

Florida Bankers Association, on his retirement. Mr. Sanchez is a Cuban immigrant and American patriot. Sanchez served in the U.S. Air Force from 1976–1981 and holds a juris doctorate from the Iowa College of Law.

Mr. Sanchez has served as president and CEO of the Florida Bankers Association for 30 years and will be retiring on December 31, 2023. Under his leadership, the Florida Bankers Association was instrumental in bringing to light and stopping harmful Federal legislation and regulation programs such as Operation Chokepoint and making non-resident alien account information public. He also oversaw the association's historic merger with the Community Bankers of Florida, combining the two banking organizations to better serve Florida's banking industry and the families and businesses it serves.

Mr. Sanchez was appointed by President George W. Bush and confirmed by the U.S. Senate as a board member to the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, where he served from 2003–2010. Former Florida Governor Jeb Bush nominated him to the Florida Schools of Excellence Commission, where he served from August 2006–April 2007. Later, he was chosen by the Financial Services Volunteer Corps for a mission to Tunis, Tunisia, to partner with the Tunisian Bankers Association and work with them on banking and priority regulatory reforms. He also led a mission to Arusha, Tanzania, in 2013 to lead a workshop on regional banking for the banking associations in the East African Community, including Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya, Rwanda, and Burundi.

The Florida Bankers Association was established in 1888 to advocate on behalf of Florida banks and promote the banking industry in the State. The association provides unparalleled advocacy in Washington, DC, and Tallahassee, excellent educational programming, quality products, and valuable services for Florida's banking industry.

It is my honor to congratulate Alex on his many achievements and on his retirement.●

RECOGNIZING THE ASSOCIATED BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS FLORIDA EAST COAST CHAPTER

● Mr. SCOTT of Florida. Mr. President, I rise to recognize the Associated Builders and Contractors—ABC—Florida East Coast Chapter and the many vital contributions to commercial, industrial, and infrastructural construction that contractors make, improving the quality of life for the people of Florida.

The ABC Florida East Coast Chapter was founded in 1968 and recognized as the leader of the merit shop construction industry and one of the oldest organizations representing the construction industry in Florida for 55 years. The ABC Florida East Coast Chapter is the single largest provider of appren-

ticeship education in the State of Florida, educating nearly 700 apprentices annually.

The mission of ABC Florida East Coast Chapter is the advancement of the merit shop construction philosophy, which encourages open competition and a free-enterprise approach that awards construction contracts based solely on merit, regardless of labor affiliation. It represents the profession responsible for the construction of commercial, industrial, and infrastructure projects such as schools, hospitals, office buildings, sports venues, factories, energy production plants, water systems, waste disposal and treatment facilities, roads, bridges, and other public and private facilities that are the foundation on which the economy of Florida stands and grows.

I recognize that the ABC Florida East Coast Chapter, through its education trust, is building tomorrow by recruiting, educating, and training approximately 8,500 skilled workers in the past decade who drive the construction industry forward with the merit shop principles of free enterprise and open competition. The ABC Florida East Coast Chapter's tireless collaboration with builders, contractors, and educators has contributed significantly to the resilience and growth of the construction industry. By providing quality education and fostering a diverse and skilled workforce, the ABC Florida East Coast Chapter is playing a crucial role in building a stronger America.

I wish to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the ABC Florida East Coast Chapter and the ABC Institute for its unwavering commitment to apprentice education. As we look toward a future of economic growth and opportunity, their efforts serve as a shining example of the positive change that can be achieved through dedication and collaboration.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

(The message received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 3343. A bill to provide that United States citizens evacuating Israel shall not be required to reimburse the United States Government, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2816. A communication from the Secretary of the Senate, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the receipts and expenditures of the Senate for the period from April 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2023; ordered to lie on the table.

EC-2817. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Sustainment), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to waiving the Full-Up System Level requirement for survivability and lethality testing for the Mk21A RV; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2818. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Evaluation of the Effectiveness TRICARE Program: Fiscal Year 2022 Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2819. A communication from the President of the United States to the President pro tempore of the United States Senate, transmitting, consistent with the War Powers Resolution, a report relative to United States forces conducted targeted strikes against facilities in eastern Syria used by Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) and IRGC-affiliated groups; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2820. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Policy Statement Regarding the Scope of Methods of Unfair Competition Under Section 5 of the Federal Commissions Act" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 9, 2023; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2821. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedures for Submission of Rules Under the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 9, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2822. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Policy Statement of the Federal Trade Commission on Education Technology and the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 9, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2823. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Telemarketing Sales Rule Fees" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 9, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. PETERS for the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

* Suzanne Elizabeth Summerlin, of Florida, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years.