

millions of dollars. Bryant-Denny Stadium was also expanded from 84,000 to 101,821 seats.

His capital campaigns were highly successful. High-quality construction increased the size, beauty, and utility of the campus. In 2003 when Dr. Witt began his career in Tuscaloosa, student enrollment was 20,333. The incoming freshman class that year was 3,075. Total enrollment has since grown to 37,100, and in 2015, the incoming freshman class had 7,211 students, all the while raising academic scores.

During his tenure, Dr. Witt also contributed to the prestige of the University of Alabama School of Law. The law school has been consistently ranked in the top tier of law schools and is currently ranked 28th of all law schools, State and private, in the Nation by US News.

Dr. Witt's success has continued over these last 4 years in his time as chancellor of the University of Alabama System. As chancellor, he oversaw three university campuses, with a budget exceeding \$5 billion. In this position, Dr. Witt endeavored to strengthen the system's support for economic development. During this time, total enrollment and total faculty continued to grow.

Dr. Witt is chairman of the council of presidents of Alabama's public colleges and universities. His other leadership activities include the Governor's College & Career Ready Task Force; the American Cast Iron Pipe Company Board of Directors; the Alexis deTocqueville Executive Committee; and the Advisory Board, Elizabeth Project Care Board. He is past chairman of the Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama, a past member of the Tuscaloosa County IDA Board, and the Black Warrior Council Boy Scouts of America. In 2011, he was inducted into the Alabama Academy of Honor, which is comprised of 100 living Alabamians elected on the basis of service to the State.

On June 15, 2016, he was honored with a bronze statue on the Tuscaloosa campus's Presidential Village. Additionally, the dorms on the north side of campus and the activity center will be named in his honor. Upon his retirement, Dr. Witt plans to take a year-long sabbatical before returning to the university to teach at his honors college.

In light of these and all of his many accomplishments, I want to congratulate Dr. Witt on his outstanding career and to wish him the very best in his next endeavor. Dr. Witt's record of positive leadership at the University of Alabama must be recognized as perhaps the most successful in Alabama's history. Words fail to fully capture the enormity of his achievement. A fine, respected, and solid State university has been transformed. On behalf of the people of Alabama, let me express my appreciation.●

#### RECOGNIZING THE DELTA WORK READY ACADEMY

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, the Mississippi River Delta region is one of the poorest areas in the country, with vast economic development, education, and workforce training needs. Many people are struggling to maximize their professional potential and earning power due to a lack of resources and job opportunities. However, one community leader has dedicated himself to helping younger generations of Americans achieve success through a new, innovative education program designed to help them become productive members of the workforce. I would like to recognize Reverend James Smith and the Delta Work Ready Academy for their exemplary efforts to enrich communities through workforce training.

As a former truancy officer for Richland Parish schools, Reverend James Smith of Rayville, LA, was inspired to create Delta Work Ready Academy to help young Louisianians who need a second chance reach new levels of economic prosperity and professional excellence. Students participating in the program are often the ones who are barely passing or have dropped out of high school, and who are most in need of help. Through his experience, Reverend Smith has seen firsthand how teaching these young adults skills they need to succeed can break the cycle of poverty that has plagued many rural communities for decades.

The Delta Work Ready Academy allows students age 14 to 21 to gain useful and in-demand skills, such as carpentry and electrical training, in addition to "soft skills" like workplace behavior, punctuality, and teamwork. Students are paid minimum wage for the time it takes to complete the program and finish with an industry-based certification that will allow them to move into a high-paying job. Since the founding of the program, many companies have partnered with the Delta Work Ready Academy to bring young and energetic students into the workforce. I am confident that programs like Delta Work Ready Academy will help bridge the gap between Louisiana's rapid economic expansion and its struggle to provide the necessary number of skilled workers.

I appreciate and applaud the hard work and achievements of Reverend Smith and the Delta Work Ready Academy, and I would like to thank all of the folks who sacrifice their time to impact the lives of young Louisianians. I look forward to its continued growth and success.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

##### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 2015, the Secretary of the Senate, on July 19, 2016, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MESSER) has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 764. An act to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2893. An act to reauthorize the sound recording and film preservation programs of the Library of Congress, and for other purposes.

S. 3055. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a dental insurance plan to veterans and survivors and dependents of veterans.

S. 3207. An act to authorize the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped to provide playback equipment in all formats.

H.R. 2607. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7802 37th Avenue in Jackson Heights, New York, as the "Jeanne and Jules Manford Post Office Building".

H.R. 3700. An act to provide housing opportunities in the United States through modernization of various housing programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3931. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 620 Central Avenue Suite 1A in Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas, as the "Chief Petty Officer Adam Brown United States Post Office".

H.R. 3953. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4122 Madison Street, Elfers, Florida, as the "Private First Class Felton Roger Fussell Memorial Post Office".

H.R. 4010. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 522 North Central Avenue in Phoenix, Arizona, as the "Ed Pastor Post Office".

H.R. 4425. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 110 East Powerhouse Road in Colleeville, Minnesota, as the "Eugene J. McCarthy Post Office".

H.R. 4747. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6691 Church Street in Riverdale, Georgia, as the "Major Gregory E. Barney Post Office Building".

H.R. 4761. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 61 South Baldwin Avenue in Sierra Madre, California, as the "Louis Van Iersel Post Office".

H.R. 4777. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1301 Alabama Avenue in Selma, Alabama as the "Amelia Boynton Robinson Post Office Building".

H.R. 4877. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3130 Grants Lake Boulevard in Sugar Land, Texas, as the "LCpl Garrett W. Gamble, USMC Post Office Building".

H.R. 4904. An act to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to