

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO DR. PHOEBE STEIN

• Mr. CARDIN. Madam President, I would like to take a few moments to thank and congratulate Dr. Phoebe Stein for her lifetime commitment to advancing the humanities. At the end of this week, Phoebe will leave her post as the executive director at Maryland Humanities, a position she has held for more than 11 years. But Maryland's loss is the Nation's gain. Effective May 1, Phoebe will succeed Esther Mackintosh as president of the Federation of State Humanities Councils. The federation is the national member association of the 56 State and jurisdictional humanities councils. The Federation's purpose is "to provide leadership, advocacy, and information to help members advance programs that engage millions of citizens across diverse populations in community and civic life." I can't think of anyone better suited for the job.

Phoebe, a Maryland native, arrived at Maryland Humanities in 2008 after serving as the director of public affairs at the Illinois Humanities Council, now called Illinois Humanities. She received her B.A. in English from the University of Michigan and her M.A. and Ph.D. in English from Loyola University of Chicago.

Phoebe has effectively advocated for the humanities at the local, State, and Federal level for more than 20 years. Even though Phoebe became executive director at Maryland Humanities at the beginning of the Great Recession, she managed to expand the council's partnerships, programs, staff, financial support and other resources, and, most importantly, its reach. She hosted a radio spot, "Humanities Connection," while advancing several of the council's flagship programs, including Maryland History Day, Museum on Main Street, and One Maryland One Book. The organization now offers more than 1,000 free events annually in partnership with more than 500 organizations in more than 150 communities statewide.

Phoebe has brought Maryland History Day winners to meet with their elected representatives at the Maryland State House and here at the U.S. Capitol. She helped to foster a responsive environment following the death of Freddie Gray in 2015 and launch a Humanities Fund for Baltimore. She introduced student authors to author Chimamanda Ngozi Adiche at One Maryland One Book events in 2017. Through it all, Phoebe has been a joyful and indefatigable advocate, coming up to the Hill or to Annapolis to lobby or traveling throughout Maryland to bring the humanities to the people. In 2016, "The Daily Record" rightfully recognized Phoebe as one of Maryland's Top 100 Women.

The National Endowment for the Humanities, NEH, provides funding to State humanities councils through

NEH's Federal/State Partnership Office. The councils also receive funding from private donations, foundations, corporations, and from the States themselves. This year, we will celebrate the 55th anniversary of the NEH's creation. On September 29, 1965, President Lyndon Johnson signed the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act into law. The act called for the creation of the NEH and the National Endowment for the Arts, NEA, as separate, independent agencies. More than 200 people filled the Rose Garden for the bill signing ceremony, including Gregory Peck, Dumas Malone, Ansel Adams, Ralph Ellison, Walter Gropius, and Paul Mellon.

President Trump's fiscal year 2021 budget request once again tentatively proposes to terminate the NEH, the NEA, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. In previous years, Congress has ignored these proposals, and I am optimistic we will do so again this year. I would note that Federal funding for the NEH peaked in 1994 in nominal terms at \$177.5 million; in inflation-adjusted terms—2019 dollars—Federal funding peaked in 1979 at nearly three times its current level.

On a per capita basis, Federal funding for the NEH amounts to less than the cost of a single postage stamp. That is a rather paltry investment since, as author and essayist Mark Slouka wrote in his book, "Essays from the Nick of Time: Reflections and Refutations," "[T]he humanities are a superb delivery mechanism for what we might call democratic values." He went on to say:

The case for the humanities is not hard to make, though it can be difficult—to such an extent have we been marginalized, so long have we acceded to that marginalization—not to sound either defensive or naive. The humanities, done right, are the crucible in which our evolving notions of what it means to be fully human are put to the test; they teach us, incrementally, endlessly, not what to do, but how to be. Their method is confrontational, their domain unlimited, their "product" not truth but the reasoned search for truth, their "success" something very much like Frost's momentary stay against confusion.

Phoebe Stein understands how important the humanities are to our individual, collective, and civic well-being. While we Marylanders will miss her at Maryland Humanities, all Americans are fortunate that she will be heading the federation, where her passionate advocacy will extend beyond Baltimore, the Eastern Shore, and the Cumberland Narrows to redound to the benefit of people and communities across our Nation.●

REMEMBERING ANTHONY J. MAY

• Mr. CASEY. Madam President, today I wish to honor the distinguished life and career of Anthony J. May, who passed away on January 20, 2020.

Tony worked for more than 30 years as a political strategist and journalist,

leaving his mark on Pennsylvania politics. He used his deep knowledge of Pennsylvania history to assist many in trying to find the best way forward, including during his time as executive director of the Pennsylvania Democratic Party. He served as the communications director and press secretary for my father, Governor Robert P. Casey, as well as press secretary for Governor Milton J. Shapp and as communications director under House Speakers K. Leroy Irvis and James J. Manderino. Most recently, he worked at Triad Strategies, a communications and public relations firm in Harrisburg, as Partner Emeritus.

Tony also served the public as a journalist and political analyst for various newspapers in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and New Jersey, and as an editor for the Associated Press. In these roles, in addition to being past chair of the Pennsylvania Public Television Network, he worked tirelessly to keep the public informed and to support journalists and journalism wherever and whenever he could.

Tony was a legend in Pennsylvania for decades, and his legacy will be felt for years to come. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Betsy; his children, Crispin, Amy, and Cybele; his five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and all of Tony's family and friends as they mourn his loss.●

RECOGNIZING THE WEST FARGO
PACKATAHNAS

• Mr. CRAMER. Madam President, the West Fargo, ND, dance team, the Packatahnas, has returned home from the National Dance Team Competition in Florida as national high kick champions.

