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## Senate

The third day of January being the day prescribed by the Constitution of the United States for the annual meeting of the Congress, the Senate assembled in its Chamber at the Capitol for the commencement of the 1st session of the 116th Congress and at 12:04 p.m. was called to order by the Vice President (Mr. PENCE).

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, we honor Your Name. From You comes the help we need to face life's challenges and setbacks. Guide our lawmakers. Lead them through the turbulence to the destination of Your choosing. May they hold on to Your firm hand, finding in Your radiance the ability to transform bitterness, disappointment, and failure into redemptive opportunities.

Lord, make our Senators increasingly the kind of people whom You can use as instruments of Your purposes for humanity. Bless the incoming Senators of this 116th Congress with Your wisdom and might.

We pray in Your sovereign Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair lays before the Senate the certificates of election of 33 Senators elected for 6-year terms beginning on January 3, 2019, one certificate of election to fill an unexpired term and one certificate of appointment. All certificates, the Chair is advised, are in the form suggested by the Senate or contain all the essential requirements of the form sug-

gested by the Senate. If there be no objection, the reading of the certificates will be waived, and they will be printed in full in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD as follows:

#### STATE OF WISCONSIN CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR A SIX-YEAR TERM

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November 2018, Tammy Baldwin was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Wisconsin a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January 2019.

Witness: His excellency our governor Scott Walker, and our seal hereto affixed at Madison this 6th day of December 2018.

By the Governor:

SCOTT WALKER,  
Governor.

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

#### WYOMING

#### CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November 2018, John Barrasso was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Wyoming, a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January 2019.

Witness: His Excellency our governor, Matthew H. Mead, and our seal hereto affixed at the Wyoming State Capitol, Cheyenne, Wyoming, this 14th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2018.

By the Governor:

MATTHEW H. MEAD,  
Governor.

EDWARD A. BUCHANAN,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

#### THE STATE OF TENNESSEE

#### CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November, 2018, Marsha Blackburn was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Tennessee a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the

United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3d day of January, 2019.

Witness: His excellency our governor Bill Haslam, and our seal hereto affixed at Nashville this 6th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2018.

By the Governor:

BILL HASLAM,  
Governor.

TRE HARGETT,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

#### THE STATE OF INDIANA

#### CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR A SIX-YEAR TERM

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the sixth day of November, 2018, Mike Braun was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Indiana a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2019.

Witness: His excellency our governor Eric J. Holcomb, and our seal hereto affixed at Indianapolis, this twenty-ninth day of November, in the year of our Lord, 2018.

By the Governor:

ERIC HOLCOMB,  
Governor.

CONNIE LAWSON,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

#### THE STATE OF OHIO

#### CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR A SIX-YEAR TERM

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November 2018, Sherrod Brown was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Ohio a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2019.

Witness: His excellency our governor, and our seal hereto affixed at Columbus, Ohio, this 7th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2018.

By the Governor:

JOHN R. KASICH,  
Governor.

JON HUSTED,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

#### STATE OF WASHINGTON

#### CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that at the General Election held in the state of Washington on the

● This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.



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6th day of November, 2018, Maria Cantwell was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the state of Washington as United States Senator from the state of Washington to represent the state of Washington in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2019.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor Jay Inslee, and our seal hereto affixed at Olympia, Washington this 4th day of December, 2018.

By the Governor:

JAY INSLEE,  
Governor.

KIM WYMAN,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF MARYLAND

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November, 2018 Ben Cardin was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Maryland a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2019.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor Larry Hogan and our seal hereto affixed at the City of Annapolis, this 12th day of December, in the Year of Our Lord 2018.

By the Governor:

LARRY HOGAN,  
Governor.

JOHN C. WOBENSMITH,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF DELAWARE

To all persons to whom these presents shall come, Greetings:

Whereas, an election was held in the State of Delaware, on Tuesday, the sixth day of November, in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen, that being the Tuesday next after the first Monday in said month, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the State of Delaware, in that behalf, for the purpose of choosing by ballot a Senator for the people of said State in the United States Senate for the term of six years commencing January 3, 2019.

And Whereas, the official certificates or returns of said election, held in the several counties of the said State, in due manner made out, signed and executed, have been delivered to me according to the laws of the said State, by the Superior Court of said counties; and having examined said returns, and enumerated and ascertained the number of votes for each and every candidate or person voted for, for United States Senate, I have found Thomas R. Carper to be the person highest in vote, and therefore duly elected and chosen United States Senator of this State.

I, The Said John C. Carney, Governor aforesaid, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of the General Assembly of this State in that behalf, do hereby, therefore, declare, make known and certify that the said Thomas R. Carper has received the highest vote at the election aforesaid and therefore is the legally elected United States Senator for the State of Delaware.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the said State, at Wilmington, the 29th day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen and in the year of the Independence of the United States of America two hundred forty-three.

