

TRIBUTE TO CADEN DARROW

• Mr. ROUNDS. Mr. President, today I rise to recognize Caden Darrow, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all the hard work he has done on behalf of myself, my staff, and the State of South Dakota.

Caden is a graduate of Rapid City Central High School in Rapid City, SD. He is currently pursuing bachelor of science in political science at Arizona State University. Caden is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience and has been a true asset to the office.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Caden for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO CARTER DYKSTRA

• Mr. ROUNDS. Mr. President, today I rise to recognize Carter Dykstra, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all the hard work he has done on behalf of myself, my staff, and the State of South Dakota.

Carter is a graduate of Platte High School in Platte, SD, and South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD. He is currently pursuing his master of business administration degree through the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, SD. Carter is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience and has been a true asset to the office.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Carter for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL ALLEN LAMB

• Mr. TILLIS. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Lt. Col. Allen Lamb, a retired Air Force pilot from the great State of North Carolina, for his many years of service to his country as a combat pilot and the important role he played in the development of U.S. Air Force tactics.

Lt. Col. Allen Lamb selflessly dedicated 20 years of his life to serving his country in the United States Air Force. During his service, he saw combat during both the Korean war and Vietnam war, while piloting a variety of aircraft from propeller-driven heavy bombers to the most advanced jet fighters of the era. Lieutenant Colonel Lamb had an uncanny ability of surviving the mid-air accidents that occurred on a few of the many combat and training missions that he participated in, and he is notable for successfully ejecting from four-engine, three-engine, and two-engine airplanes at different points during his career. From protecting his B-26 bomber as a tail gunner from Soviet MIG pilots over Korea, to being distinguished as the first American pilot to successfully de-

stroy North Vietnamese surface to air missile—SAM—sites in an F-100 Super Sabre fighter jet, Lieutenant Colonel Lamb's Cold War service consisted of many hazardous and diverse assignments.

Although it is difficult to narrow all of the spectacular and death-defying accomplishments of Lieutenant Colonel Lamb's career down to one specific achievement, his participation in the first "Wild Weasel" strike against a North Vietnamese SA-2 SAM site is particularly notable for the significant influence it had on future Air Force tactics. In 1965, early in the Vietnam War, the U.S. Air Force was losing a considerable number of planes during the strategic bombing campaign in North Vietnam due to the effectiveness of deadly Soviet-supplied SA-2 SAMs that were strategically scattered throughout the country. As a result, the Air Force developed a daring solution to counter the SAM threat that involved using agile F-100 Super Sabre and F-4 Phantom fighter jets to detect and suppress the missile launching sites. The innovative Air Force mission" was soon given the name "Wild Weasel" because the anti-SAM mission was reminiscent of the way a hunting ferret enters the den of its prey to kill it.

In late 1965, Lieutenant Colonel Lamb was given command of leading the first Wild Weasel mission, Wild Weasel I. On this mission, which took place just over 50 kilometers from the North Vietnamese capital Hanoi, Lieutenant Colonel Lamb and his navigator Jack Donovan flew extremely low on multiple strafing runs and were successful in destroying a SA-2 SAM site that was not previously known to exist. Both men were awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross by the Air Force for their efforts. Lieutenant Colonel Lamb respectfully declined receiving the Silver Star award when he was offered it because his crewman Jack Donovan was not also included. Wild Weasel I demonstrated that the Wild Weasel project was an effective method of identifying and eliminating enemy SAM capabilities, and it was essential in saving the lives of American bomber pilots as they continued to conduct missions over North Vietnam until 1973. Lieutenant Colonel Lamb completed the first, second, and third Wild Weasel kills during the war, and the tactics he was instrumental in developing during the Wild Weasel missions are still utilized in modern Air Force operations to suppress enemy air defenses.

As a U.S. Senator, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and a North Carolinian, I am pleased to recognize and honor Lt. Col. Allen Lamb for his impressive career of military service, his critical role in the development of U.S. Air Force tactics, and his steadfast commitment to our country.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Ms. Roberts, one of his secretaries.

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO SERIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSE AND CORRUPTION THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13818 OF DECEMBER 20, 2017—PM 40

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days before the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13818 of December 20, 2017, is to continue in effect beyond December 20, 2019.

