

Major General Doty's journey began at the University of Idaho, where he set himself apart as the Army ROTC Distinguished Military Graduate in 1953. His commitment and talent led him to be inducted into the ROTC Hall of Fame, a prestigious honor reserved for exceptional graduates of the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

Throughout his military career, Major General Doty demonstrated exemplary leadership and served in multiple positions of increasing responsibility. He worked at the U.S. Army Military Assistance Command in Vietnam and was promoted to colonel in 1973. He then became the commander of the 3rd Armored Division Artillery in Europe and was later promoted to brigadier general. Major General Doty's dedication and expertise led to his appointment as the assistant division commander for the 2nd Armored Division.

In 1984, after climbing the ranks to major general, Ben retired from Active Duty. During his service, he held the esteemed position of commanding general of TRADOC Combined Arms Test Activity at Fort Hood, TX. His commitment to excellence earned him numerous awards, including the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, and Army Commendation Medal.

Beyond his military achievements, Major General Doty had a profound impact in the field of journalism and mass media. He established the Ben and Patricia Doty Scholarship, which supports aspiring journalists and media professionals with financial need. This scholarship serves as a testament to his commitment to education and his belief in the media's power to shape society.

Major General Doty's personal background and upbringing further exemplify his character and resilience. Born in 1931 during the Great Depression, he grew up in a humble mining town where money was scarce. Despite these challenges, he and his siblings all graduated from college, a testament to their determination and the values instilled by their parents.

Throughout his life, Major General Doty remained committed to his family, his community, and his country. His legacy of leadership, dedication, and service will be felt for generations to come.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and achievements of MG Benjamin Doty. May his memory serve as an inspiration to us all, and may we strive to carry on his legacy of service and excellence.●

#### TRIBUTE TO T'MARI TAI BOWE

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I recognize T'Mari Tai Bowe, a spring 2024 intern with my Orlando office, for the hard work he has done for my office and the people of Florida.

T'Mari is currently completing his secondary school studies at Eau Gallie

High School. He is a dedicated and diligent worker who was devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I extend my deepest gratitude to T'Mari, and I look forward to hearing of his successes in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO CHLOE REBECCA BRAND

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I recognize Chloe Rebecca Brand, a spring 2024 intern with my Orlando office, for the hard work she has done for my office and the people of Florida.

Chloe recently graduated from Florida Atlantic University with a degree in political science. She is a dedicated and diligent worker who was devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I extend my deepest gratitude to Chloe, and I look forward to hearing of her successes in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO SAMUEL JOSEPH COLLINS

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I recognize Samuel Joseph Collins, a spring 2024 intern with my Orlando office, for the hard work he has done for my office and the people of Florida.

Samuel is currently studying at the University of Central Florida, where he is pursuing an degree in both political science and communication and conflict. He is a dedicated and diligent worker who was devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I extend my deepest gratitude to Samuel, and I look forward to hearing of his successes in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO LURYS JULIANA DOMINGUEZ

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I recognize Lurys Juliana Dominguez, a fall 2023 and spring 2024 intern with my Orlando office, for the hard work she has done for my office and the people of Florida.

Lurys graduated from the University of Central Florida with a degree in political science and a minor in legal studies. She is a dedicated and diligent worker who was devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I extend my deepest gratitude to Lurys, and I look forward to hearing of her successes in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO MOSES JINU

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I recognize Moses Jinu, a spring 2024 intern with my Orlando office, for the hard work he has done for my office and the people of Florida.

Moses is currently completing his secondary school studies at Harmony High School. He is a dedicated and diligent worker who was devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I extend my deepest gratitude to Moses, and I look forward to hearing of his successes in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO DUHA MAHMUD

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I recognize Duha Mahmud, a spring 2024 intern with my Orlando office, for the hard work she has done for my office and the people of Florida.

Duha graduated from Towson University with a degree in international studies. She is a dedicated and diligent worker who was devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I extend my deepest gratitude to Duha, and I look forward to hearing of her successes in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO ETHAN JACOB MORIN

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I recognize Ethan Jacob Morin, a spring 2024 intern with my Orlando office, for the hard work he has done for my office and the people of Florida.

Ethan is currently pursuing an undergraduate degree in international and global studies with a minor in legal studies at the University of Central Florida. He is a dedicated and diligent worker who was devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I extend my deepest gratitude to Ethan, and I look forward to hearing of his successes in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO ANNE SHADDOCK

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I recognize Anne Shaddock, a spring 2024 intern with my Jacksonville office, for the hard work she has done for my office and the people of Florida.

Anne is pursuing a bachelor of science in communications with a public relations emphasis alongside a minor in nutrition at the University of North Florida. She is a dedicated and diligent worker who was devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I extend my deepest gratitude to Anne, and I look forward to hearing of her successes in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO JAMILA THOMAS

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I recognize Jamila Thomas, a spring 2024 intern with my Orlando office, for the hard work she has done for my office and the people of Florida.