By the Governor:

JOHN C. CARNEY,  
Governor.

JEFFREY W. BULLOCK,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the sixth day of November, 2018, Bob Casey, Jr. was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a United States Senator to represent Pennsylvania in the Senate of the United States for a term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, 2019.

Witness: His excellency our Governor, Tom Wolf, and our seal hereto affixed at Harris-

burg this seventeenth day of December, in the year of our Lord, 2018.

TOM WOLF,

Governor.

ROBERT TORRES,

Acting Secretary of the  
Commonwealth.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November 2018, Kevin Cramer was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of North Dakota a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January 2019.

In witness whereof, we have set our hands in the Capitol City of Bismarck this 16th day of November 2018 and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Dakota.

DOUG BURGUM,  
Governor.

ALVIN A. JAEGER,  
Secretary of State.

PENNY MILLER,  
Clerk of the Supreme  
Court, Member State  
Canvassing Board.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF TEXAS

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX YEAR TERM

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November, 2018, Ted Cruz was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Texas, a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2019.

Witness: His excellency our governor Greg Abbott, and our seal hereto affixed at Austin, Texas this 3rd day of December, in the year of our Lord 2018.

By the Governor:

In testimony whereof, I have hereto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of the State of Texas to be affixed at my office in the City of Austin, Texas, this the 3rd day of December, 2018.

GREG ABBOTT,  
Governor.

ROLANDO B. PABLOS,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

*To the President of the Senate of the United States of America:*

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November, 2018, Dianne Feinstein was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of California as a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2019.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 14th day of December, 2018.

EDMUND G. BROWN, JR.,  
Governor of Cali-  
fornia.

ALEX PADILLA,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF NEBRASKA

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX YEAR TERM

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November 2018, Deb Fischer was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Nebraska, a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2019.

Witness: His excellency our governor Pete Ricketts, and our seal hereto affixed at Lincoln, Nebraska this 3rd day of December, in the year of our Lord 2018.

By the governor:

PETE RICKETTS,  
Governor.

JOHN A. GALE,

Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF NEW YORK

*To the President of the Senate*

This is to certify that on the sixth day of November, two thousand eighteen, Kirsten E. Gillibrand duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of New York a Senator from said State to represent the State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, two thousand nineteen.

Witness: His excellency our Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, and our seal hereto affixed at Albany, New York, this nineteenth day of December in the year two thousand eighteen.

By the Governor:

ANDREW M. CUOMO,  
Governor.

ROSSANA ROSADO,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF MISSOURI

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November, 2018, Josh Hawley was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Missouri a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2019.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor Michael L. Parson, and our seal hereto affixed at the City of Jefferson this 11th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2018.

By the Governor:

MICHAEL L. PARSON,  
Governor.

JAY ASHCROFT,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that Martin T. Heinrich was duly and regularly elected in accordance with the law to the office of the United States Senator at the General Election held in the State of New Mexico on the 6th day of November 2018 to represent said state in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January 2019.

In testimony whereof, We have hereunto set our hands and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of New Mexico, this 27th day of November 2018.

SUSANA MARTINEZ,  
Governor.

JUDITH NAKAMURA,  
Chief Justice of the  
New Mexico Supreme  
Court.

MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF HAWAII

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the sixth day of November, 2018, Mazie Hirono was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Hawaii a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning at noon on the third day of January, 2019.

Witness: His excellency our governor, David Y. Ige, and our seal hereto affixed at Honolulu this twenty-sixth day of November, in the year of our Lord 2018.

By the Governor:

DAVID Y. IGE,  
Governor.

SCOTT T. NAGO,  
Chief Election Officer.

[State Seal Affixed]

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November, 2018, Timothy M. Kaine was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the Commonwealth of Virginia a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2019.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor Ralph S. Northam, and our seal hereto affixed at Richmond, Virginia this 11th day of December, in the year of our Lord, 2018.

RALPH S. NORTHAM,  
Governor of Virginia.

KELLY TOMASSON,  
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF MAINE

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the sixth day of November, in the year Two Thousand and Eighteen, Angus S. King, Jr. was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Maine, a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, in the year Two Thousand and Nineteen.

Witness: His excellency our Governor, Paul R. LePage, and our seal hereto affixed at Augusta, Maine this fourth day of December, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Eighteen.

By the Governor:

PAUL R. LEPAGE,  
Governor.

MATTHEW DUNLAP,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF MINNESOTA

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the sixth day of November, 2018, Amy Klobuchar was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Minnesota a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3d day of January, 2019.

