

Mr. MCCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the reading be waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment is as follows:

Strike “6” and insert “7”

Mr. MCCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum calls for the cloture motions be waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

REMEMBERING ROBIN DALE HOLBROOK

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, today I would like to remember the remarkable life and lasting impact of Robin Dale Holbrook, of Banner, KY, who passed away last month in a tragic accident. Robin, who was widely admired for his selfless compassion and unshakable integrity, dedicated his life to improving the health of his Floyd County community for nearly three decades.

Robin was the clinic director at the Eula Hall Healthcare Center in Mud Creek, where he made a difference in the lives of so many. I have had the privilege to visit this important center, in this rural Appalachian community, which provides comprehensive services to many Kentuckians who may not have access to other care. As both a physician’s assistant and an administrator, Robin’s coworkers remembered he didn’t approach his work as a job, but rather a passion. Caring for the members of his community was a calling for Robin and a way to live out his Christian ministry.

The staff at the Eula Hall center intend to show respect for his memory by delivering the same level of care Robin gave to patients every single day.

On July 3, Robin’s family, friends, and colleagues will celebrate his life at the clinic where he served his community. I would like to join them as they honor this impressive man and his decades of kindness and service to Floyd County. Elaine and I extend our condolences to Robin’s wife, Angela, his family, and his many friends.

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF GRAND ISLE, MAINE

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, today I wish to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the town of Grand Isle, ME. As one who was born and raised in Aroostook County, it is a great pleasure to celebrate the generations of in-

dustrious and caring people who have made Grand Isle such a wonderful place to live, work, and raise families.

Named for a large and fertile island in the St. John River, Grand Isle is a small town with a rich history. For thousands of years, the river valley has been the home of the Micmac and Maliseet. French explorers, led by Samuel de Champlain, first visited the area in 1604. In the late 1700s, French-speaking Canadians began settling in the area, laying the foundation for the vibrant Acadian culture that is so important in Maine, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and as far away as Louisiana.

The Acadian settlers created a vibrant community. They cleared farmland, established lumber and grain mills, railroad roundhouses, and thriving general stores. In the 1870s, as railways expanded in the region, the people of Grand Isle joined with their Canadian neighbors on the opposite shore of the St. John River to build a ferry system that used an 800-foot cable suspended above the river to connect the products of their hard work to faraway markets.

When the World Acadian Congress convened in Aroostook County in 2014, the descendants of those neighbors again came together to build a replica of that historic ferry. The Grand Isle homecoming held during the Congress celebrated the rich Acadian traditions of great food, music, and dance, and of close-knit families and lasting friendships.

Those traditions are preserved and honored at the Cultural Museum of Mount Carmel and its remarkable collection of Acadian artifacts. The museum is located in the former Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church, one of the few surviving 19th-century Acadian churches in northern Maine. That beautiful architectural gem was lovingly restored by the people of the region and is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places.

The celebration of Grand Isle’s 150th anniversary is not merely about the passing of time; it is about human accomplishment. We celebrate the people who pulled together, cared for one another, and built a great community. Thanks to those who came before, Grand Isle, ME, has a wonderful history. Thanks to those there today, it has a bright future.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RENO RODEO

- Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. Mr. President, I come forward today to recognize the 100th anniversary of one of northern Nevada’s most treasured traditions, the Reno Rodeo. A celebration of Western culture and daring, the rodeo has grown into a Nevada institution that draws visitors from across the country. Over the past 100 years, Northern Ne-

vada has seen a constant state of change and evolution. Yet, throughout that time, the Reno Rodeo has been a reliable and steady source of entertainment and community.

In 1919, the Commercial Club of Reno devised the first iteration of the Reno Rodeo, then the Nevada Round-Up, in order to celebrate the end of World War I. Cowboys such as Hippy Burmister and Curly Howe won events in the 1919 rodeo. The most notable winner of the first Reno Rodeo was Jesse Stahl, one of the first African-American professional bronc riders. Stahl was known for his ability to ride bucking horses while sitting backwards and “winning first but placing third” due to the color of his skin. Stahl went on to win four events over the first 3 years of the Reno Rodeo.

