

and community centers to warn against the dangers of sex trafficking.

Rachelle also met her husband, Simon Hammerling during her time in Yap. The two were married in 2018 and had planned to take in a young girl they had found sleeping on their doorstep. Rachelle passed just before the two were about to celebrate their 1-year wedding anniversary and shortly before she and her family were due to move back to the United States for a new job in Wyoming. Her passing is a tremendous loss to her family, to the community she fought to serve, and to all who knew her.

We remember Rachelle with gratitude for her life, and we honor her for her sacrifice. Scripture tells us that the righteous will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them. As she now rests from her tireless and courageous work on behalf of the most vulnerable among us, we know Rachelle's deeds will follow her and continue to inspire others to pursue justice as fiercely as she did.

TRIBUTE TO CAROLYN EDWARDS

Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, together with Senator CARPER, I rise today to recognize Carolyn Edwards for her distinguished career and significant accomplishments at the Federal Highway Administration, FHWA.

After 46 years of exceptional Federal service, Carolyn is retiring from FHWA on January 3, 2020. She is a dedicated public servant recognized as an unparalleled national expert on Federal Highway Programs and the highway trust fund. Through her technical assistance to Congress and her policy advice to departmental and agency officials, Carolyn has provided an invaluable contribution to the programs that support our Nation's roads and bridges. She has helped to shape not only these critical highway programs, but also, as colleague and mentor, she has shaped and guided a generation of highway policy experts. Her work will have a lasting legacy for many years to come.

Carolyn's entire 46-year Federal career has been with the U.S. Department of Transportation, USDOT—44 of these with FHWA. To put Carolyn's remarkable public service longevity in perspective, FHWA was formed in 1966, only 7 years prior to her arrival. She joined FHWA in 1973 as an economist. Over the ensuing four and a half decades, she has served in a range of high-level analytical and leadership positions, including positions in FHWA's Office of Highway Policy Information and Office of Legislative Affairs and Policy Communications. She also worked in the Office of the Secretary's Office of the Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs with a portfolio that covered FHWA programs.

Carolyn is currently a member of FHWA's Legislative Analysis Team, where she serves as the authoritative expert on a wide range of highway-related topics, including Federal highway

legislation, the highway trust fund, and the operations of the Federal-aid highway program. Throughout her successful and impressive career, she has been a "go-to reference" on these topics for both agency and departmental leaders and staff.

Among her many exemplary accomplishments, Carolyn has been in the development and implementation of every Federal surface transportation bill since the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century—TEA-21—was enacted in 1998. Additionally, she has also been a recipient of several prestigious honors and awards. Carolyn has been recognized with a Secretary's Team Award, two Secretarial Awards for Partnering for Excellence, and multiple FHWA Superior Achievement Awards, FHWA's highest honor award.

Carolyn exemplifies the highest standards of public service and embodies FHWA's spirit of professionalism and customer service. Over the years, the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, along with other congressional committees, Members of Congress, and their staff have relied on Carolyn's legislative and highway policy expertise, quick turnaround technical assistance responses, and wealth of information. Carolyn's colleagues at USDOT and FHWA have depended on her tireless efforts, her endless wealth of knowledge and willingness to share and transfer it. They will miss her indomitable spirit and her purple sweaters, purple pens, and love for everything purple to brighten their days.

Carolyn has helped shape highway policy discussions and implement new programs. Her contributions will continue to make a difference on USDOT, FHWA, and the surface transportation community. Her retirement from the Federal Government is a celebration of her dedication to the American people.

It is a great honor to recognize this exceptional public servant. Senator CARPER joins me in extending our appreciation and well wishes to Carolyn on her retirement.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO ANDY PRADELLA

• Mr. MANCHIN. Madam President, Gayle and I would like to extend our warmest congratulations and very best wishes to our very dear friend Andy Pradella on his 70th birthday. What I have always admired about Andy is his unparalleled work ethic and determination to learn and serve, and to inspire those around him. I can't tell him how much his and Joanie's friendship has meant to me and Gayle throughout the years. They are like family to us. Together, they are both a match made in "Almost Heaven."

While Andy wasn't born in West Virginia, he certainly is a West Virginian in his heart and soul. In West Virginia, if you are hungry, you will be fed. If

you are lost, someone will not only give you directions but will offer to drive you to your destination. I am so deeply proud of the people of my home State and the values that make us stand out from the rest of the Nation.

It is in that same spirit that I proudly recognize Andy Pradella as an honorary West Virginian. No one fits this title better. He is one of the most generous, kindest, selfless people I have had the privilege of calling my very dear friend. He has provided so much happiness and wisdom to the lives of those around him throughout the years, and it is my wish that the memory of this special day remains with him just as his guidance and influence will remain in all the lives he has touched. Again, it is with the greatest admiration that I send to him my best wishes on his special day.

Andy, please always remember that no matter where you are, you have a home here in "Almost Heaven."•

TRIBUTE TO MARY HULSMAN ALLGEIER

• Mr. PAUL. Madam President, Mary Hulsmann Allgeier was selected as the #1 Citizen of Schnitzelburg, a historic neighborhood in Louisville, KY. Mary has been a lifelong community advocate and volunteer. She has given to and supported those in need as a leader in Holy Family Parish for many years. In addition, Mary is a role model for women in leadership and is instrumental in ensuring members of her community understand their civic rights and responsibilities. Mary has served her community faithfully from education to civic engagement and is an example for us to follow. I am proud to join the people of Schnitzelburg in honoring Mary Allgeier as their #1 Citizen.●

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL FRED JOHNSON

• Mr. PAUL. Madam President, Col. Fred Johnson, U.S. Army, Retired, was honored as Kentucky's 2019 Veteran of the Year. Since his retirement from the U.S. Army in 2014, Fred Johnson has immersed himself in community service in Louisville in both existing programs, such as YouthBuild and Restorative Justice Louisville, and through developing new, innovative ways to use the arts and storytelling to help connect veterans with the broader community. His Veteran's Writing Workshop series and the innovative Shakespeare with Veterans group that he cofounded in 2016 are helping veterans communicate their stories in creative and timeless ways. Colonel Johnson remains committed to our country as is evident by his decision to teach sixth grade Social studies class at Thomas Jefferson Middle School. I am proud to recognize Col. Fred Johnson as a remarkable symbol of the rich veteran heritage of Kentucky.●

TRIBUTE TO KAREN WEAVER

• Mr. PAUL. Madam President, Karen Weaver, a Kentucky native and a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, has been recognized as the Kentucky Female Veteran of the Year 2019. After serving on Active Duty and in the Air Force Reserve, Karen taught science at Leestown Middle School in Lexington, KY, where she began immersing herself in volunteer work for veterans. She has worked with Military Missions, an organization that sent care packages to over 8,500 deployed U.S. men and women last year. One of her current passions is Lady Veterans Connect, a nonprofit with a real heart for female veterans, particularly those who are homeless. Karen Weaver has been an incredible role model to the children of her classrooms and to the entire Commonwealth. I am honored to recognize Karen in her service to our country and our State.●

RECOGNIZING GRANNY CANTRELL'S RESTAURANT

• Mr. RUBIO. Madam President, as the chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I am privileged to honor an American small business for its dedication to dignified work and its surrounding community. This week, it is my honor to recognize Granny Cantrell's Restaurant of Panama City, FL, for its achievements.

Founded in 2002 by Doug Crosby and his family, Granny Cantrell's is well known for its delicious southern comfort food and catering. Based on recipes from friends, neighbors, family, and local churches, Granny Cantrell's food consists of familiar items such as fried chicken, pot roast, and macaroni and cheese. Since opening more than 17 years ago, Granny Cantrell's has experienced success and continued growth. Their menu has expanded beyond comfort food to offer a variety of daily specials and health-conscious options. Today, they are an important part of the Panama City community, attracting and retaining customers who enjoy their food at the restaurant, as well as at catered events.

Granny Cantrell's dedication to the greater Panama City community is unmatched. In the days following the landfall of Hurricane Michael in 2018, Granny Cantrell's worked tirelessly with local authorities to ensure that the city's employees were fed. Additionally, with the help of likeminded community partners, Granny Cantrell's restaurant was able to provide and hand-deliver more than 500 prepacked Thanksgiving meals and 400 cupcakes to those in need after the hurricane. In recent years, Doug and the Granny Cantrell's team have also opened the restaurant's doors as a drop-off location for Coats for Kids, a Bay County program that collects and distributes gently used coats to prepare local children for the winter.

Their dedication to the Florida community, their fantastic homemade dishes, and exemplary customer service has certainly not gone unnoticed. For 9 years running, Granny Cantrell's has been awarded Panama City News Herald's Best of the Bay Award, highlighting its customers' loyalty and integral place in the local economy. Furthermore, Granny Cantrell's has been awarded the Reader's Choice Award by Panama City Living for several years in a row to commemorate their outstanding food and customer service.

Small businesses play an important role in supporting and uplifting their communities. Granny Cantrell's is a prime example of the bonds that small businesses can create when such an integral role is bolstered. I am proud to recognize this Florida business for its reflection of America's unique entrepreneurial spirit and its dedication to the common good of its community. Congratulations to the entire Granny Cantrell's team. I look forward to watching your continued success.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:36 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 256. An act to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to provide flexibility and reauthorization to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages.

S. 737. An act to direct the National Science Foundation to support STEM education research focused on early childhood.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2051. An act to provide for Federal coordination of activities supporting sustainable chemistry, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3318. An act to require the Transportation Security Administration to establish a task force to conduct an analysis of emerging and potential future threats to transportation security, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3469. An act to direct the Transportation Security Administration to carry out covert testing and risk mitigation improvement of aviation security operations, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3669. An act to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a collective response to a terrorism exercise that includes the management of cascading effects on critical infrastructure during times of extreme cold weather, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4355. An act to direct the Director of the National Science Foundation to support research on the outputs that may be generated by generative adversarial networks, otherwise known as deepfakes, and other comparable techniques that may be developed in the future, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4372. An act to direct Federal science agencies and the Office of Science and Technology Policy to undertake activities to improve the quality of undergraduate STEM education and enhance the research capacity at the Nation's HBCUs, TCUs, and MSIs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4373. An act to provide for a coordinated Federal research initiative to ensure

continued United States leadership in engineering biology.

H.R. 4402. An act to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct an inland waters threat analysis, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4566. An act to accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of the families of victims of the mass shooting in Virginia Beach, Virginia, on May 31, 2019.

H.R. 4713. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to make certain improvements in the Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4727. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a mentor-protégé program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4739. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to protect U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers, agents, other personnel, and canines against potential synthetic opioid exposure, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4761. An act to ensure U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers, agents, and other personnel have adequate synthetic opioid detection equipment, that the Department of Homeland Security has a process to update synthetic opioid detection capability, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 9455(a), and the order of the House of January 3, 2019, the Speaker appoints the following Member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Air Force Academy: Ms. Speier of California.

At 5:40 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5363. An act to reauthorize mandatory funding programs for historically Black colleges and universities and other minority-serving institutions, for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2051. An act to provide for Federal coordination of activities supporting sustainable chemistry, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 3318. An act to require the Transportation Security Administration to establish a task force to conduct an analysis of emerging and potential future threats to transportation security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 3469. An act to direct the Transportation Security Administration to carry out covert testing and risk mitigation improvement of aviation security operations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 3669. An act to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a collective response to a terrorism exercise that includes the management of cascading effects on critical infrastructure during times of extreme cold weather, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 4355. An act to direct the Director of the National Science Foundation to support