

PN1662 AIR FORCE nominations (144) beginning NICHOLAS ALBERTO AGUILERA, and ending YONGJUN YOON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 30, 2024.

PN1663 AIR FORCE nominations (311) beginning JESSICA M. ABBOTT, and ending TROY BETTINGER YU, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 30, 2024.

PN1664 AIR FORCE nominations (1071) beginning MARIAH C. ACEVES, and ending ANDREW PAUL ZIMMERMAN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 30, 2024.

PN1668 AIR FORCE nomination of Michael W. Struthers, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 30, 2024.

PN1704 AIR FORCE nomination of Paula M. Chavis, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 7, 2024.

PN1705 AIR FORCE nominations (2) beginning FRANK J. PANEBIANCO, and ending ANDREW W. WASHER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 7, 2024.

PN1706 AIR FORCE nomination of James L. Schneider, III, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 7, 2024.

PN1707 AIR FORCE nomination of Zhibin Jiang, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 7, 2024.

PN1708 AIR FORCE nomination of Bennet D. Krawchuk, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 7, 2024.

PN1709 AIR FORCE nomination of Dariusz P. Barna, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 7, 2024.

PN1710 AIR FORCE nominations (4) beginning SALLY L. CRAMER, and ending JONATHAN A. MONSALVE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 7, 2024.

IN THE ARMY

PN1598 ARMY nomination of Dionne L. McMillan, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 9, 2024.

PN1599 ARMY nomination of Todd A. Hasenstein, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 9, 2024.

PN1665 ARMY nominations (405) beginning GREGORY J. ABIDE, and ending 0003682611, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 30, 2024.

PN1666 ARMY nominations (502) beginning JACOB P. ABSALON, and ending 0002344681, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 30, 2024.

PN1670 ARMY nomination of Gary R. Weltman, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 30, 2024.

PN1671 ARMY nominations (43) beginning DANIEL A. ABALDO, and ending 0002650956, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 30, 2024.

PN1672 ARMY nominations (323) beginning JI Y. ADAMS, and ending 0002978777, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 30, 2024.

PN1712 ARMY nomination of Caroline M. Kolb, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 7, 2024.

PN1719 ARMY nominations (19) beginning BRADY R. CLARK, and ending ANGELINA K. MATHERLY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 7, 2024.

PN1721 ARMY nominations (18) beginning EMILY R. BINGHAM, and ending 0002855239, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 7, 2024.

PN1722 ARMY nominations (111) beginning AHMAD B. ALEXANDER, and ending 0004136628, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 7, 2024.

PN1723 ARMY nominations (27) beginning VANESSA E. BONNER, and ending 0002485564, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 7, 2024.

PN1724 ARMY nominations (87) beginning ELIZABETH A. AGUIRRE, and ending 0002517801, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 7, 2024.

IN THE MARINE CORPS

PN1281 MARINE CORPS nominations (38) beginning SHAWN E. ANDERSON, and ending JOSEPH J. ZWILLER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 8, 2024.

PN1307 MARINE CORPS nominations (3) beginning ROBERT W. BROOKS, III, and ending RAMON R. RAMIREZ, JR., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 10, 2024.

PN1310 MARINE CORPS nomination of Glen R. Pond, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 10, 2024.

PN1321 MARINE CORPS nomination of Matthew T. Migliori, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 10, 2024.

IN THE NAVY

PN1282 NAVY nomination of Stephanie K. Hayes, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 8, 2024.

PN1285 NAVY nomination of Benjamin C. Waite, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 8, 2024.

PN1286 NAVY nomination of Benjamin D. Fitzharris, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 8, 2024.

PN1328 NAVY nomination of Claudia L. Battle, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 10, 2024.

PN1391 NAVY nomination of Daniel A. Hancock, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 25, 2024.

PN1392 NAVY nomination of James L. Clark, III, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 25, 2024.

PN1489 NAVY nomination of William Selde, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 29, 2024.

PN1529 NAVY nomination of Edward L. Gungon, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 14, 2024.

