

I was absent but had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall vote No. 322 the confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 328, David John Novak, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia.

I was absent but had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall vote No. 323 the confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 348, Rachel P. Kovner to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO RANDY VEEACH

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam President, I rise today to recognize Arkansas Farm Bureau President Randy Veach for his years of dedication to Natural State farm families and rural communities and celebrate his leadership, advocacy, and passion for agriculture as his service as president comes to a close.

As a third-generation farmer, Randy has made advocating for the rural way of life his calling. He grew up on his family's farm in the community of Lost Cane in Mississippi County. He continues farming on that land with his wife Thelma where they grow cotton, soybeans, rice, wheat, corn, and milo.

His commitment to the industry has extended beyond his own fields. For decades, Randy has been a voice for Arkansas agriculture producers, working to develop policies that benefit farmers. He has served in a number of leadership positions at the local level up to the national level. He is a member of the American Farm Bureau board of directors, and in 2015, he was appointed to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Trade Advisory Committee for Tobacco, Cotton, and Peanuts.

For 11 years, Randy has been at the helm of Arkansas Farm Bureau where he worked to advance the priorities of farmers and ranchers. As a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, I have been blessed to have Randy's knowledge, experience, and insight to help craft farm bills and ag policy that support Arkansas' agricultural industry and strengthen rural communities throughout our state.

I am grateful for the friendship we have built, for his advice, and most importantly, his service on behalf of our State's farmers and ranchers. Although his time as president is ending, I know his advocacy for agriculture will continue.

I wish Randy and Thelma much happiness in this next chapter of their lives.●

##### 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEVADA FARM BUREAU FEDERATION

• Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. Madam President, I come forward today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Ne-

vada Farm Bureau Federation. Founded in 1919, the Nevada Farm Bureau Federation has been a strong voice for Nevada's farmers and ranchers. Unbeknownst to many, Nevada is home to some of the largest agricultural operations in the Nation, and over the past 100 years, the Nevada Farm Bureau Federation has provided a reliable and steady source of advocacy for the agricultural community in the Silver State.

On February 25, 1919, Assemblyman Care C. Tidd of Smith, NV, introduced Nevada Assembly Bill 110 in the Nevada Legislature. The purpose of the bill was to provide for cooperative agricultural and home economics extension work in several counties in accordance with the Smith-Lever Act and provide for the organization of county farm bureaus. Following formation of an authorized county farm bureau, the bill directed that bureau as the official body within county for carrying on extension work in agriculture and home economics in cooperation with the Cooperative Services Program and the Land-Grant University System. The first Nevada Farm Bureau office was founded in Lyon County.

Over the course of the past century, the Nevada Farm Bureau Federation has evolved from its original form into a private nonprofit organization and strong advocate for the State's farmers and ranchers, voicing the concerns of its membership to policymakers on the local, State and federal levels. Additionally, the Nevada Farm Bureau Federation continues its century-old partnership with Cooperative Extension in the Silver State.

The Nevada Farm Bureau Federation is currently made up of 11 county farm bureau organizations representing nearly 18,000 family members. I am pleased to recognize the Nevada Farm Bureau's 100 years of service to Nevadans and our great State and wish the group well in continuing its work on behalf of farmers and ranchers for many years to come.●

##### REMEMBERING KAY HAGAN

• Ms. DUCKWORTH. Madam President, I come before the Senate today to honor the life of Kay Hagan, who I had the honor of serving in Congress with from 2013 to 2014. A beloved public servant, businesswoman, mother, wife and friend, Kay passed away last month at the age of 66.

I admired Kay's ability to find common ground and work in a bipartisan manner without compromising her core beliefs, as evidenced by both her many legislative successes and her many courageous votes, including healthcare reform and expanded background checks. She was also a tireless voice for women's rights, and advocated for hard-working North Carolinians and U.S. Servicemembers by fighting to crack down on predatory payday lending.

Roughly a decade before I brought my daughter Maile onto the Senate

floor, Kay took on an outdated Senate rule of her own by leading the successful charge to force the Senate swimming pool to allow women. Making the Senate a welcoming place for everyone is an ongoing struggle, but her efforts certainly made it a little bit better for women Senators for years to come.

