

wildfires. And during his off seasons from firefighting, Shaun went to Rwanda, often staying for months at a time.

Shaun first traveled to Rwanda in 2008, eager to experience another culture and find a meaningful way to help others. When he returned in 2010, he began teaching English to adults and looking for an opportunity to volunteer with children. Through local connections, Shaun was introduced to Ubaka U Rwanda, a home for homeless children. Many of the children had experienced profound hardship, and the home offered them the stability and care they needed to build a brighter future. Shaun quickly became part of the family, spending his days tutoring the children, playing soccer, cooking and sharing meals, and helping children with their studies. He has now traveled to Rwanda 17 times, forming relationships that have lasted for years and watching children he once knew grow into adults with careers and families of their own.

Over the years, Shaun has worked tirelessly to raise money and build a community of support for Ubaka U Rwanda. His early fundraising efforts in California included organizing running challenges with fellow firefighters to raise money and awareness for the home. Since returning to New Hampshire, Shaun has continued raising money with the support of members in his community. His dedication has inspired others to become personally involved, with fellow New Hampshire firefighters, friends, and family members traveling with him to Rwanda and some returning year after year. Shaun now holds his running fundraiser in Rwanda, completing most of a marathon himself before running the final miles alongside the children he has worked for years to support.

Today, Shaun continues to serve as a firefighter in Portsmouth while returning to Rwanda each year. Nearly two decades after his first trip, Shaun remains committed to raising awareness and support for Ubaka U Rwanda so that the home can continue providing vulnerable children with a safe place to grow and thrive. Shaun's compassion and commitment to serving others both at home and abroad are why I am proud to name him September's Granite Stater of the Month.●

TRIBUTE TO DENNIS LARSEN

● Mr. LANKFORD. Madam President, I rise today to honor the extraordinary career of a good friend, retiring Tulsa Police Chief Dennis Larsen.

A native of Tulsa, OK, Dennis graduated from Oklahoma State University with a degree in political science while also serving our Nation in the U.S. Air Force. Dennis joined the Tulsa Police Department in 1979 and spent the better part of the next five decades in public service. During his stellar career, he patrolled the streets of Tulsa, arrested drug dealers while working undercover, and served as a bomb technician.

Dennis earned the rank of deputy chief in 2007. As deputy chief over operations, he was responsible for over 500 officers in all four uniform divisions, as well as budgeting and the personnel and payroll offices. He then became deputy chief over investigations, where he had command over the investigations bureau, which consists of the detective and special investigations divisions, the forensic laboratory, and fleet management.

Chief Larsen's distinguished career is highlighted by multiple certifications and advanced training. He is a graduate of the FBI's 185th National Academy and the 42nd FBI National Executive Institute. In addition, he holds certifications in FBI Hazardous Devices, FBI Weapons of Mass Destruction, Domestic Preparedness, Department of Homeland Security Infrastructure Protection, and U.S. Secret Service Dignitary Protection. During his years serving Tulsa, he earned three Chief Awards, four Departmental Commendations, and the Life Saving Award.

Dennis was also recognized by the Department of Justice as the third-longest serving bomb technician in the United States. Notably, he coordinated the Tulsa Police Bomb Squad's immediate response to the tragic Oklahoma City bombing in 1995 and personally spent more than 100 days on site at the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, where he assisted the investigation into the worst act of domestic terrorism in our Nation's history. The Federal Government later called on him to serve with a hand-picked group of hazardous devices technicians who developed an anti-terrorism strategy that has since protected millions of Americans across the country. As chief, he represented Tulsa in a variety of key law enforcement issues on a national level through the Major Cities Chiefs Association.

With this immensely successful career, it would have been easy for Dennis to retire early or exit public service. But his loyalty to the Tulsa Police Department and the city of Tulsa caused Dennis to answer the call to serve as Tulsa's 41st chief of police in 2024. Dennis always maintained that the safety of his officers was paramount, and he proved this by ensuring they had extensive training and the equipment they needed to protect citizens and themselves. As a leader, Dennis was known both for the care he showed his officers and the professionalism, fairness, transparency, team building, and strategic planning he exhibited at every level to ensure Tulsa continued its tradition of policing excellence.

Under Chief Larsen's watch, the city of Tulsa saw a notable, double-digit drop in crime. Tulsa is a better, safer community because of Dennis's courage, leadership, and service. Standing beside Dennis throughout his career has been another remarkable Oklahoman, Karen Larsen. Married for 37

years, Dennis and Karen share a deep love and faith and are the proud parents of three. In her own right, Karen is a legend in northeast Oklahoma, where she spent 30 years serving the community as an evening news anchor and reporter. A six-time Emmy award winner, Karen's sharp journalism and compassionate reporting won her the respect and appreciation of countless Oklahomans. Dennis and Karen share a true and admirable partnership.

Though he has earned the title of chief, I am extraordinarily grateful that during my time in office I have simply been able to call Dennis "my friend." To me and to my staff, Dennis has always been there when we needed him. Night or day, when a problem arose, Dennis was only a phone call away, and I was always able to rely upon his word when he said something would be done. He is a man of uncompromising integrity and character. It has been my honor to work alongside him all these years. While I will miss calling my friend to ask about law enforcement issues, I look forward to calling him to ask about the trips and adventures he and Karen will take together. They have more than earned a long, peaceful, and blessed retirement with plenty of time spent with the kids and grandkids. Hopefully, for Karen's sake, there are quite a few destination vacations already planned.

Dennis and Karen, thank you my friends for all that you have given to the people of Oklahoma. We are all grateful, we wish you the very best, and we know that our State is better today because of all you have done for us. May God continue to bless you both in your many days ahead.●

TRIBUTE TO THE TODD FAMILY

● Mr. PAUL. Madam President, I rise today to recognize the Todd family of Todd Family Farm in Carroll County, IN, and an extraordinary milestone in their family's history: 150 consecutive years of stewardship of their farm.

Since 1876, generations of the Todd family have cared for the same land, building a legacy rooted in agriculture, hard work, faith, family, and service. What began as a family homestead grew over time to encompass thousands of acres and became home to the Todd Hybrid Seed Company, which developed and distributed seed corn to farmers across the country and was an important part of the agricultural economy of Carroll County for decades.

This year, the State of Indiana recognized that remarkable legacy by presenting the Todd Family Farm with the Hoosier Homestead Sesquicentennial Award. The award honors farms that have remained in the same family for 150 years, a distinction that speaks not only to longevity but to the commitment required of generation after generation to preserve and protect a family farm.

The Todd family's legacy also extends to my home State of Kentucky.

Catherine Todd Bailey, a daughter of John Harvey and Clystia Martell Todd, now makes her home in Louisville. A native of Carroll County, Cathy carried the Todd family's tradition of service with her to Kentucky and later onto the world stage, serving as U.S. Ambassador to Latvia.

For a family to maintain its connection to the same land for a century and a half is a remarkable achievement. It represents perseverance through changing times, devotion to family, and a determination to pass something meaningful from one generation to the next.

I congratulate Cathy Bailey, Marlene Todd Stout, and the entire Todd family as they celebrate 150 years of the Todd Family Farm and the enduring legacy their family has built in Indiana, Kentucky, and across our Nation.●

TRIBUTE TO MARVIN BARNES

● Mr. RISCH. Madam President, the Gem State is made strong by the hardworking, dedicated, and selfless actions of Idahoans. Across our State, hundreds of thousands of veterans, first responders, volunteers, and public servants go above and beyond for the communities they call home. These people are pillars of our State and are essential to keeping Idaho the best place to live, work, and raise a family. Through my Idaho Service Spotlight, I recognize these exceptional Idahoans whose service and leadership have made a lasting impact on the Gem State. Today, I am pleased to recognize Marvin Barnes as an Idaho Service Spotlight recipient for the month of September 2026.

Following in the footsteps of his father and uncles, Marvin joined the Air Force in 1962. Throughout his military career, Marvin earned numerous awards for his courage, dedication, and professionalism, including three Meritorious Service Medals and the Air Force Commendation Medal. Even after retiring from Active Duty in 1982, Marvin continued to serve his country as a recruiter. During the Vietnam war, Marvin was part of a two-man team tasked with developing Air Force Medical Corps recruiting and later trained enlisted airmen and officers as a master instructor in the Air Force School of Applied Aerospace Sciences.

Today, Marvin resides in Twin Falls with his wife Kathy and remains deeply committed to serving the community. An active member of Joining Forces Magic Valley, he provides support and fellowship to local veterans and their families. Whether it is helping a veteran obtain a vehicle so they could commute to work or securing heat for the home of a veteran's widow, Marvin is always ready to step up for a military family in need.

Marvin's efforts extend far beyond the veteran community. He has been instrumental in the success of Mustard Seed Ministries, a local nonprofit which offers food, clothing, and finan-

cial assistance to Magic Valley residents. He also uses his talent for 3D printing to give back, creating and gifting items to nurses, doctors, special needs children, and anyone facing hardship.

Faith has long been at the heart of Marvin's service. Recently, in the aftermath of a tragic shooting in Twin Falls, he was among the many individuals who gathered to support, console, and pray with their neighbors. While Marvin does not keep track of his good deeds, his kindness, compassion, and generosity are well known throughout the Magic Valley.

On behalf of the people of Idaho, I thank and congratulate Marvin for being selected as an Idaho Service Spotlight recipient for the month of September 2026. You reflect the very best of our State, and Idaho is stronger because of your actions.●

TRIBUTE TO MICHELLE MARTINEZ

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For almost a decade, Michelle Martinez has been the director of the Melba Valley Senior Center. Every month, she and her team serves more than 45,000 pounds of food to over 1,200 families in the form of hot nutritious meals and the facility's pantry. While her role is specific to the senior center, Michelle offers food and positive social interaction to anyone in the community in need.

Each November, Michelle hosts a community Thanksgiving at the senior center. Alongside a group of volunteers, Michelle makes a home cooked Thanksgiving feast with several turkeys and sides made from scratch. Their delicious offerings attract a large number of local residents, and Michelle makes sure every person that walks through the doors leaves with a full stomach.

Michelle also coordinates the Melba Valley Farmers Market. Originally started to combat isolation during the pandemic, the market creates an environment for members of the community to gather and grow new relationships. In its 6 years of operation, Michelle has watched camaraderie flourish, and she looks forward to the continuation of this project.

Michelle serves her community because she believes that everyone has a

responsibility to make the world a better place. Whether through a smile or a shared laugh, Michelle is proof that even the smallest act can have a significant, meaningful impact on the lives of others. She has, without a doubt, built spaces for people to gather and share those important moments.

On behalf of the people of Idaho, I thank and congratulate Michelle for being selected as an Idaho Service Spotlight recipient for the month of August 2026. You reflect the very best of our state, and Idaho is stronger because of your actions.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry withdrawals which were sent to the appropriate committees.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:03 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 2403. An act to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to provide a clear definition of adequate consideration for certain closely held stock, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 9340. An act to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish a Federal standard relating to the recovery of the full, incremental costs of upgrades that serve large-load customers, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 5334) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow early childhood educators to take the educator expense deduction, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 11:59 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 6006. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 401 North Elm Street in Tuskegee, Alabama, as the "Tuskegee Airmen Memorial Post Office".

H.R. 7365. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located