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TRIBUTE TO JORGE RAMOS

● Mr. PADILLA. Mr. President, earlier this month, Jorge Ramos stepped down after nearly four decades as anchor of Univision's primetime show, "Noticiero Univision." While his impact doesn't end here, I rise today to celebrate his nearly half century as an icon of Spanish-language news.

Jorge Gilberto Ramos Avalos was born on March 16, 1958, in Mexico City. He earned his degree in communication from Ibero-American University before getting his start as a journalist for Televisa in Mexico. But in those early days, a career as an independent voice in Mexican media was far from guaranteed.

After an early report by Ramos covering the Mexican Presidency was censored, Ramos made the difficult decisions to resign from his position, pack his bags, and even sell his red "vochito"—or Volkswagen—and head for Los Angeles.

But that dedication to journalistic integrity would serve him well. It guided him first to a local KMEX station and soon after to a position with what would later become Univision, a Spanish-language broadcaster with a growing audience in the United States.

In 1986, Ramos became a co-anchor of Univision's primetime show, broadcasting the nightly news to millions of Spanish-speaking Americans and immigrants. In 2007, he debuted his Sunday morning political show, "Al Punto," which he would host for the next 17 years.

Over the course of his career, Ramos became one of Latino America's most trusted sources of news, interviewing U.S. Presidents and other world leaders, covering wars and conflicts, and winning 10 Emmys for his reporting. In a changing United States of America, as a Mexican immigrant and eventually U.S. citizen, Jorge Ramos spoke to a growing Latino population who deserved equal access to quality news of the country around them.

On a personal note, as the proud son of immigrants from Mexico, I can hardly remember a time before Jorge Ramos seemed ever-present on our airwaves. But I remember the sight of a younger Jorge Ramos before the iconic silver hair, the stories he broke, and the trust he built with an audience who relied on him.

Today, we thank Jorge for his unwavering commitment to informing his audience, for holding our public leaders accountable, and for demanding greater access and resources for Spanish speakers.

While this marks the end of his time at Univision, as Jorge has said, "real journalists never retire." We eagerly await what comes next.●

TRIBUTE TO HOLLY ALLGOOD

● Mr. WICKER. Mr. President, on behalf of the people of Mississippi, I commend Mrs. Holly Allgood, who has devoted her career to serving our State's young people.

Holly is a native of Tupelo, MS, and she earned an undergraduate degree at Mississippi State University. She has faithfully supported the Bulldogs' football team, but nothing brings Holly more joy than watching her sons play sports. Her love for children extends to her students, as she cares for them in the classroom.

For 13 years, Holly has served in the Tupelo Public School District, giving back to the community that raised her. Today, she leads a special education class in the city's Early Childhood Education Center. Holly is guided by her mother's mantra: "All children can learn. You just have to find out how they learn best." Few embody that principle better than Holly. Every day, she works to give the gift of education to those at risk of being left behind.

However, it is an act of profound selflessness that entitles Holly Allgood to special recognition today. This year, she learned that one of her 5-year-old students urgently needed a liver transplant. For his whole life, he had faced a rare genetic disorder that necessitated this procedure. Holly signed up to be a donor. A perfect match for her young student, she traveled from Tupelo to Pittsburgh, PA, for a 6-hour, intensive liver transplant surgery. Holly's kindness saved the life of her beloved student.

Mrs. Allgood's story is a testament to the impact one person's amazing generosity can have. I join my fellow Mississippians in thanking Mrs. Holly Allgood for her daily work in the classroom and for her recent sacrificial, compassionate act of heroism.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:40 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, without amendment:

S. 759. An act to authorize the National Detector Dog Training Center, and for other purposes.

S. 1351. An act to study and prevent child abuse in youth residential programs, and for other purposes.

S. 3857. An act to take certain land in the State of California into trust for the benefit of the Jamul Indian Village of California, and for other purposes.

S. 3959. An act to require the Transportation Security Administration to streamline the enrollment processes for individuals applying for a Transportation Security Administration security threat assessment for certain programs, including the Transportation Worker Identification Credential and Hazardous Materials Endorsement Threat Assessment programs of the Administration, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 8664. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland Security to conduct an annual audit of the information systems and bulk data of the Office of Intelligence and Analysis of the Department, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 44. Concurrent resolution directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 5009.

At 4:28 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 8663) to require the Science and Technology Directorate in the Department of Homeland Security to develop greater capacity to detect, identify, and disrupt illicit substances in very low concentrations.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 5009. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2025 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mrs. MURRAY).

The message further announced that pursuant to section 109(b)(2) of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263), the Minority Leader announces the joint appointment with the Majority Leader of the Senate of the following individual to serve as a Co-Chairperson of the Commission on the Future of the Navy: The Honorable Filemon Vela of Houston, Texas.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mrs. MURRAY) announced that on today, December 19, 2024, she had signed the following enrolled bill, which was previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

S. 4199. An act to authorize additional district judges for the district courts and convert temporary judgeships.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 8664. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland Security to conduct an annual audit of the information systems and bulk data of the Office of Intelligence and Analysis of the Department, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. PETERS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1171. A bill to amend chapter 131 of title 5, United States Code, to prevent Members of Congress and their spouses and dependent children from trading stocks and owning stocks, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-309).

