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NOMINATION OF CHRISTOPHER A. HART

Mr. BOOKER. Mr. President, I strongly support the nomination of Christopher A. Hart to serve as Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, NTSB. Today I joined the Commerce Committee's unanimous approval of his nomination and urge my colleagues to move quickly to confirm Mr. Hart as Chair of the NTSB.

The NTSB plays a critical role in objectively evaluating accidents in aviation, railroad, highway, marine, and pipeline transportation services. The NTSB forms extensive recommendations on future enhancements in transportation safety and is a great asset in improving the national standard for transportation security. Given how critical the NTSB is to public safety, I cannot stress enough the importance of the full Senate approving this role. As Chairman, Mr. Hart will provide needed leadership to guide the NTSB's work.

In New Jersey, the NTSB serves an essential role in improving public safety. Just last year, the NTSB moved quickly to launch a thorough investigation of a high-profile truck accident in June 2014. In addition, in response to the 2012 Paulsboro, NJ train derailment, the NTSB issued a comprehensive report with a number of needed safety recommendations. The NTSB's thorough analysis and review of these accidents significantly aids local governments, first responders, and Federal lawmakers in making important policy decisions to avoid future catastrophes.

Given the importance of the NTSB to New Jersey and across the country, I am proud to support a nominee to lead this organization with a breadth of experience in senior leadership roles in aviation and highway safety. Mr. Hart's proven leadership of the NTSB makes him uniquely qualified to lead this organization. I am proud to offer my full support for Mr. Hart, who I am honored to note upon approval by this body, will serve as the first African-American Chairman of the NTSB. Mr. Hart continues the tradition of his great uncle James Herman Banning, the first African American to receive a pilot's license issued by the U.S. Government in 1926. As a pilot himself, and a true public servant, Mr. Hart will help the NTSB continue making a substantial positive impact on American public safety. Thank you.

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TRIBUTE TO TYLER STEPHENS

Mr. BURR. Mr. President, I wish to pay special tribute to Tyler Stephens, a key member of my staff on the Select

Committee on Intelligence. Tyler will leave us shortly to join the private sector. I am honored to have the opportunity to publicly thank Tyler and note my appreciation for his outstanding service to the United States Senate during the past 8 years, including his last 4 years of dedicated service to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

Tyler is one of the brightest and most talented individuals on Capitol Hill. He is also among the best connected, a testament to the high regard in which he is held. Beginning as a staff assistant for Senator JOHNNY ISAKSON in January 2007, he learned the Senate from the ground up and quickly rose through the ranks to his current position as a senior policy advisor on the Intelligence Committee. Tyler spent most of his time in the Senate as a close personal adviser to Senator Saxby Chambliss, my dear friend and colleague, on both his personal staff and throughout Saxby's tenure as the vice chairman of the Intelligence Committee. Tyler worked hard to establish his expertise as a policy and appropriations advisor on foreign relations, defense, homeland security, commerce, transportation, energy, environmental, and technology issues. On the Intelligence Committee, he quickly became a respected subject matter expert on a wide range of national security issues, including counterterrorism, covert action, and cybersecurity. As impressive as Tyler's resume and experience are, it is his personal dedication and quick wit that often carry the day. In an environment filled with threat briefings, hostile nation states, and post-9/11 conflict, it is often easy for some to dwell on the negative. Not Tyler—the consummate team player and totally mission-oriented—no challenge has been too great and no objective too small. His great sense of humor, contagious chuckles, and mischievous grin often lightened the mood and helped those around him perform better during stressful situations. With his boundless energy and enthusiasm, he made it all look easy.

My colleagues and I trust Tyler's judgment implicitly. He has played a key role in helping committee members develop successful legislative strategies for resolving difficult national security issues. He was also particularly helpful to me during my transition as the chairman of the Select Committee on Intelligence at the beginning of this Congress. Tyler's dedicated public service and exceptional day-to-day performance on the job have earned our respect and admiration, and it inspired a generation of staff who had the privilege to work alongside him. There is no doubt that Tyler has a bright future in the private sector; however, should the right opportunity present itself, I would strongly encourage my Senate colleagues to entice him back into public service. We will miss Tyler deeply, but his legacy will remain a part of the

Senate Select Committee on Intelligence for years to come.

