

On behalf of the people of the Natural State, I extend my gratitude and congratulations to Arkansas True Vision Children's Homes for this recognition and the positive impact it will continue to make in the lives of youth in need of safe and loving homes.●

TRIBUTE TO ARLAN D. MELENDEZ

● Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Arlan D. Melendez, Chairman of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony. Arlan Melendez, who has been Chair of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony for over 30 years—one of the longest-serving Tribal Chairs in the country—is no stranger to public service. He has spent his life devoted to causes bigger than himself. His service to his country, his State, and his people deserves to be recognized. I have had the honor and pleasure of working with Chairman Melendez in advancing Tribal priorities, and his leadership and partnership will be missed.

Born and raised in Northern Nevada, Chairman Melendez began his career of service in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam era. After serving his country, Chairman Melendez took up leadership positions within his Tribal community. First elected to the Tribal Council in 1987, Melendez served as treasurer and vice-chairman before being elected Chairman of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony in 1991. Under Chairman Melendez's leadership, the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony has partnered with the State of Nevada, Washoe County, the cities of Reno and Sparks, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs to expand the Colony's total land base to over 2,000 acres. In his over 30 years as Tribal Chairman, the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony has thrived and proven to be an economic force in Northern Nevada. Additionally, Chairman Melendez has served on the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, including as president, helping to support the 28 Tribal communities in Nevada.

Chairman Melendez's work has spread far beyond the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony and Nevada. In 2005, he was appointed to a 6-year term on the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights by then-Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid. There, he worked to further the Commission's mission to champion the development of national civil rights policy and enhance enforcement of Federal civil rights laws. Chairman Melendez has also been active in the National Congress of American Indians—NCAI—an organization dedicated to serving the broad interests of Tribal governments and communities across this country. At NCAI, he served as the western region vice president and chaired the taxation subcommittee. Chairman Melendez has distinguished himself as a member of the Leadership Council for the Center for Indian Country Development at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, where he contributes to strategies for building stronger

Indian Country economies. Chairman Melendez also served on the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Tribal Advisory Committee advocating for better access to healthcare for Tribal communities and played an important role supporting Indian Country through the pandemic. Additionally, the Chairman has received awards for his lifetime of achievements from the Native American Finance Officers Association and the National Indian Health Service.

As Chairman Melendez retires, it is important that we call attention to his distinguished career of public service. The communities that he touched in Nevada and around the country are better for his leadership, hard work, and dedication.●

TRIBUTE TO ERIN CAMPBELL

● Mr. OSSOFF. Mr. President, I rise to commend a champion of Georgia's families. In October 2015, Erin Campbell valiantly founded the Athens Area Diaper Bank with a mission to help families in need. Since then, her work has helped countless families access some of the most basic, yet vital, supplies a newborn and their families need. Working with partner nonprofits, agencies, and organizations in their six-county service area, Ms. Campbell and the Athens Area Diaper Bank work to collect donations and distribute diapers and other supplies to those in need.

In 2022, the Athens Area Diaper Bank celebrated its 1 millionth diaper distributed, an incredible feat. Working closely with Ms. Campbell and the Athens Area Diaper Bank team, I brought Republicans and Democrats together to deliver new funding for the Athens Area Diaper Bank and their partner organization, Helping Mamas, enabling them to serve more rural communities in the Athens-Clarke County Area.

As Georgia's U.S. Senator, I commend Erin Campbell for her inspirational service to the Athens area and thank her and the entire Athens Area Diaper Bank team for their work.●

RECOGNIZING GREATER SHADE GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

● Mr. OSSOFF. Mr. President, I rise to commend Columbus, Georgia's Greater Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church on its 160th anniversary, celebrated in August 2023. Founded in 1863 under a grape arbor in an oak grove as Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church, the congregation has been a mainstay of the Columbus, GA, community ever since its founding by Brother Boston Miles and Sister Mary Moore, who became the church's first members.

In August 1967, the First Baptist Church of Columbus, GA, granted full titles and deeds of the church building to the Shady Grove congregation, and on March 27, 1968, the Superior Court of Muscogee County duly incorporated

the "Greater Shady Grove Baptist Church, Inc.," a name change to distinguish itself from other churches with the same name. In January 1988, the Reverend Dr. Marcus J. Gibson became the acting pastor and served in that capacity until April 17, 1998, when he was made interim pastor. On February 14, 1999, Reverend Gibson was installed as the 22nd pastor of the Greater Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church, the same role he maintains today. Under Pastor Gibson's leadership, the congregation has continued to flourish, successfully expanding, improving the south parking lot, upgrading the transportation ministry, and remodeling the sanctuary. Greater Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church has also added new ministries and programs, including the annual women's and laymen's conferences, outreach ministry expansion and improvements, the organization of the liturgical dance ministry, the mother ministry, the organization of the sick, bereavement and condolence ministry, and initiating of the deacons family care. Above all, Greater Shady Grove Baptist Church remains a central place for fellowship, community, teaching, and nurturing.

As Georgia's U.S. Senator, I commend Reverend Marcus J. Gibson and the Greater Shady Grove Baptist Church on its momentous 160th anniversary, and here is to many more.●

RECOGNIZING REESE-HYMAN AMERICAN LEGION POST NO. 96

● Mr. OSSOFF. Mr. President, I rise to commend the Reese-Hyman American Legion Post No. 96 on its 100th anniversary.

Founded in 1923 by World War I veterans from Warren and Glascock Counties, the Reese-Hyman American Legion was named in honor of Cummings Reese and Samuel Hart Hyman, the only Warren County residents who lost their lives in service to the Nation during World War I. According to Eric Wilkerson, who had served as the post's adjutant for 17 years, the local chapter quickly grew to over 100 members in its first few months and became very active in the community, including running the annual Warren-Glascock County Fair.

