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The Senate met at 1 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

The PRESIDENT (Lieutenant Governor Jim Cawley) in the Chair.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Reverend TYLER WEIDLER, Pastor of York Springs Four Square Church, York Springs, offered the following prayer:

Bow your heads.

Father, we thank You for this opportunity. We thank You for the way these Senators have worked for so long and continue to work for our good. I pray that You would bless their efforts, God. They are united together in desire and in purpose to do what is right, to do what is best for Pennsylvania, and so, I pray that You would bless their efforts. When they do not see eye-to-eye, at least they see eye-to-eye on the ultimate goal. I thank You for that. I pray that they remember that, and pray that we would always remember that, and hold them in high esteem, and that You would bless their efforts in what they are doing today and ongoing. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Pastor Weidler, who is the guest today of Senator Alloway.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those assembled.)

BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following Senate Bills numbered, entitled, and referred as follows, which were read by the Clerk:

November 7, 2014

Senators BROWNE, SCHWANK and BAKER presented to the Chair **SB 1508**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for applicability of local ordinances, regulations and building codes.

Which was committed to the Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, November 7, 2014.

Senators BROWNE, SCHWANK and BAKER presented to the Chair **SB 1509**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 68 (Real and Personal Property) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for applicability of local ordinances, regulations and building codes.

Which was committed to the Committee on URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING, November 7, 2014.

November 12, 2014

Senator BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 1510**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 4, 1996 (P.L.911, No.147), known as the Telemarketer Registration Act, further providing for definitions and for unwanted telephone solicitation calls.

Which was committed to the Committee on CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, November 12, 2014.

Senator BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 1511**, entitled:

An Act providing for the establishment, implementation and administration of a comprehensive retiree welfare-to-work mentoring program for certain individuals; and imposing additional powers and duties on the Department of Aging.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGING AND YOUTH, November 12, 2014.

Senator BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 1512**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of December 7, 1982 (P.L.784, No.225), known as the Dog Law, further providing for spaying or neutering as condition for release of certain animals; and repealing certain provisions relating to sterilization of dogs and cats.

Which was committed to the Committee on AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, November 12, 2014.

Senator BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 1513**, entitled:

An Act establishing the Identity Theft Prevention and Restoration Program.

Which was committed to the Committee on JUDICIARY, November 12, 2014.

Senator BROWNE presented to the Chair **SB 1514**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in pupils and attendance, further providing for definitions and providing for children who are homeless or in dependent care, for free transportation for certain children and for timely graduation after experiencing an educational disruption.

Which was committed to the Committee on EDUCATION, November 12, 2014.

JOURNALS APPROVED

The PRESIDENT. The Journals of the Sessions of October 6, 2014, October 7, 2014, and October 8, 2014, are now in print.

The Clerk proceeded to read the Journals of the Sessions of October 6, 2014, October 7, 2014, and October 8, 2014.

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I move that further reading of the Journals be dispensed with and that the Journals be approved.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the motion?

The yeas and nays were required by Senator PILEGGI and were as follows, viz:

YEA-49

Alloway	Farnese	Pileggi	Vogel
Argall	Ferlo	Rafferty	Vulakovich
Baker	Folmer	Robbins	Wagner
Blake	Fontana	Scarnati	Ward
Boscola	Gordner	Schwank	White
Brewster	Greenleaf	Smith	Wiley
Browne	Hughes	Smucker	Williams
Brubaker	Hutchinson	Solobay	Wozniak
Corman	Kasunic	Stack	Yaw
Costa	Kitchen	Tartaglione	Yudichak
Dinniman	Leach	Teplitz	
Eichelberger	McIlhinney	Tomlinson	
Erickson	Mensch	Vance	

NAY-0

A majority of the Senators having voted "aye," the question was determined in the affirmative.

The PRESIDENT. The Journals are approved.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS ELECTION OF INTERIM PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Centre, Senator Corman.

Senator CORMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to nominate Senator Joe Scarnati to serve as President pro tempore of the Pennsylvania State Senate. As President pro tempore, Senator Scarnati has fought for fiscal responsibility and accountability, championed reform efforts, and served as a voice for the taxpayers while bringing civility, common sense, and integrity to this Chamber. As a third-generation business owner, Senator Scarnati understands the importance of standing up for job creators, working families, and communities. His background in local government has helped shape his perspective on how government at every level should work for the people. His commitment to openness, accountability, and reform has been constant and unwavering. He leads by example. Senator Scarnati has demonstrated the ability to work with others to bring consensus and compromise. At the same time, we know where he stands and he will not back down on his principles.

As chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, I was proud to work with him to fight against excessive government spending, tax hikes, and government over-regulation. I know as our President pro tempore, he will continue to serve as the advo-

cate for hardworking Pennsylvanians, the John and Mary Smiths he often references, and does not forget that is what public officials are here to do. He represents the values and interests of those who have elected us.

Joe is a good listener, thoughtful, professional, and most importantly, he has proven to be an effective leader, something that is so important as we begin a new Session with a new administration and with many challenges facing us. He has earned our confidence and trust. Mr. President, I am proud to nominate Senator Joe Scarnati as President pro tempore of the State Senate.

Thank you, Mr. President.

The PRESIDENT. Before proceeding, the Chair jumped a bit ahead. There is a bit of legalese that I need to read into the record. This order of business will be the election of an interim President pro tempore as required by Article II, Section 9, of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania which requires, in part, quote, "the Senate shall, at the beginning and close of each Regular Session, elect one of its Members as President pro tempore," unquote.

Since we have already taken up one nomination, and before the Chair calls for any others for the office of President pro tempore, the Chair would like to again suggest that if there is no objection, in the event that there is only one candidate for the office, the Chair will dispense with the calling of the roll and ask for a voice vote on the nomination.

The Chair hears no objection.

We have already had one name put into nomination, the Honorable Joe Scarnati, for interim President pro tempore.

For a second, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Costa.

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, it is my distinct honor and great pleasure to rise and second the nomination of the Honorable Joe Scarnati as interim President pro tempore of the Pennsylvania Senate.

Those of us who have the pleasure of working with Senator Scarnati know firsthand his honest, forthright, and steady approach to leading this Chamber. Over the years Senator Scarnati's leadership skills have been utilized to ensure a fair and balanced approach in dealing with issues and Members of this Senate. Never heavy-handed and always willing to try to find common ground, Senator Scarnati has helped all Members of the Senate on both sides of this aisle. While we may be passionate in our disagreements on policy matters, we have never been unfairly disadvantaged in our debate nor deficient in our personal engagements. We have had spirited debates on this floor, and will likely in the future have many more. Therefore, all of us will need Senator Scarnati's sense of equity, his fairness in debate, and calm demeanor to insure that our voices, all of our voices, in the Senate are heard.

As a veteran of this body and the legislative process, Senator Scarnati knows firsthand that the aisle that divides our elegant Chamber should not be a barrier that prevents us from working with each other. Fierce opponents today on one issue may be valued partners tomorrow. He knows that while the aisle may be wide and our partisanship deep, we cannot let these issues keep us from doing what needs to be done. Ultimately, all of us are accountable to the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and we are all responsible for our work product. We all have jobs to do representing the citizens of this Commonwealth. We all have key issues and points of emphasis in which we place

great value. The key to leading this Chamber is to make sure that we remain a productive and deliberative body.