PN1617 NAVY nomination of Ty R. Christian, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 9, 2024.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session and be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

TRIBUTE TO SAWIN MILLETT, JR.

Ms. COLLINS. Madam President, before the Maine Legislature adjourned for the year on May 10, Republican, Democrat, and Independent lawmakers joined together to pass a resolution honoring retiring Representative Sawin Millett, Jr., for his “dedication, expertise, and judgment” in service to our State, followed by a long and robust standing ovation. I know people throughout Maine are grateful for the many accomplishments of this great leader and my good friend.

Sawin's nine nonconsecutive terms representing Maine House District 81 began in 1968 and only scratches the surface of his remarkable résumé. In his hometown of Waterford and throughout Oxford County, he has contributed as a teacher, coach, principal, assistant school superintendent, farmer, and town manager.

At the State level, Sawin has worked with eight Maine Governors in the legislature and as the first executive director of the Maine School Management Association. He has served in five administrations under Republican, Democrat, and Independent Governors as commissioner of education, associate commissioner of mental health and substance abuse services, legislative director, and commissioner of administrative and financial services.

I had the pleasure of serving with Sawin in the cabinet of Governor John McKernan in the 1980s and early 1990s and watched him weigh issues and decide policy questions with the wisdom and deliberation for which he is so widely respected. He is also the hardest working leader I know. For 2 years in the early 2000s, I was fortunate to have him on my team as a State office director.

In both the legislative and executive branches, Sawin is known for his absolute mastery of budgetary issues. His command of the complexities of State government finances has steered Maine through many challenging times, and his integrity and openness have earned him admirers across the political spectrum.

At 86 years of age, Sawin is retiring from the legislature, but not from public service. In addition to spending more time with his family on his beloved farm, he is running for Oxford County Commissioner in the November elections. Continuing his dedication to public service, this is the one level of government in which he has not yet served.

Regardless of the role he has taken on, Sawin has always been a problem-solver, a leader who strives to bring opposing sides together in a spirit of compromise and respect to reach common ground. He is a Maine treasure, a true gentleman, and I wish my friend all the best in the next phase of his inspiring life.

TRIBUTE TO JUDGE JAMES K. BREDAR

Mr. CARDIN. Madam President, I rise to congratulate James K. Bredar upon the completion of his service as chief judge of the United States District Court for the District of Maryland and his assumption of senior status.

I was pleased to work with former Senator Barbara Mikulski to recommend Judge Bredar to President Obama for appointment as one of my first Maryland Federal judicial nominations in 2010. Notably, the Senate confirmed his nomination by unanimous consent.

Judge Bredar served with great distinction for his nearly 7-year term as chief judge. In particular, I thank Judge Bredar for his vigorous oversight of the Federal consent decree between the U.S. Justice Department and the Baltimore Police Department, which arose out of the Freddie Gray case. This consent decree, when fully implemented, will guarantee effective, fair, and constitutional policing to Baltimore City residents.

I have greatly appreciated Judge Bredar's tireless advocacy for the needs of the judges, litigants, witnesses, court personnel, and visitors to the Federal courthouses in Baltimore and Greenbelt.

The Chief Justice of the United States showed his confidence in Judge Bredar's abilities through his past appointment as a member of the Judicial Conference Committee on Federal-State Jurisdiction, as well his continuing service on the Judicial Conference Committee on the Budget.

I understand that Judge Bredar will continue to perform substantial judicial service as a judge on senior status, including taking on a new assignment to handle the complex litigation arising out of the recent *Dali* ship disaster at the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore.

I congratulate Judge Bredar again for his remarkable service on the court. Marylanders can be proud and thankful of his extraordinary service to uphold the rule of law and to provide equal justice under the law to everyone who enters his courtroom. Judge Bredar has indeed lived up to his judicial oath to "administer justice without respect to persons, and do equal right to the poor and to the rich."

I extend my best wishes to Judge Bredar as he continues his service on the Federal bench in senior status.

