

### TRIBUTE TO ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW

Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina. Mr. President, as the junior Senator from the great State of South Carolina, it is my honor to recognize His All Holiness Bartholomew, the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople. Throughout his life, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew has embodied the values of faith, justice, and unity, offering an inspiring example of what it means to lead with conviction and humility. His ministry has encouraged many around the world to pursue peace and to live lives grounded in purpose and hope.

Each year, I host the South Carolina Prayer Breakfast, a nonpartisan, multi-faith gathering where South Carolinians come together to reflect on our shared values and the vital role faith plays in public life. This tradition reminds us that, even in challenging times, faith has the power to unite communities, to heal division, and to call us toward reconciliation and renewal. That same spirit is at the heart of Patriarch Bartholomew's life and ministry. His steadfast call for dialogue, compassion, and reconciliation speaks directly to the challenges we face today as we work to remain one Nation under God.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew for his tireless efforts and leadership to build bridges of understanding across nations and faiths. May his example continue to inspire us to live with courage, to serve with compassion, and to remain committed to the good of our country and the world.

### TRIBUTE TO RONNA ERIN BECKMANN

Ms. DUCKWORTH. Mr. President, it is with great pride and gratitude that I rise to celebrate the public service career of Ms. Ronna Erin Beckmann, who is departing the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA, after 21 years of service in congressional and inter-governmental relations, first at EPA Headquarters in Washington, DC, and then at the EPA Region 5 headquarters in Chicago, IL.

Ronna's dedication to EPA's mission, her extensive experience, and deep expertise was always evident in her ability to carry out meaningful, and often complex, engagement with diverse communities and congressional offices across the six States, including my State of Illinois, as well as Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Ohio, Michigan, and 37 Tribes.

Ronna shepherded our offices through endless challenges, such as devastating floods in East St. Louis and Cahokia Heights, IL, and the train derailment in East Palestine, OH, to comprehensive lead abatement and major regulatory milestones that helped protect the health of our residents.

Ronna handled each situation with incredible care, tailored to the specific needs of the unique issue and area. Ronna has always gone far above what was required of her, including attending endless community events and meeting with our offices weekly to ensure the people of Illinois felt seen, informed, and protected.

Simply put, Ronna's work changed people's lives, and because of her dedication and service, the people of Illinois and the entire Region 5 are closer to achieving our ultimate goal of ensuring environmental justice for all.

My staff and I cannot thank her enough for helping us fulfill our constitutional responsibility to oversee, and work with, EPA to better protect our constituents' public health against dangerous pollutants, toxic exposure, and other environmental harms.

Ronna's dedication, tact, and emotional investment in the Region 5 communities she served will be greatly missed. As an Illinois resident herself, I hope Ronna knows that her character and leadership had untold positive impacts on the people of Illinois and the Nation. I thank her for her over 21 years of dedicated service to EPA and wish her well on her next endeavor.

### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

#### RECOGNIZING STAATS AWARDS

• Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, as chair of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Iowa Small Business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to honor Staats Awards of Henry County, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Founded in 1898 by Mr. E.G. Staats in La Crosse, WI, Staats Awards moved to Mount Pleasant, IA, in 1910 and has since grown from its modest roots into one of the oldest and most respected leaders in creating awards and recognitions. In 1965, it was purchased by James Patten and Bernie Webster. Today, it is proudly owned and operated by Mr. Patten's three daughters; Janine, Tina, and Jamie, who hold a majority stake in the company. The Webster family continues to retain a minority ownership share. What began as a business making braid and trim for band and fraternal uniforms evolved into a full-service recognition company. Staats now offers patterned rosettes, banners, plaques, acrylics, promotional products, imprinted apparel, advertising specialties, and more. Staats Awards' trophies and ribbons are a mainstay at the Iowa State Fair and nationwide at festivals, livestock and horse shows, agribusinesses, schools, corporations, and community events. Guided by the motto "Small Town Values, World Class Quality," Staats and its staff of more than 20 employees combine hard-working Midwestern values with products that rec-

ognize achievement, inspire employees, and promote organizational missions.

In 1939, Staats relocated from its storefront on the Mount Pleasant Square to the former Willowbank School. By 2000, the company had outgrown that space and moved to its current facility in the Crossroads Industrial Park. This modern location allows Staats to meet customer needs with the automated machinery and computer technology necessary to remain competitive in the national market. Even so, Staats continues to handcraft many of their products, which ensures the highest quality at the most affordable price possible. Staats credits its central location and the Midwestern values of its staff for fostering a strong, hard-working, family atmosphere that shines through in their products and services provided to thousands of customers nationwide.

Staats is also deeply involved in their community. They are active members of the Mount Pleasant Chamber of Commerce, an associate member of the Association of Iowa Fairs, and an associate member of the International Association of Fairs and Expos. Staats and its employees regularly give back through initiatives like Random Act of Kindness Day and food donations to the Fellowship Cup, a local nonprofit in Henry County. Beyond these contributions, Staats takes pride in supporting community traditions, local events, and charitable causes that strengthen their community. Their leadership believes that small businesses succeed not only through their products, but also by investing in the people that support them.