Here in the Senate, today is a new day. Over the last several years, many of our more seasoned veterans have moved on and a new generation of Senators have joined our ranks. With new Members come new energy, and the challenge for leadership is to channel the energy borne of those fresh perspectives in a positive way so that issues important to all of us and all of our citizens become priorities. Personal agendas, Mr. President, have no place in the Senate today. Senator Scarnati knows that Members of the Senate are interested in solving problems, not creating them. Since his first election as President pro tempore, he has been a leader who has tried to work in a bipartisan way to find reasonable and responsible solutions.

For those reasons, Mr. President, and many more, I am pleased to stand and second the nomination of my friend and colleague, Senator Scarnati, as interim President pro tempore of the Pennsylvania Senate.

Thank you, Mr. President.

NOMINATIONS CLOSED

The PRESIDENT. Are there any other seconds to the nomination? Any other nominations? The Chair hears none and declares the nominations closed.

The candidate for the office of President pro tempore is the Honorable Joseph B. Scarnati III of Jefferson County. All those in favor of Senator Joseph B. Scarnati III for the office of President pro tempore will please signify by saying "aye"; those opposed, "nay."

A voice vote having been taken, the question was determined in the affirmative.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair takes pleasure in declaring Senator Joseph B. Scarnati III unanimously elected as our new interim President pro tempore of the Senate.

(Applause.)

COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO ESCORT INTERIM PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE-ELECT TO THE ROSTRUM

The PRESIDENT. The Chair now takes pleasure in naming the committee to escort the President pro tempore-elect to the rostrum: the gentleman from Schuylkill, Senator Argall; the gentleman from Beaver, Senator Vogel; the gentlewoman from Cumberland, Senator Vance; the gentlewoman from Berks, Senator Schwank; as well as the gentleman from Dauphin, Senator Teplitz. The committee will proceed to escort Senator Scarnati to the rostrum.

(Whereupon, the President pro tempore-elect was escorted to the rostrum of the Senate.)

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO INTERIM PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE-ELECT

The PRESIDENT. It is an honor and privilege to have with us today the Honorable Victor P. Stabile, judge of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania. Judge Stabile has kindly consented to be with us today to administer the oath of office to Senator Scarnati.

Please rise.

Judge STABILE. Please place your left hand on your Bible, raise your right hand, and please repeat after me:

I, Joseph B. Scarnati III, do solemnly swear and affirm that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity, so help me God.

Congratulations, Senator.

(Applause.)

GAVEL PRESENTED TO INTERIM PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair wishes to thank Judge Stabile.

It is now my privilege to present the Interim President pro tempore of the Senate of Pennsylvania, the Honorable Joseph B. Scarnati III.

REMARKS BY INTERIM PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the President pro tempore.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Mr. President, certainly thank you to Senator Corman and Senator Costa for your warm remarks nominating me for this position. As is custom, my remarks are shorter than the nominating speeches, so I will keep it short. Judge Stabile, thank you very much for being here today. I thank each and every one of you in this Chamber for your continued support and trust in me.

Well, the elections are over, thank goodness the ads are over, thank goodness we can get back to governing. That is what the people of Pennsylvania want. They want to see us govern, whether you are Republican, Democrat, east, west, liberal, conservative, however we call ourselves, people of Pennsylvania are ready for us to get to work. I know there is probably no one in this Chamber who did not take time to read a poll sometime throughout the past weeks and months. Every poll, no matter where you are from, said the same thing: people care about jobs, and they care about education. You see, the electorate is pretty smart because they know they go together. They know the importance that good education creates a good, strong workforce, and we have to continue to work to those goals, as we do in this body every day, for stronger, better education in Pennsylvania, for a stronger, more vibrant job market.

Each of you have my commitment, my commitment personally that we are going to strive over this legislative Session to clean up the messes, the scandals, and the embarrassments that have taken place across this Commonwealth. It is time we step up and show Pennsylvanians that we get it. I am willing, able, and ready to work towards those goals. My commitment to each of you is to continue to serve with integrity and, hopefully, make you proud every day. I thank you for your trust and support. God bless.

(Applause.)

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS FAREWELL TO MEMBERS

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Mercer, Senator Robbins.

Senator ROBBINS. Mr. President, I asked our Leader if this means the end of the road, and he smiled. As my time in the Senate comes to a close, I have thought about everything that has

come with this job. It has been a long road, one with many good experiences, and I have met many, many wonderful people. I definitely will not miss the commute back and forth from northwestern Pennsylvania. It is a long ride from Harrisburg back to Mercer County in the best of times and weather, but the miles drag on far longer and the drive is even tougher when the snow is flying and the wind is blowing. The one thing I have noticed over the years is that when that is the case, it is usually the northwestern legislators who get to Harrisburg. They call northwestern Pennsylvania the snowbelt for good reason.

There have been many good times and especially good people whom I will certainly miss. First and foremost, I hold a deep respect and a deep appreciation for my constituents, those who liked me and those who did not, because the one thing in the northwest, they are direct and they will tell you. I am honored and gratified that they sent me here to represent the 50th Senatorial District. I have always tried to fulfill that duty to the best of my ability.

Next, I want to thank my staff. I have had the privilege to work with great people over the years, both here and back in the district, and for Cindy and me, they are family. Their dedication and loyalty is deeply appreciated and all of their hard work. Thank you and God bless you. To each and every one of them I offer my thanks and best wishes for the future. We are not going to go away, we will bug you.

I must also say thank you to all the other support staff who work here in the Senate, such as the Pages, security staff, the staff who works here in the Chamber, and many others who work to keep this place running smoothly, and without them, all of us would have great difficulty here. I would also like to thank and offer my best wishes to Executive Director Michael Gasbarre and his staff of the Local Government Commission, with whom I have had the pleasure and honor of working when I served as both a member and chairman of that commission. The commission does an excellent job looking out for the communities of Pennsylvania, large and small across Pennsylvania, and it is very important to the Senate and the House and the nonpartisan way they work to deal with those issues. Their work has enabled us to craft legislation addressing a number of wide-ranging issues that impact and improve the lives of all Pennsylvanians.

Of all the legislation that I have been involved with over my 32 years in the House and the Senate, I am most proud of the National Guard Education Assistance Program, a program that has made Pennsylvania one of the best, strongest, and largest National Guards in the country, and I might say over the last 10 years one of the most deployed National Guards. I am hopeful that the General Assembly and future administrations will continue to view this program as an important tool to keep the National Guard of Pennsylvania strong, and to keep this country strong as we deal with terrorism and other issues that are coming before us.

Finally, but certainly not least by any means, I want to thank my best friend, my wife, Cindy, who has stood not only beside me throughout this journey, but many of you who have crisscrossed Pennsylvania stayed in her bed and breakfast and ate her food in the morning as you have done the task of Pennsylvania government across this great Commonwealth. Cindy has stood beside me throughout this journey and truly has made me a better person and has enriched my life.

Now as I close this chapter in my life, I do so with rich memories of the friendships, the fellowship that I have had the pleasure of sharing with my colleagues here on the floor, as well as those who have moved on. General MacArthur famously said, "Old soldiers never die; they just fade away." This old soldier/Senator is not fading away, he is just eagerly planning on spending more time landscaping back home, traveling to places he has never been, and taking a good look and seeing this great country of ours. So, thank you for all the memories. Farewell, and God bless.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Erickson.

