

achieve these objectives, not when destruction in the West Bank is undermining prospects for an eventual Palestinian state, civilian casualties are mounting in Lebanon, and the humanitarian situation in Gaza remains dire. My support for these joint resolutions is consistent with my votes last July.

I have consistently supported Israel's right and capacity to protect its people, including through air defense systems to intercept missiles and drones. I strongly believe Iran must not obtain a nuclear weapon. Today, the United States should prioritize diplomacy to secure this goal.

REMEMBERING WILLIAM "BILL" LUNNEY

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the life and work of Mr. William "Bill" George Lunney, a beloved and passionate leader in the Dane County, WI, parks and conservation community. Bill served for 30 years as chair of the Dane County Park Commission, where he made a tremendous and lasting impact on our outdoor spaces. Our community mourns his loss, and his contributions will be remembered for generations to come.

Bill was born in 1941 in Goshen, NY. He attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he earned a bachelor of arts in political science and his law degree. After graduation, Bill moved to Madison, WI, where he began a 57-year career dedicated to environmental stewardship and public service.

Bill's career began with a variety of roles in the Wisconsin State court system. He was elected to the Dane County Board of Supervisors in 1969, and his passion for public service was evident early on in his career. While serving on the Dane County Board, Bill emerged as a leading local conservation champion. He spoke at our Nation's first Earth Day celebration in 1970 at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Recognizing that conservation requires both public and private sector leadership, he cofounded the Wisconsin Wetlands Association. The organization played a vital role in protecting natural areas from development and ensuring responsible stewardship of existing lands. Bill's leadership was instrumental in safeguarding Madison's wetlands and advancing conservation efforts across the region.

While serving as chair of the Dane County Park Commission, Bill, alongside his wife Judie Pfeifer, cofounded the Foundation for Dane County Parks and went on to serve as its president. Together, they built a permanent endowment to support and sustain Dane County Parks for generations to come.

By the end of his tenure, Dane County parkland had grown from 3,500 acres to more than 18,000 acres, a remarkable expansion driven in large part by Bill's leadership and his ability to inspire others to value conservation. In recognition of his life's work, Bill will be

inducted into the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame this April, an honor that both excited and humbled him.

Above all, those who knew Bill best say he always put his family first. He was a loving husband, son, father, and grandfather. Bill's legacy is reflected not only in the land he helped preserve, but in the people he inspired. Known for his encouragement and curiosity, he left an indelible mark on the conservation community through his steady leadership and vision.

Bill often repeated the mantra, "A park is not just a piece of land, it is a vibrant part of the community." The Madison area is better because Bill himself was such a vibrant part of that community. I am deeply grateful for Bill's lasting impact on preserving our natural environment. His work will continue to benefit the Madison community and will live on in those he inspired throughout his service to Dane County.

REMEMBERING CYNTHIA M. FERGUSON

Ms. ALSOBROOKS. Mr. President, I am honored to celebrate the life and legacy of Cynthia M. Ferguson, a distinguished public servant, accomplished attorney, dedicated advocate for environmental justice, and fellow Marylander, who unfortunately passed away on March 12 at the age of 58.

Ms. Ferguson dedicated more than 25 years to serving the American people at the U.S. Department of Justice with dedication and integrity. A graduate of Carnegie Mellon University and the Chicago-Kent College of Law at the Illinois Institute of Technology, Ms. Ferguson rose from honors trial attorney within the Environment and Natural Resources Division to leading the Department's first-ever Office of Environmental Justice during the Biden administration. In this role, she led efforts to ensure that all communities, particularly those historically overburdened by pollution, receive fair and equal protection under environmental laws.

Ms. Ferguson understood that environmental justice is not an abstract concept but a lived reality for families concerned about the air they breathe and the water they drink, and she dedicated her career to addressing those concerns. Her efforts and leadership made a meaningful difference in communities across the country and helped shape a more equitable approach to environmental protection.

I extend my condolences to her family, friends, and colleagues. Ms. Cynthia M. Ferguson's legacy of service, integrity, and commitment to justice will endure, and she will be greatly missed.

RECOGNIZING THE CENTENNIAL OF MESSMER HIGH SCHOOL

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, today I rise to recognize Messmer High

School in Milwaukee, WI, on their 100th anniversary. I am pleased to honor this organization and to commemorate this historic milestone.

Founded by Archbishop Sebastian Messmer in 1926 in the city of Milwaukee, Messmer High School was built on a vision of uniting Milwaukee's Catholic parishes and providing a high-quality education rooted in faith for the city's immigrant families. For the past 100 years, Messmer has been a cornerstone of education and opportunity in Milwaukee.

In the 1920s, Milwaukee was a diverse industrial city defined by established immigrant communities. There were large German, Polish, Italian, Mexican, and Eastern European immigrant populations throughout the city, many of which were working-class and low-income. Throughout its early years, led by the School Sisters of Notre Dame and the Capuchin Friars, Messmer quickly became a thriving center of academic excellence, spiritual formation, and community spirit.

Over the past century, Messmer has earned a reputation for its welcoming, family-like culture and a commitment to preparing students for both college and the trades. After the Great Depression and World War II, the school evolved with the changing landscape of Milwaukee to embrace new generations of students from diverse backgrounds. Messmer has become one of Milwaukee's most integrated Catholic high schools through its model of inclusion and faith in action.

In the 1980s, the archdiocese announced plans to close the school. However, a group of determined parents and alumni refused to let Messmer's mission die. This grassroots effort is deemed the "Messmer Miracle" and helped reopen the school while instilling a lasting sense of pride in the institution. Countless people and families have been shaped by Messmer over the past 100 years through the education it provides and the strong sense of community it fosters.

As we honor this significant milestone for Messmer High School, I am grateful for their continued education of Milwaukee's youth, and I look forward to its continued success in the years to come.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING NANCY COOK

● Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of former Delaware State Senator Nancy W. Cook, who passed away on March 23, 2026, at the age of 89. While she will be remembered for her extraordinary leadership in public office, Nancy was, above all, a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, trusted friend, and a steadfast pillar of her community. My thoughts are with her son Tom, daughter-in-law Beth, and all who knew and loved her.

Cook was a legendary and trail-blazing figure in Delaware politics. Born in Philadelphia, she grew up in New Castle County, where she became a proud graduate of William Penn High School. Soon after attending the University of Delaware, Senator Cook moved to Kent County and began her life of public service working in legislative hall in Delaware's capital city of Dover. Following the tragic passing of her beloved husband Allen in 1974, Nancy carried forward his legacy by stepping into his seat, representing Senate District 15 and the town of Kenton in the Delaware State Senate.

Over the next 36 years, Senator Cook served as a powerful force for effective and thoughtful leadership. She rose through the ranks to serve as senate majority whip, chairwoman of the senate highways and transportation committee, and the longest serving cochair of the joint finance committee. Her tenure was defined by a deep commitment to responsible economic development including strengthening the State's finances, cutting taxes, and championing long-term infrastructure projects that continue to benefit the State today.

Beyond the legislature, Senator Cook was deeply committed to preserving Delaware's rich history while shaping its future. She served on the Delaware Heritage Commission's Delaware Oral History Project and the Riverfront Development Corporation and was a champion for the preservation and restoration of Delaware's historic landmarks, including legislative hall itself.

Nancy Cook was a mentor for generations of Delaware public servants. I am personally grateful for her support and thoughtful guidance during some of the most challenging times in my own life. As the first Democratic and longest serving woman in the Delaware Senate, her legacy lives on through her decades of public service and through the countless lives she influenced, including my own. I will deeply miss her steadfast leadership, her thoughtful counsel, her quick wit, and her compassion for all Delawareans.