Today, it is my honor to recognize the Patten sisters, the entire Staats team, and the generations who came before them for their outstanding work and dedication to their community. I look forward to their continued success and wish them the very best in the years ahead. •

#### RECOGNIZING 100 YEARS OF NEWBERRY HEALTH

• Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina. Mr. President, as the junior Senator from the great State of South Carolina, it is my honor to recognize and congratulate Newberry Health on reaching a remarkable milestone: 100 years of dedicated service to the people of Newberry County and the broader South Carolina community.

Since its founding in 1925, Newberry Health has stood as a pillar of excellence. It has evolved from a modest local healthcare provider into a comprehensive medical institution that has touched countless lives throughout the State. Now, for an entire century, this organization has embodied the values of compassion, medical excellence, and unwavering commitment to community health. For decades, the leadership, physicians, nurses, staff, and volunteers have shown a deep dedication

to providing high-quality and personalized healthcare. Newberry Health has been instrumental in advancing public health initiatives, supporting rural health, and fostering community partnerships for greater health outcomes.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Newberry Health on this extraordinary milestone. Their century of service represents the best of community healthcare. It is my hope that their next 100 years continue to be equally rooted in service to the people of South Carolina.●

#### REMEMBERING ADRIENNE L. OTTAVIANI

● Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the life of Adrienne L. Ottaviani, who passed away on September 23, 2025, at the age of 78. Adrienne was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and a leader whose kindness and dedication enriched western Maryland for more than four decades.

Born in Denbo, PA, and raised in Baltimore, Adrienne married her husband Philip in 1968. Together they shared 57 years of marriage and built a loving family. In 1980, the Ottavianis moved to Cumberland, MD, where Adrienne quickly became a pillar of the community. She was first active in the PTA and served on the Allegany County Board of Education. In 1990, she was elected to the Allegany County Board of Commissioners, becoming one of only four women ever to hold that office. Adrienne demonstrated leadership, dedication, and a deep commitment to public service throughout her tenure.

Adrienne's greatest legacy, however, may be the warmth and fellowship she shared through Ristorante Ottaviani, which she and her husband opened in downtown Cumberland in 2007. Known affectionately as "Mama O," she welcomed every guest like family, serving food, friendship, and her signature hugs. The restaurant became a cherished community gathering place, reflecting her love of people and her belief that everyone deserved to feel special.

Adrienne will be remembered for her service, her compassion, and her extraordinary generosity of spirit. She leaves behind her husband, three children, nine grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren, who will carry forward her legacy of love and community.

Adrienne Ottaviani was a trailblazer, a friend, and a source of light to all who knew her. Her memory will remain a blessing to her family, her community, and to the State of Maryland.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

##### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY) announced that on today, October 6, 2025, he had signed the fol-

lowing enrolled bill, previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

H.R. 2483. An act to reauthorize certain programs that provide for opioid use disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery, 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-1950. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Radiological Health Regulations; Technical Amendments" (Docket No. FDA-2018-N-3303) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2025; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1951. A communication from the Board Members of the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's fiscal year 2025 Annual Report; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1952. A communication from the Administrative Appeals Counsel to the Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Priorities and Definitions-Secretary's Supplemental Priorities and Definitions on Evidence-Based Literacy, Education Choice, and Returning Education to the States" ((34 CFR Part 75) (Docket ID ED-2025-OS-0020)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2025; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1953. A communication from the Solicitor, National Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, two (2) reports relative to nominations, vacancies, designations of service in acting roles, discontinuations of service in acting roles and actions on nominations for positions covered by the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2025; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1954. A communication from the Senior Advisor, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, two (2) reports relative to nominations, vacancies, designations of service in acting roles, discontinuations of service in acting roles and actions on nominations for positions covered by the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2025; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1955. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices; Laboratory Developed Tests; Implementation of Vacatur" (RIN0910-AJ05) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2025; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1956. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedule

of Fees for Consular Services, Department of State and Overseas Embassies and Consulates-Visa Services Fee Changes" (RIN1400-AG09) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2025; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1957. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prior Notice: Adding Requirement to Submit Mail Tracking Number for Articles of Food Arriving by International Mail and Timeframe for Post-refusal and Post-hold Submissions" (RIN0910-AI75) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2025; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1958. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Exposing Foreign Labor Abuses to Address Unfair Competition for American Workers and Companies"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1959. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, a report of a draft bill entitled "The Judicial Improvements and Technical Corrections Act of 2025"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1960. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Office of the Secretary, Health and Human Services, transmitting, a report entitled "Annual Report To the Congress of the United States On Sanitation Deficiency Levels for Indian Homes and Communities for Fiscal Year 2024"; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-1961. A communication from the Senior Regulations Writer, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Expiration Dates for 13 Body System Listings" (RIN0960-AI95) received during the adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2025; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1962. A communication from the Branch Chief of the Border Security Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tonnage Tax Modernization" (RIN1685-AA34) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2025; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1963. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Contract Year 2026 Policy and Technical Changes to the Medicare Advantage Program, Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Program, Medicare Cost Plan Program, and Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)-Finalization of Format Provider Directories for Medicare Plan Finder" (RIN0938-AV40) received during the adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2025; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1964. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Catch-Up Contributions" (RIN1545-BR11) received during the adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 25, 2025; to the Committee on Finance.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted: