

options, education on drug abuse for youth, and tools for prosecuting peddlers of synthetic drugs.

The Opioid Crisis Response Act addresses the front end of the problem through education and prevention and also tackles the back end through treatment and law enforcement solutions.

I would like to recognize my colleagues and thank them for their cooperative spirit and determined efforts to help develop and move this legislation forward.

Without reaching across the aisle and working together, we wouldn't be here.

In particular, I would like to thank Senator ALEXANDER and his staff for their leadership in making this happen.

I am proud of the work we have done so far and look forward to continuing our bipartisan effort.

Hopefully, this bill crosses the finish line, and we get the President's signature on a major piece of legislation.

We certainly haven't solved all of our drug problems, but I will continue to work hard to look for more ways that Congress can help, but for today, we can take a brief moment to recognize what we have done in passing this bill.

It is truly an important step in the right direction. This bill will serve Iowans and all Americans in our continued fight against the opioid crisis.

OPERATION TWIN LINKS

Mr. NELSON. Mr. President, on the 11th of November 2018, the world celebrates the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. America entered the Great War 2 years, 8 months, and 9 days after it started, but with our allies and through great sacrifice, defeated the Central Powers.

In honor of the Great War centennial, two men have served as thankful ambassadors from our oldest ally: France. Mr. Christophe de Goulaine and Mr. Pierre Lauvergeat have undertaken a historic effort named Operation Twin Links. In tribute to American World War I veterans and their families, the two men traveled almost 5,000 miles of American countryside on a fully restored 1918 Harley Davidson 1000 18-J motorcycle. This is the very model our servicemembers rode throughout the Western Front. It is also the same model that Corporal Roy Holtz of Chippewa Falls, WI, rode into Germany on November 12, 1918, in the famous photograph titled, "The first Yank and Harley to enter Germany." The motorcycle is named Bony, after the French commune which is home to Somme American Cemetery and Memorial, the final resting place for 1,844 American soldiers.

Operation Twin Link's historic journey of remembrance and thanks began at Fort Caroline National Memorial in Jacksonville, FL, which shares a special linkage as twin city to Nantes, France. From there, Bony traveled to the Harley Davidson Headquarters in Milwaukee, WI, then to Las Vegas, NV.

Along the way, these ambassadors made numerous stops, thanking Americans for their support during those dark times in history and reminding us all of the links shared between our two great nations. Bony's trip concluded on September 10, 2018, in Jacksonville, FL, where Mr. de Goulaine's ancestor, French explorer Rene de Goulaine de Laudonniere, founded the first European settlement in America.

As we near the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I, I invite all Americans to remember the sacrifice of our great generation and our enduring allies in Europe. Furthermore, it is with gratitude and appreciation that I thank Mr. de Goulaine and Mr. Lauvergeat for reminding us of the deep friendship of the people of France and for undertaking this feat to bring home a symbol of American ingenuity, steadfastness, and resolve from World War I.

RECOGNIZING THE TRANSIENT REACTOR TEST FACILITY RESTART

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, along with my colleagues Senator JAMES RISCH and Representative MIKE SIMPSON, today I wish to call attention to an important event taking place today at the U.S. Department of Energy's, DOE, 890-square-mile site in Idaho. Today, Idaho National Laboratory, INL, personnel ran the first experiments in the Transient Reactor Test, TREAT, facility in nearly a quarter century.

Idaho National Laboratory is our Nation's lead nuclear energy research, development, and demonstration laboratory, the place where 52 original nuclear reactors were constructed and demonstrated. One of those reactors was the TREAT facility, which operated from 1959–1994, and remained fully fueled while on standby status. Transient testing focuses upon testing nuclear fuel under accident conditions. TREAT is one of the most capable and flexible transient test reactors in the world.

Following the accident at the Fukushima-Daiichi Power Plant in Japan 7 years ago, Congress directed the DOE to develop reactor fuels that could better withstand accident conditions. During TREAT's 35 operating years, the reactor performed 6,604 reactor startups and 2,884 transient irradiations. Given this history, it made more sense to restart the facility than build a new reactor. That decision paid off when, on August 31, 2017, the Resumption of Transient Testing Program was completed more than 1 year ahead of schedule and approximately \$17 million under budget.

This highly successful restart at the TREAT facility was recognized in August, when a joint DOE-INL team won the Secretary of Energy Award. This award recognizes DOE employees or contractors who accomplish significant achievements. It is the highest non-monetary internal recognition that can

be achieved at the DOE. U.S. Secretary of Energy Rick Perry highlighted the TREAT restart team's effort and efficiency, and recognized the importance of the facility to nuclear energy scientists and engineers as they work to develop advanced nuclear fuels and reactor technologies.

Congratulations, INL and DOE, on the TREAT restart and for bringing back online an important national asset in the effort to develop the advanced nuclear reactors so vital to our economy, environment, and national security.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO CALEB FRARE

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, this week I have the honor of recognizing Caleb Frare of Custer County for becoming the most recent Montanan to play Major League Baseball.

Born in Billings, MT, Caleb, like most boys, dreamt of becoming a professional baseball player. Throughout his adolescent life, Caleb advanced in all levels of baseball. As a standout of the Miles City Outlaws baseball club, Caleb was on track to a promising career in baseball.

After graduation from Custer County High School in 2012, Caleb was drafted by the New York Yankees in the 11th round. Caleb was recently traded by the New York Yankees to the Chicago White Sox, where he played on their triple-A team out of Charlotte, NC. Caleb received the phone call he had so patiently been awaiting his whole life. The White Sox had called him up for his first Major League debut. In his debut, Caleb pitched a perfect inning in the Chicago White Sox's 8-0 win over the Boston Red Sox.

I congratulate Caleb on such a tremendous achievement and look forward to the many more milestones he will complete during his baseball career.●

TRIBUTE TO GARY JOHNSON

• Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I am pleased to recognize Mr. Gary Johnson on the occasion of his retirement. Gary has served as the airport director for the city of Stillwater Regional Airport, SWO for the past 32 years and has a lifelong dedication to the aviation community. Under his steady leadership, Stillwater Regional Airport has grown into one of Oklahoma's best general aviation and commercial airports. Earlier this year, Stillwater Regional Airport celebrated its 100,000th commercial passenger in less than 2 years—made possible because Gary brought regular commercial service back to the airport.

Gary began his career in aviation by graduating from Southeastern Oklahoma State University with a bachelor's of science in professional aviation-business. In addition to being a pilot, he started his own fixed based operator, the Stillwater Flight Center,

before becoming the airport director at Stillwater. As airport director, Gary has been a fixture in the Oklahoma aviation community, even serving as president of the Oklahoma Airport Operators Association twice. Gary was awarded the Airport Manager of the Year in 2017, the same year that Stillwater Regional Airport was recognized as Oklahoma Airport of the Year by the Oklahoma Airport Operators Association and the Federal Aviation Administration.

At the Federal level, Gary has been a passionate advocate for aviation, serving on the board of the American Association of Airport Executives and as a vocal member of the U.S. Contract Tower Association, ensuring that all Members of Congress are aware of the importance of general aviation to their constituents and to their communities.

I know that I join his family, the Stillwater Regional Airport, and the city of Stillwater community in thanking Gary for his years of service and contributions to the aviation community.

Congratulations on your retirement.●

REMEMBERING PETE CLEMONS

● Mr. NELSON. Mr. President, I would like to recognize the legacy of an extraordinary fourth generation Floridian and friend who passed away last weekend.

Otis Odell "Pete" Clemons died on September 16, 2018, at the age of 91. He was a well-known Florida cowboy. In fact, he won the Best All Around Cowboy honors at Silver Spurs Rodeo a record eight times. His rodeo skills inspired artist Buster Kenton to create a cartoon character named Cowboy Jake.

Pete served his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II. After the war, he attended the University of Florida and earned his bachelor's degree in 1950.

He became the owner and operator of the Okeechobee Livestock Market. The market continues to operate today under the management of his two sons, Jeff and Todd Clemons.

Notably, Pete is the only person to be inducted into the Florida Agriculture Hall of Fame and the Florida Sports Hall of Fame. In 2009, he received the Florida Folk Heritage Award in recognition of his successful rodeo career, as well as his contributions to the State's cattle-ranching community.

Pete was a longtime member of the Okeechobee Cattlemen's Association and served as honorary director of the Florida Cattlemen's Association. He was an active member of the First United Methodist Church.

I extend my deepest condolences to his family, particularly his wife Susanne and his children: Jeff Clemons and his wife Debbie and Todd Clemons and his wife Tina. Pete is also survived by his siblings, Billie Jean Reynolds and her husband Mark and Bud Clemons and his wife Kathy, as well as

his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.●

RECOGNIZING BATESVILLE TOOL & DIE, INC.

● Mr. YOUNG. Mr. President, I wish to rise today to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Fledderman family and the employees at Batesville Tool & Die, Inc., BTD, as they celebrate their 40th anniversary. Headquartered in Batesville, IN, BTD has become a global manufacturer of superior metal stampings for appliance, industrial, and automotive markets.

Founded in 1978 by Ron Fledderman, BTD started with a single press and a small tool room. The current second-generation president and CEO, Jody Fledderman, took the reins in 1989 with the same promise to his customers: to provide quality, low-cost products with technical expertise. Today the company is estimated to be a multimillion-dollar business with nearly 1,000 employees. As a member of the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, it is important that we recognize the value small and medium-sized businesses have in rural communities like Batesville, IN.

I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the Fledderman family and the workers at Batesville Tool & Die, Inc., for their 40 years of dedicated customer service and economic innovation.●

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, September 18, 2018, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 994. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for the protection of community centers with religious affiliation, 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-6519. 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 "Establishing a Performance Standard for Authorizing the Importation and Interstate Movement of Fruits and Vegetables" (RIN0579-AD71) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 17, 2018; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6520. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-443, "Fiscal Year 2018 Revised Local Budget Temporary Adjustment Act of 2018"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6521. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report

on D.C. Act 22-444, "Anacostia River Toxics Remediation Temporary Amendment Act of 2018"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6522. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-445, "Credit Protection Fee Waiver Temporary Amendment Act of 2018"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6523. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-446, "At-Risk Tenant Protection Clarifying Temporary Amendment Act of 2018"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6524. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-447, "Southwest Waterfront Park Bus Prohibition Temporary Act of 2018"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6525. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-448, "Southwest Waterfront Parking Enforcement Temporary Act of 2018"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6526. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-452, "Campaign Finance Reform and Transparency Temporary Amendment Act of 2018"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6527. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-438, "Vital Records Modernization Amendment Act of 2018"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6528. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-439, "Omnibus Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Amendment Act of 2018"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6529. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-440, "Redevelopment of the Center Leg Freeway (Interstate 395)"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6530. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-441, "Homeless Shelter Replacement Amendment Act of 2018"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6531. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-442, "Fair Elections Implementation Amendment Act of 2018"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6532. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-449, "Traffic and Parking Ticket Penalty Amendment Act of 2018"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6533. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 22-450, "East End Certificate of Need Maximum Fee Establishment Amendment Act of 2018"; to the Committee on