

fields and through town, wearing his shiny metal hardhat.

Soft spoken and not one to promote himself, always genuinely interested in others, the depth and breadth of David's academic accomplishments and community service were truly remarkable. His impact on his students was life changing. The remembrance of David by Tony Jaccaci, head of Tabor Academy, reminds us of what a lasting, positive difference one passionate, dedicated, and exceptionally kind person can make to an institution, a community, and to future generations.

I want to convey my condolences to David's extended family, and I ask unanimous consent that Mr. Jaccaci's remembrance of David be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

REMEMBERING DAVID PIERCE

DEAR TABOR COMMUNITY: It is with a sense of loss and profound admiration that I share the passing of former faculty member, David Kendall Pierce. David, a deeply respected member of the Tabor Academy community, pass away peacefully on the morning of January 14, 2025. With a legacy that spanned decades, David's contributions to the School by the Sea—as an educator, mentor, and coach—will long be remembered.

David joined Tabor Academy in 1973, bringing with him a remarkable passion for education and science. He played an instrumental role in establishing the school's observatory and developing the astronomy program, which allows students to explore celestial phenomena through a state-of-the-art Celestron telescope. As the chair of the Science Department, David transformed the curriculum, introducing innovative courses and fostering a love for critical thinking and inquiry in his classrooms. His leadership and vision extended beyond the classroom, inspiring generations of students to pursue studies and careers in scientific fields.

Known for his meticulous yet engaging teaching style, David taught Advanced Placement Physics, Advanced Calculus, Astronomy, and Geology, often infusing his lessons with humor and thought-provoking anecdotes. Students recall his ability to make complex concepts accessible and commitment to their potential to achieve excellence. He even authored physics texts and laboratory manuals for use in Tabor classroom, working with students to ensure that all levels of science could understand the concepts.

Beyond academics, David's dedication extended to coaching and mentoring. As the head coach of the varsity track team, the advisor to the junior varsity riflery team, and the Christian Fellowship Club. He advised the members of the WTBR radio station where he shared his love of 1960s music by hosting a program of oldies hits called, "A Blast from the Past." In addition, he served as a dorm parent in numerous houses, including Hunt House, Lillard Hall, and Daggett House, where he instilled discipline, perseverance, and a sense of community, leaving an indelible mark on Tabor's traditions.

At Tabor, the David Kendall Pierce Chair Award in Math and Science is awarded to faculty members annually; it was established in his name by Jack Boyd Smith, Jr. '76. Smith wanted to recognize and honor the impact that David had on him while a student at Tabor. Pierce himself was the first holder of the award.

David's influence was not confined to campus. His dedication to service and professional development was evident in his involvement with the Advanced Placement Math Teachers Association, the Massachusetts Association of Science Supervisors, and the National Science Teachers Association. David's work in advancing the use of technology in science instruction, including presentations on the use of graphing calculators and simulations, positioned Tabor as a leader in STEM education.

David also shared his love for learning and exploration with students outside the classroom. He participated in trips abroad, including memorable journeys to France and China, offering students unique cultural and educational experiences. Whether navigating the streets of Paris or exploring the Great Wall of China, David's enthusiasm for discovery and connection left lasting impressions on all who traveled with him.

Beyond Tabor, David's intellectual pursuits and personal interests painted a portrait of a life well-lived. A graduate of the University of Vermont and Dartmouth College, he brought academic rigor and a love of learning to every endeavor. He was a man of diverse talents—quoted sharing insights from figures like Robert Frost, Albert Einstein, and Lewis Carroll—reflecting his philosophical and whimsical approach to life. His talks at the Marion Music Hall and his essays in Tabor publications showcase his ability to engage with the broader community. Beyond his love for our school, David had an incredible passion for civic responsibility and served in numerous roles in Marion town government.

David's legacy is one of excellence, compassion, and dedication. He believed in the transformative power of education and devoted his life to helping students discover their strengths and passions. Retiring in 2020 after 47 years of service to Tabor yet remaining deeply connected to the School by the Sea, his contributions to Tabor Academy are immeasurable. He wrote a book documenting Tabor's modern history and was a member of the sesquicentennial planning committee up until his passing.

David Kendall Pierce's life serves as a testament to the profound impact one individual can have on an institution and its people; his memory will remain a guiding light for the community he served. His spirit and the lessons he imparted will continue to resonate through the halls of Tabor Academy for generations to come.

TONY JACCACI,
Head of School.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO ANTHONY MITCHELL

• Mr. CASSIDY. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to Anthony Mitchell who is celebrating the reconstruction of his home with the help of both the New Orleans Area Habitat for Humanity and Thrivent after Hurricane Ida.

Mr. Mitchell is a Louisiana native from the city of New Orleans. He served in the Navy during the Vietnam war, and after leaving military service, Mr. Mitchell returned to New Orleans to work as a handyman and carpenter. In 2021, Hurricane Ida rendered his home inhabitable, which forced Mr. Mitchell to live in his car.

Thrivent and Habitat for Humanity partnered to assist with disaster relief efforts. Habitat for Humanity provided

the materials and the labor needed to rebuild Mr. Mitchell's home and Thrivent supplied the necessary funding. The volunteers made sure that the new home would be flood resilient.

On November 11, 2024, these charities began Super Build, a construction project to rebuild Mr. Mitchell's house before Super Bowl LIX. The Super Build will be completed tomorrow, on February 4, 2025, just in time for Mr. Mitchell to watch the championship game in his own home.

