

In awarding the prize, the Templeton Foundation noted Bartholomew's dedication to environmental causes, for which he has earned the nickname of the "Green Patriarch." The foundation said his environmental ministry is "harnessing the power of the sciences to expand our collective understanding of humankind's place and purpose in the world" and that "Bartholomew has also deepened Christians' ideas of what it means to be faithful in the world today. It involves caring for all aspects of God's creation including the people around us and the natural world in which we live."

I join American Orthodox Christians, environmentalists, and peacemakers in welcoming back to Washington and the United States His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew. Congress will be honored to once again host him in our Halls next week.

I urge my colleagues to listen to his message of peace, environmental stewardship, and the importance of bridging the divides between religions, nations, and all groups who spend more time on the things that divide us than those that should bring us together. We will gain from his return if we have the wisdom to listen.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF WISCONSIN REGIONAL TRAINING PARTNERSHIP BUILDING INDUSTRY GROUP SKILLED TRADE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, I rise to recognize the 50th anniversary of Wisconsin Regional Training Partnership, WRTP, Building Industry Group Skilled Trade Employment Program's, BIG STEP. I am delighted to celebrate this impactful organization's 50 years of service to the State of Wisconsin.

Founded in 1975, WRTP BIG STEP was determined to improve the labor force through its efforts in reshaping apprenticeships. The organization envisioned an environment that intertwined diversity, resilience, and creativity to produce an incredible generation of workers. Soon, their vision became a reality as WRTP BIG STEP developed pre-apprenticeship programs and advanced training courses that increased the number of minority workers, ensuring everyone has a pathway to a quality career in the trades.

Over the last 50 years, BIG STEP has been essential to creating Milwaukee landmarks, from our skyscrapers to our sports complexes. After helping tens of thousands of people take their first steps into the trades, BIG STEP has served Wisconsin's workforce by building courage, innovation, and equity.

Today, WRTP BIG STEP creates pre-apprenticeship programs and provides access to specialized training, consistent sponsorship, and support for its clients with targeted curricula for direct career pathways. In addition, WRTP BIG STEP helps industry employers and labor organizations create

career pathways through intercultural workforce learning, the development of a skilled talent pipeline, and through working groups that identify and reduce barriers in real time. As just one example of their work, WRTP BIG STEP recently welcomed 180 high school students to their Milwaukee Summer Trades Academy, introducing them to careers in construction and teaching them about skilled trade jobs and apprenticeship pathways, so they could consider a future career in the skilled trades.

We in Wisconsin are so grateful to WRTP BIG STEP for helping to uplift our workforce and create the next generation of leaders. I am honored to recognize the 50th anniversary of WRTP BIG STEP and look forward to its continued success in Wisconsin for years to come.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING THE CENTENNIAL OF ALBERTUS MAGNUS COLLEGE

• Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I rise today to commemorate the centennial celebration of Albertus Magnus College and honor the hard work and dedication of its many faculty and other staff.

Albertus Magnus College was founded in 1925 by the Dominican Sisters of Peace in the Prospect Hill neighborhood of New Haven, CT. Originally a women's college, the institution became coeducational in 1985. During this time, a series of construction projects significantly expanded the campus, including new classroom space and a new athletic center. In 1992 Albertus Magnus began offering its first graduate program, a master of arts in liberal studies.

The college provides a holistic, liberal arts-based education that promotes both the attainment and practical application of knowledge. It is dedicated to providing learning opportunities that respond to the diverse needs of its students and the ethical challenges of society, cultivating an atmosphere of mutual respect and moral behavior. The college places great emphasis on lifelong learning, individual student development, and the advancement of moral and ethical leadership.

Albertus Magnus has approximately 500 full-time traditional undergraduates and 1,000 adult undergraduate and graduate students. The college has significantly advanced the cause of educational equity and diversity; 5 in 10 of its undergraduates are first-generation college students, and over 9 in 10 are eligible for financial aid. The institution currently offers over 50 undergraduate majors, 12 master's degree programs, and 3 postgraduate certifications.

Throughout its existence, Albertus Magnus College has promoted intellectual excellence, cultivated a tight-knit community, encouraged service for the

common good, and advocated for the development of each student as a unique individual. The college's track record and commitment to its ideals is inspiring and sets a strong example for all educational institutions.

Albertus Magnus remains a fixture of the New Haven community with the positive impacts of its educational experience extending worldwide. I hope my colleagues will join me in commemorating its centennial celebration and recognizing the invaluable work of its faculty and other staff.●

RECOGNIZING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF FLORIDA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

• Mr. SCOTT of Florida. Mr. President, I rise today to acknowledge Florida Christian University on its most recent anniversary. For 40 years, Florida Christian University has served the citizens of Florida and the world by providing students with a world-class education and acting as a pillar of strength and perseverance for Florida students.

