

entrepreneurship. As Pastor Harris often says, “The best violence prevention program is access to good schools and good jobs,” the kinds of jobs you can raise a family on.

Bright Star also offers counseling and other forms of support to help heal from the trauma that is often at the root—not only of gun violence but also addiction and so many other deadly ills. And he has been at the forefront of this field, being involved in Federal grants from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Over the years, Bright Star Community Outreach has grown from Pastor Harris and a few volunteers to now 115 employees. They are working directly with Chicago Public School students to understand their needs and experiences. I have visited their programs many times, and I am always inspired by the work they do.

And when I set out to introduce legislation to address the role that trauma plays in fueling our cycle of violence, Pastor Harris was one of my first calls. His guidance helped shape the legislation I have worked on for nearly a decade, parts of which have become law and are funding school mental health efforts in Chicago.

Recently, Pastor Harris decided to step back as executive director. He will remain CEO of BSCO, and he will have a bit more time to focus more on his many other duties. The new executive director of Bright Star Community Outreach is LaKreisha Kindred. She is a lifelong Chicagoan with a background in the financial industry—and a member of the famed Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority. I wish her well. And I want to say to my friend Pastor Chris Harris, thank you for your unflagging efforts to save lives and bring new hope to the city of Chicago.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. PADILLA. Madam President, I missed a vote on December 18, 2023. Had I been present, I would have voted yea on rollcall vote No. 347 to confirm Martin O'Malley to serve as Commissioner of the Social Security Administration.

I congratulate Commissioner O'Malley on his confirmation, and I look forward to his strong leadership at the SSA.

REMEMBERING FRANK Q. NEBEKER

Mr. TESTER. Madam President, today I would like to honor the life and service of a dedicated public servant, distinguished American, and champion for veterans: the Honorable Frank Q. Nebeker.

Judge Nebeker served as the first chief judge of the U.S. Court of Veterans Appeals, now known as the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. A long-time Federal judge and legal pioneer, he established the landmark court in 1988 before hearing the first

case and issuing the first opinion in 1989. His work ensured that, for the first time ever, veterans had a dedicated court to hear their appeals for their earned Department of Veterans Affairs—VA—benefits.

While Judge Nebeker is no longer with us, his legacy lives on. On behalf of myself and my fellow Americans, I would like to extend our deepest gratitude for his life and service to this nation.

Judge Nebeker grew up in the West. He was born in Salt Lake City and grew up in Ogden, UT, before graduating from the University of Utah and marrying his wife Lou. Together, they moved to Washington, DC, where he studied law and worked in President Eisenhower's White House. Working as a correspondence secretary, he began his career in public service that would last the rest of his life.

After serving as an attorney for the Department of Justice, he was appointed to the District of Columbia Court of Appeals in 1969. He presided on that bench until President Reagan nominated him to be the Director of the Office of Government Ethics in 1987, a position he held for 2 years.

Soon after, Judge Nebeker continued his service to this country when President George H.W. Bush appointed him to be the chief judge of the newly created United States Court of Veterans Appeals. In this role, he was tasked with standing up this new court from the bottom up.

Judge Nebeker's sharp legal mind and unpretentious demeanor made him an ideal person to bring the court to life. He, along with many other dedicated individuals who established the court, provided an opportunity for the men and women who served our country to appeal for the VA benefits they earned for the first time ever. Many veterans live a better life today because of the judicial system Frank helped establish.

He oversaw the court until his retirement in 2000 and served in senior status on the District of Columbia Court of Appeals until 2021. While he left the court, his enduring legacy of serving veterans lived on at the U.S. Court of Appeals, where the Veterans Appeals courtroom is named in his honor.

On January 4, 2024, Judge Nebeker passed away at the age of 93 years old. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Lou, his children Melia and William, three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

It is my honor to recognize Judge Nebeker's decades of public service and commitment to serving our veterans and their families. His work will continue to benefit generations of veterans nationwide for years to come, and he will be sorely missed.

REMEMBERING FRANK Q. NEBEKER

Mr. MORAN. Madam President, today, I want to honor the life and

mourn the loss of Judge Frank Nebeker, who was not only the first judge of the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims but also the court's first chief judge. In Kansas, we know the value of community and helping others, and Judge Nebeker took these traits to heart as a dedicated and long-serving public servant for more than 70 years.

He began his legal career in 1956 as a trial attorney in the Internal Security Division of the Department of Justice. From there, he took on multiple jobs and roles within the executive and judicial branches of government. In October 1989, he was nominated to the Court of Veterans Appeals by President George H. W. Bush.

The court was created in 1988 under President Reagan to allow veterans and their families to appeal benefits decisions from the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Board of Veterans Appeals. This court was the first of its kind and provided a forum for veterans and their dependents to advocate for themselves when they disagreed with VA. It currently consists of seven permanent judges and two temporary judges.

