

I recognize that Joe couldn't be where he is or who he is today without the love and support of his family. For her support of him and constant dedication, I thank his wife, Katie. I would also like to recognize Joe and Katie's children, Louise and Jamey, for lighting up their parent's lives. We all look forward to seeing them grow up in the years ahead.

On behalf of the American people, the people of the State of New Mexico, and on behalf of my team that Joe has so ably led for the past 4 years, I thank him for his service. While I am sad to see him go, I know that he will continue to make a difference in the lives of everyone he meets. Joe has been doing that from his first day on Capitol Hill.

I ask my colleagues in the United States Senate to join me in recognizing the dedicated service of my chief of staff, Joseph R. Britton.

TRIBUTE TO EVANN BERRY

Mrs. HYDE-SMITH. Mr. President, I am pleased to commend Evann Berry for her contributions and dedicated service as a member of my personal office staff.

A native of Jackson, MS, Evann earned her bachelor of science in biological engineering at Bagley College of Engineering at Mississippi State University. After her college tenure, Evann began her professional career by serving as an emerging leader scholar for the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, followed by an internship with the office of the late U.S. Senator Thad Cochran. In May 2016, Evann was hired as a full-time staff member for Senator Cochran, where she easily proved how indispensable her talents were for serving the good constituents of Mississippi. Following Senator Cochran's retirement, Evann maintained a model work ethic within my office that has proven to be a testament to her good character.

Evann's contributions throughout her tenure have been invaluable to the legislative functions of not just my office but my predecessor's office as well, and her insightful input will be missed. I, along with the rest of my office, have benefitted from Evann's knowledge and experience. Her personal qualities are impeccable. She is a hard-working, courteous, and intelligent young woman, who has a strong sense of responsibility, good judgment, and a pleasant demeanor that makes her an easy person to like.

Mr. President, Mississippi and our Nation have been well-served by the diligence, dedication, and commitment to excellence Evann provided on a daily basis. She has put forth her best efforts to reflect credit on me, our State, and the U.S. Senate and has been successful in doing so. I will miss Evann's good counsel. She has my appreciation and gratitude for the notable job she has done in the Senate. I wish Evann all the best in her future endeavors.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO MARGARET ST. CLAIR PLASTINO

• Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a true inspiration from my home State of Idaho, Margaret St. Clair Plastino. Likely the oldest living registered nurse in Idaho, Margaret has truly used her 102 years on this earth to improve the health of those in her community. Because of this lifetime of service, she is being honored on Monday, November 4, 2019, by her fellow nurses at the Idaho Nurses Recognition Dinner cosponsored by the Idaho Center for Nursing, Nurse Leaders of Idaho, and the American Nurses Association of Idaho. This is a well-deserved honor, as Margaret spent the majority of her life improving healthcare in Idaho.

Margaret was born in Utah in 1917 to Edwin St. Clair and Evelyn Borrow before she and her family moved to Shelley, ID. She has remained in eastern Idaho ever since, helping her community and serving as a positive influence in the lives of those she encounters. Margaret graduated from the Idaho Falls LDS Hospital School of Nursing in 1939 and was hired by Bonneville County as county nurse in 1942. Beginning her career during the Great Depression, Margaret not only provided much needed medical care, she also provided emotional support and comfort to patients. She treated each patient with the devotion and care that were central to her character.

Margaret married her husband, Ben Plastino, in 1948, and they were blessed with three daughters. She began a new full-time role raising their family in 1952. Although she was no longer spending her days caring for patients as a full-time nurse, Margaret continued to help provide healthcare to the community where she could, including administering important vaccines. She eventually returned to the nursing profession, becoming the first home health nurse in southeastern Idaho. After she retired, she maintained active in the field and volunteered in various roles for the next 25 years.

There are countless stories that illustrate Margaret's devotion as a nurse. Many of these have been shared in local and State newspapers recently and there are certainly more to be shared amongst her friends, family, and community. Such instances include Margaret's decision to administer tetanus shots to those affected by the Teton Dam collapse in 1976. She also cared for children of a struggling family when she found out they did not have sufficient food in their household. It is heartening to hear stories such as these and I hope they will continue to spread and inspire more individuals to do as Margaret has.

