

waged battle on a number of social issues plaguing distressed communities, including increased funding for education, jobs, housing, healthcare, and combatting infant mortality and lack of access to affordable housing.

As the first Black chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, Ron forcefully advocated peace through diplomacy and disarmament in the midst of debates on the Vietnam war and excessive military spending. Ron also became a vocal opponent against LGBTQ discrimination in the military. A co-founder of the Congressional Black Caucus, Ron advocated passionately to end American support for the apartheid regime in South Africa, eventually sponsoring legislation to bring forth economic sanctions and divestment by American companies and U.S. citizens.

In 1998, Ron left Congress and remained active as a local and national civil rights leader. His departure from public service, however, was short lived, and in 2007, Ron was elected mayor of the city of Oakland in the midst of our Nation's worst economic recession since the Great Depression. As mayor, Ron secured a record number of Federal grants for the city of Oakland, supporting major infrastructure projects, including port developments at the Oakland Army Base and public transportation wins for California's East Bay.

Ron was a dear friend, trailblazer, and champion for civil and human rights, whose service and dedication to the United States will forever be cherished and remembered. His legacy will continue to inspire past, present, and future Members of Congress who dare to fight for what is right in the face of political unpopularity and resounding odds.

We wish every Californian and those whose lives were touched by Ron peace during this difficult time, especially his wife, Cynthia, and his children, Michael, Pamela, Piper, Brandon, and Erik.

45TH ANNIVERSARY OF MEXICAN FIESTA

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Mexican Fiesta as it celebrates 45 years of bringing the culture and taste of Mexico to Milwaukee, WI. Mexican Fiesta offers Wisconsin's Hispanic community the opportunity to preserve its cultural identity and celebrate its colorful traditions. I am so pleased to honor this Wisconsin organization and to commemorate this significant milestone.

What began in 1973 as a Mexican Independence Day street festival on Milwaukee's south side has now become one of the region's largest festivals honoring Hispanic heritage. The festival grew so rapidly that it was moved to the mammoth Henry Maier Festival Park just 4 short years after its founding, where it has been held since 1977. Today, nearly 85,000 people attend this wonderful event every year,

which contributes an estimated \$8.5 million to Milwaukee's annual economy.

Mexican Fiesta honors Hispanic culture and showcases the beauty of Mexico's rich history, art, music, and food, but it is more than just a cultural celebration. The festival also provides an important gateway to a college education for young Hispanics. Mexican Fiesta has heightened the significance of its celebration by serving as the main fundraiser for the Wisconsin Hispanic Scholarship Foundation, Inc., and by highlighting the scholarship recipients during the festivities. In addition to its scholarships, the foundation also works to improve the standard of living in the Hispanic community, train its leaders, and preserve and honor Hispanic traditions. The foundation has awarded more than \$1.3 million in scholarships and nearly \$500,000 in grants to nonprofit organizations since it was founded in 1987.

Wisconsin's Hispanic population increased by 95 percent from 2000 to 2015, growing to nearly 7 percent of the State's population. This was the most rapid rise among any major ethnic group in the State. While many Hispanic Wisconsinites reside in the southeastern corner of the State, it is important that we embrace Hispanic culture throughout the great State of Wisconsin. Mexican Fiesta serves as an important reminder of the social and economic benefits of a diverse community in Wisconsin and throughout our Nation.

We in Wisconsin owe a debt of gratitude to the organizers of Mexican Fiesta for sharing the vibrant traditions and respected values of their Hispanic heritage. That they take this time-honored celebration one step further by investing in the future success of the next generation makes this festival all the more meaningful. I am honored to recognize the 45th anniversary of Mexican Fiesta and look forward to many more successful fiestas in the years to come.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING ELZA R. TUCKER

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, today I wish to honor Elza Tucker, a World War II veteran who dedicated his life to serving his community and country.

Elza Richard Tucker was born July 13, 1918. Born and raised in the Lowell, AR, area, Tucker was passionate about his community and demonstrated that through his decades of selfless service.

He enlisted in the Army in 1941, where he served with the 2nd Armored Division, "Hell on Wheels," under the command of General George S. Patton. He first set foot in France on Omaha Beach in Normandy 3 days after the initial D-day landing.

He recalled his first days in combat with local media in 2016 when he was presented the French Legion of Honor,

France's highest honor for military service. "The Germans were coming from the back of me and I could see them and I set a big barn on fire so I could see them as they came through," he said. He shared how he used a machine gun to defend his fellow soldiers in that same battle.

Tucker also saw combat in Africa, the invasion of Sicily, and the Rhineland campaign. For his service, he was awarded the Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal, Presidential Unit Emblem, Croix de Guerre, American Defense Service Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and WWII Victory Medal.

His commitment to service continued long after he left military life. He poured his heart and devotion into his faith and his beloved town, earning him the affectionate nickname "Mr. Lowell." Tucker served faithfully at his church, First Baptist Church of Lowell, as both a deacon and Sunday school teacher. His resume includes elected offices on the Benton County Quorum Court and the city council, as well as civil roles as a rural route mail carrier and post master of Lowell. He also volunteered with the Lowell Fire Department and was a member of the Lowell Planning Commission. In order to preserve the history of the community he so dearly loved and served, he established the Lowell Historical Museum.

The community grew to know and love Tucker, honoring him in 2004 when Elza R. Tucker Elementary and Middle School opened in nearby Rogers.