Kay was an inspirational role model to young girls and young women in North Carolina, often encouraging them to run for office at her events. I have no doubt that many of them now hold public office.

My deepest sympathies are with Kay's loved ones. I am grateful for her passionate service to her State and our country, and I am proud to continue her work in the U.S. Senate.●

##### 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF NORTH OF THE JAMES MAGAZINE

• Mr. KAINA. Madam President, I want to wish a happy 25th anniversary to North of the James magazine and congratulate it on reaching this milestone. I want to thank editor Charles McGuigan and all who worked tirelessly to make the publication what it is today. The magazine started off in a garage in Richmond's North Side neighborhood. It has been exciting to see the news outlet grow and become an integral part of the community it serves. North of the James has served as a unique, hyper-local voice that Richmonders can relate to. This is evident by the loyal readership in the area throughout all these years.

I am proud that this year, Charles McGuigan was awarded first place for the feature writing portfolio by the Virginia Press Association. He also was awarded second place for the feature titled "Kaity Kasper: Blazing into that Good Night." I was proud to be featured by the magazine in 2012, and I was humbled to be among great Virginians, like Oliver Hill, who have been on the cover over the years.

Local news is a vital part of our communities. Whether it is keeping readers informed about art exhibits and food or shining a spotlight on Virginians, we are grateful for North of the James' dedication to serving Richmonders for the past 25 years. I know they will keep up the great work.●

##### REMEMBERING JOHN H. ADLER

• Mr. MENENDEZ. Madam President, I am honored to rise today in recognition of the late John H. Adler on the occasion of the dedication of the John H. Adler Memorial Park at Challenge Grove in Cherry Hill, NJ.

The Honorable John H. Adler was a remarkable public servant who worked tirelessly on behalf of New Jersey residents for decades. Growing up in southern New Jersey, John worked hard in school and overcame many personal challenges to earn his undergraduate and law degrees from Harvard University before returning home to Camden County. He began a selfless career in

public service in 1987 when he was elected to the Cherry Hill Township Committee. In 1992, he went on to represent New Jersey's Sixth Legislative District in the State's senate, where he served until 2008. There, he rose to the chairmanship of the Senate Judiciary Committee and served on the Environmental Committee. One of John's signature achievements, New Jersey's Smoke-Free Air Act, has greatly improved the lives of New Jerseyans and will undoubtedly continue to positively impact the health and well-being of our State's residents for generations.

In 2008, John was elected to the House of Representatives, becoming the first Democratic lawmaker to represent New Jersey's Third Congressional District in more than a century. Upon his arrival on Capitol Hill, John quickly established a reputation for hard work, compromise, and compassion. He advocated forcefully for seniors, members of the armed services and veterans, and the environment. He recognized the strategic and military importance of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst and sought to attract new missions to help preserve the installation's role in our national defense. He was well known for working across the aisle and overcoming partisanship to accomplish meaningful legislation to the benefit of our families and constituents.

I am honored to have served with John both in the New Jersey Legislature and as members of New Jersey's Congressional Delegation. John represented the very best of our lawmakers, and his sudden passing in 2011 was an immense loss to the Garden State. Today, John's wife, Shelley, and their sons, Jeffrey, Alex, Andrew, and Oliver, continue to carry on his legacy of service and extraordinary dedication to our friends, neighbors, and communities.

Mr. President, I acknowledge and commend the Camden County Board of Freeholders on the dedication of the John H. Adler Memorial Park at Challenge Grove as a fitting tribute to remember one of New Jersey's most honorable sons. I would like to once again recognize, applaud, and remember the Honorable John H. Adler's extraordinary life and his service to the people of New Jersey.●

#### RECOGNIZING RHINO METALS, INC.

• Mr. RISCH. Madam President, as a member and former chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each month I recognize and celebrate the American entrepreneurial spirit by highlighting the success of a small business in my Home State of Idaho. However, in honor of Veterans Day on November 11, this month I will honor a veteran-owned small business for each of the 10 days the Senate is in legislative session. The personal sacrifices made by America's veterans have protected the very freedoms and values that give

each of us and our children the ability to achieve the American dream. The skills veterans learn as members of the military are invaluable and undoubtedly contribute to Idaho's flourishing veteran business community. I am proud of the sacrifices veterans have made to protect our country and that they are choosing Idaho to call home when they complete their service in the military. As your U.S. Senator from the great State of Idaho, it is my pleasure to recognize Rhino Metals, Inc., in Caldwell as the Veteran-owned Idaho Small Business of the Day for November 5, 2019.

Rhino Metals, Inc., is owned and operated by U.S. Air Force veteran Don Suggs and is known for its quality, hand-crafted products. The company began in the 1990s as an aircraft restoration business and eventually expanded to sell gun safes, tool chests, and custom furniture. Suggs was inspired to open Rhino Metals following his time serving in the Air Force as a fighter pilot flying a McDonnell Douglas F-4 airplane, known as the "rhino" for its toughness and long nose.

After transitioning back to civilian life, Suggs used the skills and work ethic acquired during his military service to build his business. Rhino Metals makes an effort to give back to fellow veterans seeking to reenter civilian life. As a result, Suggs employs a large number veterans and remains committed to the values he learned while serving in the U.S. Air Force.

Congratulations to Don Suggs and all of the employees at Rhino Metals, Inc., for being selected as the Veteran-owned Idaho Small Business of the Day for November 5, 2019. You make our great State proud, and I look forward to your continued growth.●

#### RECOGNIZING PINK STABLE

• Mr. SCOTT of Florida. Madam President, as a member of the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize a small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit at the heart of our economy. This week, it is my privilege to honor a business that provides quality women's clothing while also fostering economic development within its immediate community. It is my pleasure to recognize Pink Stable of Camden, SC, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Pink Stable is a boutique located in historic downtown Camden. Established in 2014, Kathryn Couch's business provides both classic and trendy clothing at an affordable price for women of all ages. Kathryn filled an empty space in Camden's downtown after noticing there were few places where women could buy contemporary clothing with an element of southern flair. After securing private financing, she began implementing her unique business plan and quickly developed a loyal customer base. Currently, the business is expanding their brand and

brainstorming ideas to create a greater following outside of Camden. Their Instagram page has amassed over 4,000 followers. This social media outlet is used to scale their business and provide merchandise to a wider range of potential customers.

Since its founding, Pink Stable has also made a significant positive impact in the community by maintaining its commitment to customer service and quality products. Through the Main Street South Carolina Program, the city of Camden has allocated \$32.5 million to revitalize the historic downtown area and expand the local economy. Kathryn's business has helped inspire others to consider opening shops and restaurants in downtown Camden. Pink Stable has become an integral part of the community, proving that a Camden-based business can flourish through determination and a well-executed business plan.

Kathryn was recently awarded with the honor of South Carolina Young Entrepreneur of the Year by the South Carolina Small Business Administration in 2019 for her outstanding contributions. Pink Stable's success has led Kathryn to open another small business in the Camden area, Evelyn's Bridal Store, which was recognized as South Carolina's Best Bridal Store in 2017. I am honored to recognize Kathryn and the entire team at Pink Stable as the Senate Small Business of the Week. Their boutique is a great example of how strategic vision and determination can create commercial success, and I look forward to watching their continued growth.●

#### REMEMBERING THOMAS IVERSON, JR.

• Mrs. SHAHEEN. Madam President, I have come to the floor to pay tribute to Thomas Iverson, Jr., a longtime New Hampshire resident and law enforcement official who passed away recently at the age of 72. Although he was born in Massachusetts and lived briefly in Maine, George was in many ways a quintessential Granite Stater. He had big personality and a passion for public service that brought him to posts across our great State.

After an honorable discharge from the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam war, Tom began his long career in law enforcement with the Manchester Police Department. He served in New Hampshire's Queen City for 6 years before, at the age of 26, becoming chief of police for the town of Bradford, a small community of roughly 1000 residents west of Concord. He continued his commitment to protecting communities across New Hampshire as lieutenant with the Merrimack Police Department, chief of police in Pembroke, and finally serving as chief of the Litchfield Police Department. Following a law enforcement career that spanned three and a half decades with service in five towns, Tom retired in 2004.

Though a full retirement would have been well-deserved, Tom wanted to