

man in Cleveland named Danny Salazar, who was trying to arrange visas for his family to visit him from the Dominican Republic. You may recognize the name Danny Salazar—he was the Cleveland Indians' star pitcher, and the reason he wanted his family to come visit was because he had been selected to play in the MLB All-Star Game in San Diego. Diana got right on the case, and, working with other members of our team, she was able to make sure Danny's family got visa appointments in time for the game. Danny's mother got to come watch the game with her son, and he sent our office a picture of him and his family at Petco Park—a picture that hung on Diana's wall.

Of course Diana's efforts weren't restricted to Major League Baseball players. Our office helps any Ohioan who needs it, and we have received piles of letters over the years from Ohioans writing to thank Diana for all her hard work for them.

After Diana helped her with her Social Security claim, a woman from Elyria wrote: "Diana, you are an angel in disguise. You literally saved my life and ended my despair." Another woman from Avon wrote to Diana, "Many thanks for doing the near impossible!"

Diana didn't stop with helping individual Ohioans. Over the years she worked on several cases related to ALS patients, who faced a mandatory waiting period of two years before they could receive disability benefits. Tragically, ALS is a fast-progressing disease, and many patients pass away before the 2-year waiting period is over. Diana brought the issue to our office's attention, and our legislative staff went to work. I joined my colleagues in the House and Senate to introduce legislation to fix this, and we eventually got it done. We reduced the 2-year waiting period to 5 months. This year, as Diana's time with our office comes to a close, I have joined a bipartisan group of colleagues to introduce legislation to eliminate the waiting period for ALS patients all together. That is how our office works best—we talk to Ohioans, dedicated workers in Ohio like Diana listen to their stories and bring their issues to the attention of our office, and our legislative staff works on a solution.

We are all going to miss Diana when she retires at the end of this month, but she has earned a long and happy retirement spent with her family in Lorain. Diana's impact on this office will be felt long after she is gone. She has built one of the best casework operations in the country, and I know her team is going to carry on Diana's legacy, serving Ohioans with compassion and dedication for years to come.

Diana, thank you for your service to the people of Ohio.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING EVERETT CHAVEZ

• Mr. HEINRICH. Mr. President, it is an honor to remember and recognize the life of Governor Everett Chavez.

Governor Chavez devoted his life to the people of Santo Domingo Pueblo and to building a strong future for the next generation of leaders in Indian Country.

Chavez served three terms as the Governor of Kewa Pueblo, also known as Santo Domingo.

Governor Chavez also served as the superintendent of the Santa Fe Indian School, mentoring Native youth and setting high expectations for their educational achievements.

He was a proud graduate of the University of New Mexico, where he received a degree in electrical engineering.

Thanks to his dedication, many students received scholarships for college and put their education to work in their communities.

Governor Chavez was powerful at influencing policy to benefit Indian Country at the highest levels of government.

Governor Chavez served on President Obama's advisory committee for Native American and Alaskan Natives.

He worked with New Mexico Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver to increase voter registration and election participation in Native communities.

He was constantly building partnerships and implementing major initiatives in his community.

He was hard at work serving others until the very end.

New Mexico has lost one of our greatest leaders.

My thoughts are with Governor Chavez's family.

His legacy will endure in all of those he inspired through his selfless actions.●

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES "CHUCK" JOHNSON

• Ms. ROSEN. Mr. President, today I have the privilege of recognizing the distinguished service of Commander Charles "Chuck" Johnson, a highly respected Korean and Vietnam war veteran. Having enlisted in the U.S. Army at age 16 before completing his high school education, Chuck served his country honorably for 21 years on the front lines of combat in both Korea and Vietnam.

Chuck's commitment to serve did not waver after returning home, and he has spent much of his civilian life advocating and caring for Nevada's veterans, fighting to ensure that their service is never forgotten. Commander of the Southern Nevada chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association, Chuck played a critical role in establishing a Korean War Memorial at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Boul-

der City, NV, which stands as a testament to the more than 9,000 Korean war veterans buried there. Chuck persisted for over 24 years to see this project come to fruition, and as a community, we are beyond grateful for his dedication to this worthy cause.

Known as a leader and community servant throughout southern Nevada, Chuck was most recently recognized as News 3 Las Vegas's Veteran of the Month. Throughout the month of March, we saluted Chuck for his tireless work to make our community, State, and country a better, safer, and more just place. I am grateful for Commander Johnson's sacrifice and patriotism and look forward to observing his continued work on behalf of veterans in Nevada and beyond.●

TRIBUTE TO JESSICA HEINZ

• Mr. ROUNDS. Mr. President, today I recognize Jessica Heinz, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all the hard work she has done on behalf of myself, my staff, and the State of South Dakota.

