

200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
CRAWFORD PATH

• Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the Crawford Path on its 200th year of continuous operation. As the first trail to the summit of 6,288-foot Mount Washington, the Crawford Path has provided adventure, physical challenge, and fantastic alpine views of the White Mountains for two centuries of hikers and travelers.

Ethan Allen Crawford, for whom the trail is named, first proposed the idea for a path to the peak of Mount Washington. Ethan and his father Abel operated the Crawford House, a modest wayside inn which provided shelter and accommodations for travelers at the inception of the tourism industry in the White Mountains. As an early entrepreneur, he realized he could make a little extra money serving as a mountain guide to these travelers. After seeing and hearing how difficult it was to move through the thick mountain brush, Ethan and Abel set out to cut some trees and build a footpath that offered better access to the Northeast's highest peak. Their path snaked through the woods, eclipsed the tree line, and traversed ridges and peaks on its way to the summit. The finished product as among the first hiking trails in the United States and established Ethan as an early mountain guide.

The Crawford Path capitalized on growing interest in the wilderness, and more and more travelers viewed the mountains as an outlet for recreational experiences. On one of Ethan's guided treks to the top of Mount Washington, he led a group that named the surrounding peaks—Mount Adams, Mount Jefferson, Mount Madison, Mount Monroe, Mount Franklin, and Mount Pleasant, now famously known as the Presidential Range.

The family continued to cut trails on the mountain, including a bridle path in the 1840s that led horse riders to the summit. Abel—by then in his seventies—became the first person to ascend Mount Washington on a horse. Years later, the mountain pass where they worked was renamed “Crawford Notch” as a tribute to the family's contributions to the region.

Generations of hikers have walked along the path first forged by the Crawfords, and generations of trail crews have maintained the 8.5-mile route for the enjoyment of the public. The Crawford Path carries day hikers as well as thru-hikers tackling the Appalachian Trail. Each is instantly connected to 200 years of experiences and adventures.

The White Mountains are now a thriving, well-known, four-season tourist destination, where travelers in numbers Abel and Ethan could not have imagined come to observe unparalleled natural beauty.

On behalf of the people of New Hampshire, I ask my colleagues and all Americans to join me in recognizing the Crawford Path on its 200 year anni-

versary and in thanking its many stewards for preserving the oldest continually-used mountain trail in the United States.●

TRIBUTE TO JAYDEN BIES

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Jayden Bies, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Jayden is a graduate of St Thomas More High School in Rapid City, SD. Currently, she is attending Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, AZ, where she is majoring in government with an emphasis in legal studies. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

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

TRIBUTE TO ALLYSON MONSON

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Allyson Monson, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Allyson is a graduate of Clark High School in Clark, SD. Currently, she is attending South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD, where she is double majoring in political science and communication studies and minoring in legal studies. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

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

TRIBUTE TO KATHERINE TAYLOR

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Katherine Taylor, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Katherine is a graduate of George C. Marshall High School in Falls Church, VA. Currently, she is attending Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA, where she is majoring in finance. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

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

TRIBUTE TO EDA UZUNLAR

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Eda Uzunlar, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the

hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Eda is a graduate of Stevens High School in Rapid City, SD. Currently, she is attending Yale University in New Haven, CT, where she is pursuing a degree in global affairs. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

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

RECOGNIZING THE WALT WHITMAN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1969

• Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, on Saturday, June 29, 2019, more than 125 members of the Class of 1969 of Walt Whitman High School in Bethesda, MD, held their 50th graduation class reunion celebration. Over the years, Walt Whitman High School has been recognized as one of the best high schools in the Nation. The WWHS class of 1969 is an outstanding representation of that excellence.

The Mighty Sixty-Niners, as they call themselves, have earned the characterization of “mighty.” From its beginning in 1962, Walt Whitman High School was experimental and forward-looking. The original school setting included a Buckminster Fuller-type geodesic dome that served as the school's main gymnasium and auditorium and as its unique visual focal point. For years afterwards, WWHS was locally and proudly known as “The Home of the Dome.”

