

Every day, she helps ensure the next generation of Army aviators are prepared for whatever challenge comes next.

Maggie's toughness, resilience, and her commitment to serve are an inspiration. Alabama is grateful for her service, and it is my honor to recognize her as the January Veteran of the Month.●

REMEMBERING WILLIAM T. "BILL" MAUGHLIN JR.

● Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the memory of the late William T. "Bill" Maughlin, Jr., who left an indelible mark on Baltimore City and the great State of Maryland through his lifelong dedication and service.

Beginning his distinguished 30-year career as an employee of the Maryland Messenger, now Need It Now Courier of Maryland, Mr. Maughlin, affectionately known as "Chef Bill," was constantly evolving in the ways he positively impacted the city and its residents. He then became a fundraiser for the Maryland Committee for Children, which advocated for improved childcare, and later transitioned to a food services manager and events planner for the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore.

Mr. Maughlin remained focused on the growth and joy of his community, establishing several ventures with his partner Kevin Brown throughout the years. Together, they created many prominent Baltimore businesses, providing a second home and community meeting place for many. They cemented themselves as Baltimore business staples, notably including Nirvana, the city's first "cafetorium" at 1727 N. Charles St., where they hosted a performance by legendary actress and singer Eartha Kitt in 1993.

In 2006, Mr. Maughlin's passion for community and art coalesced in the founding of the Station North Arts Cafe—SNAC—Gallery. At the suggestion of then-Maryland Institute College of Art President Fred Lazarus IV, it expanded in 2013 with the creation of Nancy by SNAC, a beloved local watering hole. Chef Bill's creative culinary pursuits, including an all-day breakfast menu featuring dishes like pulled pork barbecue and cornbread waffles, were a testament to his innovative spirit, his love for food, and his desire to nourish his community.

I offer my heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Maughlin's family for his service. His life will forever be remembered by his passionate leadership and mentorship of the Baltimore City community. His legacy is etched in the hearts of those he touched, and he will be deeply missed.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 5:23 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announce that pursuant to section 4003(e)

of the 21st Century Cures Act (Public Law 114-55), the Minority Leader appoints the following individual to the Health Information Technology Advisory Committee: Mr. Daniel J. Riskin of Palo Alto, California.

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-3133. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Performance Management Measures; Assessing Performance of the National Highway System, Greenhouse Gas Emissions Measure" (RIN2125-AF99) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 15, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3134. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.61 Rev 2, 'Damping Values for Seismic Design of Nuclear Power Plants'" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 13, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3135. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Safety Evaluation by the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation for the Pressurized Water Reactor Owners Group (PWROG) for the Topical Report WCAP-17096-NonProprietary, Revision 3, 'Reactor Internals Acceptance Criteria Methodology and Date Requirements'" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3136. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Phasedown of Hydrofluorocarbons: Technology Transitions Program Residential and Light Commercial Air Conditioning and Heat Pump Subsector" (FRL No. 11594-02-OAR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3137. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Arkansas; Revisions to Rule 19 of the Arkansas Plan" (FRL No. 11174-02-R6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3138. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New York; Emission Statement Program" (FRL No. 11053-02-R2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3139. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division,

Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Oklahoma; Revisions to Air Pollution Control Rules" (FRL No. 11014-02-R6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3140. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; WA; Excess Emissions, Startup, Shutdown, and Malfunction Revisions" (FRL No. 10975-02-R10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3141. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan; San Francisco Bay Area" (FRL No. 10757-02-R9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3142. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustment" (FRL No. 5906.8-01-OECA) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3143. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Indiana; Volatile Organic Compounds; Cold Cleaner Degreasing" (FRL No. 9848-02-R5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3144. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances (22-2.5e)" (RIN2070-AB27) (FRL No. 10183-03-OCSPF) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3145. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; California; San Diego County Air Pollution Control District; Oxides of Nitrogen" (FRL No. 10778-02-R9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3146. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Quality Implementation Plan; California; Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District; Stationary Source Permits" (FRL No. 10943-02-R9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3147. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New Jersey; Exemptions to Improve Resiliency, Air Toxics Thresholds, PM 2.5 and Ammonia Emission Statement Reporting, and PM 2.5 in Air Permitting; Correction" (FRL No. 11034-03-R2) received in

