereignty with its high-altitude surveillance balloon; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

MEASURES DISCHARGED PETITION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, hereby direct that the Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs be discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 10, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Veterans Affairs relating to “Reproductive Health Services”, and, further, that the joint resolution be immediately placed upon the Legislative Calendar under General Orders.

Tommy Tuberville, Roger F. Wicker, Mike Lee, Marsha Blackburn, Rick Scott, John Cornyn, Roger Marshall, Cynthia M. Lummis, Ted Cruz, Katie Boyd Britt, Kevin Cramer, Mike Crapo, Steve Daines, John Thune, Pete Ricketts, Joni K. Ernst, Rand Paul, Jerry Moran, Deb Fischer, John Kennedy, Mitch McConnell, James Lankford, Markwayne Mullin, Mike Rounds, Marco Rubio, James E. Risch, Todd Young, Tom Cotton, Eric Schmitt, Thom Tillis, Lindsey Graham.

MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following joint resolution was discharged from the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, by petition, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 802(c), and placed on the calendar:

S.J. Res. 10. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Veterans Affairs relating to “Reproductive Health Services”.

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-905. A communication from the Director, Naval Reactors, Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program’s reports on environmental monitoring and radioactive waste disposal, radiation exposure, and occupational safety and health; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-906. 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 “Privacy Act of 1974; Implementation” (RIN0790-AL11) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on