Margaret went the extra mile in all that she did to ensure the best care was administered to her community. She did not do this for accolades or atten-

tion. She recognized that she could be of service to her community and wanted to use her skill sets to help. She has demonstrated the love she has for her community and demonstrated how to treat each patient in a manner that reflects their dignity as a person. Margaret is selfless and the type of individual who makes her community and Idaho such a special place. There is no one more deserving to be honored.

Today, I express appreciation on behalf of countless individuals from the great State of Idaho, impacted by Margaret's selfless service. She's truly an extraordinary citizen who didn't just see providing healthcare as a profession but as a calling. I join her colleagues in honoring her lifetime of service. •

HONOR FLIGHT NEVADA

• Ms. ROSEN. Mr. President, I rise today with great pride to recognize a group of national heroes as they have embarked on their Honor Flight from Nevada to Washington, DC. Nevada is home to over 225,000 veterans, and I am glad that we are able to honor 41 of these brave individuals today. These courageous men and women served in our military and sacrificed so much to defend our freedoms and values. Today's honor flight includes individuals who served in the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, and the Coast Guard. As we welcome them to the Nation's Capital, let us remember that these men and women put their lives on the line to answer our country's call to duty, and let us strive to emulate the greatness that they have so selflessly displayed.

I would like to begin with honoring individuals who served in the United States Army. Mr. Glenn Christman, 93, who served in the Army from 1944–1960, spanning World War II and Korea. He was a soldier in the Special Forces, as well as a paratrooper, and attained the highest enlisted rank of sergeant major. He was shot nine times throughout his service and was awarded both the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. Mr. Vincent Cimino, 86, who served in the Army from 1953–1955 during the Korean war. He was a soldier stationed in Germany as a clerk typist, responsible for making dog tags for his battalion. Mr. Donald Davis, 85, who served in the Army from 1954–1956 during the Korean war. He was a soldier in the Quartermaster Corps. Mr. Alfred Fiel, 90, who served in the Army during the Korean war. He was stationed in Frankfurt, Germany, and served as a supply clerk for the military police. Mr. Ronald Fortmeyer, 87, who served in the Army during the Korean war from 1952–1954. He was a private first class serving as an infantry soldier on the 38th parallel. Mr. Charles Nola, 82, who served during the Korean and Cold wars. He was a soldier stationed in Germany, as well as in the U.S. working as a senior movement specialist. Mr. William Sanchanko, 92, who served in the Army

during World War II. He was stationed in Manila, Philippines, serving as a military policeman. Mr. Michael Stem, 82, who served in the Army from 1961–1968 during the Vietnam war. He was a chief warrant officer 2, and was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star.

The second group of individuals I would like to honor today are those that served in the United States Marine Corps. Mr. Jerome “Jerry” Gardberg, 82, served 32 years as a marine, a career that spanned both the Vietnam and Cold wars, as a communications officer. Mr. John Jesse, 83, who served in the Marines from 1954–1962, working in helicopter warfare development, and rising to the rank of sergeant before separating from the Marine Corps.

The third group of individuals I would like to honor today are those that served in the United States Navy. Mr. Anthony Barbaro, 85, who served during the Korean war and was stationed in the United States, Philippines, and Japan. He was a crew chief aboard the USS *Boxer*. Mr. Eugene “Frenchy” Bousquet, 84, who served during the Korean and Vietnam wars and spent 22 years in the Navy as an electrician and instructor. Mr. Kenneth Knudson, 81, who served during the Vietnam war as part of a Navy career that spanned from 1960–1980. He was a line and naval security group officer, and attained the rank of lieutenant commander. Mr. Gerald May, 86, who served from 1951–1955 during the Korean war. Seaman First Class David Miller, 92, who served during World War II aboard the USS *Breton*. Fireman Second Class Daniel Nall, 93, who served during World War II from 1944–1945 as a motor machinist mate. Mr. Larry “Nick” Nicolai, 82, who was stationed in the South Pacific during the Korean war as an electrician’s mate aboard the USS *Prestige* and the USS *Mattaponi*. Seaman Abraham Sabori, 86, who served from 1951–1954 during the Korean war. Mr. Donald Van De Steeg, 96, who served during World War II from 1943–1946 in the 7th Fleet under Admiral Thomas C. Kinkaid. Torpedoman First Class Marvin Wear, 84, who served during both the Korean and Vietnam wars aboard destroyers and submarines as part of a Navy career that spanned from 1952–1972. Petty Officer First Class Patricia Whitlock, who served in Desert Storm during a career that spanned from 1978–1996 in which she worked as a mess specialist career counselor, and metal craftsman.

