

better coordinate air and sea search, rescue, surveillance, and interdiction operations.

24. The Rohde & Schwartz Ultra High Frequency (UHF)/ VHF radio is a multi-band, portable, two-way communication radio.

25. The AN/DPX-7 is an IFF transponder used to identify and track aircraft, ships, and some ground forces to reduce friendly fire incidents.

26. The C-Band LoS Ground Data Terminals and Ku-Band SATCOM GA-ASI Transportable Earth Stations (GATES) provide command, control, and data acquisition for the MQ-9.

27. The M299 launcher provides mechanical and electrical interface between the Hellfire missile and aircraft.

28. The KOR-24A Small Tactical Terminal (STT) Link-16 is a command, control communications, and intelligence (C3I) system incorporating high-capacity, jam-resistant, digital communication links for exchange of near real-time tactical information, including both data and voice, among air, ground, and sea elements.

29. The Intrusion Prevention System (IPS)-250X is a low-size, weight, and power (SWaP) National Security Agency (NSA)-certified high-speed Internet Protocol (IP) network encryptor.

30. The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale is SECRET.

31. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures that might reduce system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

32. A determination has been made that Qatar can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

33. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to Government of Qatar.

REMEMBERING RAÚL GRIJALVA

Mr. KELLY. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of my colleague and friend Representative Raúl Grijalva. A devoted fighter for justice and working families, Raúl spent more than 50 years in public service, representing southern Arizona in Congress for more than two decades and serving as the chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee. His passing is a tremendous loss for Arizona and the country.

Raúl was a man of compassion and conviction, driven by his belief in doing the right thing. He spent his life fighting for the people of southern Arizona, and his leadership was rooted in a deep understanding of the challenges facing his constituents. As the son of immigrants, he knew firsthand what it meant to fight for better healthcare, labor protections, education, and economic opportunity for everyone. He was a champion to those who have been left out of the conversation, and he leaves a legacy of making sure everyone had a voice in the Halls of Congress.

Raúl was a mentor to my wife Gabby Giffords, when she was first elected to

Congress. Raúl and Gabby represented neighboring districts and were shaped by their upbringing in southern Arizona, a place that was special to both of them. As Gabby said after Raúl passed, he could and did talk to anyone, with empathy and genuine interest in the people he served.

Raúl's leadership on the House Natural Resources Committee was instrumental in advancing landmark legislation to combat climate change, preserve public lands, and safeguard water resources critical to Arizona and the Southwest. He led the charge to protect the Grand Canyon for future generations. His commitment to conservation, climate action, and Tribal sovereignty is a testament to his love for the State he called home.

Raúl's story is an American story—one of perseverance, service, and an unshakable belief in the promise of this country. Arizona is better, our Nation is better because of his service.

My thoughts are with Raúl's wife Ramona; their three daughters Adelita, Raquel, and Marisa; his grandchildren Adelina, Raúl and Joaquín Grijalva-Gómez, and Floyd IV and Belán Thompson; and his entire family, his team, and everyone who looked up to him. We honor Representative Raúl Grijalva's lifetime of service, and we celebrate his enduring impact.

REMEMBERING KEYSHA BROOKS-COLEY

Ms. ALSOBROOKS. Mr. President, the State of Maryland has lost a giant. Okeysha "Keysha" Yashica Brooks-Coley, a Baltimore native, made significant contributions to our State and our Nation. Attending high school in Severn, she earned a bachelor's degree in sociology and political science from Towson University and a master's in political management from George Washington University.

She began her impactful career here on Capitol Hill as a legislative assistant for Congresswoman MARCY KAPTUR working on healthcare, aging, and education policy. She later served in a dual role as a professional staff member on the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Subcommittee on Retirement Security and Aging and on the majority staff for Senator Barbara Mikulski. Her policy responsibilities spanned a wide range of issues, focusing on women's health, public health, biomedical research, health disparities, and Health and Human Services appropriations.

After leaving the Hill, Keysha served as vice president of Federal advocacy and strategic alliances at the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network. In that role, she led the organization's engagement with Congress and even championed implementing the landmark Affordable Care Act. She was committed to ensuring everyone had access to care and coverage. Keysha's career journey culminated in a leadership position at the Blue Cross Blue

Shield Association, where she served as vice president of advocacy.