The prevalence and severity of human rights abuse and corruption that have their source, in whole or in substantial part, outside the United States, continue to threaten the stability of international political and economic systems. Human rights abuse and corruption undermine the values that form an essential foundation of stable, secure, and functioning societies; have devastating impacts on individuals; weaken democratic institutions; degrade the rule of law; perpetuate violent conflicts; facilitate the activities of dangerous persons; undermine economic markets; and continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13818 with respect to serious human rights abuse and corruption.

DONALD J. TRUMP.

THE WHITE HOUSE, December 18, 2019.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 9:48 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:

H.R. 722. An act to designate a mountain in the State of Utah as “Miracle Mountain”.

H.R. 2548. An act to modify eligibility requirements for certain hazard mitigation assistance programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2726. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit smoking on Amtrak trains.

H.R. 3530. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enforce the licensure requirements for medical providers of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

H.R. 4183. An act to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on disability and pension benefits provided to members of the National Guard and members of reserve components of the Armed Forces by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4719. An act to amend the Federal share of the fishing safety standards grants.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 722. An act to designate a mountain in the State of Utah as “Miracle Mountain”; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1768. An act to reauthorize subtitle G of title VII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, relating to diesel emissions reduction, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 2548. An act to modify eligibility requirements for certain hazard mitigation assistance programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2726. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit smoking on Amtrak trains; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 3530. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enforce the licensure requirement for medical providers of the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 4183. An act to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on disability and pension benefits provided to members of the National Guard and members of reserve components of the Armed Forces by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 4719. An act to amend the Federal share of the fishing safety standards grants; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 397. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to create a Pension Rehabilitation Trust Fund, to establish a Pension Rehabilitation Administration within the Department of the Treasury to make loans to multiemployer defined benefit plans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1759. An act to amend title III of the Social Security Act to extend reemployment services and eligibility assessments to all claimants for unemployment benefits, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4018. An act to provide that the amount of time that an elderly offender must serve before being eligible for placement in home detention is to be reduced by

the amount of good time credits earned by the prisoner, 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-3564. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Gary J. Volesky, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3565. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment to the Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance (Purpureocillium lilacinum (synonym *Paecilomyces lilacinum*) strain 251-FFDCA)” (FRL No. 10002-01-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3566. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Flutianil; Pesticide Tolerances” (FRL No. 10002-71-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3567. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Fenpropathrin; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions” (FRL No. 10001-86-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3568. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Marine Diesel Engine Emission Standards; Amendments Related to Global Marine Fuel” (FRL No. 10003-29-OAR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3569. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “New Hampshire: Final Approval of State Underground Storage Tank Program Revisions, Codification, and Incorporation by Reference” (FRL No. 10003-06-Region 1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3570. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; AK; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2015 Ozone Standard” (FRL No. 10003-25-Region 10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3571. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Air Plan Approval; AK; 2015 Ozone Interstate Transport Requirements” (FRL No. 10003-24-Region 10) received in the Office

of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3572. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Revenue Ruling: 2019 Base Period T-Bill Rate” (Rev. Rul. 2019-27) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 17, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3573. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Interim Amendment Deadline for 401(k) Hardship Distributions” (Rev. Proc. 2020-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 17, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3574. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Foreign Tax Credit Guidance Related to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, Overall Foreign Loss Recapture, and Foreign Tax Redeterminations” (RIN1545-BP19) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 17, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3575. A communication from the Case Officer, Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Regular Rate under the Fair Labor Standards Act” (RIN1235-AA24) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2019; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-171. A petition from a citizen of the State of Texas relative to potential employers and salary disclosure; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HOEVEN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 2365. A bill to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to authorize urban Indian organizations to enter into arrangements for the sharing of medical services and facilities, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116-180).

By Mr. RISCH, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title and with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 260. A resolution recognizing the importance of sustained United States leadership to accelerating global progress against maternal and child malnutrition and supporting the commitment of the United States Agency for International Development to global nutrition through the Multi-Sectoral Nutrition Strategy.

By Mr. RISCH, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 482. A bill to strengthen the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, to combat international cybercrime, and to impose additional sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation, and for other purposes.