Today, I invite my colleagues to join me and the people of Delaware in honoring the outstanding life, service, and legacy of Nancy W. Cook.●

RECOGNIZING TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM

● Ms. ROSEN. Mr. President, it is my honor to rise today to pay tribute to Temple Beth Sholom of Las Vegas, as the synagogue and its members celebrate their 80th anniversary during 2026. In 1946, the first Jewish congregation was established in southern Nevada, meeting and worshipping at the Las Vegas Jewish Community Center. As the city of Las Vegas grew in the 1950s, so too did the Jewish community, leading to the construction of the first Temple building, which gave the community a new home to worship in. The congregation formally named it

Temple Beth Sholom. Now, 80 years later at its current location in Summerlin, Temple Beth Sholom remains a vibrant and active Jewish congregation hosting daily minyan services and weekly Shabbat services, as well as celebrating life cycle events throughout the year. Education is also a key pillar of Temple Beth Sholom's service to the community, with classroom learning for children of all ages, and active USY and Kadima youth programs as well. More importantly, Temple Beth Sholom serves the Las Vegas Jewish Community through hosting various educational and social events throughout the year, welcoming all of the southern Nevada community to participate.

To Rabbi Felipe Goodman, musical director DJ Sinai, board president Elliot Blut, and all of the Temple Beth Sholom congregation and team that keep it running, I join citizens across Nevada and the Nation in sending our sincere congratulations on 80 years of Temple Beth Sholom being a pillar of the Jewish community in southern Nevada and wish them many more years of success.●

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHANDLER SCHOOL

● Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. President, I rise today to celebrate the Chandler School's 75th anniversary in Pasadena, CA.

Chandler School was founded in 1950 by Thomas and Catherine Chandler with a small but visionary class of 15 students. This class established the foundation for educational excellence that has endured for three-quarters of a century. Since its relocation to the historic Amanda Drive campus in 1957, Chandler School has served as a pillar of the Pasadena and Foothills community, nurturing generations of students in an inclusive environment that is caring, challenging, and ever committed to delivering high quality education.

Chandler School has always remained steadfast in its mission to provide academically challenging education in a supportive, balanced, and diverse environment. Chandler School has empowered its students to continue on to be lifelong students, to continue to learn, think independently, work collaboratively, challenge one another, and contribute to their community.

As an institution, Chandler School's core values of respect, trustworthiness, responsibility, fairness, and empowerment are instilled in its students. By doing so, students and faculty are dedicated to diversity, equity, and inclusion, preparing students to become successful problem solvers, critical thinkers, and transformative leaders in an increasingly diverse and interconnected world.

The alumni of Chandler School are continuing to contribute meaningfully to the southern California region and beyond as thoughtful leaders and en-

gaged members of their communities. Alumni, staff, and current students are expected to embody the school's belief that "as much is given to us, much is expected from us." And I have been fortunate to have staff and interns in my office from Chandler. I commend the Chandler School for their 75 years of dedicated service to their students, families, and community.

I ask all Members to join me in celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Chandler School on April 18, 2026.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Mr. Hanley, one of his secretaries.

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

REPORT OF THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN PROCLAMATION 10371 OF APRIL 21, 2022, WITH RESPECT TO THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AND THE EMERGENCY AUTHORITY RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF THE ANCHORAGE AND MOVEMENT OF RUSSIAN-AFFILIATED VESSELS TO UNITED STATES PORTS—PM 58

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency declared in Proclamation 10371 of April 21, 2022, with respect to the Russian Federation and the emergency authority relating to the regulation of the anchorage and movement of Russian-affiliated vessels to United States ports, is to continue in effect beyond April 21, 2026.

The policies and actions of the Government of the Russian Federation continue to constitute a national emergency by reason of a disturbance or threatened disturbance of international relations of the United States. The denial of entry of any Russian-affiliated vessels into United States ports continues to be aligned with the foreign policy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is