The fourth group of individuals I would like to honor today are those that served in the United States Air Force. Colonel Mack Boone, 90, who served 25 years of intermittent service of Reserve and Active Duty from 1949–1989. He was a B-26 Navigator, commander of Class A Unit, and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and four Air Medals. Ms. Anne Bousquet, 84, who served during the Korean war from 1953–1957. She worked in communications at the Pentagon and in Eng-

land. Mr. Donald Furlong, 85, who served during the Vietnam war as part of a 22-year career from 1953–1975. He was stationed in North Africa and England as an aircraft maintenance crew chief on the Recon Bomber 47. Mr. Skip Gruber, 81, who served during the Vietnam war in the Air Force and Army working as an aircraft electronics repairman. He was awarded the Bronze Star. Mr. Min Hiu Hen, 79, who served during the Vietnam war in the Air Force and Army as a transportation officer and pilot. He was shot down on his 318th combat mission and awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and Purple Heart. Senior Airman Robert Kundel, 75, who served during the Vietnam war from 1963–1967 refueling aircraft. Private First Class Luis Maldonado, 92, who served during World War II in both the Army and Air Force, his career spanning from 1946–1949. He worked in the hangar storage department and guarded prisoners waiting to be repatriated. Airman First Class Ralph Reggans, 84, who served during the Korean war in the Army and Air Force from 1950–1960 as a combat engineer. Senior Master Sergeant Fredrick Marshall Stilt Sr., 93, who served during the second World War, as well as the Korean and Vietnam wars in both the Army and Air Force as a casualty reporting assistant. He earned the Bronze Star Medal for his service during the Tripoli Evacuation of 1967. Master Sergeant Fredrick Marshall Stilt Jr., 72, who served during the Vietnam war in the Army and Air Force. During his 20-year career, he worked in radio communications. Mr. Lloyd Tatro, 87, who served during the Korean and Vietnam wars. During his career that spanned from 1950–1970, he worked in radar support directing B-52 bombers to their targets. Mr. Rollie Tatro, 85, who served during the Korean and Vietnam wars. During his career that spanned from 1952–1975, he worked as a baker and supervisor. Mr. William “Bing” Tatro, 83, who served during the Korean and Vietnam wars, he was a navigator technician on B-52 bombers for 13 years. Major Francis Walls, 89, who served during the Korean, Vietnam, and Cold wars as part of a military career that spanned from 1948–1973. He worked in aircraft maintenance and was awarded the Bronze Star. Senior Master Sergeant Richard Wellington, 84, who served from 1954–1974 as an electrician, including during the Vietnam war, in both the Navy and Air Force. Mr. Clifford “Yank” Wiltse, who served during the Korean war from 1952–1956. He worked in the Strategic Air Command and the Military Transport Service.

Finally, I would like to honor Mr. Bernard Pachter, 92, who served in the Coast Guard from 1945–1948. With his service starting towards the end of World War II in the Pacific, he was a working medic in Guam, Iwo Jima, and Ulithi, and earned the rank of hospital corpsman second class.

Our Nation owes a debt of gratitude to all of these men and women, and it

is my distinct privilege to honor their service today and welcome them to the Nation’s Capital.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Ms. Roberts, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

(The message received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGES

REPORT RELATIVE TO THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO SUDAN AS DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13067 OF NOVEMBER 3, 1997—PM 34

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 Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days before the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to Sudan declared in Executive Order 13067 of November 3, 1997, is to continue in effect beyond November 3, 2019.

Despite recent positive developments, the crisis constituted by the actions and policies of the Government of Sudan that led to the declaration of a national emergency in Executive Order 13067; the expansion of that emergency in Executive Order 13400 of April 26, 2006; and with respect to which additional steps were taken in Executive Order 13412 of October 13, 2006, Executive Order 13761 of January 13, 2017, and Executive Order 13804 of July 11, 2017, has not been resolved. These actions and policies continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared