

mentorship of military officers assigned to the Army's Congressional Liaison Office not only improved the Army's ability to interact effectively with Congress, but also solidified his legacy within the Department of Defense's congressional liaison community.

It is also important to note and thank those who supported Mrs. and Mr. Baines throughout their careers, all of whom can be justifiably proud of the accomplishments of these two. This includes Peggy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alden and Doris Bass of Fort Wayne, IN, and Antonio's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert and Yolanda Baines of Jonesboro, GA. Additionally, Courtney Baines of Charlotte, NC, and Joshua Baines of Cambridge, MA, stand as living testaments to their parents' legacy. I honor the commitment and service of Peggy and Antonio, and I wish them the peaceful and joyful retirement they have earned. Well done.

#### TRIBUTE TO SANDRA E. LATTA

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Ms. Sandra E. Latta, who is retiring from the Department of the Navy after more than 35 years of faithful civilian service to our Nation, culminating as the Deputy Chief of Legislative Affairs for Strategy and Assessment, Office of Legislative Affairs, U.S. Department of the Navy.

Ms. Latta's contributions to the Department of the Navy have been numerous. Her responsibilities include directing the Department's legislative strategy and directly supporting the President's budget submission and subsequent congressional action on the annual National Defense Authorization Act. As one of two deputies in the Office of Legislative Affairs, and the only civilian to serve in that capacity, Ms. Latta established and executed the overall legislative direction for the Department of the Navy. During her tenure, Ms. Latta provided expert congressional advice to six Secretaries of the Navy and seven Chiefs of Naval Operations as they met with congressional leaders and staff to advance the priorities of the Department of the Navy.

Ms. Latta began her Washington career on the staff of U.S. Representative Bill Hefner of North Carolina, who was a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee. During her 14-year tenure with Representative Hefner, Ms. Latta advised the Congressman on a range of policy issues and for 8 of those years served as his press secretary. Prior to her tenure with the Department of the Navy, Ms. Latta worked for 5 years in the private sector, where she established and led a team that advised the Navy on congressional activities affecting defense policy and budgets. She then brought her significant experience and leadership to the Department of the Navy in 2003, to serve as the first civilian Deputy Chief of Legislative Affairs.

Ms. Latta is a native of Mocksville, NC. She received a B.A. in political

science from North Carolina State University and currently serves on the advisory council for the School of Public and International Affairs.

Throughout her career, Ms. Latta's leadership and performance has been recognized by numerous awards including the Department of the Navy's Distinguished Civilian Service Award and the Department of Defense's Spirit of Service Award.

I am proud to recognize Ms. Latta, and I thank her and her family for her honorable service to our nation. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Ms. Sandra Latta "fair winds and following seas" as she concludes a distinguished career of public service.

#### 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF A.O. SMITH

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate A.O. Smith Corporation on the occasion of their 150th anniversary.

In 1874, A.O. Smith began in Milwaukee, WI, as a small family business. Over the past century and a half, they have grown from their humble roots. They began by specializing in the fabrication of metal hardware specialties and have emerged today as an industry leading global water technology manufacturer producing residential and commercial water heaters, boilers, and water purification equipment. Today, they employ more than 12,000 people across the world and conduct business in over 60 countries.

The company was instrumental in helping to usher in the automobile revolution, developing a new, lightweight steel car frame—a development that caught the interest of major car companies including Peerless, Cadillac, Packard, Oldsmobile, and Ford. Ford's initial order of 10,000 frames led A.O. Smith to develop the world's first mass production process for assembling frames, later introducing the world's first automated frame production line. This first fully automated frame assembly plant came to be known as the Mechanical Marvel due to the line's ability to make a frame every 8 seconds—10,000 frames a day. A.O. Smith was also a large component manufacturer that supplied parts to another early Wisconsin pioneering manufacturer, Harley-Davidson.

A.O. Smith engineers discovered an improved method for welding, allowing for the production of a wide range of steel products. This included the pressure vessel for oil refining and large diameter steel pipe, important components in the oil and natural gas industries.

One of the company's most important and enduring innovations was the process of fusing glass to steel. By perfecting this process, the company developed a range of new products, including glass-lined beer kegs, glass-lined brewery tanks, and glass-lined residential water heaters. Glass-lined water heaters rapidly became an indus-

try standard that endures today and led to A.O. Smith's growth as a global leader in water heating products. These products now include industry leading models that are consistently among the most efficient in the market according to the ENERGY STAR program.

In recent years, A.O. Smith has emerged as an industry leader in developing technologies that address drinking water quality challenges. A co-founding member of the Water Council, A.O. Smith has helped ensure Milwaukee's place as a global water technology hub, while supporting economic development in Wisconsin. The Water Council helped bring about the creation of the Global Water Center, which houses water-related business accelerators and research facilities where engineers conduct controlled testing on water purification products sold around the world. Bringing together their work has helped transform Milwaukee into a world hub for water research, education, and economic development.

I am proud to recognize A.O. Smith as an industry leader, and I share my best wishes with the company and their employees for their continued success.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO RUBY MAE PRICE WOMACK

• Mrs. BRITT. Mr. President, I wish to recognize Mrs. Ruby Mae Price Womack of Greenville, AL, ahead of her 100th birthday.

The daughter of Nobie Davis and Foster Price, Ruby was born on July 17, 1924, in Greenville. She is the proud mother of three sons Anthony, Chris, and Vince; grandmother to six; and great-grandmother to four.