Senator ERICKSON. Mr. President, I rise today with a big smile on my face and in gratitude to all of the folks in here with whom I have worked. It has been great. I want to recognize the staff who are here with me today - Tom Golden, Mary Capuzzi, Michele Abe, Janet Haines, Michele Hansarick, and I have a special privilege today, and that is to introduce a friend who is with me, my successor, Tom McGarrigle. You will see a lot more of him.

(Applause.)

Mr. President, I have had some legislative successes over the years, and they have been sweet. Sometimes, however, I just could not get things quite to the goal line, and that happens. It is the way it is. That is the game that we all play in this Chamber, but I am pleased to indicate to you in all modesty that I have had some successes in the healthcare field, in the environmental field, in data integrity, in the alternative energy portfolio standards, and particularly, Mr. President, with your help in human services, helping those people who cannot help themselves, that is where we need to go.

So, as I leave here today, I am pleased. Thank you all.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster, Senator Brubaker.

Senator BRUBAKER. Mr. President, thank you. It started already, the emotion. What do you say? Well, first of all, this is my grandson, Wesley Michael Devenburgh, and his brother, Tyler Robert Devenburgh, is sitting right over here with their father, Todd, and my daughter, Alyson. They are sitting next to my wife, Cindy. My son Christopher could not be here today. He is up in the State of New York working, he works for a bank. We are very proud of him, and his girlfriend, Stephanie. Our son Ryan, who now lives in heaven, and his fiancée, Elsie, who lives with us, and their daughter, Ariya Ryan Brubaker. Elsie is in college and today she had a job interview, so she wanted to be here but I let her know her education and her occupational future needed to come first.

So, the last day of 8 years goes by with the snap of a finger. I would like to tell the people at home what a lot of people already know, that nothing happens here in this legislative body without teamwork and cooperation. The retiring Members talk about the value of staff. Here today on the floor is my Harrisburg staff, Tera Barone, Stephanie Buchanan, and Colleen Greer. They have been with me for a long time. I have gotten to know them and their families and trust them and value their opinion every day. In the district office are Jennifer Frees, Karen Scheffey, and Tina Thompson, and they are a tremendous team as well. They do fantastic constituent outreach work.

Really, each Member here has legislative accomplishments, and that is something to be proud of. It is a part of why we are here, but we cannot achieve anything on our own here. The building and our democracy is simply -- Alyson, can you come get him? Thank you. I am probably breaking a floor rule, and I am acknowledging that.

The PRESIDENT. What are they going to do, throw you out, Senator?

Senator BRUBAKER. Mr. President, you would rather hear from my grandson.

Bottom line, I want to make the point that every Member knows, and I want to make sure the public understands, that what the press likes to cover here is controversy. There are thousands of bills that go through this body in a 2-year legislative period of time, many of which are a 50 to 0 vote, and those get no reporting. The Republicans and Democrats in this democratic body get along. You would never know that by reading the news reports and news clips. When you see us debate on the floor, there are some very effective debaters, and it looks like we are fighting and arguing, but I have said on this floor before, I have a great deal of respect and admiration for not only Members on this side of the aisle but on the other side of the aisle as well. There is no doubt in my mind that every single person sitting here--there are just 50 Members of the Pennsylvania State Senate and a population of about 13 million people. It is a tremendous honor every single day to be here. With that honor comes a great deal of weight and responsibility to do the right thing.

I spoke at a couple of different Veterans Day events, one the day before Veterans Day and one on Veterans Day. I thanked, of course, our veterans for the freedoms that they have given us and I thought, we are free. We can wake up in the morning and get in our car and drive anywhere in this great nation that we want to. We can choose to engage or disengage, we can choose to hear or see things that are wrong in society, and choose to say and do nothing or we can choose to take action. We have tremendous freedoms, and those freedoms are given to us by our veterans who just celebrated Veterans Day on November 11. So we have this freedom, thanks to veterans, many of whom are alive today, and of course some who died in action. Senator Robbins talked about our great National Guard. So what do we do with the freedom that we have been given by our veterans and, I personally believe, by our God? What do we do as human beings? What do we do as Members of this great body? Are we doing enough? Can we do better? Can we love our families more intently? Can we be more sincere, direct, and cooperative with our colleagues? Can we listen more intently? Can we take action when we see injustice occurring? And can we work here, this current, and more importantly, the future legislative body, of which Ryan Aument won the election to take the 36th Senatorial District seat, and by the way, he will be a great Member of this body. I find him to be thoughtful, very smart, and well-intentioned.

I often wondered that when you walk into this fabulous Chamber, I wish every Pennsylvanian, every American for that reason, could see this Chamber the way that I see it right now. The Violet Oakley paintings and the incredible, ornate artwork. It is built to inspire. That is what this Chamber does, it is built to inspire us to be better. Maybe we need to challenge each other more often at being better human beings, better legislators.

I am very, very proud of this body. I hear about improper and illegal activity going on in the Commonwealth from time to time,

and that is what the press likes to focus on. The bottom line is, I am very, very, very proud of this body, and I have been immensely proud to be a part of it. I do not know a person sitting on this floor who is not well-intended or does not really desire to deliver results for their constituents. People back home just do not get that because that is not the way we portray ourselves, but that is the truth.

So this great Chamber has never gotten old to me in 8 years. Every time I walk through, I have to duck, I am 6 foot 4 inches tall and I have to duck to get in the door, but every time I bend over to walk into this Chamber it has never gotten old. Every time I walk into the Rotunda, it is like the first day I ever stepped foot inside of it. As the designers of the building have intended, it has inspired me. I hope the building continues to inspire, but I think much more important than the building are the people within it, the Members and the staff. The staff here works hard, and I think that is another misperception of the public. I know I did not think government workers worked hard before I came here, being a 25-year private sector guy, and I am going back to the private sector. I had this image of nonperforming people without accountability. It did not take me long here to realize people were coming in early and staying late. They get paid, of course. The majority of the people in this building working for your State government have chosen these jobs not for the salary and the benefit package, but because they are inspired to help contribute to a better Pennsylvania.

So I am retiring out of this great body after 8 years. I made a decision 1 1/2 years ago to go back to the private sector. My wife, Cindy, who is here with me, 2 years ago and about 5 days ago we had no grandchildren. Today we have three. We are a very, very blessed family. I look forward to going back to the private sector. I look forward to investing more time with my wife, my children, and my grandchildren. I hope and pray that the relationships that I have forged here over the last 8 years allow me to stay connected from a private-sector perspective.

It has been an honor beyond words--I am sorry for going so long, Mr. President--to be able to serve in this body, and I wish each of the individual Members, I wish staff of this great institution God's special blessings. I hope my brief comments have helped some people of our citizenry understand the complexities, but more importantly the effectiveness of this body. The arguing and debating is a part of why we are here, so it works.

Thank you, Mr. President. It has been an honor to serve.
God bless you.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Ferlo.

Senator FERLO. Mr. President, to you and my colleagues here today as well, thank you. Today is my last Session day as an elected Senator, having had the privilege of serving three terms as State Senator, along with previous offices such as a model city commissioner back in the 1970s; city councilman elected at-large as well as by district on several occasions; I served as council president for my great hometown, the city of Pittsburgh. My tenure in local government now straddles seven mayors, from Pete Flaherty to Bill Peduto. If I have one signature achievement, it is my long-term involvement in local community and economic development changes that have made Pittsburgh a benchmark community in the eyes of the nation, as well as our Commonwealth. I did this by activating citizens and organizing them

to be effective in helping to form policies and get what they needed at a local level. I have assisted a lot of small businesses and I have helped assist job creation in many of those businesses as well.