Tucker never let old-age slow him down, either. He was a familiar face at the Lowell Historical Museum, where he served as a greeter until June 30, 2017, and he also spent much time at the Lowell branch of Arvest Bank, handing out popcorn to customers.

Sadly, Tucker passed away on July 30, 2018, at the age of 100.

A member of the "greatest generation," who spent his life in service to the community, Elza Tucker was a true neighbor, friend, and humanitarian. I extend my sincere condolences to his family and friends, and I hope that they find comfort in the incredible legacy of he leaves behind. ●

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND RICHARD PRICE

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, today I wish to congratulate and recognize Rev. Richard Price on 40 years of ministry in Arkadelphia, AR. This is a tremendous milestone, and I join with many others in extending my sincere thanks and appreciation to Reverend Price for his faithful service over so many years.

Reverend Price was born in Barberton, OH, and also lived in Frankfort, IN, growing up. He went on to attend Apostolic Bible College and, upon graduating, began an evangelistic ministry where he preached revivals over the course of 5 years.

Price—or “Brother Price” as he is affectionately known—married Debbie Rutledge of Pine Bluff, AR, and the family moved to Arkadelphia in 1978. He is currently the pastor of the Pentecostal Church of Arkadelphia.

The Prices have four children and seven grandchildren. They are loving, devoted parents and grandparents, in addition to being leaders within their congregation and in the Arkadelphia community. I am grateful they have answered the call placed on their lives to serve their friends and neighbors by faithfully preaching, teaching, and shepherding their church for so many years.

Again, I would like to say congratulations to Reverend Price, his wife, Debbie, and their entire family and congregation on a legacy of ministry, faithfulness, and service that now spans four decades. This truly is a special milestone that is worth celebrating and rejoicing over.

I wish Reverend Price blessings and success in his ministry and pray he continues to be used to reach people with the message of the Gospel.●

TRIBUTE TO LISA MALOFF

● Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. Mr. President, today I recognize Mrs. Lisa Maloff, of Zephyr, NV, on the grand opening of the Lisa Maloff University Center at Lake Tahoe Community College. On August 16, 2018, members of the Lake Tahoe community will come together for a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The facility will help Californians and Nevadans alike achieve their goal of obtaining a 4-year college degree.

Upon moving to Lake Tahoe in 1958, Lisa hoped to complete a teaching credential and give back to her community through public service. Unfortunately, the closest 4-year institution was the University of Nevada, Reno. The geographic isolation of the Tahoe Basin’s mountainous terrain, sometimes unpredictable weather, and travel time forced Lisa to defer her dream of teaching and stymied her educational goals. Some of these challenges persist today, especially for the area’s working students with families. Now, with the opening of the Lisa Maloff University Center, through partnership with nearby universities, the dreams of a 4-year college degree will become a reality to scores of students in the Lake Tahoe Basin.

This center is one of many philanthropic contributions by Mrs. Lisa Maloff and her husband, Robert Maloff, and adds to the lore that has earned her the moniker of Angel of Tahoe. Mrs. Maloff has been a strong supporter and advocate for a variety of Lake Tahoe causes, including Barton Memorial Hospital, the Boys and Girls Club of Lake Tahoe, the Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District, George Whittell High School, and Tahoe Youth & Family Services. Her passion for improving services, programs, and the quality of life in the Lake Tahoe com-

munity is commendable and serves as a great example to all Nevadans.

Today, I celebrate the many contributions of Mrs. Lisa Maloff to the Lake Tahoe Basin community and her work to enhance the opportunities for all young Nevadans to succeed and thrive. It is with pride that I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Lisa Maloff for her generous philanthropy, her commitment to education, and her efforts to change outcomes for people in the Lake Tahoe Basin.●

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

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 Committee on Armed Services.

(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 3, 2017, the Secretary of the Senate, on August 3, 2018, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MESSER) had signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 770. An act to require the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to disseminate guidance to help reduce small business cybersecurity risks, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2345. An act to require the Federal Communications Commission to study the feasibility of designating a simple, easy-to-remember dialing code to be used for a national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system.

H.R. 5515. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2019 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5554. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize user fee programs relating to new animal drugs and generic new animal drugs.

H.R. 6414. An act to amend title 23, United States Code, to extend the deadline for promulgation of regulations under the tribal transportation self-governance program.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2017, the enrolled bills were signed on August 3, 2018, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. CORNYN).

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on August 3, 2018, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 770. An act to require the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to disseminate guidance to help reduce small business cybersecurity risks, 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-6145. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Titanium dioxide; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance” (FRL No. 9980-39) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2018; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6146. A communication from the Administrator of the Livestock and Poultry Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Referendum Procedures Under the Sorghum Promotion, Research, and Information Order and the Lamb Promotion, Research, and Information Order, Removal of Obsolete References” ((7 CFR Parts 1221 and 1280) (Docket No. AMS-LPS-17-0052)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2018; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6147. A communication from the Administrator of the Specialty Crops Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Salable Quantities and Allotment Percentages for the 2018-2019 Marketing Year” ((7 CFR Part 985) (Docket No. AMS-SC-17-0073; SC18-985-1 FR)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2018; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6148. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Sustainment), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Fiscal Year 2017 Operational Energy Annual Report”; to the Committees on Appropriations; and Armed Services.

EC-6149. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Joseph E. Tofalo, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6150. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Provision of Early Intervention Services to Eligible Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities and Their Families, and Special Education Children with Disabilities within the Section 6 School Arrangements” (RIN0790-AJ92) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 1, 2018; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6151. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the