Jamila is currently completing her secondary school studies at William R. Boone High School. She is a dedicated and diligent worker who was devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I extend my deepest gratitude to Jamila, and I look forward to hearing of her successes in the years to come.●

#### RECOGNIZING PARKER HIGH SCHOOL

● Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina. Mr. President, as the junior Senator from

the great State of South Carolina, it is my pleasure to honor the legacy of Parker High School for its centennial anniversary. Formed as a bold collaboration between textile mills and educators in Greenville County, the vision and success of the Parker experiment has received national recognition. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the inspiring impact Parker High School has had on generations of hardworking South Carolinians.

In the 1920s, the textile industry was an integral part of the fabric of South Carolina. Recognizing that many children raised in the textile mill villages attended the local mill village schools only through the sixth grade, Upstate mill leaders fought to provide a quality education for the Woodside area community. Their vision was to provide vocational training and a lengthened formal education for the children of the Parker District, an area on the west side of Greenville County that consisted of 14 textile communities. Their efforts paid off, and Parker High School was established in 1923.

Parker High School came to be celebrated as one of the top schools in the Nation. Its success was fueled in part by its first superintendent—Dr. L.P. Hollis—who inspired the Woodside community with his unwavering commitment to children's education. Dr. Hollis introduced basketball and Boy Scouts to the State of South Carolina, crafting a recreational program that spurred student development and success. Recognized for its rigorous academics, Parker High School also afforded students access to brilliant extracurricular activities, with a marching band that won multiple prestigious awards on local, State, and national levels.

During its 62-year tenure, the vision and success of the Parker experiment was studied by educators nationally and internationally. Before closing its doors in 1985, Parker High School was named as one of America's "Top 100" high schools five times. Today, plans are being developed for a Parker High School museum on campus to cement the groundbreaking history of the Upstate's unique and inspiring education system.

The legacy of Parker High School remains one of excellence. Congratulations to the Woodside community as they continue celebrating Parker's 100th anniversary.●

#### 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 TO ADVISE THAT HE IS EXERCISING HIS AUTHORITY TO DESIGNATE AN ACTING INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—PM 49

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:*

This is to advise that I am exercising my authority to designate an Acting Inspector General of the Department of Commerce. I have directed that Jill Baisinger, who is currently serving as the Chief of Staff in the Office of Inspector General at the Department of the Interior, shall serve concurrently as Acting Inspector General of the Department of Commerce, effective 30 days from today.

In January, the Inspector General of the Department of Commerce resigned and the Deputy Inspector General began performing the functions and duties of the Inspector General in an acting capacity.

I have determined that during this period of transition, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) at the Department of Commerce would benefit from leadership brought in from outside of the office. In a letter to the President dated March 18, 2024, the Chairman and Ranking Member of the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology (Committee) stated that they had reached the same conclusion after a 10-month investigation. The attached letter from Counsel to the President Ed Siskel, which I have incorporated here by reference, provides additional details regarding the Committee's investigation.

Jill Baisinger is well positioned to provide independent and strong leadership to the OIG at the Department of Commerce. She has an exemplary track record in the Office of Inspector General at the Department of the Interior and previously at the Office of Inspector General at the Department of State. Her leadership experience, deep understanding of the mission of Inspectors General, and expertise in oversight and investigations will help the OIG perform its vital role for the Department of Commerce.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, May 1, 2024.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:48 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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 529. An act to extend the customs waters of the United States from 12 nautical

miles to 24 nautical miles from the baselines of the United States, consistent with Presidential Proclamation 7219.

H.R. 615. An act to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture from prohibiting the use of lead ammunition or tackle on certain Federal land or water under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture, and for other purposes.

H.R. 764. An act to require the Secretary of the Interior to reissue regulations removing the gray wolf from the list of endangered and threatened wildlife under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

H.R. 1767. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that educational assistance paid under Department of Veterans Affairs educational assistance programs to an individual who pursued a program or course of education that was suspended or terminated for certain reasons shall not be charged against the entitlement of the individual, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3195. An act to rescind Public Land Order 7917, to reinstate mineral leases and permits in the Superior National Forest, to ensure timely review of Mine Plans of Operations, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3397. An act to require the Director of the Bureau of Land Management to withdraw a rule of the Bureau of Land Management relating to conservation and landscape health.

H.R. 3738. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs the Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition Administration, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4016. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the repayment by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of benefits misused by a fiduciary.

H.R. 4824. An act to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out terrestrial carbon sequestration research and development activities, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4877. An act to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to direct the Secretary of Energy to carry out a research, development, and demonstration program with respect to abandoned wells, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6093. An act to improve the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's weather research, support improvements in weather forecasting and prediction, expand commercial opportunities for the provision of weather data, and for other purposes.

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 12:52 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 474. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen reporting to the CyberTipline related to online sexual exploitation of children, to modernize liabilities for such reports, to preserve the contents of such reports for 1 year, and for other purposes.

H.R. 292. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 24355 Creekside Road in Santa Clarita, California, as the "William L. Reynolds Post Office Building".

H.R. 996. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3901 MacArthur Blvd., in New Orleans, Louisiana, as the "Dr. Rudy Lombard Post Office".

H.R. 2379. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 616 East Main Street in St. Charles, Illinois, as the "Veterans of the Vietnam War Memorial Post Office".