It is appropriate, certainly, to extend my congratulations to new and soon-to-be former Members of the Senate. I wish Senator Erickson, Senator Robbins, Senator Brubaker, Senator Washington, Senator Kasunic, and Senator Solobay best wishes in their retirement. Regardless of how some may depart as a result of last week's election, I consider everyone a winner, and despite the perception of some in the public, it is not easy serving as an elected official. For those who do, I believe they do so with best intentions, and it is always a sacrifice to their families and to their friends. Unfortunately, elections in American politics are becoming a much uglier process and a big money game. Unless we restore the FCC Fairness Doctrine and extend, not limit, voting privileges, I fear a debilitating knife is slowly plunging into the heart of our democratic society.

Many of you are aware that I came from a family of 10 brothers and sisters, with 4 older brothers joining the military and 2 of them serving in active combat as members of the 82nd Airborne in wars and conflicts from the late 1950s through the years of the Vietnam War. Today, being the day after Veterans Day, I am proud that we are here in this Chamber and that we have done our duty and made our best effort to honor our soldiers and all who serve in our military. We have done this through numerous pieces of bipartisan legislation during my tenure and even before. It has been said that when a war or conflict ends, it is never over for those who served. Let us always remember their valor, their bravery, and their commitment, especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

I want to thank the voting public, representing all political persuasions and party affiliations. Sometimes we forget that if we are elected as a Democrat or Republican, we still work to represent everybody in that district, of all party persuasions and philosophies. I want to thank that constituency for electing me to office over the past 25 years. I have always tried my best to be faithful to that public trust. I especially extend my well wishes to all of my colleagues, those from the past and present here today. While my colleagues and I have been in the Minority and we do not get to move the legislative agenda at each and every turn of the so-called sausage-making, we have stood our ground and moved the legislative process forward and we have clearly and forthrightly fought for our views and our values. Over my long tenure, and in 25 years I guess I have spoken a few million words, like some of my other colleagues as well, I certainly want to extend my apologies here today for my poorly chosen, ill-advised words of the moment at times. At no time did I mean to be vituperative in nature. Public and media perceptions to the contrary, I have always been provided a level playing field at the Senate podium, although the Majority has oftentimes limited spirited debate and opportunities to actually offer amendments.

My brand of politics was borne out of the tumultuous political times of the late 1960s. Truth be told, I was a runaway. I left my hometown of Rome, New York, and came to Pittsburgh when I was 15 years old to join the antiwar movement of that period, even at a time when my brother Adrian was fighting in Vietnam. I did not turn away from my activism and opposition to nonsensical and unjust wars or fighting for civil rights and peacetime priorities. I spent my 18th birthday for a month living in Resur-

rection City, Washington, D.C., as part of the Poor People's Campaign following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. And, yes, I was even in Grant Park outside of the 1968 Democratic Convention in Chicago during the so-called Days of Rage. With some irony, I returned as a conventioner for Bill Clinton 20 years later. I was outside of the hotel in 1968 and inside the hotel in 1988. It was better accommodations, I can assure you.

I have organized efforts and gone to jail to block the sale of the South African gold coin in the movement against the racist system of Apartheid. I led efforts to support Cesar Chavez in the plight of farm workers to gain dignity and better working conditions. I take pride in organizing efforts to advance the cause of unions in our society, in a society that now bears witness to an all but vanishing middle class. I have spoken about that, certainly at this podium, over the last several years. Quite honestly, I do fear our democracy has become a plutocracy, those run by the rich. My arrest record includes sit-ins and shutouts and even taking part in the right to assemble and engage in free speech. I was once confronted with arrest while I was collecting signatures on a nominating petition on the lawn of the University of Pittsburgh: so much for academic freedom. So, in the words of George Washington, I urge the following, "Labor to keep alive in your breast the little spark of celestial fire called conscience."

Like many of you, I have had the great pleasure of working with many dedicated people, volunteers, and professional staff. Given my tenure of more than 25 years, and certainly with the time allotted here today, I could not list them all. I do want to, on today's public record, reflect the contribution and dedication of my chief of staff, Stephen Bruder, who has survived working with me for the past 15 years. He is dedicated, hardworking, knowledgeable, and an experienced professional who will continue to benefit both our Caucus, as well as the Senate as a legislative body. All of my current staff, Anne Huber and Stephen from Harrisburg who are here today, but back in the district offices they are working - Dorry Lang, Bridget Hartman, Joseph Kramer, Jennifer Kiley, Suzanne Conroy, Michael Berardone; Project 15206 college interns Knowledge Murphy, Jeff Malik, Meredith McNair, and Kevin Boyle - are to be commended for outstanding service to the public and for their quality work performance. I especially want to thank Dorry Lang for her longtime friendship, her guidance, and for managing our responsibilities and the minutiae of Senate operations and recordkeeping, something I am glad I do not have to do.

My tenure in the Senate has been entirely while a Republican Majority determined the legislative agenda. I want to thank Governor Ed Rendell for his leadership and his progressive vision, as well as the tenacity and skill of former State Senator Vince Fumo and Senator Bob Mellow for moving and implementing legislation such as the economic stimulus package of 2003, as well as my sponsorship in amendments to both the research and development tax credit and the film tax credit, and helping me and our Pittsburgh colleagues put together a plan for the financial bailout of Pittsburgh with the payroll preparation tax and the elimination of the counterproductive business privilege tax, which was just nonsensical on its face. I would hope that when a man or woman be judged, in this case Senator Fumo and Senator Mellow, that they would be judged on the totality of their life's work. They sponsored and moved an agenda that helped thousands of families, institutions, and businesses during their tenure. As one example, there are over 16,000 employees and families employed

in the gaming industry, and it has brought over \$6 billion to the public coffers of State and local governments, and they have helped in some measure to reduce local property taxes. If I were to remain here, I would still be lobbying for Senate Bill No. 76. It needs to be tweaked. I would like to see a sunset provision on it so that you actually understand the math that will be returned, but I would hope that we would continue to fight on the issue of property taxes.

I am very proud of the work back in my three-county communities, having helped bring into existence institutional change by creating and mobilizing the talents of local residents in their respective communities. While I will no longer be in elective office, there are five State Senators, both Democrat and Republican, who now represent parts of what was my former district. I hope that they will lend their support to and respect the good work of the Vandergrift Improvement Program; the Natrona Comes Together Association; the Allegheny River Towns Enterprise Zone, the FLAG organizations - Freeport, Leechburg, Apollo Group; the Pittsburgh Green Innovators, who have taken on the retrofit of the \$40 million Connelly Trade School for next-generation energy and innovation center; the Project 15206; and certainly an organization that I have been very influential in and remain active in for the next several years, the Urban Redevelopment Authority of the city of Pittsburgh.