Despite only 6 weeks of event planning, the inaugural rodeo was a wildly popular event, and there was immediate interest in establishing the rodeo as an annual celebration. Nearly 17,000 people attended the following year, and the rodeo proved it was not a fleeting success. In 1922, rodeo organizers plotted a publicity strategy around sending reigning rodeo queen, Mary Harrington, to invite President Warren G. Harding to the event. President Harding declined the invitation. To make matters worse, the campaign led to the organization’s bankruptcy and a 10-year hiatus of the rodeo. In 1932, Charles Sadleir, now frequently referred to as the Father of the Reno Rodeo, led an effort to revive the event. To stabilize the rodeo’s finances, Sadleir recruited local businesses to help underwrite the events’ expenses, which is still a crucial mechanism today.

Fortunately, Sadleir’s revitalization efforts were successful, and the Reno Rodeo has withstood economic downturns, event growing pains, and a fire to the venue. Today, the Reno Rodeo is a Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association-sanctioned competition, billed as the “Wildest, Richest Rodeo in the West!” Each year, the rodeo generates roughly \$42 million for the region and draws over 14,000 fans. Through its charitable foundation, the rodeo has provided hundreds of thousands of dollars in academic scholarships to Nevada students and grants to non-profit organizations. In 2008, the foundation built a horseback riding facility for children with special, physical, or mental needs, and later built an activities center for abused, neglected, and at-risk children under the care of Washoe County.

One hundred years after the first event, Northern Nevada’s support and appreciation for the Reno Rodeo has never been stronger. Nevadans are immensely proud of this homegrown tradition and excited to see its evolution over the next 100 years. Thank you to everyone who has been involved with the Reno Rodeo and allowed it to thrive today.●

TRIBUTE TO THE STUDENTS OF GILFORD HIGH SCHOOL'S INTRODUCTION TO ENGINEERING CLASS

• Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, I am proud to recognize the students of Gilford High School's introduction to engineering class as June 2019 Granite Staters of the Month. These students successfully applied their engineering knowledge to create personalized, easy-to-use mobility devices for three young students in their community who experience disabilities.

The idea for this project came from Troy Gallagher, who just graduated from Gilford High School and will attend Texas Tech in the fall. Last summer, Troy participated in an advanced studies program at St. Paul's School, where he took a 5-week engineering course that introduced him to the University of Delaware program GoBabyGo!, which works with communities around the world to modify ride-on cars for children with disabilities. The vehicles can be used in physical and occupational therapy sessions, in speech therapy as a means to increase a child's expressive and receptive language skills, and to help the children better socialize with their peers.

Troy thought this would be an excellent engineering project to bring to Gilford High School, as did his introduction to engineering teacher, Dan Caron. After petitioning the parent teacher association, PTA, to provide the class money to buy the necessary parts and selecting the students that would receive these vehicles, the students in Gilford High School's, introduction to engineering class got to work.

The GoBabyGo! project was the students' final engineering assignment, and to successfully build these mobility devices, the students used everything that they had learned about the engineering design process.

First, the students visited with the three children, preschoolers George and Morgan, and first-grader Chloe, to take their measurements and determine how to best modify the Power Wheels to fit the specific needs of the children. For instance, the students noted that Chloe's left hand was weaker than her right, so they knew that they would need to move the button that accelerates the vehicle to the left side of the steering wheel, which allows her to accelerate with her weaker hand while steering with her dominant hand.

The students also modified the headrest using pool noodles and refitted the hard plastic seats with softer materials with a design from the popular children's show, "Paw Patrol." Since some of the children have difficulty using their legs, the students rewired the pedal functions to the steering wheel, so that the children could easily start and stop the device with their hands.

After the vehicles were completed, Mr. Caron's class visited the elementary school to present the children with their new mobility devices. The

Gilford Police and Fire Department helped by bringing the two vehicles over to the school, which was fitting since the mobility devices were designed to look like a police car and a fire truck. One of the students even customized the vehicles with Gilford Elementary School license plates in the front and New Hampshire plates in the back with the students' names and made Gilford Fire and Police logos for the front grills of the trucks.