Witness: His excellency our governor Mark Dayton, and out seal hereto affixed at Saint Paul, Minnesota this 14th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2018.

By the Governor:

MARK DAYTON,  
Governor.

STEVE SIMON,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the sixth day of November, 2018, Joseph Manchin, III was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of West Virginia a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years beginning on the third day of January, 2019.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor, Jim Justice, and our seal hereto affixed at Charleston this eleventh day of December, in the year of our Lord 2018.

By the Governor:

JIM JUSTICE,  
Governor.

MAC WARNER,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF ARIZONA

CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that pursuant to the power vested in me by the Constitution of the United States and the laws of the State of Arizona, I, Douglas A. Ducey, the governor of said State, do hereby appoint Martha McSally a Senator from said State, effective at noon on January 3rd, 2019, to represent

said State in the Senate of the United States until the vacancy therein caused by the death of John Sidney McCain III, is filled by election as provided by law.

Witness: His excellency our governor Douglas A. Ducey, and our seal hereto affixed at Phoenix, Arizona this 2nd day of January in the year of our Lord 2019.

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS A. DUCEY,  
Governor.

MICHELLE REAGAN,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the sixth day of November, 2018, Robert Menendez, was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of New Jersey, a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, 2019.

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this third day of December two thousand and eighteen.

By the Governor:

PHIL MURPHY,  
Governor.

TAHESHA WAY,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the sixth day of November, two thousand and eighteen Christopher S. Murphy was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Connecticut a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning, on the third day of January two thousand and nineteen.

Witness: His Excellency our Governor: Dannel P. Malloy and our seal hereto affixed at Hartford, this twenty-eighth day of November, in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.

DANNEL P. MALLOY,  
Governor.

DENISE W. MERRILL,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF UTAH

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX YEAR TERM

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the day of November 6, 2018, Mitt Romney was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Utah a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3d day of January, 2019.

Witness: His excellency our governor Gary R. Herbert, and our seal hereto affixed at Salt Lake City, Utah this 6th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2018.

By the Governor:

GARY R. HERBERT,  
Governor.

SPENCER J. COX,  
Lieutenant Governor.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF NEVADA

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

*To the President of the Senate of United States:*

This is to certify that at a general election held in the State of Nevada on Tuesday, the sixth day of November, two thousand eighteen Jacky Rosen was duly elected a Member of the United States Senate in and for the State of Nevada, for a term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, 2019.

Now, therefore, I Brian Sandoval, Governor of the State of Nevada, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws thereof, and do hereby Commission her, the said Jacky Rosen, as a Member of the United States Senate, and authorize her to discharge the duties of said office according to

law, and to hold and enjoy the same, together with all powers, privileges and emoluments thereunto appertaining.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol at Carson City, Nevada on this 4th day of December, two thousand eighteen.

BRIAN SANDOVAL,

Governor of the State of Nevada.

BARBARA K. CEGAVSKE,  
Secretary of the State of Nevada.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF VERMONT

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November, 2018, Bernard Sanders was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Vermont to be a Senator from Vermont to represent Vermont in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2019.

Witness my name hereunto subscribed and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont hereunto affixed at Montpelier this 3rd day of December, 2018.

PHILIP B. SCOTT,  
Governor.

JAMES C. CONDOS,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF FLORIDA

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the day of November 6, 2018, Rick Scott was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Florida a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2019.

Witness: His excellency our governor, Rick Scott, and our seal hereto affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 20th day of November, in the year of our Lord 2018.

By the Governor:

RICK SCOTT,  
Governor.

KEN DETZNER,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF ARIZONA

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the day of November 6, 2018, Kyrsten Sinema, was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Arizona a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2019.—

Witness: His excellency our Governor Douglas A. Ducey, and our seal hereto affixed at Phoenix, Arizona, this 4th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2018.

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS A. DUCEY,  
Governor.

MICHELLE REAGAN,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF MICHIGAN

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November, 2018, Debbie Stabenow was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Michigan a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January, 2019.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the state of Michigan this 28th day of November, in the year of the Lord, Two Thousand Eighteen.

By the Governor:

RICK SNYDER,  
Governor.



RUTH A. JOHNSON,  
*Secretary of State.*

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF MONTANA

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM  
*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November 2018, Jon Tester, was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Montana a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January 2019.

Witness: His excellency our governor Steve Bullock and our seal hereto affixed in the City of Helena, Montana, this 7th day of December in the year of our Lord 2018.

By the governor:

STEVE BULLOCK,  
*Governor.*  
COREY STAPLETON,  
*Secretary of State.*

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF MINNESOTA

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR UNEXPIRED TERM

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the sixth day of November, 2018, Tina Smith was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Minnesota a Senator for the unexpired term ending at noon on the 3d day of January, 2021, to fill the vacancy in the representation from said State in the Senate of the United States cause by the resignation of Al Franken.

Witness: His excellency our governor Mark Dayton, and our seal hereto affixed at Saint Paul, Minnesota this 14th day of December, in the year of our Lord 2018.

By the Governor:

MARK DAYTON,  
*Governor.*  
STEVE SIMON,  
*Secretary of State.*

[State Seal Affixed]

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the sixth day of November, two thousand and eighteen, Elizabeth A. Warren was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts a Senator from said Commonwealth to represent said Commonwealth in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the third day of January, two thousand and nineteen.

Witness: His Excellency the Governor, Charles D. Baker, and Our Great Seal hereto affixed at Boston, this twenty-eight day of November in the year of Our Lord two thousand and eighteen.

By His Excellency the Governor:

CHARLES D. BAKER,  
*Governor.*  
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN,  
*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX YEAR TERM  
*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November 2018, Sheldon Whitehouse was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January 2019.

Witness: Her Excellency our Governor Gina M. Raimondo, and our seal affixed on this 20th day of November 2018.

By the Governor:

GINA M. RAIMONDO,  
*Governor.*  
NELLIE M. GORBEA,

*Secretary of State.*

[State Seal Affixed]

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION FOR SIX-YEAR TERM  
*To the President of the Senate of the United States:*

This is to certify that on the 6th day of November 2018, Roger F. Wicker was duly chosen by the qualified electors of the State of Mississippi a Senator from Mississippi to represent Mississippi in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning on the 3rd day of January Two Thousand Nineteen.

Given under my hand, and our seal affixed hereto, at the City of Jackson, this the 12th day of December in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Eighteen.

PHIL BRYANT,  
*Governor of the State of Mississippi.*  
C. DELBERT HOSEMAN,  
JR.,  
*Secretary of State.*

[State Seal Affixed]

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE

The VICE PRESIDENT. If the Senators to be sworn in will now present themselves at the desk in groups of four as their names are called in alphabetical order, the Chair will administer the oath of office.

The clerk will read the names of the first group.

The legislative clerk called the names of Ms. BALDWIN of Wisconsin, Mr. BARRASSO of Wyoming, Mrs. BLACKBURN of Tennessee, and Mr. BRAUN of Indiana.

The Senators, escorted by Mr. KOHL, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. CORKER, and Mr. YOUNG, respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President; the oath prescribed by law was administered to them by the Vice President; and they severally subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations, Senators.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will read the names of the second group.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Ms. CANTWELL of Washington, Mr. CARDIN of Maryland, and Mr. CARPER of Delaware.

The Senators, escorted by Mr. PORTMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. HOYER, and Mr. COONS, respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President; the oath prescribed by law was administered to them by the Vice President; and they severally subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will now read the names of the third group.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. CASEY of Pennsylvania, Mr. CRAMER of North Dakota, Mr. CRUZ of Texas, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN of California.

The Senators, escorted by Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. CORNYN, and Ms. HARRIS, respectively, advanced to the

desk of the Vice President; the oath prescribed by law was administered to them by the Vice President; and they severally subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will now read the name of the fourth group of Senators.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mrs. FISCHER of Nebraska, Mrs. GILLIBRAND of New York, Mr. HAWLEY of Missouri, and Mr. HEINRICH of New Mexico.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. CORNYN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. FLAKE respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President; the oath prescribed by law was administered to them by the Vice President; and they severally subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will now read the names of the fifth group of Senators.

The legislative clerk called the names of Ms. HIRONO of Hawaii, Mr. KAINE of Virginia, Mr. KING of Maine, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR of Minnesota.

These Senators, escorted by Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WARNER, Ms. COLLINS, and Ms. SMITH respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President; the oath prescribed by law was administered to them by the Vice President; and they severally subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will now read the names of the sixth group of Senators.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. MANCHIN of West Virginia, Ms. MCSALLY of Arizona, Mr. MENENDEZ of New Jersey, and Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut.

These Senators, escorted by Mrs. CAPITO, Mrs. ERNST, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President; the oath prescribed by law was administered to them by the Vice President; and they severally subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

The VICE PRESIDENT. The clerk will now read the names of the seventh group of Senators.

The legislative clerk called the names of Mr. ROMNEY of Utah, Mrs. ROSEN of Nevada, Mr. SANDERS of Vermont, and Ms. SINEMA of Arizona.

These Senators, escorted by Mr. HATCH, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. FLAKE respectively, advanced to the desk of the Vice President; the oath prescribed by law was administered to them by the Vice President; and they severally subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations.

(Applause, Senators rising.)