

## ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

## TRIBUTE TO TROY WAYMAN

• Mr. CASSIDY. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate the CEO and president of One Acadiana, 1A, Troy Wayman, and the entire 1A organization for the distinguished honor of becoming an accredited economic development organization, AEDO. 1A has joined the ranks of only 66 economic groups in the world to earn the AEDO standing.

In 2015, the Greater Lafayette Chamber of Commerce's board of directors ventured out to create an organization that would embody its longstanding mission—to be the leading force in the improvement of the business environment as well as the economic health and development of the region. Over the last 5 years, 1A has grown to more than 800 investors, members, and partners while serving the 9-parish Acadiana region. After a yearlong process, 1A was recognized and was awarded as an AEDO, cementing its place among the best of the best in the industry.

Being honored and recognized by the International Economic Development Council, IEDC, as an AEDO speaks volumes to who they are as an organization. The dedication and passion that drives these members is a testament to their organization and speaks volumes to all of Louisiana. Congratulations, One Acadiana, on becoming an AEDO. I look forward to witnessing what the future holds for 1A and the entire Acadiana region.●

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM GASTON  
CAPERTON III

• Mr. MANCHIN. Mr. President, it is a great privilege of mine to rise and honor the legacy of one of the most influential, generous, and inspiring West Virginians I have ever had the pleasure of calling a dear friend: William Gaston Caperton III. My friend Gaston turns 80 years young on February 21, 2020, and it is an honor to celebrate his legacy with my fellow West Virginians.

It would be difficult to find anyone as knowledgeable or dedicated to our home State as Gaston. The son of Eliza and William Gaston Caperton, Jr., Gaston was born and raised with his sister, Cary, in our home State's capital, Charleston. I have always said there is no greater accomplishment in the world than to be in a position to give back to the community you love, that made you who you are. That is what made Gaston the wonderful, inspiring, and generous person he was. After attending Episcopal High School in Alexandria, VA, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Gaston returned home to join the family business. Under his leadership, the McDonough-Caperton Insurance Group became the 10th largest privately owned insurance brokerage firm in the United States. Along the way, he

owned and operated a bank and a mortgage company.

The people of the home State that Gaston and I share have an exceptional can-do spirit, a neighborly love that is unrelenting, and are grounded by the same core principle: to help others be the best they can be. That is Gaston's legacy as a public servant and as a leader. After a successful business career in finance and insurance, Gaston was elected as West Virginia's 31st Governor in 1988 and quickly revolutionized West Virginia's education system. During the 8 years of his administration, the average teacher salary went from 49th in the Nation to 31st. He launched one of the country's earliest and most comprehensive basic skills computer initiatives, as well as invested more than \$800 million into building, modernizing, and improving school facilities throughout the State. He also conducted an aggressive program of international trade missions to promote the export of West Virginia products. Gaston's focus on investing in the future paid off, adding almost 90,000 jobs between 1989 and 1997, lowering the unemployment rate to its lowest level in 17 years, and increasing total investment by new and expanded businesses by more than \$3.9 billion.

Throughout the years, we bonded over our passion for public service, for inspiring the next generation of leaders, and we share the common goal of helping the rest of the country discover all that West Virginia has to offer. Gaston left office in 1997 and spent 2 years teaching at Harvard and Columbia Universities before becoming the eighth president of the College Board in 1999. As president, he helped transform the century-old institution into a mission-driven, student-first operation promoting college success and opportunity for all Americans. During his 13 years of leadership, the College Board touched the lives of students in nearly 27,000 high schools and colleges, promoted the importance of writing by adding a writing section to the SAT, and doubled the number of students succeeding in Advanced Placement. Gaston's leadership also renewed the organization's focus on education in a globalized marketplace by initiating a new series of AP world language and culture course, as well as embarking on a historic education exchange program with China.

During his more than 20 years in government and education, Gaston chaired the Democratic Governor's Association and the Southern Regional Education Board, participated in the executive committee of the National Governors Association, received 10 honorary doctoral degrees, and has been presented with numerous awards, including the 1996 Computerworld Smithsonian Award for his tireless efforts to introduce technology into the classroom, the 2007 James Bryant Conant Award for his significant contributions to the quality of education in the United States and the 2012 Policy Maker of the

Year by the National Association of School Boards of Education.

After retiring from the College Board in 2012, Gaston moved back to his hometown and served on the board of directors of a variety of U.S. corporations. He has two sons, Gat and John, and is the proud grandfather of Eliza, Katie, Evie, Ella, and Genavieve.

I can't speak enough to what a good-hearted, wonderful person he truly is. I always think of Gaston as true renaissance man; no matter the circumstances, he kept a cool head and a warm demeanor, always able to discern the most honorable path forward. He has always been one of West Virginia's most proud representatives, no matter where life has taken him. Again, it is a privilege to join the people of the Mountain State in celebrating Gaston Caperton's life and legacy and to wish him a very happy 80th birthday.●

## 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 appropriate committees.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE  
RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENTENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS  
SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2019, the Secretary of the Senate, on February 14, 2020, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bills and joint resolutions:

S. 375. An act to improve efforts to identify and reduce Governmentwide improper payments, and for other purposes.

S. 394. An act to amend the Presidential Transition Act of 1963 to improve the orderly transfer of the executive power during Presidential transitions.

S. 2107. An act to increase the number of CBP Agriculture Specialists and support staff in the Office of Field Operations of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and for other purposes.

S.J. Res. 65. Joint resolution providing for the reappointment of John Fahey as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

S.J. Res. 67. Joint resolution providing for the reappointment of Risa Lavizzo-Mourey as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

H.R. 504. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Department of Homeland Security to develop an engagement strategy with fusion centers, and for other purposes.