

we must ensure solving one environmental challenge does not create another. Hydrofluorocarbons—HFCs—which are often used as substitutes for ozone-depleting substances, are even more potent greenhouse gases than carbon dioxide.

The Kigali amendment addresses this issue by adding HFCs to the list of substances that need to be limited in the Montreal Protocol. For our part, Congress not only passed the American Innovation and Manufacturing Act—AIM Act—to phase down HFCs, but also ratified the amendment. It was America's space Agency that demonstrated the link between hydrofluorocarbons—HFCs—and climate change. In 2015, a NASA study found that HFCs damage the ozone layer and that their impact could cause a 0.035 percent decrease in ozone by 2050. Today, federally supported science is returning the U.S. to the Moon: Artemis II is NASA's first crewed Artemis mission. On this 10-day long mission, four astronauts announced earlier this month will fly around the Moon before returning to Earth and test the Space Launch System and Orion spacecraft capabilities that will help send more people to space in the future.

This kind of exploration enables us to learn more about our planet and gather valuable data on the environment. I am so proud of the Marylanders involved with the mission, including Commander Reid Wiseman, with whom I had the opportunity to speak earlier this month. The flight, set to build upon the successful uncrewed Artemis I mission completed in December, will set the stage for the first woman and first person of color on the Moon through the Artemis Program, paving the way for future for long-term human exploration missions to the Moon and, eventually, Mars. This is the Agency's Moon to Mars exploration approach. Overcoming the challenges of working in space will lead to many more technological and scientific advances here on Earth in areas including healthcare, transportation, public safety, consumer goods, energy, information technology, and industrial productivity.

I am heartened by all the positive changes to improve our environment, but there is still work to be done. The Inflation Reduction Act laid the groundwork to make a just, clean U.S. economy a reality, saving trillions of dollars from avoided illness and death, reduced property damage from climate-related disasters and sea level rise, and reduced costs related to increasing temperatures.

Still, climate change and other environmental issues continue to pose a threat to Earth's health that disproportionately impacts vulnerable communities. Further steps will be needed to fully meet President Biden's pledge to reduce U.S. climate pollution by 50 to 52 percent below 2005 levels by 2030. We cannot become complacent; we must remain committed to taking ac-

tion to protect our environment. I am confident that our Nation can further promote sustainability through thoughtful policies and legislation.

This year, let us celebrate our achievements and not forget our responsibility to invest in our planet.

TRIBUTE TO LYNN MALERBA

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Madam President, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Chief Mutawi Mutahash (Many Hearts) Marilyn "Lynn" Malerba, who was recently named the Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut's 2023 Citizen of the Year.

Chief Malerba has an impressive list of accomplishments. In 2010, she became Chief of the Mohegan Tribe in Connecticut, the first female Chief in the Tribe's modern history. Before her current role, Chief Malerba held many leadership positions, including chairwoman of the Tribal council and executive director of health and human services for the Mohegan Tribe. Before her work in Tribal government, Chief Malerba also had a long career as registered nurse, earning a doctor of nursing practice at Yale University and eventually serving as the director of cardiology and pulmonary services at Lawrence and Memorial Hospital in New London, CT.

Currently, Chief Malerba serves as the 45th Treasurer of the United States, the first Native American to hold this office. As Treasurer, Chief Malerba has direct oversight over the U.S. Mint and Fort Knox and is a key liaison with the Federal Reserve. She also oversees the Office of Consumer Policy at the Department of Treasury and serves as a senior adviser to the Secretary of Treasury on community development and engagement.

From her long career as a healthcare professional, to her leadership of the Mohegan Tribe, and now her national role as U.S. Treasurer, Chief Malerba has made Connecticut immensely proud. I applaud her selection as the Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut's 2023 Citizen of the Year, and I hope my colleagues will join me in celebrating Chief Malerba's remarkable achievements.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR BRIAN FOCARETO

Ms. ERNST. Madam President, today I honor an exemplary leader, liaison, and soldier. After a year of service in the U.S. Senate, MAJ Brian Focareto will continue his service to the Nation in the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell.

On this occasion, I believe it fitting to recognize Major Focareto's distinguished service, leadership, and dedication to fostering the relationship between the U.S. Army and this Chamber. Over the past year, Major Focareto served in the Army Senate Liaison Division. He was invaluable in educating

Senators and staff on Army priorities and policy initiatives. He also supported multiple congressional delegations within the United States and to many countries abroad. He became a trusted adviser and friend to many of us.