Led today by Commander Patricia Hambach, the Reese-Hyman American Legion Post No. 96 continues bringing local veterans together, helping them access their hard-earned benefits and advocating for policies that help veterans. In July, its members gathered in Warrenton to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Reese-Hyman American Legion Post No. 96.

As Georgia's U.S. Senator, I thank all of Georgia's veterans for their service and sacrifice on behalf of our Nation, and I commend the Reese-Hyman American Legion Post No. 96 on this momentous occasion.●

TRIBUTE TO BARBARA RIVERA HOLMES

• Mr. OSSOFF. Mr. President, I rise to commend Barbara Rivera Holmes for her dedicated service to Southwest Georgia's economic development and small business community. Ms. Rivera Holmes serves as president and CEO of the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce and the chamber's foundation. For over two decades, she has dedicated her work to the people of Southwest Georgia, first working as a reporter at the Albany Herald and "Southwest Georgia Living" before joining Albany-Dougherty County's economic development commission. In 2015, she took over as interim president and CEO of the chamber, becoming its permanent leader in August 2016.

Founded in 1910, the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce works to represent the interests of Southwest Georgia's business community on the local, State, and Federal levels, unlocking economic opportunities and growing the local economy. Under Ms. Rivera Holmes' leadership, the Albany area chamber has undertaken new, creative initiatives aimed at driving economic development and helping small businesses thrive, including launching a public-private partnership aimed at helping unemployed rural residents start their own businesses.

Most recently, Ms. Rivera Holmes graduated from the Institute for Organization Management, the professional development program of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, demonstrating her continued commitment to better represent the local chamber and serving her community—and I congratulate her on this achievement.

As Georgia's U.S. Senator, I commend Albany Area Chamber of Commerce president and CEO Barbara Rivera Holmes for her career of service to Southwest Georgia's business community.●

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF FLORIDA HOUSE ON CAPITOL HILL

• Mr. SCOTT of Florida. Mr. President, the Florida legislative act establishing Florida House on Capitol Hill was approved by Governor Ruben Askew on March 30, 1972. Rhea Chiles, wife of Senator and Governor Lawton Chiles, worked tirelessly with like-minded citizens from across the State, to purchase, renovate, and open a place for Floridians to gather while in our Nation's Capital. The Florida House on Capitol Hill is Florida's embassy in Washington, DC, that connects, celebrates, and champions Florida to the world and has been a home away from home for hundreds of thousands of Floridians over the past 50 years.

The Florida House welcomes congressional leaders, students, teachers, visitors on vacation, and Floridians living and working in our Nation's Capital. Men and women conducting business in Washington, DC, gather at Florida

House to grow Florida's economy and influence around the world. The intern program for college students has afforded hundreds of young men and women the opportunity to learn more about the Federal Government and help prepare them for meaningful careers.

Due to the endless dedication of the Florida House Staff, trustees, and generous contributors, the Florida House has been able to remain an intricate part of Washington, DC, hosting over 10,000 visitors per year. The Florida House operates with the generosity of Floridians, without State tax dollars, and belongs to the people of Florida and remains a place where all Floridians will find comfort, kindness, and a cold glass of Florida orange juice in their "home away from home."

The 50th anniversary of Florida House on Capitol Hill will be celebrated on October 26, 2023. We, Members of the U.S. Senate, recognize the ongoing service of Florida House on Capitol Hill to the citizens of Florida for 50 years.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Kelly, 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.)

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO SIGNIFICANT NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS CENTERED IN COLOMBIA THAT WAS DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 12978 OF OCTOBER 21, 1995—PM 25

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 Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

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 be-

yond 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 with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia declared in Executive Order 12978 of October 21, 1995, is to continue in effect beyond October 21, 2023.

The circumstances that led to the declaration of a national emergency on October 21, 1995, have not been resolved. The actions of significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States and to cause an extreme level of violence, corruption, and harm in the United States and abroad. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12978 with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR.
THE WHITE HOUSE, October 17, 2023.

MEASURES DISCHARGED PETITIONS

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, hereby direct that the Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee be discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 32, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to "Small Business Lending Under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (Regulation B)".

John Kennedy, Roger Marshall, Cynthia M. Lummis, Tom Cotton, John Thune, Cindy Hyde-Smith, John Cornyn, Mike Crapo, Shelley Moore Capito, John Barrasso, Bill Hagerty, Mike Lee, Joni Ernst, Rick Scott, Roger F. Wicker, Mike Braun, Mitt Romney, Pete Ricketts, Steve Daines, Marco Rubio, James Lankford, Jerry Moran, Kevin Cramer, Chuck Grassley, Thom Tillis, John Boozman, Deb Fischer, Ron Johnson, Eric Schmitt, Mitch McConnell.

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, hereby direct that the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 42, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Food and Nutrition Service relating to "Application of *Bostock v. Clayton County* to Program Discrimination Complaint Processing-Policy Update", and, further, that the joint resolution be immediately placed upon the Legislative Calendar under General Orders.

Roger Marshall, Mike Braun, James E. Risch, Roger F. Wicker, Markwayne Mullin, Mike Lee, Tom Cotton, J.D. Vance, Joni Ernst, Steve Daines, James Lankford, Katie Boyd Britt, Marsha Blackburn, Thom Tillis, Mike Crapo, Tommy Tuberville, John Thune, Josh Hawley, Cynthia M. Lummis, Eric Schmitt, Marco Rubio, John Cornyn, Ted Cruz, Cindy Hyde-Smith, John