Keysha's professional accolades are numerous, but what she was most proud of was her family, including her husband Derrick of more than 20 years and their four children Julia, Marshall, Henry, and Clairra. She was a woman of deep faith, who was committed to service, social justice, and civic issues.

I ask that you join me and the residents of Maryland in offering my sincerest condolences to Keysha's husband, children, parents, and extended family and friends. We are grateful for her lifelong commitment to service, and we are so honored she devoted her work to caring for each of us.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING RICHARD WARNER CARLSON

• Mr. BANKS. Mr. President, Richard Warner Carlson died at 84 on March 24, 2025, at his home in Boca Grande, FL, after 6 weeks of illness. He refused all painkillers to the end and left this world with dignity and clarity, holding the hands of his children with his dogs at his feet.

He was born February 10, 1941, at Massachusetts General Hospital to a 15-year-old Swedish-speaking girl and placed in the Home for Little Wanderers in Boston, where he developed rickets from malnutrition. His legs were bent for the rest of his life. After years in foster homes, he was placed with the Carlson family in Norwood, MA. His adoptive father, a tannery manager, died when he was 12, and he stopped attending school regularly. At 17, he was jailed for car theft, thrown out of high school for the second time, and enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps.

In 1962, in search of adventure, he drove to California. He spent a year as a merchant seaman on the SS *Washington Bear*, transporting cargo to ports in the Orient, and then became a reporter. Over the next decade, he was a copy boy at the LA Times, a wire service reporter for UPI and an investigative reporter and anchor for ABC News, covering the upheaval of the period. He knew virtually every compelling figure of the time, including Jim Jones, Patty Hearst, Eric Hoffer, Jerry Garcia, as well as Mafia leaders and members of the Manson Family. In 1965, he was badly injured reporting from the Watts riots in Los Angeles.

By 1975, he was married with two small boys, when his wife departed for Europe and didn't return. He threw himself into raising his boys, whom he often brought with him on reporting trips. At home, he educated them during 3-hour dinners on topics that ranged from the French Revolution to Bolshevik Russia, PG Wodehouse, the history of the American Indian, and, always, the eternal and unchanging nature of people. He was a free thinker and a compulsive book reader, including at red lights. He left a library of

thousands of books, most dog-eared and filled with marginalia. His reading and life experiences convinced him that God is real. He had an outlaw spirit tempered by decency.

In 1979, he married the love of his life, Patricia Swanson. They were together for 44 years, all of them happy. She died 16 months before he did, and he mourned her every day.

In 1985, he moved to Washington to work for the Reagan administration. He spent 5 years as the director of the Voice of America and then moved to the Seychelles as the U.S. Ambassador. In 1992, he became the CEO of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and later ran a division of King World television.

The last 25 years of his life were spent in work whose details were never completely clear to his family, but that was clearly interesting. He worked in dozens of countries and breakaway republics around the world and was involved in countless intrigues. He knew a number of colorful national leaders, including Rafic Hariri of Lebanon, Aslan Abashidze of Adjara, Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire, and whoever runs Somaliland. He was a fundamentally nonjudgmental person who was impossible to shock, and he described them all with amused affection.

He spoke to his sons every day and had lunch with them once a week for 30 years at the Metropolitan Club in Washington, always prefaced by a dice game. Throughout his life, he fervently loved dogs.

Richard W. Carlson is survived by his sons Tucker and Buckley, his beloved daughter-in-law Susie, and five grandchildren. He was the toughest human being anyone in his family ever knew and also the kindest and most loyal. RIP.●

REMEMBERING DAISY KING

● Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. President, last week, our Nation lost a fearless entrepreneur, beloved cook, and Tennessee institution: Miss Daisy King.

For more than five decades, Miss Daisy blessed our State with her incredible talent for southern cooking. From her successful catering business to her restaurants in Franklin, Miss Daisy's Tearoom and Miss Daisy's Kitchen, she served up dishes that were adored by Tennesseans and celebrated by the food industry: buttermilk pie, creamed chicken, chive potato salad, beef casserole, bourbon and chocolate pecan pie, and much, much more.