I want to congratulate and thank Senator Vulakovich, he is my State Senator now for Highland Park, for his commitment to work with organizations and community efforts in a geography that, quite honestly, may be new to him, and certainly some of his past experiences. I know the Senator to be sincere, resourceful, and someone who rolls up his sleeves to get the job done. I believe he will work in a bipartisan fashion when it comes to the needs of our local communities. As a partisan Democrat who obviously bends to the left, I want to especially thank our Leadership and all Members of our Caucus, whom I know to be sincere, hardworking, trustworthy, and have always fought to represent the best interests of their constituents and certainly the people of our great Commonwealth. Senator Costa, Senator Hughes, and our entire Leadership team, as well as the leadership certainly of our Caucus staff, they have represented the needs and views of our Caucus, and their leadership is respected and appreciated I think on both sides of the aisle. There is the old saying: make new friends and keep the old; the new ones are silver but the old ones are gold, and that certainly is going to guide me in the years and weeks to come forward.

I note the good work and service of all State employees, as others have rightfully pointed out today. From Bobby and Chris, and the great executive staff and all of the folks who work in the Senate Chamber here today, and certainly those employees throughout the great Capitol complex, and State employees located throughout all of our 67 counties. I think they deserve special recognition as well. I pray for the safety and well-being of the men and women serving in the National Guard, our uniformed personnel, and our State Police and law enforcement. For the PennDOT and Turnpike workers out there every day, in all kinds of weather and hazardous conditions, for every employee who serves the public day in and day out and does not always receive appreciation for their efforts from an angry and often-times frustrated constituent with so-called big government. I believe the executive branch, be it Democrat or Republican, in this case incoming Governor Wolf and my colleague Senator

Mike Stack, I think they have a moral duty to be fair to those employees in the collective bargaining process, while justifying these costs to the taxpayers of Pennsylvania. State employees, truth be told, over the years have dwindled in numbers and have been called upon to do more.

I will close with just one observation of the workings of the Senate and the State legislature, and I turn to President James Madison. He said it best, and I quote, "It will be of little avail to the people that the laws are made by men of their own choice if laws be so voluminous that they cannot be read, or so incoherent that they cannot be understood." Please begin with a reflection of the Fiscal Code and legislation that appears after a bait-and-switch creative legislative process.

With that, I bid adieu. God bless America. Thank you.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Washington, Senator Solobay.

Senator SOLOBAY. Mr. President, you gave me a hard act to follow, following my good friend, Senator Ferlo. I do have formal comments for the record that I would like to submit, but have some personal comments I would also like to make.

Mr. President, this being my final opportunity to address the Pennsylvania State Senate as the Senator from the 46th Senatorial District, I do so with pride, fond memories, and a bittersweet feeling delivered by an unforeseen fate. My 4 years of service in the Senate and the 12 years in the House are not an isolated tour of duty but rather a continuum of how I have tried to serve my entire life. That is, by serving others. Representing the 46th Senatorial District, and the 48th House District prior to that, has been a true privilege and pleasure which I will never forget. Though "Republican" and "Democrat" were labels that too often got in the way of productivity, I prided myself on working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle and was always interested in getting things done and creating results. The victors should always be our constituents and not us.

While my accomplishments were many, I could not have made such a claim without acknowledging the group of folks who served with me on my staff both here and in the district - Mary Flaherty, Pat Cusick, and Mike Kishbaugh here in the Capitol; Carla Mast, Deb Bachinski, Larry Pansino, Linda Stettner, Anna Simonelli, and Sharon Willison, my chief of staff back in the district. Also, as others have mentioned, all of the auxiliary staff here at the Capitol and the good working folks who work here in the Capitol.

Also, none of this would have been possible without the consistent and countless sacrifices made by family and friends. My absence during family gatherings and holidays, the many nights of empty seats at the dinner table, the hours of worrying about my travel across the Commonwealth, seemingly infinite at the time when I would say, I will try to get there, knowing full well the odds were not in my favor to make it on time, and that often-times just a phone call or an email would have to do instead of being there with the family, and that probably can never be fully reconciled. They paid a heavy price for my role as a public servant, and I am humbled by their love and support.

I wish all of my colleagues well, whether you remain here in the Senate or are moving on to other endeavors. Serving with you has, indeed, been an honor. Our duties do not answer a clock, we serve 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

With that, Mr. President, I say farewell for now and wish everyone good health and continued success.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. Without objection, the remarks will be spread upon the record.

(The following prepared remarks were made part of the record at the request of the gentleman from Washington, Senator SOLOBAY:)

Dear colleagues,

This is my final opportunity to address the Pennsylvania State Senate as representing the 46th Senatorial District. I do so with pride, with fond memories, and a bittersweet feeling delivered by an unforeseen fate.

My 4 years of service in the Senate, and 12 in the House, are not an isolated tour of duty, but rather a continuum of how I have lived my entire life; that is, by serving others. Representing the 46th Senatorial District, and the 48th House District prior to that, has been a true pleasure and privilege.

As a young firefighter some 37 years ago, I was driven to help others, even though it often came as an inconvenience and expense to myself, and that includes risking my own life. Putting others first has always been first for me.

Serving in the legislature has been the opportunity of a lifetime. I think of the legislation I have crafted and/or facilitated, the debates and discussions, the constituent services I have been able to provide, the insightful encounters I have had with wonderful people all over the Commonwealth, and I come to realize that the experience has been the reward.

As a legislator, my primary mission was to do all I could to improve lives. How could I make tomorrow better than today for my constituents and for citizens across Pennsylvania? One of my main priorities was to get people back to work, which is how you grow the economy. I also worked to take care of those who genuinely needed help, including the elderly, the disadvantaged, and our veterans.

Education has also been a priority. From early childhood through high school graduation then on to college or the trades, it is only through creating fair and affordable educational pathways that we can get America back to a position we once held proudly, to be the country that all others respect and emulate.

I never played politics; Republican and Democrat were labels that all too often got in the way of productivity. I worked with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle. I was always interested in getting things done, creating results. The victors should be our constituents, not our politicians.

While my accomplishments were many, I could not make such a claim without acknowledging the hardworking group of people who served as my staff throughout the years: Debbie Bachinski, Suzanne Chadwick, Patrick Cusick, Mary Flaherty, Michael Kishbaugh, Carla Mast, Patricia Milioto, Larry Pansino, Anna Simonelli, Linda Fehrman, Holly Stimely, Hannah Walsh, and Sharon Willison.

None of this would be possible if it were not for the constant and countless sacrifices made by my family. My absence during family gatherings and holidays, the innumerable nights with the empty seat at the dinner table, the hours of worry with all my traveling across the Commonwealth, the seemingly infinite times when I would say "I will try to be there," knowing full well that the odds were not in my favor of making it on time, and all the times that a phone call or an email would have to do instead of being with the ones I love can never be fully reconciled. My family paid a heavy price for my role as a public servant. I am humbled by their love and loyalty.

I wish all my colleagues well, whether you remain here in the Senate or are on to other endeavors. Serving with you has indeed been an honor. Our duties do not answer to a clock; we serve 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, no different than being a firefighter.

And so this firefighter walks away, only to fight another fire another day, another place. Godspeed.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Costa.

Senator COSTA. Mr. President, I want to rise for a moment and extend my thanks to all of our colleagues from whom we have heard this evening who will be moving on to the next chapter in their respective lives.

For Senator Robbins and the work that he has done on issues to which he referred, from veterans and military affairs, to the work along the lines of helping us navigate through the appointment and confirmation process, I want to say thank you. We will miss seeing you and Cindy at the hotel breakfast in the mornings.