Prior to his time on the Hill, Major Focareto served our Army in multiple operational assignments over the last 10 years. He commissioned out of the University of Dayton as an armor officer and began his career as a platoon leader, executive officer, and operations officer in the 101st Airborne Division. He deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Following Maneuver Captains Career Course, Major Focareto served as a staff officer in the 2d Cavalry Regiment in Vilseck, Germany, where he planned and executed numerous multinational training exercises with NATO and partner nations across Europe. Major Focareto then commanded a reconnaissance troop and the regimental weapons troop in 2CR. Following troop command, Major Focareto completed a master of policy management from Georgetown University and served as a deputy legislative assistant for the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

On behalf of Congress and the United States of America, we thank Major Brian Focareto, his wife, and their children for their continued commitment, sacrifice, and contributions to this great Nation. We join our colleagues in wishing him future successes as he continues to serve our great Army and Nation.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR SARA MILLER

Ms. HASSAN. Madam President, today it is my esteemed pleasure to honor MAJ Sara Miller for her outstanding military service and her exemplary work in my office for the people of New Hampshire. Sara is truly a servant leader who excelled in her year in my office and then for a year and a half as an Army liaison with the Office of the Chief Legislative Liaison. A dedicated mother, wife, and soldier, Sara is leaving her current assignment and—with her husband Daniel, who is also an Army major—heading to Fort Carson, CO, for their next duty assignment. As a dual military family, the Millers know service and sacrifice better than most.

MAJ Sara Miller was born in Lancaster, PA, and moved to Marietta, GA, in 1997. A natural athlete, Sara was recruited out of high school where she earned a scholarship to play soccer at Newberry College in Newberry, SC. After graduating in 2010, her Army career began when she was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army's Adjutant General's Corps.

Over the past 13 years, Sara's primary responsibilities have been ensuring that units under her purview met all personnel readiness requirements to accomplish a variety of critical missions. Her duty assignments included

Fort Bragg, NC, and Fort Carson, CO, before she began her time here in Congress. Sara has served in a variety of Adjutant General's Corps positions at the battalion, brigade, and division level. She also served as commander for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Psychological Operations Group (Airborne), at Fort Bragg.

During her deployments overseas, Sara has consistently shown courage, dedication, and leadership. She served during four deployments to the Middle East, including tours to Qatar in 2012, 2013, and 2015, where she helped support Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Inherent Resolve. Her last deployment was to Afghanistan in 2019 as part of the 4th Infantry Division Headquarters, where she was second in charge of personnel for U.S.

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TRIBUTE TO AARON SETH KESSELHEIM

• Mr. MARKEY. Madam President, the award for excellence in STEM and contributions to the well-being of the U.S. was presented by Senator Joseph I. Lieberman to Aaron Seth Kesselheim, MD, JD, MPH, at a luncheon for guests of the Center for Excellence in Education. The center celebrated its upcoming 40th anniversary of the organization, started by Admiral H.G. Rickover and Joann DiGennaro in 1982. The celebratory event took place in the U.S. Capitol Kennedy Caucus Room on April 25, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Aaron Kesselheim attended CEE's Research Science Institute in 1991. He is professor of medicine, Harvard Medical School, and a faculty member in the division of pharmacoepidemiology and pharmacoeconomics in the department of medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital.

Dr. Kesselheim developed and leads the Program on Regulation, Therapeutics, and Law, one of the largest nonindustry funded academic research centers in the country that focuses on pharmaceutical policy and evidence-based use of medicines. Author of over 600 publications in peer-reviewed medical and health policy literatures, Dr. Kesselheim was recognized as one of the top three most cited health law scholars in the U.S. from 2013-2020 in Web of Science, Westlaw, and Google Scholar. Dr. Kesselheim has testified before Congress on pharmaceutical policy, medical device regulation, generic drugs, and modernizing clinical trials. He is the editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Law, Medicine, and Ethics*. In 2020, he was elected to the National Academy of Medicine.

Dr. Kesselheim earned his medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, his law degree from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, and his master's degree from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. He earned an AB degree from Harvard University.