S. 2315. A bill to provide for the creation of the missing Armed Forces and civilian personnel Records Collection at the National Archives, to require the expeditious public transmission to the Archivist and public disclosure of missing Armed Forces and civilian personnel records, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-310).

S. 2871. A bill to advance Federal Government innovation through the implementation and use of multi-cloud computing software technology, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-311).

S. 3015. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to address telework for Federal employees, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-312).

S. 3654. A bill to amend the Presidential Transition Act of 1963 to require the timely appointment of agency transition officials, to ensure adequate performance and oversight of required transition-related preparation, to require new guidance for agencies and possible transition teams, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-313).

By Mr. PETERS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 3810. A bill to prohibit conflict of interests among consulting firms that simultaneously contract with the Government of the People's Republic of China and the United States Government, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-314).

By Mr. PETERS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 4043. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to make executive agency telework policies transparent, to track executive agency use of telework, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-315).

S. 4373. A bill to provide for congressional approval of national emergency declarations (Rept. No. 118-316).

S. 4651. A bill to require agencies to use information and communications technology products obtained from original equipment manufacturers or authorized resellers, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-317).

S. 4681. A bill to ensure a timely, fair, meaningful, and transparent process for individuals to seek redress because they were wrongly identified as a threat under the screening and inspection regimes used by the Department of Homeland Security, to require a report on the effectiveness of enhanced screening programs of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-318).

S. 4711. A bill to limit the consideration of marijuana use when making an employment suitability or security clearance determination, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-319).

S. 5028. A bill to require Federal contractors to implement a vulnerability disclosure policy consistent with NIST guidelines, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-320).

By Mr. PETERS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with amendments:

S. 5067. A bill to improve individual assistance provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-321).

By Mr. PETERS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment:

S. 5102. A bill to require annual reports on counter illicit cross-border tunnel operations, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-322).

By Mr. PETERS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 5105. A bill to require a report by the Secretary of Homeland Security regarding the failed assassination attempt on the life of Donald J. Trump in Butler, Pennsylvania, on July 13, 2024 (Rept. No. 118-323).

By Mr. PETERS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 5109. A bill to amend section 3520A of title 44, United States Code, to extend the Chief Data Officer Council's sunset and add new authorities for improving Federal agency data governance, including to enable reliable and secure adoption of emerging technologies and artificial intelligence, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-324).

S. 5133. A bill to establish a tracker for Senate-confirmed executive branch positions (Rept. No. 118-325).

S. 5302. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to address the responsibilities of the Administrator of General Services with respect to Federal advisory committees, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-326).

By Mr. PETERS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment:

S. 5313. A bill to improve section 406 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Rept. No. 118-327).

By Mr. PETERS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 5315. A bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to enhance border security by seeking to expand partnerships with appropriate law enforcement entities in Mexico and Central American and South American countries to combat human smuggling and trafficking operations in Mexico and such countries, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-328).

S. 5317. A bill to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a review of the Homeland Security Information Network, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-329).

S. 5319. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland Security to conduct an annual audit of the information systems and bulk data of the Office of Intelligence and Analysis of the Department, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-330).

S. 5321. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a DHS Cybersecurity Internship Program, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-331).

By Mr. PETERS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 5527. An act to amend section 1078 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 to increase the effectiveness of the Technology Modernization Fund, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-332).

H.R. 6231. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require a prioritized policy issuance review process for the De-

partment of Homeland Security, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-333).

By Mr. PETERS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

H.R. 7832. An act to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop a plan to identify, integrate, and deploy new, innovative, disruptive, or other emerging or advanced technologies to enhance, or address capability gaps in, border security operations, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-334).

By Mr. PETERS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 9596. An act to amend title 41, United States Code, and title 10, United States Code, to provide best value through the multiple award schedule program, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-335).

By Mr. MANCHIN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 4753. A bill to reform leasing, permitting, and judicial review for certain energy and minerals projects, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-336).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 5602. A bill to designate any clinic that is a certified community behavioral health clinic as a "Stabenow-Blunt Community Behavioral Health Clinic"; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself and Mr. MARSHALL):

S. 5603. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the threshold amounts for inclusion of Social Security benefits in income, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself, Mr. BENNET, Mr. TILLIS, and Mr. COONS):

S. 5604. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the advanced manufacturing investment credit to include materials integral to the manufacturing of semiconductors or semiconductor manufacturing equipment; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 5605. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to require disclosures to contributors regarding recurring contributions or donations; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR:

S. 5606. A bill to reform the Federal Election Commission's enforcement processes and related provisions under the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mrs. CAPITO (for herself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 5607. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to enhance the rehabilitation credit for buildings in rural areas; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, and Mr. LEE):

S. 5608. A bill to reduce the size of the Federal workforce through attrition, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR:

S. 5609. A bill to promote international exchanges on best election practices, to cultivate more secure democratic institutions