

medical corps of the three military services.

Dr. Rice has collaborated closely with the leadership of the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and the leadership throughout the Military Health System. He has reached out to provide more support to the national network of Military Treatment Facilities to forge a "unity of effort." Dr. Rice has also worked with the National Institutes of Health and other Federal agencies to advance education, research, and health care for our Nation's military beneficiaries and civilian communities.

As president, Dr. Rice founded the Post Graduate Dental College and created several new graduate degree programs, including public health educational activities. Through these efforts, Dr. Rice has helped USU to become a multidimensional health sciences university dedicated to advancing the mission of the Military Health System.

Prior to USU, Dr. Rice had a distinguished career in academic medicine and public service. He served as vice chancellor for Health Affairs and vice dean of the College of Medicine, University of Illinois at Chicago. Previously, he was professor and chairman of surgery at University of Texas Southwestern. Dr. Rice also was a Robert Wood Johnson Fellow for former majority leader Senator Tom Daschle from 1991 to 1992.

Dr. Rice was professor and vice chairman, University of Washington Department of Surgery. Before that, he was director of the intensive care unit at Michael Reese Hospital and Medical Center in Chicago. Prior to Michael Reese Hospital, Dr. Rice was assistant professor of surgery at the Pritzker School of Medicine, University of Chicago. Dr. Rice has had extensive training with the U.S. Navy Medical Corps in Bethesda and in San Diego.

Dr. Rice has deep experience with the Nation's civilian academic health community and the Military Health System. He has brought this knowledge to benefit the USU, and he leaves it a better place. I wish to commend Dr. Rice for his service to the Uniformed Services University and to the Nation.●

TRIBUTE TO RYAN DONNELLY

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Ryan Donnelly, an intern in my Washington, DC, office for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota.

Ryan is a graduate of South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD, having earned a degree in agricultural business. This fall, Ryan will attend the University of South Dakota to pursue a master's degree in business administration. Ryan is a dedicated worker who has been committed to getting the most out of his experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Ryan Donnelly for all of the fine work he has done and wish him

continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO LANE HASKELL

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Lane Haskell, an intern in my Rapid City, SD, office for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota.

Lane is a graduate of St. Thomas More High School in Rapid City, SD. Currently, Lane is attending the University of Notre Dame where he is majoring in Spanish and political science. Lane is a dedicated worker who has been committed to getting the most out of his experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Lane Haskell for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO GRAYSON KIELHOLD

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Grayson Kielhold, an intern in my Washington, DC, office for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota.

Grayson is a graduate of O'Gorman High School in Sioux Falls, SD. Currently, Grayson is attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where he is majoring in marketing. Grayson is a dedicated worker who has been committed to getting the most out of his experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Grayson Kielhold for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO STERLING NIELSEN

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Sterling Nielsen, an intern in my Washington, DC, office for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota.

Sterling is a graduate of St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN, having earned a degree in economics. Currently, Sterling is attending the University of South Dakota School of Law. Sterling is a dedicated worker who has been committed to getting the most out of his experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Sterling Nielsen for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO BEN ROGERS

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Ben Rogers, an intern in my Washington, DC, office for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota.

Ben is a graduate of O'Gorman High School in Sioux Falls, SD. Currently, Ben is attending Creighton University where he is majoring in economics and

political science. Ben is a dedicated worker who has been committed to getting the most out of his experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Ben Rogers for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

RECOGNIZING BOBBY JOHNSON EQUIPMENT COMPANY, INC.

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, small businesses and entrepreneurs are known for their toughness and can-do attitude, understanding full well the importance of quality equipment and services to get jobs done right the first time. For their commitment to providing north Louisiana and the surrounding Ark-La-Tex region with the heavy machinery to keep the region moving, this week I am glad to announce Bobby Johnson Equipment Company, Inc., of Oil City, LA, as Small Business of the Week.

In 1973, Bobby Johnson opened his namesake equipment company in Oil City, LA, with the goal of serving the tristate Ark-La-Tex region with quality heavy equipment products and services. With a staff boasting over 100 combined years of engine and mechanical experience, Bobby Johnson Equipment quickly grew in sales and customer satisfaction. As a family-owned and operated truck dealer, Mr. Johnson and his employees work directly with Ark-La-Tex companies to provide heavy duty trucks, truck parts, trailers, and equipment.

Today Bobby Johnson Equipment Company has become one of north Louisiana's largest suppliers of new and used parts and services, servicing the transportation, construction, and oil and natural gas industries. Conveniently located in Louisiana's northwest region, Bobby Johnson Equipment Company provides services to folks in and around Little Rock, AR, Tulsa, OK, Jackson, MS, and Dallas, Fort Worth, and Houston, TX, in addition to their far-reaching online sales operation.

Congratulations again to Bobby Johnson Equipment Company, Inc., for being selected as Small Business of the Week, and I look forward to your continued growth and success.●

RECOGNIZING H2O, INC.

