

the Greenbrier Middle School STEM Competition Team for their incredible achievements. Thank you.●

RECOGNIZING EMPIRE AIRLINES

• Mr. RISCH. Madam President, Idaho's entrepreneurs are passionate individuals who consistently innovate and provide high-quality products and services. As a member and former chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, it is my distinct privilege to recognize Empire Airlines as the Idaho Small Business of the Month for August 2019. Located in Hayden, Empire Airlines is an international air carrier and heavy maintenance repair station with decades of experience and a history of success.

In 1977, Nick Chenoweth and Vic Walters founded Clearwater Flying Service, which later became Empire Airlines. Neither Chenoweth nor Walters were pilots, nor had they any experience running an airline. A third partner, Mel Spelde, joined the company just 2 months later as flight instructor and manager. Early jobs for the business included fire patrol, air ambulance, charters, flight instruction, transporting backcountry hunters and anglers, and cloud seeding in Libya. The business quickly adopted a "go anywhere, do anything" attitude, which is reflected in its motto, "We Can Do That." As the business grew, they eventually changed the name to Empire Airlines. Now run by president and CEO, Tim Komberec, Empire Airlines focuses on cargo, maintenance, and airline startups.

Over the years, Empire steadily grew but never lost the try-anything, go-anywhere spirit embodied in its motto. Empire now has an aerospace division to provide state-of-the-art maintenance for aircraft, as well as an unmanned division, which provides drone services to help clients solve problems and reach goals. Empire Airlines also provides consulting services to help others jump-start their airline operation.

Empire Airlines strives to be a valued member of the community, supporting various charities and causes, including drug-free high school graduation parties in the area and numerous other events. What might be most impressive is the way Empire celebrates the many employees who have reached 25 years with the company by giving them a place in the timeline of the company's history posted publicly on its website.

Empire Airlines' success is a prime example of Idaho's entrepreneurial spirit: Dare to dream, look at things differently, never give up, and when opportunity calls, answer with "We can do that." The State of Idaho is proud to be home to innovative, hard-working entrepreneurs like Nick, Vic, Mel, and all of those at Empire Airlines. The entire Empire family shows how one big idea and a dedication to hard

work can lead to small business success. I would like to congratulate Tim Komberec and all of the employees at Empire Airlines on being named the "Idaho Small Business of the Month" for August 2019. I look forward to watching your continued growth and success.●

TRIBUTE TO BETH ANNE MALONEY

• Mrs. SHAHEEN. Madam President, today I would like to recognize Ms. Beth Anne Maloney of Hampton, NH, and celebrate her well-deserved retirement after 31 years of service to the students in that community as a school nurse.

After beginning her nursing career in 1984, Beth joined the staff of Centre Elementary School in Hampton in the fall of 1988. Centre School serves roughly 350 prekindergarten through grade 2 students and has the distinction of being the oldest public school in the State of New Hampshire. Beth was the school's first full-time registered nurse, and she has overseen the modernizing of the school's health services.

Over the years, Beth connected with thousands of students while carrying out her daily duties of assessing health, conducting vision and hearing screenings, and acting as a first responder. She developed particularly close relationships with students who had chronic conditions that required specialized care and management, including epilepsy, allergies, and asthma. Over time, she gained significant experience assisting students with type 1 diabetes, who often require daily nursing assistance with their diet, blood sugar monitoring, and medication. Beth was actively engaged in developing care plans for these students that would minimize interruptions to their daily schedules, and she continually trained her fellow staff members to prevent and respond to diabetic emergencies.

In addition to her nursing duties, Beth was a tireless advocate for students in need of health-related services, which could range from immunizations or a new pair of glasses to specialized care for untreated conditions. She maintained numerous relationships with seacoast area health providers willing to help the families of students in need. Beth also took on a number of charitable causes and frequently organized the school's annual Thanksgiving food drive in partnership with the local St. Vincent de Paul Society.

I thank Beth for her dedication to keeping our young people healthy and her service to the students, parents, and staff, who make up the Centre School community. I know these values will continue to guide her future endeavors. Please join me in honoring an outstanding Granite Stater, Beth Maloney.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 3:44 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks announced that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. RASKIN) has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 2249. An act to allow the Deputy Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration on the date of enactment of this Act to continue to serve as such Deputy Administrator.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, July 30, 2019, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 2249. An act to allow the Deputy Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration on the date of enactment of this Act to continue to serve as such Deputy Administrator.

PRIVILEGED NOMINATION REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

On request by Senator CHUCK GRASSLEY, under the authority of S. Res. 116, 112th Congress, the following nomination was referred to the Committee on Finance: Brian McGuire, of New York, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury, vice Andrew K. Maloney