The WWHS class of 1969 contributed much to the rich history of the school. In 1968, a time of heightened racial tensions throughout the country, Whitman students and faculty established an exchange program with several high schools in the District of Columbia. Participating Whitman students lived for a week and attended classes at DC's McKinley High School and Cardozo High School. The following week, the McKinley and Cardozo students spent a week at WWHS with their Whitman counterparts. Those exchanges helped develop greater understanding between the participants.

The WWHS class of 1969 also instituted a weeklong Experiment in Free Form Education. This novel educational program gained nationwide media attention and accolades, including a tribute on the floor of the U.S. Senate on April 25, 1969, by then-U.S. Senator Joseph Tydings of Maryland.

The Mighty Sixty-Niners have served our Nation in many productive ways, and they continue to do so, excelling in many fields—the arts, politics, government, education, literature, engineering, law, business and publishing, among others.

I ask my colleagues to join me in sending our very best wishes and congratulations to the Walt Whitman High

School class of 1969 on the occasion of its 50th reunion.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Ridgeway, 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 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

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 2:52 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 2695. An act to rename the Success Dam in Tulare County, California, as the Richard L. Schafer Dam.

H.R. 3253. An act to provide for certain extensions with respect to the Medicaid program under title XIX of the Social Security Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3877. An act to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, to establish a congressional budget for fiscal years 2020 and 2021, to temporarily suspend the debt limit, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

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-2169. A communication from the Chairman, Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's annual report for calendar year 2018; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2170. A communication from the Chief of the Environmental Management Division, Office of Procurement and Property Management, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Designation of Product Categories for Federal Procurement" (RIN0599-AA26) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2171. A communication from the Acting Deputy General Counsel for Operations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, two (2) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of Housing and Urban Development, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2019; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2172. A communication from the Assistant Director for Regulatory Affairs, Office of

Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Global Terrorism Sanctions Regulations; Transnational Criminal Organizations Sanctions Regulations; and Hizballah Financial Sanctions Regulations" (31 CFR Parts 566, 590, and 594) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2019; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2173. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Definition of 'Employer' Under Section 3(5) of ERISA—Association Retirement Plans and Other Multiple-Employer Plans" (RIN1210-AB88) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2019; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2174. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Low-Ranked Projects Secure Affordable Housing Funds"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2175. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Some Progress Made But More Improvement Needed In Management of Personally Identifiable Information"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2176. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "D.C. Schools Shortchange At-Risk Students"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2177. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Panel Meets Most Requirements for Domestic Violence Fatality Review"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2178. A communication from the Federal Liaison Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to Trademark Rules of Practice to Mandate Electronic Filing" (RIN0651-AD15) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2019; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2179. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Office of General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy for the position of Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy, Department of Transportation, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2180. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zones; Port of Palm Beach, Port Everglades, Port of Miami, and Port of Key West, Florida" (RIN1625-AA87) (Docket No. USCG-2018-0007) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2181. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Ohio River, Brookport, IL" (RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2019-0486) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2182. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department

of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Cumberland River, Grand Rivers, KY" (RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2019-0514) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2183. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Beaufort Water Festival Air Show, Beaufort, SC" (RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2019-0521) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2184. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Allegheny River, Mile 0 to Mile 0.6, Pittsburgh, PA" (RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2019-0621) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2185. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; City of St. Charles Riverfest, Missouri River, St. Charles" (RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2019-0581) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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-124. A resolution adopted by the Board of the Village of Tivoli, New York urging the United States Congress to pass the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act; to the Committee on Finance.

POM-125. A petition from a citizen of the State of Texas relative to the construction and maintenance of physical barriers between the United States and foreign nations; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BARRASSO, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2302. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. INHOFE for the Committee on Armed Services.

*Navy nomination of Vice Adm. Michael M. Gilday, to be Admiral.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.