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NOMINATION OF ANN MARIE McIFF ALLEN

Mr. ROMNEY. Mr. President, I rise today to offer my full support for Judge Ann Marie McIff Allen—a native of my home State—to serve as United States District Court Judge for the District of Utah.

Judge Allen has had an impressive career as a prosecutor, public defender, private civil attorney, and general counsel for Southern Utah University, and she currently serves as associate presiding judge on Utah's Fifth District Court.

Furthermore, she has used her skills and talents to serve the community as a trustee of SUU, a commissioner on the Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission, and a Rotarian. She earned her law degree from the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University and, like me, studied English at BYU for her undergraduate education.

Judge Allen's record and qualifications make it clear that she is exceptionally qualified to serve on the Federal bench. She is an exemplary jurist and I have no doubt that she will serve our State and country with honor and integrity as a district court judge.

I urge my colleagues to confirm Judge Allen as United States District Court Judge for the District of Utah.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. KING. Mr. President, I rise to provide a brief statement on the nomination votes on April 8, 2024. Had I been here for the vote on Monday, April 8, 2024, I would have voted in "yea" on vote No. 115, the motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar No. 534 Susan M. Bazis, of Nebraska, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING THE FRANK HUGHES SCHOOL LIONS

• Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. President, I rise today to talk about a real-life Cinderella story that occurred at the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Basketball State Championship. Despite an enrollment of just 93 students—one of the smallest high schools in the State—the Frank Hughes School Lions roared past the competition to become runners up in the Division I Class A tournament. The grit and determination of this team earned the praise of basketball fans across Tennessee—and for good reason: In the first three games of the playoffs, the team trailed their opponents by up to 19 points, only to come out victorious.

Described as the town's "heartbeat," this team was the pride of Clifton, TN,

which was evident at the State tournament. The darlings of the competition, Frank Hughes School had not qualified in 40 years. As the players took to the court, every person and business in the city rallied behind them. When they finished as State runners up and accepted their trophy, the fans roared in a reception only fit for champions. A journalist remarked that the State tournament had emptied the town of Clifton.

This success story is a testament to the incredible schools and small communities in Tennessee that are the heart of America. The Frank Hughes Lions showed that grit, determination, and no excuses will get you far in life. I congratulate the Frank Hughes Lions and the city of Clifton on a great year, and I look forward to their continued success.●

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT WOLFE

• Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, I am honored to recognize Robert "Bob" Wolfe of Concord as March's Granite Stater of the Month. Since 2000, Bob has welcomed and supported new refugees to Concord, and he has particularly focused on connecting refugee children with local sports leagues to help them fully immerse themselves into their new community.

Bob was inspired to start working with refugees 24 years ago, after he met a man from Sierra Leone who told him about the violence that he had left behind in his home country. Bob knew that he wanted to help refugees navigate their new country in any way that he could. Recognizing the extreme culture shock and language barriers that can prevent newly settled refugees from fully adjusting, Bob has assisted refugee families in Concord in many different ways, for example, by helping them to get houses and apartments, send their children to college, and get rides to immigration court.

One of the biggest ways that Bob helps refugee children settle in is by connecting them with recreational sports. He assists families in getting the right equipment and finding a sport that they enjoy. Although the kids are dealing with a new country, new language, and new way of life, playing a sport is something that everyone can understand and connect over.

Bob has built ties throughout the community over the years to help new refugees feel comfortable in their new home; he is always there to lend his help in whatever way that he can. Bob truly showcases the Granite State spirit of helping your neighbors and building a stronger community. I am proud to recognize Bob's boundless generosity to new Granite Staters.●

TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN WILLIAM DAVIS

• Mr. SCHMITT. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Captain William Davis of Joplin, MO, for his service to the State of Missouri.

On March 8, 2022, the Joplin Police responded to a disturbance in the parking lot of the Northpark Crossing Shopping Center. As he attempted to flee, the perpetrator sadly killed Corporal Benjamin Cooper and Officer Jake Reed. The perpetrator shot at Captain Davis and Officer Rick Hirshey as they pulled up to the scene, seriously wounding Officer Rick Hirshey. Amidst these devastating events, Captain Davis courageously intervened to stop further harm.

It is because of Captain Davis's selfless action that this murderous rampage was stopped before further losses could be incurred. Captain Davis's bravery in the face of danger prompted him to be recognized as Public Safety Officer Hero of the Year in 2022. This nationwide celebration, hosted by the First Responder's Children's Foundation, is dedicated to first responder heroes who risk their lives every day in service to our communities.

Captain Davis is truly a Champion of Missouri. I am grateful for his commitment to keeping our communities safe and his willingness to face the dangers that arise. I wish him the best as he continues to grow in his career as a captain in the Joplin Police Department.●

TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH SAPP

• Mr. SCHMITT. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Joseph Sapp of Branson, MO, for his service to the State of Missouri.

On December 12, 2022, Branson Police Department Sergeant Abe Jones responded to a call about an altercation in progress in the parking lot of a Branson apartment complex. Sergeant Jones attempted to arrest the suspect, but the suspect repeatedly punched Sergeant Jones in the head. Joseph Sapp, a 19-year-old living in the apartment complex, immediately sprang into action and shoved the assailant away from Sergeant Jones. This support gave Sergeant Jones enough time to get to his feet and arrest the suspect. Joseph selflessly abandoned his own safety and, as a result, prevented any further injury to the officer and, more broadly, to the public. Joseph has since joined the U.S. Army and is stationed in Texas.

Joseph Sapp is truly a Champion of Missouri. His example of bravery serves as a testament to the character of our future generation. It is a sacrifice to jump into a conflict to save another's life. I know that Joseph's character of courage will serve him well as he pursues his career in the military, further serving our great country.●

RECOGNIZING FIRST RESPONDERS

• Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, as you may know, an arsonist set fire to my Senate office in Burlington, VT, endangering not only the lives of my staff, but many other people who work in the building. Within 2 days, a suspect was

apprehended and is now being held in custody.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the outstanding work of the Burlington Police Department; the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives; the Shelburne Police Department; the Williston Police Department; the Vermont State Police; and the U.S. Capitol Police—who did an extraordinary job in responding to the fire and arresting this individual.

Our first responders are under an enormous amount of pressure and regularly put their lives on the line to protect our communities. Last week was no exception. Let me thank all of them for the enormously important work they do.●

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 Committee on Armed Services.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGES

REPORT OF THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 14024 OF APRIL 15, 2021, WITH RESPECT TO SPECIFIED HARMFUL FOREIGN ACTIVITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION—PM 46

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 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 with respect to specified harmful foreign activities of the Government of the Russian Federation declared in Executive Order 14024 of

April 15, 2021, which was expanded in scope in Executive Order 14066 of March 8, 2022, and with respect to which additional steps were taken in Executive Order 14039 of August 20, 2021, Executive Order 14068 of March 11, 2022, Executive Order 14071 of April 6, 2022, and Executive Order 14114 of December 22, 2023, is to continue in effect beyond April 15, 2024.

Specified harmful foreign activities of the Government of the Russian Federation—in particular, efforts to undermine the conduct of free and fair democratic elections and democratic institutions in the United States and its allies and partners; to engage in and facilitate malicious cyber-enabled activities against the United States and its allies and partners; to foster and use transnational corruption to influence foreign governments; to pursue extraterritorial activities targeting dissidents or journalists; to undermine security in countries and regions important to United States national security; and to violate well-established principles of international law, including respect for the territorial integrity of states—continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 14024 with respect to specified harmful foreign activities of the Government of the Russian Federation.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, Jr.
THE WHITE HOUSE, April 9, 2024.

REPORT OF THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13536 OF APRIL 12, 2010, WITH RESPECT TO SOMALIA—PM 47

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 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 Executive Order 13536 of April 12, 2010, with respect to Somalia is to continue in effect beyond April 12, 2024.

The situation with respect to Somalia continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national

security and foreign policy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13536 with respect to Somalia.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, Jr.
THE WHITE HOUSE, April 9, 2024.

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 Environment and Public Works be discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 61, a joint resolution providing a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Federal Highway Administration relating to “National Performance Management Measures; Assessing Performance of the National Highway System, Greenhouse Gas Emissions Measure” and, further, that the joint resolution be immediately placed upon the Legislative Calendar under General Orders.

Kevin Cramer, Shelley Moore Capito, John Cornyn, Roger F. Wicker, Pete Ricketts, Marco Rubio, Joni Ernst, Mitch McConnell, Susan M. Collins, Steve Daines, Tom Cotton, James Lankford, John Hoeven, John Boozman, Thom Tillis, Mike Lee, Cynthia M. Lummis, Ron Johnson, Marsha Blackburn, Mike Rounds, Mitt Romney, Chuck Grassley, Tim Scott, Lindsey Graham, Mike Braun, Mike Crapo, John Thune, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Jerry Moran, Tommy Tuberville.

MEASURES DISCHARGED

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

S.J. Res. 61. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Federal Highway Administration relating to “National Performance Management Measures; Assessing Performance of the National Highway System, Greenhouse Gas Emissions Measure”.

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-3961. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “OMB Sequestration Update Report to Congress for Fiscal Year 2025”; to the Special Committee on Aging; Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Appropriations; Armed Services; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; the Budget; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Energy and Natural Resources; Environment and Public Works; Select Committee on Ethics; Finance; Foreign Relations; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; Indian Affairs; Select Committee on Intelligence; Joint Committee on Taxation; the Judiciary; Rules and Administration; Small Business and Entrepreneurship; and Veterans’ Affairs.