The Senator Lieberman Award is given every 2 years on behalf of CEE's Board of Trustees. The Senator was an honorary member of the board of trustees of the center for 17 years and continues to champion the organization's programs in science and technology.●

TRIBUTE TO PAUL BIANCHI

• Mr. OSSOFF. Madam President, I rise to commend Paul Bianchi, whose leadership in education has helped thousands of children to flourish, improved our world, and built a Georgia legacy that will endure.

After 52 years as head of school for The Paideia School, Mr. Bianchi will retire on June 30, 2023. At Paideia, Mr. Bianchi has built an institution to nourish the minds and hearts of children in Georgia.

After earning an undergraduate degree and a M.A. in teaching at Harvard University, Mr. Bianchi was offered an opportunity to teach at The Galloway School in Atlanta. After 1 year at Galloway, Mr. Bianchi was approached by a group of Atlanta parents who asked him to establish a new school that would emphasize individualized instruction, academics, and the arts. Mr. Bianchi agreed to lead that effort, and in 1971, helped open The Paideia School. Under Mr. Bianchi's decades of leadership, Paideia has grown to serve a student body of 1,020 students. Mr. Bianchi added a high school in 1973 and has managed the growth of a thriving campus with gyms, theaters, science labs, and maker studios.

Mr. Bianchi's leadership has lifted thousands of young people to understand their world and their potential. His work has instilled in generations of students the knowledge, curiosity, and compassion to pursue their dreams and to make a positive difference for our State, our Nation, and the world.

As Georgia's U.S. Senator, like so many whose lives Paul has shaped, I am deeply grateful for his service to education, to Georgia, to the United States, and to the world.●

REMEMBERING SANDY BALDONADO

• Mr. PADILLA. Madam President, I rise today to celebrate the life of Sandra Nash Baldonado, the former mayor of Claremont, CA, and a beloved community leader.

During an intrepid lifetime of service and generosity, any number of friends across the country will remember her knocking doors in Southern California with her kids by her side, serving our Nation at the C.I.A. in Washington, organizing Lady Bird Johnson's campaign tour through the South in the 1960s, or forging ahead to find a permanent home for the Claremont Lewis Museum of Art to bring life to the town she loved most.

Born in Shanghai in 1935, Sandy had a very international childhood, with her family living everywhere from Can-

ada and Mexico to New York City. She attended Smith College, where she earned her undergraduate degree in economics, her first stop in a lifelong quest for knowledge that would lead her to earn her master's degree in education from Claremont Graduate School and her law degree from Whittier School of Law.

In 1959, after marrying her first husband Arthur Baldonado, the couple moved to Southern California where they would eventually make their home, raise four children, and start their new lives. As a point of personal privilege, it is not lost on me that only in the time since Sandy followed her then Brooklyn Dodgers out west have the Dodgers become one of the most successful franchises in professional sports, with six of their seven World Series titles coming since 1959.

In 1992, Sandy married her late husband George Hart, with whom she traveled the world.

Across her long and accomplished career, Sandy served as a sixth-grade teacher, president of the League of Women Voters, member of the Three Valley Municipal Water District's Board of Directors, vice chair of the California Democratic Party, family lawyer, city council member and later mayor of the city of Claremont, and president of the Claremont Museum of Art.

In every role she held, whether teaching sixth graders or representing women and children in family law, the people and communities around her were made better because of her boundless capacity to care.

My thoughts are with all those she now leaves behind, including her children and their spouses Charles and Michele Baldonado, James Baldonado, Andrew and Susan Baldonado, and Liana and Ezra Bayles; as well as her grandchildren Caroline, Pauline, Alex, Grace, Charlie, and Selina.●

REMEMBERING RICHARD RIORDAN

• Mr. PADILLA. Madam President, I rise today to celebrate the life of Richard Joseph Riordan, a veteran, businessman, father, proud Californian, and the 39th mayor of the city of Los Angeles.

Born in Flushing, Queens, in New York City, and the youngest of eight siblings, Mayor Riordan's intellect and work ethic earned him a degree in philosophy from Princeton University, before he went on to serve our Nation in the U.S. Army during the Korean war. His keen mind for business and legal matters brought him to the University of Michigan Law School and later to a career in legal practice and private equity in Los Angeles, where he made his home. But to many Angelenos, we know him best for his time as mayor of Los Angeles from 1993 to 2001.

I had the privilege of serving alongside Mayor Riordan during my first 2 years on the Los Angeles City Council,