Jessica is a graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She is currently pursuing her master of science degree in terrorism and security policy at American University. Jessica is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience and has been a true asset to the office.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Jessica for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

RECOGNIZING VERMONT MEALS ON WHEELS

• Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, I would like to recognize the tremendous work of Vermont's Meals on Wheels programs. Last year, Meals on Wheels prepared and home-delivered nearly 800,000 freshly cooked nutritious meals to more than 5,700 Vermont seniors. In our State the second oldest in the Nation, these meals are essential to helping ensure that older Vermonters, particularly those living in rural areas, have access to adequate nutrition.

These meals are made possible by the hard work of hundreds of dedicated professionals and volunteers at Vermont's five Area Agencies on Aging, local Meals on Wheels providers, and senior centers. From the chefs who prepare the nutritious meals, to the senior center staff that coordinate deliveries, to the volunteer drivers who deliver the meals, Vermont's Meals on Wheels network is a critically important part of our social safety net for older Vermonters.

Of course, Meals on Wheels is much more than just delivering a nutritious meal, as important as that is. Volunteer drivers also provide invaluable social interaction and companionship for the seniors they visit, which goes a

long way to combat the effects of isolation that many older Vermonters face, especially if they live alone or in a more rural community. Without this social interaction, seniors are more likely to have feelings of loneliness and depression, which puts them at higher risk for dementia, chronic disease, falls, and hospitalization.

The regular visits by Meals on Wheels volunteers serve another purpose, as well. The drivers check to make sure that the seniors are safe, secure, and warm. They know each person they visit and recognize immediately if something doesn't seem right. It is no exaggeration to say that Meals on Wheels volunteers have averted tragedies and even saved lives after finding seniors who have fallen or are in the midst of a medical emergency.

Last month was "March for Meals," when Meals on Wheels programs across the country commemorate the March 1972 signing into law of an amendment to the Older Americans Act of 1965 to create a national nutrition program for seniors 60 years and older. As we often do, many of my Vermont staff rode along with Meals on Wheels volunteers across the State to see the wonderful work they are doing and highlight the importance of Meals on Wheels in the lives of thousands of Vermonters.

Let me end by thanking the Meals on Wheels staff and volunteers in Vermont for their remarkable work.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:24 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, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1644. An act to restore the open internet order of the Federal Communications Commission.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 1644. An act to restore the open internet order of the Federal Communications Commission.

H.R. 1957. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modernize and im-

prove the Internal Revenue Service, 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-969. A communication from the Acting Secretary of Defense, transmitting the report of three (3) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of vice admiral in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777a, this will not cause the Department to exceed the number of frocked officers authorized; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-970. A communication from the Senior Official performing the duties of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral (lower half) in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777, this will not cause the Department to exceed the number of frocked officers authorized; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-971. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility; West Virginia: Fairmont, City of, Marion County" ((44 CFR Part 64) (Docket No. FEMA-2019-0003)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2019; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-972. A communication from the Regulation Policy Development Coordinator, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Release of Information from Department of Veterans Affairs' Records" (RIN2900-AQ27) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2019; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-973. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "FY 2018 Report to Congress: Review of Medicare's Program for Oversight of Accrediting Organizations and the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Validation Program"; to the Committees on Finance; and Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-974. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementing the Food and Drug Administration Food Safety Modernization Act; Technical Amendment" (RINs 0910-AG10, 0910-AG35, 0910-AG36) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 5, 2019; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-975. A communication from the Deputy Director, Office of National Security, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Privacy Act; Implementation" (RIN0991-AC10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2019; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-976. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security,

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Factors Considered When Evaluating a Governor's Request for Individual Assistance for a Major Disaster" (RIN1660-AA83) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2019; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-977. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Monetary Penalties Inflation Adjustments" (RIN3245-AH03) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2019; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-30. A resolution adopted by the Town Commission of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Florida expressing the Commission's opposition to legislation prohibiting local regulation of vacation rentals; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

POM-31. A resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco, California, relative to new Title X regulations; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

POM-32. A petition from a citizen of the State of Ohio relative to the Ohio State Supreme Court; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Ms. SMITH (for herself and Mr. CASIDY):

S. 1140. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the treatment under section 351(k)(7) of such Act (relating to exclusivity for reference products) of certain products deemed to have a biological product license pursuant to section 7002 of the Biologics Price Competition and Innovation Act of 2009; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. BURR):

S. 1141. A bill to provide predictability and certainty in the tax law, create jobs, and encourage investment; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. BENNET, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. SMITH, Mr. REED, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Ms. HASSAN):

S. 1142. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax credits for energy storage technologies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself and Mr. PETERS):

S. 1143. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve testing and inspections for lead on military installations, in Department of Defense housing and schools, and in military dependent children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.