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, Louisiana is blessed to have an abundance of natural resources, and as a result, many folks work in the energy industry. In terms of creating jobs and supplying oil and gas, offshore drilling in the Gulf of Mexico provides a lot for families and businesses across the State, as well as the Nation. For those working on the offshore rigs, safety is always a priority. As we approach the sixth anniversary of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill that took the lives of 11 men and devastated our coasts, we must absolutely make sure the workers

out there are taken care of. One important aspect is ensuring they have reliable clean drinking water and sewage systems. This week, I would like to recognize H2O, Inc., from Lafayette, LA, as Small Business of the Week, for supporting Louisiana's offshore and marine industries by providing them with crucial water treatment solutions.

One of the key issues facing the crews on offshore oil rigs is access to clean and safe potable water, and in 1980, H2O used their southwest Louisiana ties to provide desalination units to the offshore and gas market. H2O grew considerably when it started producing marine and offshore potable water, sewage, and electrochlorination systems for companies all around the world. With this new range of products, H2O was able to provide more job opportunities and currently has many employees on staff. In 2013, H2O acquired Owens Manufacturing and Specialty Company, which allowed them to venture into the offshore wastewater treatment market. Just last fall, H2O brought in PEPCON systems in order to strengthen their electrochlorination services. Today H2O is known as the region's leading water system equipment provider and even holds patents.

Congratulations again to H2O for being selected as Small Business of the Week, and thank you for your commitment to providing clean water treatment solutions to folks in the Gulf of Mexico and around the world.●

RECOGNIZING JESCO

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, it is no secret that, among the many pressing issues facing our Nation, updating our Nation's crumbling infrastructure is one of the most important. Roads and bridges are quite literally the foundation of our daily lives, and those of us in Louisiana certainly recognize the importance of upgrading and maintaining our highways and levees. One small business based out of Jennings, LA, has been working to improve our State's infrastructure, and I would like to recognize JESCO as Small Business of the Week for their important progress supporting some of Louisiana's biggest infrastructure and environmental projects.

In 1994, a group of Louisiana-based professional engineers and scientists established JESCO to provide engineering, construction, disaster preparation and response, and environmental services to local and State governments along the Gulf Coast, as well as Federal agencies. Lead by Ms. Alvinette Teal, an experienced geologist and graduate of Louisiana State University, JESCO is a federally certified, woman-owned small business.

Over the last 22 years, JESCO has worked on some of Louisiana's vitally important water infrastructure projects, including necessary coastal restoration efforts. Louisiana's coast-

line play an important role in protecting our coastal communities from natural disasters, and coastal restoration is among our State's highest priorities. The engineers and scientists at JESCO have also worked on projects testing the salinity for levee construction materials, which in Louisiana is vital to building levees that will protect families, businesses, and homes during a storm. Additionally, JESCO has been contracted for soil and ground water remediation efforts in Breaux Bridge, LA, and hurricane and disaster management for Hurricane Ike.

Small businesses like JESCO are leading the way to improve our infrastructure and better protect our families, homes, and businesses. Congratulations to JESCO of Jennings, LA, for being selected as this week's Small Business of the Week, and I look forward to your continued growth and success.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGES

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13466 OF JUNE 26, 2008, WITH RESPECT TO NORTH KOREA—PM 52

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to North Korea that was declared in Executive Order 13466 of June 26, 2008, expanded in scope in Executive Order 13551 of August 30, 2010, addressed further in Executive Order 13570 of April 18, 2011, further expanded in scope in Executive Order 13687 of January 2, 2015, and under which additional steps were taken in Executive Order 13722 of March 15, 2016, is to continue in effect beyond June 26, 2016.

The existence and risk of proliferation of weapons-usable fissile material

on the Korean Peninsula; the actions and policies of the Government of North Korea that destabilize the Korean Peninsula and imperil U.S. Armed Forces, allies, and trading partners in the region, including its pursuit of nuclear and missile programs; and other provocative, destabilizing, and repressive actions and policies of the Government of North Korea, continue to constitute an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency with respect to North Korea.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, June 21, 2016.

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13219 OF JUNE 26, 2001, WITH RESPECT TO THE WESTERN BALKANS—PM 53

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to the Western Balkans that was declared in Executive Order 13219 of June 26, 2001, is to continue in effect beyond June 26, 2016.

The threat constituted by the actions of persons engaged in, or assisting, sponsoring, or supporting (i) extremist violence in the Republic of Macedonia and elsewhere in the Western Balkans region, or (ii) acts obstructing implementation of the Dayton Accords in Bosnia and Herzegovina or United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 of June 10, 1999, in Kosovo, has not been resolved. In addition, Executive Order 13219 was amended by Executive Order 13304 of May 28, 2003, to take additional steps with respect to acts obstructing implementation of the Ohrid Framework Agreement of 2001 relating to Macedonia.

Because the acts of extremist violence and obstructionist activity outlined in these Executive Orders are hostile to U.S. interests and continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States, I have