

support through her work with the southwest chapter of the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation.

Dana lived life to the fullest—skiing, playing piano, creating art, and singing every chance she got. Dana's intelligence, brilliance, amazing sense of humor and wit, loving compassionate heart, and all-around remarkable soul will always be in the hearts and minds of her loving family and in those who had the fortune of knowing her.●

250TH ANNIVERSARY OF SANFORD, MAINE

● Mr. KING. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the city of Sanford, ME, on their 250th anniversary. As a southern Maine community, Sanford's residents have access to the countryside and a downtown area, while also being close to Maine's coastal communities. Sanford prides itself on being a business friendly community, and the economic growth council has promoted a plan for the future of business which includes greater development and revitalization of the city.

On February 27, Sanford began their year of celebration with a kick-off event in Central Park where residents had the opportunity to ice skate, drink hot chocolate, enjoy music performed by the high school chorus, and end the night with a fireworks show. The city has a year to celebrate this milestone and will do so through events focusing on community engagement and promotion of local business.

In 1661, William Phillips purchased land from two Native American leaders which would be called Phillipstown. The land was first inhabited in 1739, and in 1768, the residents of Phillipstown received town status. The Governor of Massachusetts chose the name for the new town, as Maine was a province of Massachusetts at the time. The name "Sanford" was chosen in honor of Peleg Sanford, the stepson of William Phillips, who served as Governor of Rhode Island. In Sanford, work in sawmills saw growth in the early 19th century, followed by development in agriculture and textiles. The establishment of Goodall Mills in the late 1860s attracted skilled workers from Canada and Europe. Looking forward to present day, Sanford achieved city status in January of 2013, making it the newest city in the State of Maine. Today Sanford is home to 21,000 residents that span residential areas and woodlands, including access to three different trail ways. In addition to enjoying the nature surrounding Sanford, the parks and recreation department also hosts a variety of events that meet the interests of all generations, including line-dancing, pickleball games, activities at the YMCA, and an annual Winterfest.

For its 250th anniversary, Sanford is celebrating this milestone with the design of a new anniversary logo, the creation of a commemorative coin, and a communitywide promotion to support

businesses in the city. With a history dating back to as early as 1661, the residents of Sanford have worked to develop and improve their community over time. This year the city will see the opening of a new combined high school and technical center designed to prepare students with the skills needed for the 21st century in area industries; the launch of a 50 MW solar array at the Seacoast Regional Airport which will be the largest solar project in Maine and the largest solar array on any airport in the United States; and the construction of SanfordNet Fiber, a 45-mile dark fiber extension to Maine's 3 Ring Binder high-speed internet system.

I would like to congratulate and celebrate with the citizens of Sanford on its 250th anniversary. I wish the city continued success and look forward to seeing the celebration of this milestone throughout the year.●

TRIBUTE TO DENNIS FRYE

● Mr. MANCHIN. Mr. President, today I wish to honor a prominent Civil War historian, whose work spans the globe as a lecturer, guide, and preservationist. Dennis Frye is the chief historian at Harpers Ferry National Park in my home State of West Virginia.

Born out of the fiery turmoil of the Civil War, the Mountain State was founded by courageous patriots who were willing to risk their lives and fortunes in a united pursuit of justice and freedom for all. As West Virginians, we take great pride in our history, and it is so important to instill this commitment to our values in the next generation. That is Dennis's legacy.

As a preservationist, Dennis is a co-founder and first president of the Save Historic Antietam Foundation and is also a cofounder and former president of the Civil War Trust. His lifetime achievements in the Civil War history community have earned him numerous awards and recognitions, including the Shelby Foote Award by the Civil War Trust and the Nevins-Freeman Award by the Civil War Roundtable of Chicago—the first and oldest Civil War roundtable.

Dennis has authored nearly 100 articles and 10 books and also helped produce the Emmy Award-winning television features about the Battle of Antietam, abolitionist John Brown, and Maryland during the Civil War. He has been published in countless prestigious Civil War magazines, including Civil War Times Illustrated, America's Civil War, Blue & Gray Magazine, North and South Magazine, and Hallowed Ground and has been featured as a guest contributor to the Washington Post. His book, "Harpers Ferry Under Fire," received the national book of the year award from the Association of Partners for Public Lands. "September Suspense: Lincoln's Union in Peril" was awarded the 2012 Laney Book Prize for distinguished scholarship and writ-

ing on the military and political history of the Civil War.

Dennis is a highly sought after tour guide, having worked with the Smithsonian, National Geographic, and numerous colleges and universities. He has a remarkable gift for storytelling and has certainly made history a favorite subject for countless students.

West Virginia is great because our people are great—Mountaineers who will always be free. In fact, when visitors come to West Virginia, I jump at the chance to tell them about our wonderful State. We have more veterans per capita than most any State in the Nation. We have fought in more wars, shed more blood, and lost more lives for the cause of freedom than most any State. We have always done the heavy lifting and never complained. We have mined the coal and forged the steel that built the guns, ships, and factories that have protected and continue to protect our country. I am so deeply proud of what our citizens have accomplished and what they will continue to accomplish in the days and years ahead.

