

thankful for his service and contributions to our country.●

TRIBUTE TO JORJA WHEMPNER

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Jorja Whempner, an intern in my Aberdeen, SD, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Jorja is a graduate of Summit High School in Summit, SD. Currently, she is attending Northern State University in Aberdeen, SD, where she is pursuing a degree in history education. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Jorja for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR KEVIN HARKEY

● Mr. TUBERVILLE. Mr. President, our veterans embody the ideals of “team” and “family” that they learn in the military. For CSM Kevin Harkey, he shares this sense of family with those who need it most in his community. A Huntsville native, Kevin enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1990, at the beginning of the Gulf War. He started out as a mechanic, where he helped maintain our missile launchers. He later retrained as a nurse, serving as an EMT on the frontlines of the Iraq War.

Kevin received numerous medals for his efficiency and devotion, including being named as the 101st Airborne Division’s NCO of the Year in 1999. His passion for mentoring the next generation prompted him to draft a “study guide” for upcoming soldiers on the 30th anniversary of his enlistment. In the guide, he reminds NCOs to “Lead from the front.” Another principle he teaches is the importance of “being present” for those you are leading.

It is no surprise that Kevin still demonstrates these leadership qualities, even since his retirement from the military. In his free time, you can find him mentoring students at local community centers with his Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. He serves as a consistent role model for teenagers ages 10–17, many of whom come from single-parent homes. Additionally, Kevin is a proud father of three and grandfather of seven. Alabama is grateful for Kevin’s investment in our next generation of leaders. It is my honor to recognize him as the August Veteran of the Month.●

TRIBUTE TO MASTER SERGEANT JERRY WHEAT

● Mr. TUBERVILLE. Mr. President, there is no doubt that our veterans inspire us to see the very best of America. They remind us of the sacrifices

made for our country to be the best in the world. And their patriotism is the reason why the American dream continues to exist for future generations. MSgt Jerry Wheat of Wetumpka is one such example of patriotism.

Jerry joined the Air Force right after graduating high school in 1957, doing more than 40 combat missions during the Vietnam war. He flew more than 5,000 hours total during his three tours of service. Jerry was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his flying missions over enemy territory.

After retiring out of Maxwell Air Force Base, Jerry and his wife decided to make the River Region their permanent home. But Jerry couldn’t stay away from serving our military. He joined the Civil Air Patrol, where he worked for another 20 years at Maxwell, all while going back to college and becoming the first in his family to obtain a college degree.

Despite facing multiple health challenges from exposure to Agent Orange, he doesn’t hesitate to say he would do it all over again. His influence is evident in the impact it has had on his family, including his granddaughter, who nominated him for this recognition. Jerry’s story reminds us of the high price paid for us to have the opportunity to achieve more than those who came before us. It is my honor to recognize him as the September Veteran of the Month.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Stringer, 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 appropriate committees.

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

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGES

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13848 OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2018, WITH RESPECT TO THE THREAT OF FOREIGN INTERFERENCE IN UNITED STATES ELECTIONS—PM 60

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 the threat of foreign interference in or undermining public confidence in United States elections declared in Executive Order 13848 of September 12, 2018, is to continue in effect beyond September 12, 2024.

Although there has been no evidence of a foreign power altering the outcomes or vote tabulation in any United States election, foreign powers have historically sought to exploit America’s free and open political system. In recent years, the proliferation of digital devices and internet-based communications has created significant vulnerabilities and magnified the scope and intensity of the threat of foreign interference. The ability of persons located, in whole or in substantial part, outside the United States to interfere in or undermine public confidence in United States elections, including through the unauthorized accessing of election and campaign infrastructure or the covert distribution of propaganda and disinformation, 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 13848 with respect to the threat of foreign interference in or undermining public confidence in United States elections.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, Jr.

THE WHITE HOUSE, September 9, 2024.

REPORT OF THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS DECLARED IN PROCLAMATION 7463 OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2001, WITH RESPECT TO THE TERRORIST ATTACKS ON THE UNITED STATES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001—PM 61

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. Consistent with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* the enclosed notice, stating that the emergency declared in Proclamation 7463 with respect to the terrorist attacks on the United States of September 11, 2001, is to continue in effect for an additional year.

The terrorist threat that led to the declaration on September 14, 2001, of a national emergency continues. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue in effect after September 14, 2024, the national emergency with respect to the terrorist threat.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:03 p.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 bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4763. An act to provide for a system of regulation of digital assets by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the Securities Exchange Commission, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 124. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medals awarded under the Hidden Figures Congressional Gold Medal Act.

H. Con. Res. 126. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal in commemoration to the servicemembers who perished in Afghanistan on August 26, 2021, during the evacuation of citizens of the United States and Afghan allies at Hamid Karzai International Airport.

The message also announced that the Speaker and Minority Leader announces their joint appointment, pursuant to section 103(c) of the Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Act of 2008 (34 U.S.C. 50313), and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, of the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the Federal Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Board: Mr. Mike Thompson of St. Helena, California.

The message further announced that the Speaker and Minority Leader announces their joint appointment, pursuant to section 203(c) of the Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Act of 2008 (34 U.S.C. 50323), and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, of the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the State and Local Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Board: Mr. Stephen Wayne Prator of Shreveport, Louisiana.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 4 of the United States Semiquincentennial Commission Act of 2016 (Public Law 114-196), and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, the Speaker appoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the United States Semiquincentennial Commission to fill the existing vacancy thereon: Mr. James W. Rane of Abbeville, Alabama.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 4763. An act to provide for a system of regulation of digital assets by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the Securities and Exchange Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

S. 4973. A bill to reassert the constitutional authority of Congress to determine the general applicability of the criminal laws of the United States, and for other purposes.

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-5558. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Foreign Boards of Trade" (RIN3038-AF37) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 15, 2024; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5559. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Kasugamycin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 12005-01-OCSP) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 13, 2024; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5560. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indoxacarb; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 11964-01-OCSP) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 13, 2024; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5561. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ophioglossum pendulum IPD079Ea Protein; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 11911-01-OCSP) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 13, 2024; to the

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5562. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bacillus subtilis strain CH4000; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 10390-01-OCSP) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 13, 2024; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5563. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bacillus paralicheniformis strain CH0273; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 10389-01-OCSP) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 13, 2024; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5564. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of lieutenant general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777a; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5565. A communication from the Official Performing the Duties of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of vice admiral in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777a; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5566. A communication from the Official Performing the Duties of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of lieutenant general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777a; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5567. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13222 of August 17, 2001, in light of the expiration of the Export Administration Act of 1979; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5568. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 14046 with respect to Ethiopia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5569. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 14064 with respect to the widespread humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan and the potential for a deepening economic collapse in Afghanistan; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5570. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 14014 with respect to the situation in and in relation to Burma; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5571. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13848 with respect to the threat of foreign interference in or undermining public confidence in United States