Ruby attended school in Butler County before graduating with her undergraduate degree from Alabama A&M University and her master's degree from Alabama State University. She became an educator herself, teaching in the Butler County school system for over 40 years.

Ruby is also dedicated member of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, where she has been playing piano since the age of 8. Incredibly, Ruby never received formal lessons and learned to play by ear. She continues to serve as an active member of the Greenville civic community to this day.

On behalf of the people of Alabama, I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations and sincere well wishes to Ruby. I wish her a very happy birthday, surrounded by friends and family, and many more celebrations to come.●

##### TRIBUTE TO DR. VALERIE MONTGOMERY RICE

• Mr. OSSOFF. Mr. President, I rise to commend Dr. Valerie Montgomery

Rice for her commitment to fighting for equity in healthcare and for 10 years of service as president of Morehouse School of Medicine.

Born and raised in Georgia, Dr. Montgomery Rice holds a bachelor's degree in chemistry from the Georgia Institute of Technology and completed her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Emory University School of Medicine.

Dr. Montgomery Rice is the sixth president of Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM) and the first woman to lead the freestanding medical institution.

She was named to the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans and received the 2017 Horatio Alger Award. For three consecutive years, 2016-2018, the Georgia Trend Magazine selected Dr. Montgomery Rice as one of the 100 Most Influential Georgians.

As Dr. Montgomery Rice celebrates 10 years of service and leadership as President of Morehouse School of Medicine, as Georgia's U.S. Senator, I commend her for her commitment to expanding and diversifying the healthcare workforce and improving healthcare outcomes for all.●

#### TRIBUTE TO JIM WALLACE

● Mr. OSSOFF. Mr. President, I rise to commend Jim Wallace for his decades of journalism and service to the people of southwest Georgia.

Born and raised in north Georgia, Mr. Wallace attended Towers High School and graduated from the University of Georgia in 1976 with a degree in broadcast journalism.

In November 1976, Mr. Wallace joined WALB News 10 in the news and sports departments; and he has worked there ever since, keeping southwest Georgia families informed and holding the powerful accountable.

Throughout his nearly 50-year journalism career, Mr. Wallace has worked as a weekend sports anchor and reporter, sports director, and evening news anchor.

Mr. Wallace has won numerous accolades, including twice being named the Georgia AP Sports Reporter of the Year award, Georgia AP Sportscaster of the Year, Georgia AP Sports Photographer of Year, and winning multiple UPI Sportscasting Awards.

Outside of the newsroom, Mr. Wallace is also a Sunday School teacher and youth volunteer at First United Methodist Church, and he and his wife Tracy have two children Jake and Shelly.

As Mr. Jim Wallace leaves WALB News 10 for a well-deserved retirement, as Georgia's U.S. Senator, I commend and congratulate him on his incredible career and wish him and his family the best in their future endeavors.●

#### 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTERS

● Mr. OSSOFF. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the

90th anniversary of the Georgia Association of Broadcasters, an organization that has been at the forefront of fostering excellence in broadcasting throughout our great State of Georgia.

The Georgia Association of Broadcasters was founded in Savannah, GA, in July 1934, becoming the first ever trade association to represent the interests of over-the-air radio and TV licensees.

Since its founding, the Georgia Association of Broadcasters has played a pivotal role in advocating for the interests and rights of broadcasters, ensuring that the people of Georgia receive high-quality news, information, and entertainment.

The Georgia Association of Broadcasters is currently led by Bob Houghton, who has served as its president since 2012 and has worked in the media industry for decades. Its executive board includes media executives and leaders from all across the State of Georgia, from Atlanta and Savannah, to Gainesville and Columbus.

The Georgia Association of Broadcasters has been instrumental in advancing the professional development of its members through comprehensive training programs, workshops, and seminars. They have been a strong advocate for technological advancements in broadcasting, ensuring that Georgia remains at the cutting edge of industry innovations.

From the early days of radio to the digital age of television and online streaming, the Georgia Association of Broadcasters have guided its members through the ever-evolving landscape of media and communication, helping ensure they can deliver quality, reliable news to keep communities informed, safe, and connected, oftentimes as the first to deliver vital information during emergencies.

As Georgia's U.S. Senator, I commend the Georgia Association of Broadcasters on its 90th anniversary and thank them and their members for their work to keep the public informed.●

#### 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

As 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.)

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 4554. A bill to express support for protecting access to reproductive health care after the *Dobbs v. Jackson* decision on June 24, 2022.

#### 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-5040. A communication from the Director of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation (GSAR); GSAR Case 2021-G527, Immediate and Highest Level Owner for High-Security Leased Space" (RIN3090-AK44) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2024; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5041. A communication from the Director of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "FAR Case 2023-010, Prohibition on a ByteDance Covered Application. Note: GSA previously submitted this rule to the President of the Senate: on 6/5/2023 consistent with the procedures set forth in 5 U.S.C. 801(a), but this receipt in the Senate does not appear to have been recorded in the Congressional Record. GSA is resubmitting to facilitate its proper recording in the Congressional Record." (RIN9000-AO58) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2024; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5042. A communication from the Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Semiannual Management Report on the Status of Audits for the period from October 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5043. A communication from the Administrator of the General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5044. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5045. A communication from the Chairman, National Railroad Passenger Corporation, Amtrak, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Inspector General's Semiannual Report to Congress for the period from October 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5046. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Reports from the Inspector General and Inspector General for Tax Administration for the period from October 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5047. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer, Agency for Global Media,