The volunteers who devoted their time and efforts towards the reconstruction of Mr. Mitchell's home are nothing short of inspiring. I applaud these individuals for their selfless service towards Mr. Mitchell and dedication towards the New Orleans community.

I ask that all of Louisiana join me in welcoming Mr. Mitchell into his new home.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Hanley, 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.)

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-295. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-637, "Early Childhood Educator Pay Scales Temporary Amendment Act of 2024"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-296. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-638, "Cherry Blossom Festival Grant Temporary Amendment Act of 2024"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-297. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-639, "Department of Energy and Environment Rulemaking Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2024"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-298. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-663, "Certificate of Assurance Moratorium Temporary Amendment Act of 2024"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-299. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-664, "Review of Agency Action Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2024"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-300. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-665, "Department of Energy and Environment Definitions Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2024"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-301. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-559, "Female Genital Mutilation Prohibition Act of 2024"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-302. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-641, "Closing of Public Streets and Alleys Adjacent to Squares 3039, 3040, and 3043 Clarification Amendment Act of 2024"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-303. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-642, "Illegal Dumping Enforcement Amendment Act of 2024"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-304. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-643, "Great Streets Program Expansion Neighborhood Retail Priority Amendment Act of 2024"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-305. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-644, "Radiation Protection Act of 2024"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-306. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-645, "Child Behavioral Health Services Dashboard Amendment Act of 2024"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-307. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-646, "Local Rent Supplement Program Eligibility Amendment Act of 2024"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-308. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-687, "Electrical and Gas Utility Underground Work Wage Act of 2024"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-309. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-686, "Insurance Database Amendment Act of 2024"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-2. A concurrent resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio

urging the federal government to select Ohio for the permanent headquarters of the United States Space Command; to the Committee on Armed Services.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8

Whereas, The United States Space Command is temporarily located in Colorado; and Whereas, The United States Space Command is the unified combatant command for all military space operations; and

Whereas, The federal government has not made a final decision regarding the final permanent location for Space Command headquarters; and

Whereas, Ohio's history of support for national defense, along with its many space-related resources, would make a fitting host for new Space Force missions or the permanent headquarters of the United States Space Command; and

Whereas, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, is one of the largest and most complex bases in the United States Air Force, with a long history of flight tests spanning from the Wright Brothers into the Space Age; and

Whereas, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base is the headquarters of the Air Force Materiel Command, a major Air Force Medical Center, and the Air Force Institute of Technology; and

Whereas, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base is the home of the 88th Air Base Wing consisting of more than 5,000 officers, enlisted Air Force, civilian and contractor employees, and the 655th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Wing; and

Whereas, Ohio's federal resources, including the National Air and Space Intelligence Center and the Air Force Research Laboratory at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base; the 178th Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group at the Springfield Air National Guard Base; and NASA Glenn Research Center in Cleveland, are uniquely situated to assist United States Space Command; now therefore be it *Resolved*, That we, the members of the 135th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge the federal government to select Ohio for the location of the United States Space Command's permanent headquarters; and be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the United States Secretary of Defense, the members of the Ohio Congressional delegation, and the news media of Ohio.

POM-3. A concurrent resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio urging the United States Congress to enact the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Act of 2024; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14

Whereas, On February 6, 2024, a group of bipartisan U.S. Senators introduced the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Act of 2024, which reauthorizes the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) for five years, from 2027 to 2031, and provides funding in the amount of \$500 million per year; and

Whereas, The Great Lakes are a critical resource for our nation, supporting the economy and a way of life in Ohio and the other seven states within the Great Lakes region. The Great Lakes hold 21 percent of the world's surface freshwater and 84 percent of the United States' surface freshwater. This globally significant freshwater resource provides drinking water for more than 30 million people and directly supports 1.3 million jobs, generating \$82 billion in wages; and

Whereas, The GLRI has provided crucial funding to support long overdue work to protect and restore the Great Lakes. In partnership with the states, local governments, and other organizations, the federal government has invested more than \$3 billion and supported over 7,000 projects since 2010. These projects have cleaned up toxic pollution, reduced runoff from cities and farms, combated invasive species, and restored fish and wildlife habitats; and

Whereas, The GLRI has made a significant difference and represents a sound investment in both the environment and the economies of the Great Lakes region. A 2018 study calculated that for every federal dollar invested in Great Lakes restoration there is an additional \$3.35 created in economic activity; and

Whereas, Far more work needs to be done. Toxic algal blooms and hotspots contaminating water supplies along Lake Erie, invasive species threatening native species and Ohio industries, and contaminated sediments restricting recreational opportunities pose substantial limitations and threats to habitats for fish and wildlife and the use of the Great Lakes. These problems require a collaborative effort; now therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the 135th General Assembly of the State of Ohio, in adopting this resolution, urge the United States Congress to enact the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Act of 2024, which reauthorizes the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative for five years, from 2027 to 2031; and be it further

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, each member of the Ohio Congressional delegation, and the news media of Ohio.

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. BOOZMAN for the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

*Brooke Rollins, of Texas, to be Secretary of Agriculture.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

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 Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. TILLIS, and Mr. RICKETTS):

S. 353. A bill to establish a commission to study the relocation of certain agencies outside of the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. ERNST, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. RICKETTS, and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 354. A bill to require Executive agencies to submit to Congress a study of the impacts