Dennis has been a vital part of keeping the legacy of our State alive and inspiring the next generation to research, learn, and appreciate what makes West Virginia so special.

While he is retiring and everyone is sure to miss his strong leadership, Dennis's unwavering dedication passion for his work will leave a lasting legacy with the countless lives he has touched. I am sincerely grateful for his remarkable work and for showcasing our beautiful State to the rest of the Nation. I am deeply honored to wish good health and much happiness to Dennis and his family in the days and years ahead.●

TRIBUTE TO EVERETT LEE

● Mr. MANCHIN. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the legacy of a trail-blazing musician and conductor from beautiful Wheeling, WV: Everett Lee.

Everett has not only been witness to changes in the classical music industry in the last century, but he has been an integral part of the change as well. His story began while working at a hotel in Cleveland, OH, where he met the Cleveland Orchestra music director, Artur Rodzinski. The director, having already heard of Everett's remarkable talent, invited him to attend concerts on Saturdays. Rodzinski was a mentor to Everett and inspired him to continue his violin training and eventually enroll at the Cleveland Institute of Music.

Everett enlisted in the military of June 1943, serving as an aviation cadet at the Tuskegee Army Air Field. Following an injury in the military, Everett made his way to New York to serve in the orchestra for Broadway's "Carmen Jones," a reimagining of Bizet's opera with an all African-American cast. One evening, the conductor was unable to attend a performance, and

Everett stepped up to fill the role, a move that launched his talent and professionalism into the spotlight.

In 1945, Everett served as the music director of "On the Town," a groundbreaking show for having an integrated cast. Still, despite his success, Everett faced adversity and was once advised against auditioning for a seat in the New York Philharmonic. Many thought the South would not yet embrace him either. His response was to aim even higher and pursue an even more challenging career path as a conductor. In 1947, he founded the Cosmopolitan Symphony, which became famous for its inclusion of all ethnicities and backgrounds.

In time, Everett was invited by national and international symphonies to conduct, including the Louisville Symphony, which in 1953 made Everett the first African-American to lead a major symphony orchestra in the U.S. South. He went on to break even more barriers and rise above any challenge that came his way. Conducting an acclaimed New York City Opera production of "La Traviata" in 1955 made him the first African-American to conduct a professional grand opera in the United States.

Deciding that he would find better opportunities outside of America, Everett and his family moved to Germany in 1957. He held the position as chief conductor of the Norrköping Symphony Orchestra in Sweden for a decade. In 1976, he conducted the New York Philharmonic for the first time. It was a concert in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., which was particularly fitting; both men held the ideal that they could embody the change they wanted to see in the world and created opportunities for those who wanted to follow in their footsteps.

Time and time again, sheer talent and strength of character have transcended societal obstacles. It is because of individuals such as Everett Lee that countless musicians, regardless of their background or ethnicity, have pursued their dreams.

On his 100th birthday, the Mayor of Wheeling designated August 31 as "Everett Lee Day" so we could all celebrate his extraordinary talent and strength of character. We are truly blessed to have such an international treasure as a part of our West Virginia family. Again, it is a great honor and privilege to recognize his many accomplishments, and I wish him and his family the very best.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Ridgway, 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.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:16 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 831. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 West Pike Street in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, as the "Police Officer Scott Bashium Post Office Building".

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1209. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 901 N. Francisco Avenue, Mission, Texas, as the "Mission Veterans Post Office Building".

H.R. 2673. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 514 Broadway Street in Pekin, Illinois, as the "Lance Corporal Jordan S. Bastean Post Office".

H.R. 3183. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13683 James Madison Highway in Palmyra, Virginia, as the "U.S. Navy Seaman Dakota Kyle Rigsby Post Office".

H.R. 4406. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 99 Macombs Place in New York, New York, as the "Tuskegee Airmen Post Office Building".

H.R. 4646. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1900 Corporate Drive in Birmingham, Alabama, as the "Lance Corporal Thomas E. Rivers, Jr. Post Office Building".

H.R. 4685. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 515 Hope Street in Bristol, Rhode Island, as the "First Sergeant P. Andrew McKenna Jr. Post Office".

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 12:36 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3656. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a consistent eligibility date for provision of Department of Veterans Affairs memorial headstones and markers for eligible spouses and dependent children of veterans whose remains are unavailable.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1209. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 901 N. Francisco Avenue, Mission, Texas, as the "Mission Veterans Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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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-4485. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Sean B. MacFarland, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4486. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the continuation of the national emergency originally declared in executive order 13288 on March 6, 2003, with respect to the actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Zimbabwe and other persons to undermine Zimbabwe's democratic processes or institutions; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4487. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency originally declared in Executive Order 13692 on March 8, 2015, with respect to Venezuela; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4488. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency originally declared in Executive Order 13660 on March 6, 2014, with respect to Ukraine; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4489. A communication from the Program Specialist (Paperwork Reduction Act), Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Annual Stress Test—Technical and Conforming Changes" (RIN1557-AE28) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 5, 2018; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4490. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch,