

one that overlooked or ignored their needs, making it impossible for many to work or even to get to work, impossible to go to school or to lead the normal lives they deserved.

She saw discrimination, and she refused to call it anything else, refusing to stop fighting until disability issues weren't just relegated to the doctor's office, weren't just treated as medical matters, but were recognized as civil rights.

So she spoke out. She chained herself to public buses to demand wheelchair lifts. She fought for fair housing and founded Access Living, which she built into one of the leading disability rights groups in the country. She wheeled herself to the front of the Capitol Building, got down out of her chair and, one stair at a time, crawled up its 83 steps, demanding that Congress give Americans with disabilities the basic rights the Constitution promised. She set up camp outside GOP offices to fight against cuts to Medicaid, letting herself get arrested because that is what it took.

In the process, she reframed how this country thought about our rights. As she famously said, "My wheelchair wasn't too wide for the doors. The doors were too narrow for my wheelchair." Through all her work over all these decades, she didn't just widen the doors. She opened ones that had previously been closed to all of us who happen to be in a chair.

No one used to think about how we couldn't get from sidewalk to street when there wasn't a curb cut. No one used to question the fact that we couldn't climb onto the bus or get down to the subway.

Marca changed all that. She refused to accept a status quo that didn't accept all of us. She saw us, she fought for us, and she made our voices heard.

Her work, her friendship, her activism meant so much to me. It is the reason I am here in the Senate today, and it is the reason I will keep fighting tomorrow.

My thoughts are with all of Marca's loved ones. Thank you for sharing your mother, your wife, your sister with the rest of us. We will continue her legacy. We will keep widening those doors, unblocking them, crashing through them if need be, just as Marca would have wanted. Doing everything we can to bring about that more fair, more just, more accessible world that she worked so hard for, for so long.

Thank you.●

#### TRIBUTE TO JULIUS EISENSTEIN

● Mr. SCOTT of Florida. Mr. President, I would like to recognize the 100th birthday of Julius Eisenstein who was born on October 13, 1919, in Tomaszow Mazowiecki, Poland. I am honored to have the opportunity to speak about Julius's remarkable life today.

Living in Poland during the Holocaust, Julius was abruptly taken from his home and forced into the Tomaszow

Mazowiecki Ghetto from 1940 to 1943. From the ghettos, he was then transported all over Eastern Europe. Between May 1943 and April 1945, he was interned in the Blizyn Labor Camp and four other concentration camps. In April, Julius was finally liberated from Dachau by the U.S. Army. Julius and his brother Jacob survived the Holocaust.

After he was liberated, Julius lived in Munich for some time. He married his wife Phyllis in 1947. Julius moved to New York in 1950, where he owned and operated numerous businesses. Julius now permanently resides in Florida. Julius and his wife have two children, Tobi and Fred. Julius's wife Phyllis passed away in 2017.

Julius has been an active speaker for the Holocaust Documentation and Education Center, Inc., where he has touched the lives of so many. Sharing Julius's story is so important as we seek to educate our children and future generations about the atrocities of the past and stand together against all forms of hate, evil and violence.

The Holocaust is a stark reminder that evil and hate exist in this world. Even today, we must remain ready to confront this hatred and bigotry in all forms. Every generation must heed the call to take action in the face of evil; this is the Holocaust's enduring lesson of mankind.

Julius has lived through unspeakable horror and has dedicated his life to educating and inspiring those around him. Our memory of all those who suffered must never weaken, and we must always fight against hate. I am honored to wish Julius a happy birthday, and I wish him continued happiness with his family, friends, community, and loved ones.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:20 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1632. An act to require a strategy for engagement with Southeast Asia and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

H.R. 2229. An act to waive the passport fees for first responders proceeding abroad to aid a foreign country suffering from a natural disaster.

H.R. 2327. An act to direct the Secretary of State to provide assistance to civil society organizations in Burma that work to secure the release of prisoners of conscience and political prisoners in Burma, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3190. An act to authorize humanitarian assistance and impose sanctions with respect to human rights abuses in Burma, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following joint resolution was discharged from the Committee on Armed Services by unanimous consent:

S.J. Res. 54. Joint resolution relating to a national emergency declared by the President on February 15, 2019.

We, the undersigned Senators in accordance with Chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, hereby direct that the Senate Committee on Finance be discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 52, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Health and Human Services relating to "State Relief and Empowerment Waivers," and further, that the resolution be placed upon the Legislative Calendar under General Orders.

Sincerely,

Mark R. Warner, Joe Manchin, Debbie Stabenow, Richard J. Durbin, Angus King, Dianne Feinstein, Charles Schumer, Tammy Baldwin, Patty Murray, Mazie Hirono, Kirsten E. Gillibrand, Martin Heinrich, Jon Tester, Brian Schatz, Maggie Hassan, Catherine Cortez Masto, Chris Coons, Ben Cardin, Tina Smith, Tom Carper, Jack Reed, Tim Kaine, Maria Cantwell, Gary C. Peters, Ed Markey, Amy Klobuchar, Robert Menendez, Tammy Duckworth, Michael F. Bennet, Jacky Rosen, Jeanne Shaheen, Sherrod Brown, Chris Murphy, Richard Blumenthal, Patrick Leahy, Ron Wyden, Kyrsten Sinema.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1632. An act to require a strategy for engagement with Southeast Asia and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 2229. An act to waive the passport fees for first responders proceeding abroad to aid a foreign country suffering from a natural disaster; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 2327. An act to direct the Secretary of State to provide assistance to civil society organizations in Burma that work to secure the release of prisoners of conscience and political prisoners in Burma, and assistance to current and former prisoners of conscience and political prisoners in Burma, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 3190. An act to authorize humanitarian assistance and impose sanctions with respect to human rights abuses in Burma, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### 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-2636. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2-Phenoxyethanol; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9996-66) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 20, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2637. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cyclaniliprole; Pesticide Tolerance"