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ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO NEIL ROBERTSON

• Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Madam President, I wish to pay tribute to a Connecticut resident who recently demonstrated extraordinary capability and heroism. Officer Neil Robertson of the Norwalk Police Department was on patrol this past Tuesday, February 24, when he drove by a railroad crossing and noticed a vehicle partially stopped on the tracks. He also saw that a train was approaching. The driver of the vehicle, who may not have been aware of the train, was unable to move forward because of gridlock in the intersection ahead. Officer Robertson quickly and accurately judged the impending danger. He immediately leapt from his car and directed traffic to move forward, allowing the driver of the stuck vehicle to escape the path of the oncoming train just seconds before it passed through the crossing.

Officer Robertson is a 4-year veteran of the Norwalk Police Department. He deserves the highest praise not just for his choice to enter a career in public service but for his speedy and decisive actions to avert a potentially disastrous accident. I know that all of Connecticut joins me in honoring and thanking him for his exemplary performance in the line of duty.●

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INDIANAPOLIS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 125TH ANNIVERSARY

• Mr. DONNELLY. Mr. President, today I wish to congratulate the hard-working members of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce as they celebrate 125 years of creating jobs, building Indiana's economy, and improving the lives of Hoosiers all across our State.

Originally called the Indianapolis Commercial Club, the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce was founded in 1890 by COL Eli Lilly to address needs brought on by urban expansion in Central Indiana. The rapid expansion of industry and transportation in the region at the time left what had been a rural population with insufficient infrastructure to meet the needs of the growing city. The steadfast response of these leaders to remedy this situation represents the determination and ingenuity that the Indy Chamber continues to exhibit today.

The 1912 merger of this group with like-minded business organizations, including the Manufacturers, Trade and Merchants Associations, became what is today known as the Indy Chamber. While the economic landscape has changed significantly, the Indy Chamber of today stays true to its earliest vision of boosting area businesses and growing industry and investment throughout the Indianapolis area.

With a bold civic agenda, Colonel Lilly and the early founders of the Indy Chamber invested their efforts in building up its membership and increasing the quality of life for residents and businesses alike—including advocating for better roadways so citizens and visitors could easily travel to their jobs and places of leisure; providing relief programs for citizens hit by economic depression; and serving as an adviser to elected and appointed officials on issues addressed at all levels of governing.

In 2013, the Indy Chamber merged with three area economic development organizations—Indy Partnership, Develop Indy, and Business Ownership Initiative—putting an even greater emphasis on the organization's mission to strengthen the metro economy. Today, the Indy Chamber's commitment to urban and rural metro strength can be seen in the ever-expanding resources they offer to large corporations and entrepreneurial startups alike.

As a leading advocate for business in the Indy area today, the Indy Chamber's mission remains true to its roots while at the same time adapting to accommodate the ever-growing landscape of today's business world. Their core mission includes keeping a keen eye on education and workforce development, supporting strong, fiscally responsible governing, and investment in regional infrastructure including roads and waterways—all areas that have an immense impact on the region's ability to attract jobs, talent, and capital.

On behalf of the citizens of Indiana, I sincerely congratulate each and every member of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce team on their 125th anniversary, and I wish them continued success and growth in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO ED GUTHRIE

- Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Ed Guthrie, executive director at Opportunity Village, for his tireless efforts to enhance the lives of those around him. Mr. Guthrie has dedicated 20 years to working for Opportunity Village, helping thousands with disabilities. The organization gives students a positive social environment and provides support to families and loved ones. Mr. Guthrie has contributed greatly to the city of Las Vegas by working to make Opportunity Village the best it can be.

He stands as a shining example of someone who has devoted his life to the betterment of others. Throughout his 20 years with Opportunity Village, Guthrie has grown the organization to be recognized internationally, receiving numerous awards. It was named one of the country's top five rehabilitation service providers in the United States by the Social Security Administration and was distinguished as Las Vegas' Best Community Organization.

