

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractor will be Lockheed Martin Corporation in Bethesda, Maryland. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives in Iraq.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

#### TRANSMITTAL NO. 15-64

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

#### Annex Item No. vii

##### (vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

The Hellfire Missile is primarily an air-to-surface missile with a multi-mission, multi-target, precision-strike capability. The Hellfire can be launched from multiple air platforms and is the primary precision weapon for the United States.

The Captive Air Training Missile (CATM) is a training missile (Non-NATO) that consists of a functional guidance section coupled to an inert missile bus. The missile has an operational semi-active laser seeker that can search for and lock-on to laser-designated targets for pilot training, but it does not have a warhead or propulsion section and cannot be launched.

The highest level of classified information that could be disclosed by a proposed sale or by testing of the end item is SECRET. Information required for maintenance or training is CONFIDENTIAL. Vulnerability data, countermeasures, vulnerability/susceptibility analyses, and threat definitions are classified SECRET or CONFIDENTIAL. Release of detailed information to include discussions, reports and studies of system capabilities, vulnerabilities and limitations that lead to conclusions on specific tactics or other counter countermeasures (CCM) is not authorized for disclosure.

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.

A determination has been made that the Government of Iraq can provide substantially the same degree of protection as the U.S. Government for the information proposed for release.

#### REMEMBERING JUSTICE ANTONIN SCALIA

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I want to express my deepest sympathies to the Scalia family.

Justice Scalia was first and foremost a family man, beloved by his wife, 9 children, and 36 grandchildren.

Since 1986 he had served on the highest court in our land. He inspired deep loyalty among his many friends and his current and former clerks, who remember him for his sharp wit and intellect.

He was clearly a man who rose above ideological differences with his colleagues to forge deep friendships on the Court. That is a credit to him.

While I may have disagreed with him on matters of law and policy, we are united as Americans in sharing our condolences.

#### BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, in honor of the rich cultural heritage of the African-American community in Maryland and in memory of all the freedom fighters across the Nation, past and present, I am celebrating Black History Month by reexamining what this country still needs to do to guarantee that African Americans are not left behind when it comes to the issues that matter.

We are living right now in a world that is fighting for change on many levels, from social unrest in our cities, to expansive international crises. While the news may seem grim, there is also inspiration every day around the world as people come together to bring about the peaceful change that they are fighting for. There are peaceful protests for great social change, the next generation is volunteering and giving hope to their communities, and educational opportunities continue to grow for our youth around the world.

Reflecting on where we have been and where we are going, I recognize the immeasurable impact that Maryland African Americans have made to our culture and to the fight for equal rights for all. Benjamin Banneker, born in Catonsville, made scientific strides to help us understand the mysteries of nature. Harriet Tubman and Reverend Josiah Henson each led slaves to freedom through the Underground Railroad running through Maryland, defying the law and fighting for what was right. Isaac Myers became a labor leader, the first president of the Colored National Labor Union, and a cofounder of a cooperative shipyard and railway to provide African Americans with employment opportunities in Baltimore. Frederick Douglass was a dedicated and prolific civil rights activist and author. Explorer Matthew Henson co-discovered the North Pole and traversed the ends of the earth.

We certainly will never forget the esteemed Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, the first African-American Justice on the Court, who protected and fought for our rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. He fought for desegregation through the law throughout his long career, in particular arguing the *Brown v. Board of Education* case in front of the Supreme Court, on behalf of African-American schoolchildren across the U.S.

We honor those who came before us by continuing to fight for justice and equality today. That means the right laws, and it means the right education. That means fighting for economic justice, social justice, and criminal justice. We know that the best weapons against economic injustice is a good education. That is why I am fighting for public schools that families can count on because the quality of education your kids receive shouldn't depend on the zip code you live in. That is why I fought and continue to fight for early child care, which helps 1.5

million children, including 19,000 in Maryland, get ready for school. That is why I pushed to fund early education to help States implement high quality preschool programs and Head Start programs. That means college that is affordable and accessible. It is why I am fighting to simplify the application for student aid and expand Pell grants to make sure that students can pay for books next semester or rent next month. We fought for the American Opportunity Tax Credit so that parents could get a tax break for sending their kids to college—because a college education is part of the American dream, not part of a financial nightmare.

We look to our community and national leaders, like the NAACP, headquartered in Baltimore, to continue to lead the fight for equal rights. We look to our strong leaders in Maryland, like Freeman Hrabowski, the president of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, and Representative ELIJAH CUMMINGS, fighting tooth and nail every day for the citizens of Maryland's Seventh Congressional District.

With people like this to look up to, we are reminded of the abiding truth that each of us has the power to create a better world for ourselves and our children. So the battle is enjoined. As the great Martin Luther King, Jr., said, "Change does not roll in on the wheels of inevitability, but comes through continuous struggle. And so we must straighten our backs and work for our freedom." This is not about the past, and it is not only about the present, but it is also about the future.

I thank so many people and organizations around the Nation and in Maryland for all they do every day for our future. Remember, each of us can make a difference, but together we can make change.

Mr. SCOTT. Mr. President, as we celebrate Black History Month, we remember so many trailblazers. From William Flora's heroism during the American Revolution, to Frederick Douglass and Harriet Tubman, Rosa Parks and Dr. Martin Luther King, the contributions of Black Americans throughout our Nation's history are great. But they are not limited to the names and stories we all know—every family has their legend, their groundbreaker.

Growing up in North Charleston, SC, my granddaddy, Artis Ware, was my hero. He passed away last month at the age of 94, leaving our family saddened by his loss, but truly blessed by his life. I wanted to take this opportunity to share what my granddaddy meant to us, and how his legacy shows the true meaning of Proverbs 13:22—"A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children."

My granddaddy was born in 1921 in Salley, SC. He grew up picking cotton and left school after the third grade. He did not let the lack of a formal education hold him back though, and as he grew up, he moved to North Charleston