

Israel, and South Africa. She is a widely recognized community leader and has received numerous awards and accolades. In July 2002, for instance, Pastor Browning was inducted as an honorary member into Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. In 2006, she received an honorary doctor of divinity degree from AME University in Monrovia, Liberia. In 2007, she was honored to preach Spelman College's Baccalaureate Ceremony, where she served on the Spelman College Sisters Chapel Wisdom Center Executive Board. In 2016, she became a member of the board of trustees at Wesley Theological Seminary, and in 2017, she accepted the request to serve on the Board of RISE TOGETHER: The National Mentorship Network for Women of Color in Ministry, WOCIM.

Pastor Browning has also organized and convened over 30 annual women's spiritual retreats, attracting thousands of participants from throughout the United States and around the world. She self-published her first book, "Our Savior, Our Sisters, Ourselves. Biblical Teachings & Reflections on Women's Relationships," in 2006. The book provides teachings that explore the realities of being a Black woman, wife, mother, and minister. It is designed to empower and bless women as they continue on their own journeys of faith. Her second book, "Faithful, Focused and Fearless: Lessons to Fortify Your Future," was released June 2009.

The Brownings are the proud parents of Grainger Browning III, a 2008 graduate of Morehouse College, and Candace Davis, a 2008 graduate of Hampton University and current graduate student at Howard University. They are the proud grandparents of Grainger Browning IV and Kaylah Browning and Imani Davis.

The story of Ebenezer AME Church is much like the Parable of the Mustard Seed. When Grainger and Jo Ann Browning arrived at Ebenezer AME in 1983, the church had a membership of 17 people and an annual budget of \$12,000. Under the Brownings' inspired leadership, the membership now exceeds 8,000 people, and the church has an annual budget of \$10 million. Ebenezer AME Church has over 100 different ministries dedicated to serving the spiritual, educational, political, social, economic, health, and recreational needs of the community. For nearly 30 years, the Ebenezer AME Church family has donated nearly \$2 million in scholarships to high school graduates and returning college students. Ever mindful of the multitude of spiritual and physical needs, Ebenezer AME Church's future plans include the development of a school, family life center, and senior citizen complex. The Brownings and Ebenezer AME Church continue to strive to be a source of help and inspiration within the walls of the church and throughout the community.

I am proud to celebrate the Brownings' 35th anniversary at Ebenezer

AME Church this Sunday. I call upon all of my Senate colleagues to join me in congratulating the Reverend Dr. Grainger Browning, Jr., and his wife, the Reverend Dr. Jo Ann Browning, for their extraordinary leadership and dedicated service to their parishioners, the surrounding community, and all of humankind.●

#### REMEMBERING AUBREY MCGINNIS

● Ms. DUCKWORTH. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the life of Aubrey McGinnis.

Aubrey was born on December 26, 1960, and passed away on Saturday, March 18, 2017.

Aubrey joined the U.S. Army in 1981, serving the Illinois Army National Guard for 22 years and retiring as a chief warrant officer 4 pilot.

During his service, Aubrey graduated from the Illinois Institute of Technology, where he earned a bachelor's of science degree in electrical engineering in 1986. After working for a few years at Amoco, he earned an additional degree in aviation technology at Vincennes University on a Tuskegee Airman Scholarship. Aubrey then pursued his lifelong passion to fly commercially with, first, Comair, Inc., and later with United Airlines as an airline pilot.

As a loving husband to Ericka McGinnis and devoted father, Aubrey enjoyed being a provider and spiritual guide to his beautiful family.

Aubrey was a dear friend to many, and he left a profound mark on the lives of all those he loved and met. He was a quiet voice of reason and wisdom, and I am proud to stand here today and honor his legacy.●

#### TRIBUTE TO LOUISE ABERCROMBIE

● Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Louise Abercrombie, a woman who has worked diligently serving the people of Oklahoma through her journalism career for 50 years.

Louise began her career with the Ponca City News, gathering city briefs, walking almost 30 blocks a day. This hard work eventually led her to cover obituaries and religion and then the chamber of commerce beat and politics.

Louise covered all aspects of community news in her career, becoming widely known for her accurate reporting and keen research skills. She has interviewed six Oklahoma Governors, covered five Presidents, many international leaders, and several Members of Congress. I personally had the privilege of working with her when she covered a countless number of my fly-ins over the years.

I want to thank Louise Abercrombie on her years of service and wish her well in her retirement. Well done, Louise.●

#### 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 Committee on Armed Services.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

##### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2017, the Secretary of the Senate, on September 13, 2018, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 994. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for the protection of community centers with religious affiliation, and for other purposes.

##### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2017, the Secretary of the Senate, on September 14, 2018, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 589. An act to establish Department of Energy policy for science and energy research and development programs, and reform National Laboratory management and technology transfer programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1109. An act to amend section 203 of the Federal Power Act.

H.R. 5895. An act making consolidated appropriations for Energy and Water Development, the Legislative Branch, Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:25 p.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 bills, without amendment:

S. 97. An act to enable civilian research and development of advanced nuclear energy technologies by private and public institutions, to expand theoretical and practical knowledge of nuclear physics, chemistry, and materials science, and for other purposes.

S. 2946. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify the meaning of the terms "act of war" and "blocked asset", and for other purposes.

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