the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3148. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Interim Final Determination to Stay or Defer Sanctions; California; San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District” (FRL No. 11532-02-R9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3149. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Quality State Implementation Plans; Approvals and Promulgation: California; 1997 Annual Fine Particulate Matter Serious and Clean Air Act Section 189(d) Nonattainment Area Requirements; San Joaquin Valley, CA” (FRL No. 10941-02-R9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 12, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3150. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Water-Source Heat Pumps” (RIN1904-AE05) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 8, 2023; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3151. A communication from the Deputy Commissioner of Operations, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Public Conduct on Bureau of Reclamation Facilities, Lands, and Waterbodies” (RIN1006-AA58) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 12, 2023; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3152. A communication from the Chief of the Division of Regulations, Jurisdiction, and Special Park Uses, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Ozark National Scenic Riverways; Motorized Vessels” (RIN1024-AE62) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2023; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3153. A communication from the Director of the U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, “Report on Status of Geological Surveying of Federal Land in response to the Energy Act of 2020, section 7002(d) (8)”; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3154. A communication from the Deputy Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Medicare Part B Drug Inflation Rebates Paid by Manufacturers: Revised Guidance, Implementation of Section 1847A(i) of the Social Security Act” received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 15, 2023; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3155. A communication from the Branch Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Exempt organization rulings and determination letters procedures” (Rev. Proc. 2024-5) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 15, 2023; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3156. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Substance Use Disorder Prevention That Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities Act”; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3157. A communication from the President of the United States to the President pro tempore of the United States Senate, transmitting, consistent with the War Powers Resolution, a report relative to United States forces conducted targeted strikes against facilities in Iraq and Syria used by Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) and IRGC-affiliated groups; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3158. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Determination Under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act”; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3159. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license amendment for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Japan in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 23-060); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3160. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license amendment for the export of firearms, parts, and components under Category I of the U.S. Munitions List to Lithuania in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 23-054); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3161. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles, including technical data and defense services for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad to Canada (Transmittal No. DDTC 23-044); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3162. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notification of intent to provide assistance to Ukraine under drawdowns previously directed under section 506(a)(1) of the FAA, including for self-defense and border security operations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3163. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notification of intent to provide assistance to Ukraine under drawdowns previously directed under section 506(a)(1) of the FAA, including for self-defense and border security operations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3164. A communication from the Regulatory Policy Analyst, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Revocation of Uses of Partially Hydrogenated Oils in Foods; Confirmation of Effective Date” (RIN0910-AI15) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2023; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3165. A communication from the Senior Policy Advisor, Wage and Hour Division, De-

partment of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Non-displacement of Qualified Workers Under Service Contracts” (RIN1235-AA42) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 14, 2023; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3166. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “National Plan to Address Alzheimer’s Disease: 2023 Update”; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3167. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Financial Responsibility, Administrative Capability, Certification Procedures, Ability to Benefit (ATB)” ((RIN1840-AD51) (RIN1840-AD65) (RIN1840-AD67) (RIN1840-AD80)) received in the Office of the President pro tempore of the Senate; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3168. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Fiscal Year 2021 Report to Congress on Community Services Block Grant Discretionary Activities-Community Economic Development and Rural Community Development Programs”; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3169. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “2023 National Healthcare Quality and Disparities Report”; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3170. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Performance and Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2023”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3171. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-323, “Let Our Vows Endure (LOVE) Temporary Amendment Act of 2023”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3172. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-324, “Clear Lanes Bus Priority Enforcement Regulation Temporary Amendment Act of 2023”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3173. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-325, “Self-Defense Spray Sale and Transfer Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2023”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3174. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-326, “Tipped Wage Increase Implementation Clarification Second Temporary Amendment Act of 2023”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3175. A communication from the Chair of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3176. A communication from the Chair of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the

Commission's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Semiannual Management Report for the period from April 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3177. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Education's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from April 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3178. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the Department's Agency Financial Report for fiscal year 2023; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-88. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Michigan urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to renew the African Growth and Opportunity Act and to expand it to include other sub-Saharan African countries; to the Committee on Finance.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 74

Whereas, The African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) was enacted in May 2000 to provide eligible sub-Saharan African countries with duty-free access to the United States market for over 1,800 products, as well as over 5,000 products that are eligible for duty-free access under the Generalized System of Access Program. To become and remain eligible for duty-free access, countries must establish or make continual progress towards establishing a market-based economy, the rule of law, political pluralism, and the right to due process. Eligible countries must have also eliminated barriers to trade and investment with the United States and enacted policies to reduce poverty, combat corruption, and protect human rights; and

Whereas, Approximately forty sub-Saharan African countries are eligible for AGOA beneficiary status. On October 2, 2000, President Bill Clinton designated thirty-four countries as eligible for trade benefits provided under the AGOA. Since the AGOA's enactment, countries have been added and removed from the list of eligible countries, including Cote d'Ivoire, the Central African Republic, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Since 2019, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Guinea, Mali, and Burkina Faso have had their AGOA beneficiary status revoked, while the Democratic Republic of the Congo was declared an eligible lesser-developed beneficiary sub-Saharan African country; and

Whereas, The AGOA has been amended four times to clarify preferential treatment terms, technical standards, and sunset deadlines. With an initial expiration date of September 2007, President George W. Bush signed the AGOA Acceleration Act in July 2004 and extended the act's expiration date to 2015. In June 2015, President Barack Obama signed the Trade Preferences Extension Act, thereby extending the AGOA's validity to its current expiration date of 2025; and