I know firsthand that a great education can be life-changing—it serves as the foundation many students need to reach their goals and live their American dream—and it is incredible to see people from all over the globe pursue their dreams in our State.

Florida Christian University plays a vital role in this laudable pursuit by empowering students of faith to pursue higher education and a career with excellence and integrity while remaining rooted in their religious principles. FCU focuses on the whole of the student, fostering a community that ensures the growth and support of its students' academic goals as well as their spiritual well-being.

I commend the hard work and dedication of FCU president Bruno Portigliatti and all those at FCU who have committed their time and energy to providing students with a world-class education over the last 40 years. Thank you for guiding your community and our State in prayer and education. May this milestone anniversary be followed by many more as FCU continues its great success.●

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TVA WILSON DAM

• Mr. TUBERVILLE. Mr. President, I rise today to acknowledge a special anniversary in Alabama. One hundred years ago, Wilson Dam began commercial operations. Part of the Tennessee Valley Authority's network of hydroelectric dams, Wilson Dam supports TVA's mission of providing low-cost, reliable power and flood control and navigation of the Tennessee River.

Located in Florence, AL, Wilson Dam has 21 generating units, capable of producing up to 663 megawatts of electricity and powering more than 350,000 homes and businesses in north Alabama.

The dam is a National Historic Landmark and an engineering feat. It stretches nearly a mile—more than 4,500 feet—across the Tennessee River. The site plays a crucial role in the movement of goods through our country. The main lock has a maximum lift of 100 feet, making it the highest single-lift lock east of the Rockies. More than 3,700 vessels on average and 11.4 million tons of goods pass through Wilson's locks each year.

The associated Wilson Dam Reservoir includes over 160 miles of shoreline and covers 15,500 acres, providing ample opportunities for recreation. This makes north Alabama a destination for those looking to fish, boat, kayak, and enjoy our beautiful State, driving economic activity and jobs in Alabama.

In a testament to the role Wilson Dam plays in the system, TVA is in the process of extending the life of the plant for decades. As part of the Hydro Life Extension Program, TVA is refurbishing units to improve dam safety and increase hydro generation output.

I hope my fellow Alabamians will join me in celebrating all that Wilson Dam has done for our State—and our Region—for 100 years. Here is to the next 100.●

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-1761. A communication from the Chairwoman of the National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's revised Fiscal Year 2024 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1762. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes; Amendment 39-23095" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-1723)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1763. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D and Class E5 Airspace; Revocation of Class E4 Airspace, Dover, DE" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0767)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1764. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D and Class E5 Airspace Over Kinston, NC" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0932)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1765. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; BAE Systems (Operations) Limited Airplanes; Amendment 39-23101" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0339)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1766. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc., Airplanes; Amendment 39-23105" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0908)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1767. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; BAE SYSTEMS (Operations) Limited Airplanes; Amendment 39-23100" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-1726)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1768. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Gulfstream Aerospace LP (Type Certificate Previously Held by Israel Aircraft Industries, Ltd.) Airplanes; Amendment 39-23091" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0756)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1769. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes; Amendment 39-23096" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-1724)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1770. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Lacon, IL" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2025-1276)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1771. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Take-off Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments" ((RIN2120-AA65) (Docket No. 31618)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1772. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Canada Limited

Partnership (Type Certificate Previously Held by C Series Aircraft Limited Partnership (CSALP); Bombardier, Inc.) Airplanes; Amendment 39-23098" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2024-0454)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1773. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes; Amendment 39-23110" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-1733)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1774. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Television Broadcasting Services, Portland, Oregon" (MB Docket No. 25-132) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1775. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Television Broadcasting Services, Henderson, Nevada" (MB Docket No. 25-131) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1776. A communication from the Supervisory Program Analyst, Office of General Counsel, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Delete, Delete, Delete Direct Final Rule" (FCC 25-40) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1777. A communication from the Deputy Division Chief, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Delete, Delete, Delete; Safeguarding and Securing the Open Internet; Restoring Internet Freedom; Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996; Interconnection Between Local Exchange Carriers and Commercial Mobile Radio Service Providers" (DA 25-613) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1778. A communication from the Supervisory Program Analyst, Office of Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "In the Matter of Enhancing National Security Through the Auction of AWS-3 Spectrum Licenses; Applying New Average Annual Gross Revenue Benchmarks for Small Business Bidding Credits; Amendment of the Commission's Rules with Regard to Commercial Operations in the 1695-1710 MHz, 1755-1780 MHz, and 2155-2180 MHz Bands" (FCC 25-39) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1779. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of VOR Federal Airways V-38, V-133, and V-144, and Revocation of VOR Federal Airway V-214 in the Vicinity of Zanesville, OH" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2024-2591)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2025; to the