The students presented the devices to two of the children in front of almost the entire elementary school. Troy gave a presentation about the project to the school in the hopes of inspiring more elementary school students to get interested in the STEAM fields of science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics.

I congratulate these students for their ingenuity, hard work, and compassion. I thank them for demonstrating that, by being inclusive, we unleash the talent and energy of our friends and peers, strengthen our communities, and bring joy and dignity to those who have been marginalized. ■

REMEMBERING BRIGADIER GENERAL ERNEST RANDOLPH WEBSTER

• Mrs. HYDE-SMTIH. Mr. President, it is an honor to pay tribute to Brig. Gen. Ernest Randolph "Randy" Webster, U.S. Air Force, retired, who passed away on June 2, 2019. A native of Midnight, MS, he served our country with distinction both stateside and abroad.

General Webster, who was an Army ROTC student at Arkansas State University, joined the U.S. Marine Corps and became a helicopter pilot and intelligence officer while serving in the Vietnam War. Following his service in Vietnam, General Webster transferred to the Air Force Reserve, where he served in a variety of assignments, eventually rising to the rank of brigadier general.

General Webster's final assignment was as commander of the 403rd Wing at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, MS. Also known as the Hurricane Hunters, the airmen 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, a component of the 403rd Wing, have the critical mission of flying into dangerous conditions to identify and assess storms developing in the Gulf of Mexico. The information they provide is crucial to allowing States and communities in the Gulf Coast region to prepare for severe storms.

Under General Webster's leadership, the Hurricane Hunter aviators, along with support personnel, successfully fulfilled this vital mission of protecting Gulf Coast communities from weather-related disasters and further solidified their role as a key national asset.

General Webster stayed true to form following his retirement in 2000 with 33 years of military service, dedicating himself to his family and volunteering

his time to youth groups and his church.

Our gratitude and condolences go out to his wife Martha Webster and the entire Webster family during this difficult time. ■

RECOGNIZING CHIPOLA COLLEGE LADY INDIANS

• Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I recognize the Chipola College Lady Indians softball team, winners of the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I National Championship.

The Lady Indians are comprised of talented young women in Marianna, FL and finished their season scoring a total of 69 runs and a 52-5-1 record, leading them to the team's third overall NJCAA championship title.

In the national championship game, they played against Angelina College from Lufkin, TX, and trailed by two runs after the first inning. Beginning in the second inning, the Lady Indians scored five runs, with Mikayla Lewin and Haley Sandridge both hitting homeruns. In the third inning, the team scored five more runs on six hits from Thais Uyeme, Sydney McLain, Candela Figueiroa, and Haley Sandridge, who all had RBIs in the inning.

The Lady Indians led Angelina College 10-2 entering the fourth inning. The score remained the same until the sixth inning, when Eila Infante and Mikayla Lewin scored two more runs for the team. In the seventh and final inning, the Lady Indians scored seven more runs from Yoshi Omori, Tammie Lijbers, Sandridge, Infante, Jadia Jones, and Ally Clegg. At the bottom of the seventh, Amy Woodham recorded the first two outs against Angelina College before Brianna Bailey entered the game and recorded the final strikeout of the championship game. Chipola won with a final score of 19-2.

I extend my best wishes to head softball coach Belinda Hendrix, associate head softball coach Jimmy Hendrix, assistant softball coach Kelly Brookins, Brianna Bailey, Tyra Brown, Payton Clark, Ally Clegg, Candela Figueiroa, Lauren Finch, Eila Infante, Jadia Jones, Madison Kent, Mikayla Lewin, Tammie Lijbers, Christine Marsland, Sydney McLain, Yoshi Omori, Naomi Parker, Haley Sandridge, Morgan Scala, Taylor Scala, Amy Woodham, Thais Uyema, and the Lady Indians softball team on this impressive accomplishment. I look forward to hearing of their continued success in the years to come. ■

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages