

Doris has served at the Cupboard as both a board member and volunteer for almost 20 years. As volunteer coordinator, she works to ensure an adequate number of volunteers are available to aid in daily operations. At the age of 91, she is still committed to the families she serves and does not intend to slow down anytime soon.

I applaud Jo and Doris for leading a life of excellence and serving the struggling and the hungry of their community. Their commitment to their fellow Montanans, as well as their happy optimism towards life, is a shining example of the Montana spirit. Fergus County is lucky to have these two incredible women in their community as selfless leaders.●

TRIBUTE TO THADDEUS LUSZEY, JR.

● Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, when his son was deployed to Iraq in 2003, Thaddeus Luszey, Jr., and his wife Deborah of Hudson, NH, began sending him care packages. Now, more than 10 years later, that simple act has turned into a nonprofit organization called Operation Care for Troops. Operation Care for Troops has sent nearly 110,000 packages to deployed servicemembers, providing them a friendly reminder from home that they are not forgotten. For his dedication to supporting the brave servicemembers who sacrifice so much so that the rest of us may live in freedom and security, I am proud to recognize Thaddeus as the April 2019 Granite Stater of the Month.

Thaddeus comes from a military family; his mother, father, and son are all veterans. When his son was deployed in Iraq, Thaddeus sat down with a friend over lunch who was also sending care packages overseas to deployed servicemembers, and an idea was born: They would work together to reach even more servicemembers. What started as friends, family, and neighbors in garages putting together care packages has transformed into a full-fledged organization with hundreds of volunteers. Operation Care for Troops sends over a thousand packages four times a year, including 3,000 stockings to troops over the holidays. Operation Care for Troops also makes sure that servicemembers know that the people of New Hampshire have them in their thoughts. Each package contains three or four cards from schoolchildren and community members, ensuring that no one goes without mail.

The organization does this all with the support of hundreds of community volunteers and businesses who help supply and fill the packages, a true embodiment of New Hampshire's all-hands-on-deck spirit.

For these efforts, I am proud to recognize Thaddeus Luszey, Jr., as the April 2019 Granite Stater of the Month.●

TRIBUTE TO MIKE AND KATHY RICE

● Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, today I would like to recognize the impressive work of two Granite Staters, CSM (Retired) Michael Rice and Kathy Rice.

Throughout his service in the New Hampshire National Guard, Mike and his wife Kathy worked to ensure that servicemembers and their families were well supported. Mike and Kathy were strong advocates for the men and women of the New Hampshire National Guard, championing training and support for the well-being of the soldiers and airmen and women. Their knowledge of the military and the systems available to assist troops and their families was an invaluable resource many relied on.

Following Mike's retirement in 2006, Mike and Kathy have continued their service through countless volunteer endeavors, particularly in helping veterans find employment. They worked as part of the employer support to the Guard and Reserve and as transition assistance advisers, dedicating their time and ensuring that our veterans have the resources they need to succeed. They have also earned State and national recognition for their work, including receiving the Association of the United States Army's Mary G. Roebling Award for Distinguished Service.

Mike and Kathy attend every deployment and redeployment ceremony and work tirelessly to provide baked goods, information for troops and their families, and help to ensure that veterans receive the services they have earned.

I thank Mike and Kathy for their service to veterans, military families, and our country. Their selfless hard work honors those Granite Staters who fought for the cause of freedom and for the protection of our democracy and has truly made a difference in the lives of so many.

I hope you will join me in honoring dedicated Granite Staters Mike and Kathy Rice.●

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

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

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

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

REQUEST FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE ARMS TRADE TREATY, SENATE TREATY DOC 114-14, TRANSMITTED DECEMBER 6, 2016—PM 11

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 Foreign Relations:

To the Senate of the United States:

I have concluded that it is not in the interest of the United States to become a party to the Arms Trade Treaty (Senate Treaty Doc. 114-14, transmitted December 9, 2016). I have, therefore, decided to withdraw the aforementioned treaty from the Senate and accordingly request that it be returned to me.

DONALD J. TRUMP.

THE WHITE HOUSE, April 29, 2019.

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

REPORT OF THE VETO OF S.J. RES. 7, A JOINT RESOLUTION TO DIRECT THE REMOVAL OF UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES FROM HOSTILITIES IN THE REPUBLIC OF YEMEN THAT HAVE NOT BEEN AUTHORIZED BY CONGRESS, RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE ON APRIL 17, 2019—PM 10

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report, which was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, spread in full upon the Journal, and held at the desk:

To the Senate of the United States:

I am returning herewith without my approval S.J. Res. 7, a joint resolution that purports to direct the President to remove United States Armed Forces from hostilities in or affecting the Republic of Yemen, with certain exceptions. This resolution is an unnecessary, dangerous attempt to weaken my constitutional authorities, endangering the lives of American citizens and brave service members, both today and in the future.