Whereas, United States' imports under the AGOA continue to grow. Total AGOA imports were valued at 9.4 billion dollars in 2022, an increase of 57 percent from 6.0 billion dollars in 2021 and more than double the

value of imports in 2020, during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. Among these imports, energy product imports, such as crude oil, increased from 1.9 billion dollars in 2021 to 4.5 billion dollars in 2022, and accounted for 47 percent of AGOA imports. Nigeria was the top supplier of energy products in 2022, with 3.4 billion dollars imported. Non-energy imports, such as motor vehicles, textiles, and apparel, increased by 21 percent in 2022 to 5.0 billion dollars. South Africa was the top supplier of AGOA non-energy imports, with eligible imports increasing by 46 percent from 2021 to 2022; and

Whereas, The State of Michigan is well-positioned to support AGOA products from nations like Nigeria, South Africa, and other sub-Saharan African nations to create a two-way pipeline of investment for local entrepreneurs in our state. In 2022, Michigan imported 153 billion dollars, making it the sixth largest importer out of the 53 importers in the United States. As of May 2023, Michigan imported 14.7 billion dollars, with cars, parts and accessories for motor vehicles, delivery trucks, spark ignition engines, and commodities that were not otherwise specified among the top imports; and

Whereas, It is imperative that the United States renew the AGOA and expand it to include other sub-Saharan African countries in an effort to assist with sub-Saharan Africa's regional integration efforts. Sub-Saharan Africa has already become more integrated through tariff reduction and increasing trade in the region. An increase in integration has already led to a growth in regional exports. Coupled with the types of goods it exports, the sub-Saharan Africa region is quickly become an attractive trading partner for the State of Michigan. Expanding the AGOA to include other sub-Saharan African countries may help Michigan businesses by encouraging reform of economic and commercial regimes, leading to stronger markets and more effective partners for the State of Michigan; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we urge the President of the United States and the United States Congress to renew the African Growth and Opportunity Act and to expand it to include other sub-Saharan African countries; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of Michigan's congressional and senatorial delegations.

POM-89. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California formally endorsing the call for a fossil fuel non-proliferation treaty; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2

Whereas, The scientific consensus is clear that human activities are primarily responsible for accelerating global climate change, and that the climate crisis now represents one of the preeminent threats to global civilization; and

Whereas, Fossil fuels are the largest contributor to global climate change accounting for 75 percent of greenhouse gas emissions; and

Whereas, The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Sixth Assessment Report Synthesis Report, approved by 195 member states in March 2023, notes that greatly reduced fossil fuel use would be fundamental to limiting warming and warned that existing fossil fuel infrastructure was already sufficient to breach the 1.5 degrees Celsius limit; and

Whereas, In 2021, the United Nations Human Rights Council adopted landmark

legislation, Resolution 48/13, recognizing a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment is a human right; and

Whereas, The Paris Agreement makes no mention of coal, oil, and gas, an omission with respect to the supply and production of fossil fuels, the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions, that needs to be collectively addressed by other means; and

Whereas, The Glasgow Climate Pact improved only incrementally in calling for a phasedown of unabated coal, not a phaseout of all fossil fuels; and

Whereas, Changes in California's climate are already being felt with extreme wildfires, heat waves, droughts, and increasingly severe storms, as well as, rising sea levels, coastal inundation, and ocean warming; and

Whereas, Our entire community is impacted by the health and safety risks of fossil fuel expansion, particularly those who also face socioeconomic and health inequities, including low-income families, those experiencing homelessness, people of color and Indigenous peoples, youth, seniors, those experiencing mental health challenges and physical disabilities, and people with health conditions; and

Whereas, Youth and future generations have the most to lose from a lack of immediate action to stop fossil fuel expansion as they face major and lifelong health, ecological, social, and economic impacts from climate change, including food and water shortages, infectious diseases, and natural disasters; and

Whereas, The International Monetary Fund found that the fossil fuel industry was globally subsidized by \$11,000,000 per minute in 2020, siphoning away funding needed by cities, communities, and other industries; and

Whereas, According to the United Nations Environment Programme Production Gap Report, governments and the fossil fuel industry are currently planning to produce about 110 percent more fossil fuels by 2030 than what is needed to limit warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius and avert catastrophic climate disruption; and

Whereas, The International Institute for Sustainable Development has found a "large consensus" across all published studies that developing new oil and gas fields is "incompatible" with the 1.5 degrees Celsius target, including the International Energy Agency that found that there are "no new oil and gas fields approved for development in our [1.5 degrees Celsius] pathway"; and

Whereas, A clean energy transition presents greater economic opportunities than continued dependence on fossil fuel use and extraction; and

Whereas, Our community is committed, as part of our climate emergency response, to a just energy transition and to ambitious investments in green infrastructure and workforce training, and industries that will create high-paying and skilled union jobs and rapidly decarbonize our economy; and

Whereas, California recognizes that it is the urgent responsibility and moral obligation of wealthy fossil fuel producers to manage the decline and phaseout of existing production; and

Whereas, A global initiative is underway calling for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty that would provide a global mechanism to end new fossil fuel exploration and expansion, manage a phaseout of existing production in line with the global commitment to limit warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius, and accelerate equitable transition plans; and

Whereas, The Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty has been formally called for by Vanuatu at the United Nations General Assembly and by Tuvalu at the Sharm el-