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-2141. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances" (FRL No. 9994-72-OCSP) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2142. A communication from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on Optimizing Surface Naval Vessel Inspections and Crew Certifications"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2143. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order declaring a national emergency with respect to the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States posed by the situation in Mali; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2144. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to the Congress on the Profitability of Credit Card Operations of Depository Institutions"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2145. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Joint Ownership Deposit Accounts” (RIN3064-AF04) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2019; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2146. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Revisions to Prohibitions and Restrictions on Proprietary Trading and Certain Interests In, and Relationships With, Hedge Funds and Private Equity Funds” (RIN3064-AE88) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2019; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2147. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Regulatory Capital Rule: Simplifications to the Capital Rule Pursuant to the Economic Growth and Regulatory Paperwork Reduction Act of 1996” (RIN3064-AE59) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2019; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2148. 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; Kentucky; Interstate Transport (Prongs 1 and 2) for the 2010 1-Hour NO₂ Standard” (FRL No. 9997-40-Region 4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2149. 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; Maine; Reasonably Available Control Technology for the 2008 Ozone Standard” (FRL No. 9996-99-Region 1) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2150. 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; TN; Updates to the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Chattanooga” (FRL No. 9997-38-Region 4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2151. 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; Wisconsin; Title V Operation Permit Program” (FRL No. 9997-36-Region 5) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2152. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Oklahoma” (FRL No. 9996-93-Region 6) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2153. 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 Missouri Air Quality Implementation Plans; Redesignation of the Missouri Portion of the St. Louis-St. Charles-Farmington, MO-IL 2012 PM2.5 Unclassifiable Area” (FRL No. 9996-08-Region 7) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2154. A communication from the Deputy Chief of the Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Business Data Services in an Internet Protocol Environment, et al.” (WC Docket Nos. 18-141, 16-143, and 05-25) (FCC 19-66) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2155. A communication from the Trial Attorney, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Civil Penalties” (RIN2127-AL94) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 26, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-123. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Missouri calling on the President of the United States to undertake a full and transparent investigation by the United States Department of State into organ transplant practices in the People’s Republic of China, and to call for the prosecution of those found to have engaged in such unethical practices; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6

Whereas, extensive and credible reports have revealed mass killing of prisoners of conscience in the People’s Republic of China, primarily practitioners of the spiritual based exercises of Falun Gong, but also other religious and ethnic minority groups, in order to obtain organs for transplants; and

Whereas, the organ transplantation system in China does not comply with the World Health Organization’s Guiding Principles of traceability and transparency in organ procurement pathways, and the government of the People’s Republic of China has resisted independent scrutiny of the system; and

Whereas, traditional Chinese custom requires bodies to be preserved intact after death. With rare voluntary organ donation, however, China’s transplantation industry significantly increased since 2000; and

Whereas, the 2017 Freedom House Report “The Battle for China’s Spirit” states that “Available evidence suggests that forced extraction of organs from Falun Gong detainees for sale in transplant operations has occurred on a large scale and may be continuing”; and

Whereas, an investigative report, published in June 2016, conducted by human rights attorney David Matas, former Canadian Secretary of State for Asia-Pacific David Kilgour, and journalist Ethan Gutmann, estimated that China is performing 60,000 to 100,000 transplants per year as opposed to 10,000 transplants claimed by the Chinese

government, which is “an industrial-scale, state-directed organ transplantation system, controlled through national policies and funding, and implicating both the military and civilian healthcare systems”; and

Whereas, China’s Liver Transplant Registry System indicated that more than 25% of cases were emergency transplants, for which an organ was found within days or even hours. Wait times for non-emergency liver transplants were usually quoted in weeks. Most patients in other countries have to wait years for a transplant; and

Whereas, the Chinese government claims that 90% of China’s organ transplant sources come from executed prisoners. However, the number of executions has dropped 10% annually since 2002 and is far less than the number of transplants taking place. The government has never acknowledged the sourcing of organs from prisoners of conscience; and

Whereas, Falun Gong, a spiritual practice involving meditative “qigong” exercises and centered on the values of truthfulness, compassion, and forbearance, became immensely popular in China in the 1990s, with multiple estimates placing the number of practitioners at upwards of 70 million; and

Whereas, in July 1999, the Chinese Communist Party launched an intensive, nationwide persecution designed to eradicate the spiritual practice of Falun Gong, including physical and mental torture, reflecting the party’s long-standing intolerance or large independent civil society groups; and

Whereas, since 1999, hundreds of thousands of Falun Gong practitioners have been detained extra-legally in Chinese reeducation-through-labor camps, detention centers, and prisons, where torture, abuse, and implausible medical exams and blood tests on Falun Gong practitioners are routine; and

Whereas, Freedom House reported in 2015 that Falun Gong practitioners comprise the largest portion of prisoners of conscience in China, and face an elevated risk or dying or being killed in custody; and

Whereas, the United Nations Committee Against Torture and the Special Rapporteur on Torture have expressed concern over the allegations of organ harvesting from Falun Gong prisoners, and have called on the Government of the People’s Republic of China to increase accountability and transparency in the organ transplant system and punish those responsible for abuses; and

Whereas, in June 2016, the U.S. House of Representatives unanimously passed House Resolution 343, condemning the systematic, state-sanctioned organ harvesting from Falun Gong and other prisoners of conscience; and

Whereas, the killing of religious or political prisoners for the purpose of selling their organs for transplant is an egregious and intolerable violation of the fundamental right to live; and

Whereas, organ tourism to China should not be shielded by medical confidentiality, but openly monitored. No nation should allow their citizens to go to China for organs until China has allowed a full investigation into organ harvesting of prisoners of conscience, both past and present. Now therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of the Missouri Senate, One-Hundredth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein:

(1) Call upon the Government or the People’s Republic of China to immediately end the practice of organ harvesting from all prisoners and prisoners of conscience, and explicitly from Falun Gong prisoners or conscience and members of other religious and ethnic minority groups;

(2) Call upon the Government of the People’s Republic of China to immediately end