This joint resolution is unnecessary because, apart from counterterrorism operations against al-Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsula and ISIS, the United States is not engaged in hostilities in or affecting Yemen. For example, there are no United States military personnel in Yemen commanding, participating in, or accompanying military forces of the Saudi-led coalition against the Houthis in hostilities in or affecting Yemen.

Since 2015, the United States has provided limited support to member countries of the Saudi-led coalition, including intelligence sharing, logistics support, and, until recently, in-flight refueling of non-United States aircraft.

All of this support is consistent with applicable Arms Export Control Act authorities, statutory authorities that permit the Department of Defense to provide logistics support to foreign countries, and the President's constitutional power as Commander in Chief. None of this support has introduced United States military personnel into hostilities.

We are providing this support for many reasons. First and foremost, it is our duty to protect the safety of the more than 80,000 Americans who reside in certain coalition countries that have been subject to Houthi attacks from Yemen. Houthis, supported by Iran, have used missiles, armed drones, and explosive boats to attack civilian and military targets in those coalition countries, including areas frequented by American citizens, such as the airport in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. In addition, the conflict in Yemen represents a "cheap" and inexpensive way for Iran to cause trouble for the United States and for our ally, Saudi Arabia.

S.J. Res. 7 is also dangerous. The Congress should not seek to prohibit certain tactical operations, such as in-flight refueling, or require military engagements to adhere to arbitrary timelines. Doing so would interfere with the President's constitutional authority as Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces, and could endanger our service members by impairing their ability to efficiently and effectively conduct military engagements and to withdraw in an orderly manner at the appropriate time.

The joint resolution would also harm the foreign policy of the United States. Its efforts to curtail certain forms of military support would harm our bilateral relationships, negatively affect our ongoing efforts to prevent civilian casualties and prevent the spread of terrorist organizations such as al-Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsula and ISIS, and embolden Iran's malign activities in Yemen.

We cannot end the conflict in Yemen through political documents like S.J. Res. 7. Peace in Yemen requires a negotiated settlement. Unfortunately, inaction by the Senate has left vacant key diplomatic positions, impeding our ability to engage regional partners in support of the United Nations-led peace process. To help end the conflict, promote humanitarian and commercial access, prevent civilian casualties, enhance efforts to recover American hostages in Yemen, and defeat terrorists that seek to harm the United States, the Senate must act to confirm my nominees for many critical foreign policy positions.

I agree with the Congress about the need to address our engagements in foreign wars. As I said in my State of the Union address in February, great nations do not fight endless wars. My Administration is currently accelerating negotiations to end our military engagement in Afghanistan and drawing down troops in Syria, where

we recently succeeded in eliminating 100 percent of the ISIS caliphate. Congressional engagement in those endeavors would be far more productive than expending time and effort trying to enact this unnecessary and dangerous resolution that interferes with our foreign policy with respect to Yemen.

For these reasons, it is my duty to return S.J. Res. 7 to the Senate without my approval.

DONALD J. TRUMP.
THE WHITE HOUSE, April 16, 2019.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 8468(a), and the order of the House of January 3, 2019, the Speaker appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy: Mr. RUPPERSBERGER of Maryland, Mr. CUMMINGS of Maryland, Mr. PALAZZO of Mississippi, and Mr. BANKS of Indiana.

The message further announced that pursuant to 14 U.S.C. 1903(b), and the order of the House of January 3, 2019, the Speaker appoints the following Member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy: Mr. COURTNEY of Connecticut.

The message also announced that pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 51312(b), and the order of the House of January 3, 2019, the Speaker appoints the following Member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy: Mr. SUOZZI of New York.

The message further announced that pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 7455(a), and the order of the House of January 3, 2019, the Speaker appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy: Mrs. MURPHY of Florida, Mr. BRINDISI of New York, Mr. WOMACK of Arkansas, and Mr. DAVIDSON of Ohio.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

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 improve the Internal Revenue Service, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on April 16, 2019, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled joint resolution:

S.J. Res. 7. Joint resolution to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities in the Republic of Yemen that have not been authorized by Congress.

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-978. A communication from the Director of the Issuances Staff, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Eligibility of Honduras to Export Poultry Products to the United States" (RIN0583-AD58) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 12, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-979. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fenazaquin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9990-02-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 11, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-980. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Polyvinyl acetate - polyvinyl alcohol copolymer; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 9987-46) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 11, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-981. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Phytophthora ramorum; Regulated Areas, Regulated Establishments, and Testing Protocols" ((RIN0579-AE30) (Docket No. APHIS-2015-0101)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 23, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-982. A communication from the Chief of the Planning and Regulatory Affairs Branch, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP): Student Eligibility, Convicted Felons, Lottery and Gambling, and State Verification Provisions of the Agricultural Act of 2014" (RIN0584-AE41) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 18, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-983. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Onions Grown in South Texas; Order Amending Marketing Order 959" ((7 CFR Part 959) (Docket No. AMS-SC-17-0067)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 11, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-984. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cranberries Grown in the States of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Oregon, Washington, and Long Island in the