Judge Nebeker served on the court from the first day it opened until November 2000, when he then became a “Recall-Eligible Senior Judge.” He still continued his public service to veterans and periodically performed recall service until December 2022, when he fully retired from the court.

Judge Nebeker was a powerful and influential advocate for veterans. He lived a life of purpose and loved bettering the lives of those who have sacrificed for our country. He often held education programs for attorneys and appellate judges throughout the country in his pursuit to improve the lives of veterans and military families through the next generation of public servants.

He is an example for each of us to follow as we seek to care for our veterans. I know his legacy will live on in the court and in the community and people he loved. My prayers are with his family, friends, and colleagues.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

REPORT OF THE VETO OF S.J. RES. 32, A JOINT RESOLUTION THAT WOULD DISAPPROVE UNDER CHAPTER 8 OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, AN ACTION BY THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION RELATING TO "WAIVER OF BUY AMERICA REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGERS"—PM 35

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States which was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, spread in full upon the Journal, and held at the desk:

To the Senate of the United States:

I am returning herewith without my approval S.J. Res. 38, a resolution that would disapprove under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, an action by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) relating to "Waiver of Buy America Requirements for Electric Vehicle Chargers."

This resolution would eliminate the domestic manufacturing standards for electric vehicle (EV) chargers funded by the FHWA, thereby harming domestic manufacturing and American jobs. If enacted, it would weaken Buy America requirements by reverting to FHWA's general waiver for manufactured products, allowing Federal dollars—including \$7.5 billion from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law—to be spent on chargers made in competitor nations like the People's Republic of China. Additionally, if enacted, this resolution would undermine the hundreds of millions of dollars that the private sector has already invested in domestic EV charging manufacturing, and chill further domestic investment in this critical market.

Finally, if enacted, this resolution would undermine efforts to ensure that the national network of EV chargers, being funded with Federal dollars, must be manufactured in the United States. Specifically, in 2023, my Administration issued a new policy for EV chargers that restores Buy America protections that are consistent with the Build America, Buy America Act (BABA) standards included in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. This policy immediately required that EV chargers purchased through FHWA grants be manufactured in the United States and that EV charger housing comprised of iron and steel must use iron and steel produced in the United States. Based on information gathered through public outreach, the policy phases in full Buy America coverage by requiring full BABA compliance starting on July 1 of this year. These actions ensure that Federal dollars for EV chargers are used to purchase American-made products, while allowing newly announced manufacturing capacity for EV charger components

the necessary time to ramp up production.

If enacted, this resolution would harm my Administration's efforts to encourage investment in critical industries and bring high-quality jobs back to the United States. It would not only thwart the collective goal of the Congress and the Administration to establish a domestic EV charger manufacturing industry, but it would also delay the significant progress being made by my Administration and the States in establishing the EV charging network. Establishing resilient supply chains is critical to our national economic and energy security, and my Administration will not support policies that would undermine efforts to bring this critical manufacturing back to the United States.

Therefore, I am vetoing this resolution.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, Jr.
THE WHITE HOUSE, January 24, 2024.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 1:05 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 3222. An act to ensure the security of office space rented by Senators, and for other purposes.

S. 3250. An act to provide remote access to court proceedings for victims of the 1988 Bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mrs. MURRAY).

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, January 24, 2024, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 3222. An act to ensure the security of office space rented by Senators, and for other purposes.

S. 3250. An act to provide remote access to court proceedings for victims of the 1988 Bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland.

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-3380. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Marketing Order for Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Pummelos Grown in Florida" (Docket No. AMS-SC-21-0054) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2024; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3381. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Serv-

ice, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Potato Research and Promotion Plan; Changes to Board Membership and Administrative Committee" (Docket No. AMS-SC-22-0041) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2024; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3382. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Long-Term Financial Assurance for Mining" (RIN0596-AD58) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 11, 2024; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3383. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Management Division, Rural Development Innovation Center, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guaranteed Loanmaking and Servicing Regulations" (RIN0570-AB07) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2024; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3384. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Management Division, Rural Development Innovation Center, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG) Regulation: Tribes and Tribal Business References To Provide Equitable Access" (RIN0570-AB10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2024; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3385. A communication from the Chief of the Planning and Regulatory Affairs Branch, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishing the Summer EBT Program and Rural Non-Congregate Option in the Summer Meal Programs" (RIN0584-AE96) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2024; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3386. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Methoxyfenozide; Pesticide Tolerances; Correction" (FRL No. 8525-02-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2024; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3387. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Linuron; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 11402-01-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2024; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3388. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Baicalin in Pesticide Formulations; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 11656-01-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 22, 2024; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3389. 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: Consolidation of DoD Government Property Clauses (DFARS Case 2020-D029)" (RIN0750-AL14) received in