Through it all, Daisy took joy in sharing her passion for cooking with others. In 1978, she published "Recipes from Miss Daisy's," a treasure of wonderful southern recipes that would sell more than 1 million copies. She would go on to publish 13 more cookbooks and share her recipes on national and regional shows, including "Today Show," "CBS This Morning," and Nashville's WTVF-TV's "Talk of the Town."

Over many years of friendship, I was fortunate to see Daisy's generosity,

creativity, and delight in serving others. If you wanted to have a conversation about how to do something better, Daisy was there to help. Especially for younger women who were trying to find their way in the restaurant business, Daisy always offered help and paved the way for others to follow.

There is a reason Miss Daisy was known as the First Lady of Southern Cooking. While we have lost a truly special woman, her legacy—and recipes—will live on in Tennessee and across the country for many years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO NATHAN MONELL

● Mr. KAINÉ. Mr. President, I rise today to honor and celebrate the remarkable leadership and dedication of Nathan Monell, who will retire as executive director of the National Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) this year. Nathan's tenure at the PTA has been defined by his steadfast commitment to advocating for the educational success and well-being of our Nation's children. His vision, expertise, and passion for family engagement have made a lasting impact on the lives of millions of children and families across the United States and beyond.

Since Nathan's appointment as executive director in 2015, the National PTA has flourished under his leadership. With more than 20,000 local units and over 3 million members, PTA is the oldest and largest volunteer child advocacy association in the country. Nathan's leadership has been instrumental in advancing family engagement and public policy, and his work has reinforced the PTA's mission of uniting parents, teachers, schools, and communities to ensure every child's potential is realized.

His lifelong commitment to empowering families and fostering educational equity is evident in his contributions to a wide range of initiatives, including youth and family services, mental health, foster care, HIV and substance abuse prevention, and education. He has led public policy efforts at the local, State, and Federal levels, forging partnerships with foundations and corporations to improve outcomes and advance equity in communities nationwide. Whether advocating for school funding, digital safety, or mental health, Nathan's tenacity has driven the organization to take bold actions that support the needs and concerns of parents, teachers, and students alike.

As Nathan prepares for retirement, I join the National PTA, his colleagues, and countless individuals whose lives he has touched in expressing our gratitude for his years of service. I know that his legacy will continue to inspire the next generation of leaders committed to making a difference in the lives of children and families. I wish him and his family the very best in the next chapter of his life.●

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF FRIENDS OF MT. TABOR PARK

● Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, today I commend the Friends of Mt. Tabor Park (FMTP) for its 25 years of unwavering dedication to preserving and enhancing one of Portland's most treasured urban green spaces.

Mt. Tabor Park is not just a place of natural beauty; it is a community asset, a sanctuary for recreation, and a reflection of Oregon's deep commitment to environmental stewardship. Since its founding in 2000, FMTP and its dedicated volunteers have served as stewards, educators, and protectors of this cherished space, ensuring that the park continues to be a welcoming environment for all.

Over the years, FMTP has worked hand in hand with the Portland Parks & Recreation, complementing city services and mobilizing a near-constant presence of engaged volunteers. Its commitment has helped maintain public safety, beautify and protect our natural spaces, and sustain opportunities for community programming—even in the most challenging times, such as during the COVID-19 pandemic. Its work is a model of civic engagement and a testament to what is possible when a community comes together with purpose and passion.

As FMTP celebrates 25 years of service, we honor its profound impact on Portland's livability and the countless individuals who have given their time and energy to preserve the urban oasis. I extend my deepest gratitude to the FMTP and look forward to its continued success in the next 25 years and beyond. Congratulations on this milestone anniversary and thank you for your tireless commitment to the people and natural spaces of Portland.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:35 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, 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. 1534. An act to strengthen and enhance the competitiveness of American industry through the research and development of advanced technologies to improve the efficiency of cement, concrete, and asphalt production, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 1 of the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board Act (2 U.S.C. 154), and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, the Speaker appoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board for a five-year term: Mr. Steven L. Swig of San Francisco, California.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 206 of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 (34 U.S.C. 11116), and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, the Speaker appoints the following individual on the part of the House of