This comes after winning championship titles competing this year with the Class A Large Varsity schools in North Dakota. It is always cause for celebration when students bring home a championship title, but this year's award is one of several the team has won.

After more than eight high kick first place finishes at the State level in the past 25 years, the Packatahnas were back-to-back national champions in 2006 and 2007. Now 14 years later and after finishing ahead of 22 other national teams, it has been especially meaningful for these teammates to place another trophy in the school's award case.

The passion, dedication, and time the Packatahnas devote to their dance team season rival that of other high school student athletes. For several hours every day, they first work to develop their routines. Then it is practice, practice, and more practice until they are ready for competition.

At their side throughout this year was their coach, Shayla Pennick, whom they credit for her commitment to them in this successful season. Shayla knows the thrill they feel as champions because she competed with

the team when the Packatahnas finished at the top 14 years ago. She deserves recognition and thanks for sharing her time and talents to help another team go as far as her high school team did.

Madam President, I join the West Fargo High School, the city of West Fargo, and the rest of North Dakota in congratulating these talented Packatahnas for finishing their season as champions. They are an inspiration to all of us by demonstrating the good that can come from combining a passion for excellence with plenty of hard work.●

TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN JEREMY WHITE

● Mr. RISC. Madam President, when you do nuclear theory research and classified national security work, you need a world-class protective security force to protect materials, facilities, information, and people. Fortunately, Idaho National Laboratory, INL, has a world-class protective force, Pro Force, as was recently affirmed through the presentation of the Colonel Sydnor Memorial Award.

Each year, the Colonel Sydnor Memorial Award recognizes an exceptional participant in the Composite Adversary Team—CAT—Program, which trains members of Pro Force teams across the Department of Energy's nuclear security complexes to act as attackers in simulated force-on-force exercises that test the strength of each lab's Pro Force team. This year, that recognition was given to INL Pro Force captain Jeremy White. White has an expansive career in law enforcement, including time as a juvenile detention officer and a deputy officer in adult corrections. Along with his duties as Pro Force captain, White also serves as Bingham County reserve deputy and is a member of the Special Tactics and Response—STAR—team, a multijurisdictional SWAT team. Before being presented the award, White was described as an individual who demonstrates "excellence in the areas of character, ability to motivate others, physical fitness, tactical skills and teamwork" by April Stephenson, Deputy Director for Department of Energy's Office of Enterprise Assessments.

As a member of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, I am honored to represent people like Jeremy White who are so dedicated to protecting the energy resources of Idaho. Congratulations to Jeremy and to all the members of INL's Pro Force team. You make Idaho proud, and I wish for your continued success in the Pro Force field.●

RECOGNIZING TALLY MAC SHACK

● Mr. RUBIO. Madam President, as chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize a small business that exemplifies the American entre-

preneurial spirit at the heart of our country. It is my privilege to recognize a Florida small business that not only creates a delicious product, but dedicates time, effort, and money to serving its community. This week, it is my pleasure to honor Tally Mac Shack of Tallahassee, FL, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Despite having a graduate degree in criminology from Florida State University and a job with a State agency, when the opportunity arose, Justo Cruz jumped at the chance to pursue his entrepreneurial dream. After attending a mac-and-cheese fest in 2017, Justo was inspired to create comfort food with a gourmet twist. Creating social media accounts and a logo, Justo started Tally Mac Shack that same day. He traded in his 2006 Nissan Armada for an old Frito-Lay delivery truck, converting it into the original Tally Mac Shack food truck, where he experimented with his mac-and-cheese creations.

On October 1, 2017, Tally Mac Shack debuted at a food-tasting event and sold out within 2 hours. Two-and-a-half years later, Tally Mac Shack is 30 employees strong, boasts two food trucks, two brick-and-mortar locations, and has established a strong catering presence in the Tallahassee area. Partnering with his alma mater, Justo established a brick-and-mortar location on FSU's campus and a concession stand in its football stadium.

Since its inception, Tally Mac Shack has emphasized the importance of community service. The business has partnered with local agencies and organizations to support a variety of causes, including Hurricane Michael disaster relief and the Down Syndrome Association of Florida. They have also supported the Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare Cancer Center, the Kearney Center for the Homeless, and Fort Braden Middle School. During its summer nonprofit program, Tally Mac Shack donates a portion of its profit and a free visit from one of its food trucks to a local organization. Participating groups include Big Bend Hospice, Alzheimer's Project, Inc., Habitat for Humanity, and the local Humane Society. Additionally, Justo recently announced that Tally Mac Shack is an official On the Job Training partner with Leon High School's culinary program, providing mentorship and job training to local students.

Combined with community involvement, Tally Mac Shack's modern take on a culinary classic was a recipe for success and business continues to boom. Excelling on all fronts, Tally Mac Shack was recognized for its community service as an inaugural winner of the 2019 All in Tally Award for going "above and beyond to make our community a better place to live." Within its first 18 months, Tally Mac Shack was also honored five times as Tallahassee's best food truck.

Tally Mac Shack is a great example of the pivotal role community-oriented

small businesses play in the U.S. economy. I commend their efforts to provide a quality product, while simultaneously prioritizing local involvement and training to support local jobs. Congratulations to the entire team at Tally Mac Shack. I look forward to watching your continued growth and success.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Roberts, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

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.)

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13660 ON MARCH 6, 2014, WITH RESPECT TO UKRAINE—PM 47

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 13660 of March 6, 2014, with respect to Ukraine is to continue in effect beyond March 6, 2020.

The actions and policies of persons that undermine democratic processes and institutions in Ukraine; threaten its peace, security, stability, sovereignty, and territorial integrity; and contribute to the misappropriation of its assets, and the actions and policies of the Government of the Russian Federation, including its purported annexation of Crimea and its use of force in Ukraine, continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of