

Wisconsin, as well as other patient organizations, in providing education and support to help those affected by gastroparesis.

In an effort to improve our understanding and awareness of gastroparesis, I urge my fellow colleagues to join me in recognizing August as National Gastroparesis Awareness Month.

Thank you.

TRIBUTE TO DR. PAUL BERAN

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, today I wish to honor University of Arkansas-Fort Smith Chancellor Dr. Paul Beran who will be leaving the university at the end of August after more than a decade of service.

Since becoming chancellor in 2006, Dr. Beran has shown himself to be a tremendous advocate for the university. During his tenure, he has overseen the expansion of undergraduate degree programs, as well as a master's degree program, resulting in the graduation of thousands of students over the past 12 years. Under Dr. Beran's leadership, UA-FS has tripled its student housing capacity, expanded the school's Boreham Library, constructed the Windgate Art and Design facility, and expanded its athletics program, transitioning from the junior collegiate level to an NCAA Division II athletic program.

Dr. Beran is a champion of all students, notably student veterans. He facilitated the construction of the veteran resource center, which offers veterans a special space on campus. In addition to serving as a communal study space, the center streamlines interactions with off-campus organization and businesses.

He has made a career out of helping students pave the way for a successful future. He has been recognized for his work to advance the academic opportunities of the African-American community, earning the Golden Hands Award from the Martin Luther King Holiday Committee. He was credited as a distinguished graduate of Stephen F. Austin University and was recognized by Texas A&M University's College of Education as an outstanding alumnus. All of these honors are well deserved.

I congratulate Dr. Beran for his outstanding achievements in education and thank him for his service to the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith. I appreciate his friendship and enjoyed working with him to improve education opportunities in Fort Smith. UA-FS is an excellent school and a great asset to the region, thanks to his leadership and years of dedication. We will miss his guidance, but wish him continued success as executive director and chief executive officer of the South Dakota Higher Education Board of Regents.●

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO EDGAR E. LEWIS

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, this week I have the honor of recognizing Edgar E. Lewis of Golden Valley County for his contributions and impact to the Golden Valley community.

Edgar is a lifelong Montanan. Born on his family ranch in Lavina, he is the youngest of seven kids. Edgar began running the ranch at a young age after his older brothers went off to fight in World War II. It would take Edgar and his father 5 days to move their cattle to the summer grazing range. These trips made Edgar fall in love with ranching and are what made him become a lifelong rancher.

Edgar's heart for his country and community is clear in the ways he has served. Edgar served his country during the Korean war. After the war, he settled down and bought his current ranch, just north of the Snowy Mountains. He served on the board of directors on the Montana Livestock Ag Credit from 1986-1998. Edgar also served as the Golden Valley commissioner from 1989-2002.

At 86, Edgar encapsulates the Montana cowboy spirit that brings so much character to our great State. I thank Edgar for giving back to his community and for continuing the tradition of the Montana cowboy.●

RECOGNIZING POSITIVE STREET ART

• Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, I am proud to recognize as the August Granite Staters of the Month the team behind Nashua's Positive Street Art for their work remembering those lost to substance use disorders and supporting those undergoing treatment.

New Hampshire is one of the States that has been hardest hit by the fentanyl, heroin, and opioid epidemic. This epidemic has devastated communities across the Granite State, and far too many people have lost loved ones to substance use disorders. We must continue to honor the memories of those lost and continue to find ways to support individuals who are going through recovery. In Nashua, Positive Street Art is helping to remember those lost and support those on the road to recovery with a mural called "Take Courage."

Since 2012, Positive Street Art has promoted the arts in Nashua through urban and public art projects, including murals, workshops, afterschool programs, and events like the Downtown Arts Festival. Their newest mural, "Take Courage," has come together primarily through the efforts of artists Tom Lopez and Manuel Ramirez, as well as through the support of Ric Everhard, Alison Bankowski, and community volunteers Alyssa O'Mara, Victor Luce, Patrick Paraggio, Blake Bankowski, John Stein, Lance Isaksen, Paul Alvarez, Valerie Galvao, Ashley

Young, and Jessica Ayala. The mural is meant to honor those community members who were lost to substance misuse and inspire those seeking recovery.

When completed, the mural will bear an important and hopeful message for people in Nashua and across the Granite State who have been impacted by this horrific crisis: "Take Courage. When the road is long you must never forget you are never alone."

In addition to their latest work, Positive Street Art has completed numerous other murals. These include the "Hearts and Minds" mural that honors our veterans, the "Gratitude" mural which reminds viewers to be thankful for the blessings in their daily lives, and the "Nostalgia" mural which highlights the vintage theaters that used to occupy downtown Nashua. They have become beloved additions to the streets of the city.

For their efforts to raise awareness and support those who have been impacted by substance use disorders, as well as their general work to support the arts in Nashua, I am proud to recognize the Positive Street Art team as the August Granite Staters of the Month.●

RECOGNIZING SJX JET BOATS, INC.

• Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, my home State of Idaho is known for its beautiful landscapes, outdoor recreation, and protected wilderness. These natural wonders are enjoyed by native Idahoans and Americans from across the country. Today I would like to recognize an innovative small business that contributes to allowing further exploration of the beautiful, remote areas of our Nation. As chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, it is my distinct pleasure to recognize SJX Jet Boats, Inc., as the Small Business of the Month for August 2018. SJX Jet Boat, Inc.'s commitment to the quality and performance of its shallow-water aluminum jet boat exemplifies Idaho's entrepreneurial spirit and appreciation for the outdoors.

After several years of working in the aluminum jet boat building field, SJX Jet Boats owner, Steve Stajkowski, created a concept for a boat that could handle remote, shallow waters while maintaining a strong structural design and functionality. While on a hunting trip in Alaska, Stajkowski saw the need for a shallow-water boat that could navigate the small bodies of water found throughout the State. Inspired by the concept of combining high-speed performance with the offroading aspects of boating, the SJX boat design began to take shape. He began work on the very first inboard tunnel hull in 1998. Less than 10 years later, after years of experimenting with many different designs, Steve started SJX Jet Boats, Inc., in 2007. Located in Orofino, ID, SJX Jet Boats is

located in the midst of shallow bodies of water and what is known as the steelhead fishing capital of the world.

Whether for a hunter, fisherman, or an adventurer, SJX Jet Boats, Inc., have honed their design through continuous research and development in order to provide the best possible product. One of the primary factors of boat design is the boat's durability. The make of an SJX Jet Boat consists of a continuous weld, which prevents cracks and creates a solid foundation. Because of this weld, along with the innovative inboard tunnel hull, these boats are able to traverse water as shallow as 4 inches. This inboard tunnel allows the jet to be elevated off of the surface of the boat; therefore, any debris potentially hitting the bottom of the boat is unable to reach the jet itself. Testing of any new features for the boat are carried out by Stajkowski himself, as a means of ensuring that new products will be crafted to exceed customer expectations.

In addition to sport and leisure, the benefits of SJX Jet boats extend beyond the recreational user. SJX Jet boats are customizable for policing, search and rescue, fire, and other first responder operations. A number of communities within our Nation are adjacent to shallow waterways, streams, and rivers, and in these places, SJX Jet Boats are preferred by some emergency organizations since they allow for easier access to disaster victims in times of emergency. SJX Jet Boats have repeatedly proven to be capable of reaching these stranded residents. During a search and rescue mission during a flood in the Philippines, approximately 1,200 individuals were rescued due to the jet boat's capability to maneuver through large amounts of debris. Thanks to the unique innovation of SJX Jet Boats, rescue missions like these are much easier to carry out.

The State of Idaho is proud to be home to small businesses like SJX Jet Boats. The ability of an SJX Jet Boat to operate in such remote locations is an innovative feat that makes these boats truly one of a kind. I would like to congratulate Steve Stajkowski and all of the employees at SJX Jet Boats, Inc., for being named the Small Business of the Month for August 2018. I look forward to watching your continued growth and success.●

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on August 23, 2018, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 717. An act to promote pro bono legal services as a critical way in which to empower survivors of domestic violence.

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-6253. A communication from the Chairman, Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's annual report for calendar year 2017; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6254. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's strategic plan for fiscal years 2018 through 2023; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6255. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Organization; Definitions; Eligibility Criteria for Outside Directors" (RIN3052-AC97) received in the Office of the President pro tempore of the Senate; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6256. A communication from the Acting Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Conditions for Payment of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Indemnity Claims" (RIN0579-AE14) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 16, 2018; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6257. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of major general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6258. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral David C. Johnson, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6259. A communication from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Municipal Securities Disclosure" (RIN3235-AL97) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 21, 2018; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6260. A communication from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disclosure Update and Simplification" (RIN3235-AL82) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 21, 2018; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6261. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy for the position of Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 21, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6262. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval and Air Quality Designation; KY; Redesignation of the Kentucky Portion of the Louisville Unclassifiable Area" (FRL No. 9970-70-Region 4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 17, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6263. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmit-

ting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval and Air Quality Designation; AL; Redesignation of the Etowah County Unclassifiable Area" (FRL No. 9982-71-Region 4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 17, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6264. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Washington; Interstate Transport Requirements for the 2012 PM2.5 NAAQS" (FRL No. 9982-46-Region 10) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 17, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6265. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New York; Subpart 225-1, Fuel Composition and Use - Sulfur Limitations" (FRL No. 9982-80-Region 2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 17, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6266. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "District of Columbia: Final Authorization of District Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions" (FRL No. 9982-19-Region 3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 17, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6267. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan; National Priorities List: Deletion of the Ordinance Works Disposal Areas Superfund Site" (FRL No. 9982-57-Region 3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 17, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6268. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Partial Approval and Partial Disapproval of Air Quality State Implementation Plans; Arizona; Infrastructure Requirements for Nitrogen Dioxide and Sulfur Dioxide" (FRL No. 9982-23-Region 9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 17, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6269. A communication from the Director, Tax Policy and Administration Strategic Issues Team, Government Accountability Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, a list of Government Accountability Office employees designated to have access to tax returns and return information for the purpose of carrying out audits of the Internal Revenue Service and the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6270. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification to Rev. Proc. 2017-41" (Rev. Proc. 2018-42) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 21, 2018; to the Committee on Finance.