Senator Erickson, thank you for the work that you have done in the area of healthcare, as you have mentioned, but also your leadership in the area of the environmental issues that took place, but also the nature of the work that you have done in looking out for those less fortunate. Your work with human service programs, the support of those programs, and your conscious voice relative to health clinics and the like for many years has made a difference in those areas for so many people.

Senator Brubaker talked a little bit about the issue of how well we work here together and the honor and privilege it is to serve here in this Commonwealth. I cannot agree more that we all collectively are blessed and fortunate to be given the privilege by the people of Pennsylvania to represent their collective interests here in Harrisburg in this beautiful Chamber. The point was made that a lot of the good work that goes on here resulting in a consensus as it relates to legislation oftentimes gets overlooked, and that is something we collectively have to work to change because a lot of very good products come from our collaborative efforts, and I no doubt believe that will continue. The remarks of my colleagues were very significant and important.

My colleagues on the Democratic side, folks with whom I have shared for the past number of years, a decade or so, shared a lot of conversations both being good friends and colleagues from western Pennsylvania and the dialogue and conversations we have had in our Caucus, I want to say thank you very, very much. Senator Solobay, the work that he has done in emergency service dedicating 37-plus years of his life as a volunteer, a volunteer who, when he spoke about in the evenings when he did not have dinner with his family, or was at an event that was here in Harrisburg, that was because of the work that needed to be done in his community for his work. He went above and beyond the work that he did in his community as a volunteer responding to emergencies throughout his district and throughout the area. I want to say thank you. Tim, the work that you have done along the lines of not only in the area of helping individuals, but your knowledge and intimate understanding of the emerging Marcellus Shale industry has been very valuable in our Caucus to help us understand, because you did see firsthand the impact of the Marcellus Shale industry, and I want to say thank you for all of that.

Senator Jim Ferlo, your work in our Caucus, you used the word "conscience" in your discussions and your remarks, and you have certainly been the conscience not only of our Caucus, but also of this Chamber, reminding us how important it is that we stand strong making certain that we look out to preserve the rights of men and women across this Commonwealth, their civil rights, and provide them with the ability to want to make things better and the quality of lives of so many others. At the end of the day, what you have done in your career representing the city of Pittsburgh and representing your constituencies throughout Allegheny County, part of Armstrong and Westmoreland Coun-

ties, during parts of your tenure, has been an outstanding service to this Commonwealth.

To my colleagues, I think that we can altogether stand and say that because of the efforts of these men and women whom we have just talked about, that Pennsylvania is clearly a better place because of their collective service. I stand and want to say thank you to each of you.

Thank you, Mr. President.

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT

The PRESIDENT. Without objection, the Chair is going to recognize himself.

(Applause.)

When I first walked into this Chamber in 1994, I never once dreamed that I would be standing here. I was raised with a notion that when you have had a good time and it is time to go, you say thank you. So, to each and every one of you, thank you--and, yes, that includes you, Jim. Thank you. Thank you for what it is that you do. Thank you for treating me professionally as an equal. I, too, want to echo the comments of those who are leaving by saying that this is a very special place. Each and every one of you were chosen by your community to come here and represent all of those various interests and all of those different voices. It is an awesome responsibility. It is one that all of you do with style, with grace, and with integrity. So, I say now, see you later. I will see you all again sometime. Thank you all very much.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT. I am still going to Chair a couple of more times, too, for those of you keeping score at home.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

Senator PILEGGI offered the following resolution, which was read, considered, and adopted by voice vote:

In the Senate, November 12, 2014

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), That when the Senate adjourns this week, the Senate adjourn sine die; and be it further

RESOLVED, That when the House of Representatives adjourns this week, the House of Representatives adjourn sine die.

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate present the same to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Senators RAFFERTY and VULAKOVICH, by unanimous consent, offered **Senate Resolution No. 504**, entitled:

A Resolution recognizing November 10, 2014, as "Marine Corps Day" in Pennsylvania in honor of the United States Marine Corps' 239th anniversary of its founding.

On the question,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Montgomery, Senator Rafferty.

Senator RAFFERTY. Mr. President, I offer this resolution along with Senator Vulakovich honoring the Marine Corps on its 239th birthday, which occurred Monday, November 10. We broke early so we did not get it in this year quite before the birthday, but we want to recognize those first in fight for their 239 years as a military organization here in the United States. The Second Continental Congress met in Philadelphia and passed a resolution calling for two battalions of Marines on November 10, 1775, for the service of landing forces with the fleet.

Today, Mr. President, there are roughly 202,000 individuals currently enlisted in the Marine Corps and roughly 40,000 Reserve members of the Marine Corps. So, Mr. President, I, along with Senator Vulakovich, offer this resolution and offer our heartfelt congratulations and birthday wishes to the United States Marine Corps. Semper Fi.

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

A voice vote having been taken, the question was determined in the affirmative.

CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following resolutions, which were read, considered, and adopted by voice vote:

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Matthew Bollinger and to Patrick Robert Samuel Doyle by Senator Alloway.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Frye, Jr., James T. Mayberry, Alva Luckenbill, Rosemarie M. Damin, Catherine Andruchek, Beatrice A. Duran, Kyle R. McGarry and to From the Heart Consignment Shop by Senator Argall.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gribble, Merel Swingle, Zachary Thomas Foglio, Edmund H. Poggi III, Matthew Bryan Duncan, Dawn Moyer, Jacob Spencer, Ray Samolis, Paul L. Detwiler III, Nancy McDonald, Lindsey Oremus, Joseph James Dal Santo, Ally Rome, Dominic Hockenbury, Jr., Sebastien Daniel Aparicio and to Tony Seccia by Senator Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. John Dowd, Kevin Boylan, Larry Pellegrini and to the Luzerne Foundation Youth Advisory Committee by Senators Baker and Yudichak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Scranton Chapter of UNICO National by Senators Baker, Blake, and Yudichak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Cabot Oil and Gas Corporation by Senators Baker, Yaw, and Yudichak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Zachary McDonough, Matthew Ryan Walsh, Patrick J. O'Shea IV, William Nevins, Eureka Hose Company No. 4 and to the Dunmore High School Football Team by Senator Blake.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Colonel Frank Noonan by Senators Blake and Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Blaise Alan Dente by Senators Blake and Yudichak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Kathy Ozzard Chism, Douglas E. Bauder, Maximillian V. Policelli, Borko Milosev, Ron dePaolo, Joseph P. Castellano, Alexandra Giacoletti, Emily Lambright, Emily Marley, Geoffrey M. Roche,

Frank Flisser, Mary Morecz, Grace Hartman, Eric Thomas Young, Richard K. Miller and to the Bethlehem Catholic High School Girls' Volleyball Team by Senator Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Full Moon Video by Senators Boscola and Browne.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Matthew Kuhn, Matthew Robert Davis, Patricia Williams, Randy William Ramaswamy, Noah David Brundrett, Alexander H. Weimer, Andrew Carl Trexler, Michele P. Matuch, Robert Matthew English, Joan Winters and to the members and coaches of the Clairton High School Football Team by Senator Brewster.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Fegley, William A. Erdman, Ryan D. Maydick, Lawrence Huyssen, Nicholas Edward Kanaskie, Thomasena Hislop, Dorothy Arthur Smith, Antoinette Louise Crane, Joseph Hanna, Robert Lee Moser, Jim Browne, Alyce W. Tokus, Mathilde Damhosl and to Frank Damhosl by Senator Browne.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Heather Rodale and to the Lehigh County Conference of Churches by Senators Browne and Boscola.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Jeffrey B. Clay by Senators Browne and Farnese.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mary Ann Crossfield by Senators Browne, Boscola, and Kitchen.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Rohrer and to the Honorable Gordon Denlinger by Senator Brubaker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. James Matteson, Mr. and Mrs. Howard T. Reitenbaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Saxton, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Everitt, Mr. and Mrs. Scot Bogert, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn G. Ritter, Mr. and Mrs. Roger D. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lewis Bolton, Audrey R. Sizelove, Daniel Earl Winkler, Anthony Robert Schifano, John Anthony Brezovec, Noah C. Rowland, Evelyn Stutts Switzer, David Neil Pick, Seth Balkey, Neha Gupta, Frank A. Bonson, William D. Barnes and to The Pennsylvania State University Women's Volleyball Team by Senator Corman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Benjamin Timothy Henderson by Senators Corman and McIlhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Reverends James E. Hunt and Dr. Sheila Johnson-Hunt and to Anthony Austin James Sparacino by Senator Costa.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Fran Marinelli, Adam Dunacusky, Nolan T. Graham, Nancy Tuttle, Frances M. Shaw, Lisa Comber Hall, James C. Kovaeski, Connie Partridge, John Braceland, Charles L. Lewis, Jr., Carrie Avery, James L. Coleman, Emanuel J. Kenny, Jr., Janet Robinson, Main Line Music Teachers Association, William Cohen and Sons, Inc., and to Pennsylvania Bio by Senator Dinniman.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Janet Coupe and to Charles I. Vogel by Senators Dinniman and Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dorothy Atwater by Senators Dinniman and Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Cox by Senators Dinniman and Smucker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Pennsylvania Bio by Senator Dinniman and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Scott K. Pearce, Jr., Geraldine Hill Pontzer, Patrick Weber, Timothy Levi

Felix and to Hollidaysburg American Legion Ambulance Service, Inc., by Senator Eichelberger.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to John H. Holbert by Senators Eichelberger and Wozniak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Alexander Blair and to Jeanne Marie Morelli Boone by Senator Farnese.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Master Sergeant Kristofer H. Gacono, Technical Sergeant David M. Stahr, Brendan Olivera, William Ray Schohn, Richard Bleistine, Raeann Yuslum, Linda M. Chobanoff and to Brandon Stoll by Senator Folmer.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Joseph Ronald Nagy by Senator Fontana.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Lucy Pulaski, Tracy Lee Talanca, Travis Talanca, Robert Frey, Adam Beck and to the Sharrow Farm by Senator Gordner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Reverend William T. Moore, Helen Chamberlain, Milton Sachse, Lois McMullen, Henry Stoebe, Jr., Nam N. Tran, Jay Gerfin and to Anne Catherine McDade Keyser Hill by Senator Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Aaron Lee Guttenplan by Senators Greenleaf and Mensch.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Archbishop Wood High School Football Team by Senators Greenleaf, McIlhinney and Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable Ronald D. Castille by Senator Greenleaf and others.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Apostle Gilbert Coleman, Jr., and to Christopher Romano by Senator Hughes.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Kummer family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Heffernan, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Frederick, Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Ames, Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Shettler, Mr. and Mrs. William Shilling, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Eakin, Mr. and Mrs. John Slocum, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Baughman, Mr. and Mrs. James Egger, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald A. Champ, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Walter, Mr. and Mrs. James S. Senopole, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McClintock, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Zuck, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Guth, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick E. Buzzard, Michael A. DeLeo, Cade S. Weller, Benjamin T. Wise, Carmine Scotece, Patrick Ryan Watson, Tyler Carson, Cole Peterson, Specialty Fabrication and Powder Coating, LLC and to Sutton Tire and Auto Service by Senator Hutchinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Stephanie Sipple, Jordan Hosfelt, Jeff Truskey and to the Colonel Andrew Lynn Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution by Senator Kasunic.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to John Henry McCrossan, Vanessa J. Bigelow, Louis Springer, David R. Kennedy, Pearl Saunders, Alexander Joseph Barker and to Northwest Victim Services by Senator Kitchen.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to George Joseph Nickels, Jr., Tim Andersen, Peter A. Mazzanobile, Rory McKee, Steffen Vestal, Patrick J. McInerney, Marshall Yoo, Alma R. Jacobs, Robert Edward Pyzik, Theodore Butler, Harry Duve, Nuridin Bilal, Kenneth Pettiford, Thomas Bodensine, Reed France, Richard Boria, Albert Venini, Alfred Brooks, Domenic Tavani, Daniel Greto, John McHugh, Jr., Paul

Rockelman, Nathaniel Scott, Thomas Manley, Joseph Muschamp, Marilynne Rogers, Robert Francis Lewis, Raymond Trusty, Barton Cross and to Craig O'Neil by Senator Leach.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Minnisink Hunting and Fishing Club by Senators Leach and Baker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Frazier, Johanna Meyers Whipple, Eliza Prestley, Vinay Ramesh, Detta Reed, Heather Ayne Cevasco, Julian Leveille, Sophie Freedman, Sean M. Furgiuele, Anastasia Babicki, Mira Bhut, Ashlyn Kahlenberg and to the members and coach of the Central Bucks High School West Girls' Soccer Team by Senator McIlhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Adam Daymon by Senators McIlhinney and Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Bridget O'Connell by Senators McIlhinney and Mensch.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Beth Vandersall by Senators McIlhinney and Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. Evan C. Moll, Master Sergeant Doreen McDermott, Whitney A. Leh and to the Green Lane Fire Company by Senator Mensch.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Parsen J. Goering by Senators Mensch and Greenleaf.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to K. Leon Moyer by Senators Mensch, Greenleaf, and McIlhinney.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Arthur J. Demarco, James Bryan, Steven Chang, Michael Chang, Ola M. Carr, Nathan D. Midgett, Thomas H. Vickers IV, Stephen Leroy Styer, Horace W. Hardy, Donald Nace, Walter A. Manchin, Howard W. Rayne, George Washington, Carl Pfeiffer, Ray Coe, Jonathan Leonard Dembek, Alexander David Darlington and to Marie H. Benjamin by Senator Pileggi.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Timothy David LaGreca, Nolan Wible, William J. Keefe, J. Patrick Kane, Austin Jarrett Kissinger, Paul Fimognari and to Chasan Andrew Edwards Hall by Senator Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Roosevelt School by Senators Rafferty and Leach.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable Kurt D. Zwinkl by Senators Rafferty and Mensch.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Joshua C. Johnson, Eric M. Ziegler, Joshua David Gilkey and to the citizens of South Pymatuning Township by Senator Robbins.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Ron Celinski, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Austin, Mr. and Mrs. John Azzato, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Woodmansee, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Zbicki, Mr. and Mrs. James Brott, Ned Karger, Scott A. Neal, WRC Senior Services and to Dickinson Center, Inc., by Senator Scarnati.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Cory William Lobaugh, William Earl Witwer III, Seth David Bardsley, leaders and citizens of West Reading Borough, members of the Polish American Heritage Association of Berks County, VA Productions, Incorporated, Reading Moravian Church, Reform Congregation Oheb Shalom and to the Board of Directors and staff of Opportunity House by Senator Schwank.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the members of the Patient Care community by Senators Schwank and Argall.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Lester C. Toaso by Senators Schwank and Rafferty.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Nicholas K. Galletta, Joseph P. Masciantonio, John Tonti, Gary Klingman, Jacob H. Bartolomucci, Kasey Colcombe, Jason Li, Shauna D'Alessandro, Ian David Sopko, Ceola Patillo, Teola Patillo, Jr., Terrell Patillo, Alexander Charles Patillo, the late Teola Patillo, Daniel Joseph Fisher, Jr., South Fayette High School Football Team, Allegheny Land Trust, Sewickley Academy Girls' Golf Team, Sewickley Academy Boys' Golf Team, Peters Township High School Boys' Soccer Team and to the Peters Township High School Boys' Golf Team by Senator Smith.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Elizabeth Petalino by Senators Smith and Vogel.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dylan Michael Ruiz, Yuri Chaim Benjamin, Robert Christopher Reddy and to Jared William Byrne by Senator Smucker.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Michael Kalman Schwarz and to Dave Palone by Senator Solobay.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable Michael A. Nutter, Daniel Christopher Werner, Peter Bryan Werner, John Del Ricci, John Anderson, Aramark and to the Pennsylvania National Guard by Senator Stack.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Dr. John E. Crowther, Mercy Mosquera, Hector Ayala and to the Portside Arts Center by Senator Tartaglione.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Chief Master Sergeant Leslie W. Black, Frank Campbell, Russell C. Ford, Dillon Gruver, Tyler Scott Underwood and to the Capital Area Music Association by Senator Teplitz.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Honorable John F. Cordisco, Willie McCormick, Brian Binney, Kevin Reed, Angela Howard, Robsawne Little, Antwine Moore, Reggie Carter, John Thompson, Linda Crawford, Brittany Yetter, Donna Marie Ferriola, Samantha Farlow, Lisa Johnson, Ralph Tamm, Brian Locke, Drew Mitchell, Christine Brady, Pete Swinehart, Rob Picciotti, Paul Williamson, Matt O'Connor, Chris Grow, Danny Darnley, Brandon Reid, Wayne Bittle, Hubert F. Pinkerton, Jeane M. Coyle, Anna Bono-Larisey, Merle Winslow and to the VitaCare Home Health Agency by Senator Tomlinson.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Thompson M. Young II, Joseph Caswell Lutz, Haylee Boswell, Ryan Christian Xavier Maguire, Jeannine D. Peterson, Tracey C. Jones, Lynn Stickler, Paula L. Kostick, Mitch Kleist, Maria Thiaw, Barry J. Schoch, Brenden Michael Smith, William M. Stout, Nicholas Craig Richwine, Susan D. Graybill, Robert S. Jones, Graham J. Cassel, Lucas P. Wozniak, Roderick A. Jamieson, John P. Tartline, Ryan J. Mitchell, Aretta Landis-Perdigao, Donald R. Gay, Jan Blahusch, East Pennsboro High School Marching Band, Cantate Carlisle, Boyer & Ritter, Trinity High School Girls' Soccer Team and to the Fairview Township Fire Department by Senator Vance.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Reverend Elizabeth Council, Robbin Lynn Character, Michael Allen Hauser, Valerie McElvy, Joseph Gasper, Isaac George, Deborah Newton and to Nancy Dickson by Senator Vogel.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bielich, John Robert Stobba, Tarun Kumar, Matthew Thompson, Kevin Roy Reed, Caleb Daniel Seel, Alexander Lee Hamill, Kenneth Lee Trush, Benjamin Joseph Miller, Isaac Vladimir Harvey, Mitchell Alan Doerzbacher, Larry Chifulini and to Thomas Kornish by Senator Vulakovich.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Master Sergeant Scott R. Snyder, Alexander Bacon, Derrick Morrison and to Noah Sterling Polhemus by Senator Wagner.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bittner, Chief William R. Wright, Chief George Thomas, Steve Steiner, Sr., Roger D. Leonard, Jr., William G. Leonard II, William Capretti, Sr., Donald Miller, Todd Jaquette, Mike Dohey, Jr., Robert Kirkland, Ronald Kirkland, Paul Kuntz, Carlos Cardoso and to the men and women of the United States Armed Forces by Senator Ward.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Trimble, Bradley W. Trusal, Margaret Desiderio, Thomas E. Coulter, Payton C. Smith and to Murrysburg Medic One by Senator White.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Scott G. Taylor, Sebastian Curtin, Villa Maria Academy Girls' Soccer Team, Villa Maria Academy Girls' Golf Team and to the members and coaches of the Mercyhurst Preparatory School Girls' Tennis Team by Senator Wiley.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to the Reverend Anthony Stevenson, Sr., and to Robert Belcher by Senator Williams.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Linda Brouse and to Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center by Senator Wozniak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Bower, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Dake, Mr. and Mrs. John Wassler, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis A. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Larson, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Waltz, Mr. and Mrs. Keith L. Hall, Marc Lewis, Melvin Lewis and to William Robert Kelly by Senator Yaw.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Colecio, Chief Andrew Kachmar, William E. McDonald, Katherine Jackiewicz, Helen Metzger, Benjamin J. E. Yuscavage, Amelia Kozminski, Clyde Peters, Nathan Taylor Kroboth, Anthony C. Harvilla, Motor Transportation Company, Inc., Penn's Peak and to the Hazleton YMCA-YWCA by Senator Yudichak.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Cargill by Senators Yudichak and Argall.

Congratulations of the Senate were extended to Barry J. Centini by Senators Yudichak and Baker.

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTIONS

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following resolutions, which were read, considered, and adopted by voice vote:

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Lester Emerson Soden by Senator Baker.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Frank J. Solano by Senators Baker and Yudichak.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Douglas Culbreth by Senator Hughes.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Reverend Ivan B. Hewitt by Senator Kitchen.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Debora C. Andress, to the family of the late Joseph T. Bucciarelli, Sr., to the family of the late Pete Stainthorpe and to the family of the late Mary K. Corbett by Senator McIlhinney.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Honorable Dorothy Vislosky by Senator McIlhinney and others.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Romaine Grable Duskey, to the family of the late Josephine E. Szczerbienski and to the family of the late William B. DePaoli, Jr., by Senator Solobay.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Dr. George Hayward Love, Sr., by Senator Teplitz.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Pamela Elizabeth Crutchfield by Senator Williams.

Condolences of the Senate were extended to the family of the late Raymond E. Sipple by Senator Yudichak.

POSTHUMOUS CITATIONS

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following citations, which were read, considered, and adopted by voice vote:

A posthumous citation honoring the late Glenn H. Rojohn was extended to the family by Senator Brewster.

A posthumous citation honoring the late Randy Zook was extended to the family by Senator Corman.

A posthumous citation honoring the late Darcell Waters was extended to the family by Senator Kitchen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

The following announcements were read by the Secretary of the Senate:

SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2014

1:00 P.M.	BASIC EDUCATION FUNDING COMMISSION (to consider funding issues related to Philadelphia schools)	Phila. City Hall, Crtrm. 676
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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2014

10:00 A.M.	BASIC EDUCATION FUNDING COMMISSION (to consider basic education funding and charter schools)	Phila. City Hall, Crtrm. 676
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The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Delaware, Senator Pileggi.

Senator PILEGGI. Mr. President, I move that the Senate do now adjourn sine die.

The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate adjourned Sine Die November 12, 2014, at 2:51 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.