Mr. Guthrie has had great influence in expanding the facilities over the years, pushing to open the Walters

Family Campus of Opportunity Village and the North Campus of Opportunity Village. I have personally taken a tour of the Ralph and Betty Engelstad Campus and witnessed the importance of space specifically laid out for the needs of the organization. Opportunity Village now has three employment training center campuses and a thrift store, and it services 1,990 people every day. Mr. Guthrie's dedication to these students and families is without limit and stands as a pristine example of selflessness.

Opportunity Village offers vocational training, community employment, day services, advocacy, arts, and social recreation, creating a productive environment for those who participate. This gives students the opportunity to create friendships and pursue independence to become part of the local community. I have seen firsthand, after attending Opportunity Village events such as the 10th annual Job Discovery Program graduation ceremony and hosting meetings with Mr. Guthrie, the positive atmosphere that the organization offers to the community.

I extend my deepest gratitude to Mr. Guthrie for his noble contributions to the Las Vegas community and to the individuals that have benefited from Opportunity Village. His service to Nevada places him among the outstanding men and women of the State.

Today, I ask my colleagues and all Nevadans to join me in recognizing Mr. Guthrie and his work for Opportunity Village, a program with a mission that is both honorable and necessary. I wish the program the best of luck in all of its future endeavors.●

#### TRIBUTE TO DAVID MORTON

- Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I congratulate David Morton on his retirement after 26 years of service with the Housing Authority of the City of Reno. It gives me great pleasure to recognize the years of hard work and dedication he has committed to the City of Reno and the Silver State.

Mr. Morton earned his bachelor of arts from Auburn University in Alabama and then went on to complete his graduate studies in history and political science at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN. Upon completion of his studies, Mr. Morton began his career as a community organization officer at the Metropolitan Development and Housing Agency in Nashville. After 20 years of working for two successful housing agencies in Nashville and Dallas, TX, Mr. Morton moved to the city of Reno to utilize his experience in a new location, benefitting the great State of Nevada. His work within the community shines as an outstanding example of true commitment to bettering the State.

During his tenure, Mr. Morton also served as president of the Public Housing Authorities Directors Association, secretary and treasurer of the board of directors of the Housing Authorities

Risk Retention Pool, trustee of the Legislative Committee for the Public Housing Authorities Directors Association, and member of the Housing Committee for the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials. His work throughout these many organizations demonstrates his dedication to honorably representing Nevada on a larger scale. He currently serves as president of the Washoe Affordable Housing Corporation, which administers project-based contracts with the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the State of Nevada. Although he is retiring, his legacy within these organizations will continue for years to come.

The Reno community has greatly benefitted from the hard work of Mr. Morton. He exemplifies the highest standards of leadership and community service and should be proud of his long and meaningful career. Today, I ask that all of my colleagues join me in congratulating David Morton on his retirement, and I offer my deepest appreciation for all that he has done to make Nevada an even better place. I offer my best wishes for many successful and fulfilling years to come.●

#### RECOGNIZING DARRELL'S

- Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, in many cases small businesses are the best representatives of their communities. If you were to ask folks from Lake Charles, LA for the best po-boy in town, locals would agree that Darrell's is the spot to be. All about great food and good times, Darrell's has provided its patrons with genuine Louisiana fare for over 30 years, which is why Darrell's is this week's Small Business of the Week.

Open Monday through Saturday, Darrell's has become a staple in the Lake Charles community and the surrounding southwest Louisiana area. A go-to for locals of all ages and walks of life, Darrell's menu includes mouth-watering po-boys piled high with a variety of fresh, delicious Louisiana ingredients. Most popular on the menu is the Darrell's Special po-boy, which comes piled high with fresh-sliced ham, turkey, and roast beef cooked in and covered with homemade roast beef gravy. Locals would recommend adding a smear of Darrell's own jalapeno mayo, a side of chips, and an ice-cold glass of sweet tea. Darrell's has also upped the ante with baking their crusty French bread in-house and serving a specialty barbecue sauce. Darrell's also takes advantage of Louisiana's successful seafood industry by serving up a spicy Cajun shrimp po-boy option. It is always great to see local establishments tap into the rich resources our State has to offer because that is when we begin to see economic growth across the board.

Beyond mouth-watering po-boys, Darrell's also serves as a local watering-hole where customers can enjoy a cold beverage while cheering on their