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOSHUA SCOTT KONCAR

Ms. DUCKWORTH. Madam President, today I wish to recognize LTC Joshua S. Koncar, U.S. Army, for his outstanding work on behalf of the people of Illinois and the Nation. Lieutenant Colonel Koncar served as a 2021 Department of Defense legislative fellow in my Washington, DC, office and later as a U.S. Army Reserve congressional liaison from 2022–2024. Lieutenant Colonel Koncar was born in Sharon, PA. The grandson of a World War II veteran, the son of a third-generation steelworker, and brother to a U.S. Marine, Joshua enlisted in the Army Reserve in August 2001. Joshua served in Operation Iraqi Freedom from March 2003 to April 2004 as an operations non-commissioned officer and attained the rank of staff sergeant before receiving a direct commission to second lieutenant in 2007. As a logistician, Joshua has served in various leadership and broadening assignments throughout his Army career. During his congressional tenure, Joshua has been integral in shaping the priorities of the U.S. Army, and as a Defense fellow, he helped me secure several provisions in the Fiscal Year 2022 National Defense Authorization Act—FY22 NDAA—that will make our country stronger and safer. During his time in my office, Joshua led my staff in orchestrating important legislative provisions for the Department of Defense. He authored sections of NDAA language, including one of my top concerns regarding modifying special and incentive pay authorities for reserve component members—Incentive Pay Parity. His contributions—both to office morale and to our collective work—are emblematic of his phenomenal character, competence, and strong work ethic.

Joshua demonstrates a level of professionalism and hard work I have come to expect—but not take for granted—from the Department of Defense and U.S. Army soldiers. Indeed, he follows a long line of accomplished Department of Defense legislative fellows who have made impactful contributions to my office and U.S. national security policy. He distinguished himself as an Army officer, setting a high bar and providing invaluable advice and insights as he advised me on wide-ranging and complex matters under consideration before the Senate Armed Services Committee. Joshua's servant leadership showed in his work as a congressional liaison for the U.S. Army Reserve. His attention to detail and ability to effectively communicate with Congress became apparent as he successfully advanced key Army Reserve legislative initiatives and priorities.

Joshua will soon transition to his new duty assignment and attend Senior Service College at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. On behalf of my colleagues and the U.S. Congress, I thank Joshua for his dedicated service to my staff, the U.S. Army, and

the Nation. Part of what makes the U.S. military the greatest in the history of the world is that servicemembers like Joshua dedicate their lives to service and sacrifice for this country. Lieutenant Colonel Koncar does not do it alone, so I also acknowledge the support of his family—his wife Melissa. I wish them all the best in what I know is a bright future.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL A.C. ROPER

• Mrs. BRITT. Madam President, I wish to recognize and congratulate LTG A.C. Roper on his retirement as the Deputy Commander of the United States Northern Command and Vice Commander of the American element of the North American Aerospace Defense Command. I know that I speak for people across Alabama in expressing my gratitude for his countless contributions to our Nation.

General Roper, a native of Birmingham, earned a bachelor's degree at Troy State University, a master's degree in criminal justice from the University of Alabama, and a master of strategic studies from the U.S. Army War College.

He has served a total of 42 years, between Active and Reserve, including deployments to combat zones, as well as disaster response. In addition to his distinguished military service, General Roper's public service to his community includes 33 years of law enforcement service in Montgomery, Hoover, and Birmingham, where he served as the chief of police. His legacy of dedicated service to his community, State, and Nation is deserving of the highest honor and admiration.

General Roper's remarkable military career began when he was commissioned into the U.S. Army in 1983 at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. His military education includes the Chemical Officer Basic and Advance Courses, Public Affairs Officers Course, Equal Opportunity Advisors Course, Inspector General Course, Combined Arms Staff Services School, Command and General Staff College, Joint Senior Reserve Component Officer Course, Defense Support to Civil Authorities Course, National Defense University's CAPSTONE Course, the NORTHCOM Joint Task Force Commanders Course, and Harvard University's National and International Security Seminar.

He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, the FBI National Executive Institute, where he served as an adjunct professor of criminal justice. He specialized in protecting critical infrastructure and served on the executive board of the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force.

General Roper's other general officer level assignments included Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Army Reserve Command, Fort Bragg, NC, and