

communities throughout the world, with a special focus on improving children's nutrition and education.

The tragic plane accident that claimed the lives of these Idaho sons will forever cement the ideals and values that motivated these men to do good where good was needed.

Idaho said farewell to several great men who were not only pillars of the community, but also beloved by employees everywhere. Jim Hansen, Sr., and his two sons, Kirk and Jim, Jr., were known throughout the world as men who were passionate about helping others and touching lives wherever they went. The Hansen men and children who lost their lives in this tragic plane accident will be deeply missed, but their legacy will not be forgotten.●

#### RECOGNIZING VALLEY QUEEN CHEESE FACTORY

● Mr. ROUNDS. Madam President, today, it is my pleasure to name Valley Queen Cheese Factory of Milbank, SD as the Senate Small Business of the Week. Valley Queen Cheese is a prime example of the important role small businesses play in their local economies and communities.

In 1929, Alfred Nef and Alfred Gonzenbach decided Milbank, SD was the perfect home for their business and founded Valley Queen Cheese. Four generations later, Valley Queen remains a family-run operation and is still owned by the Nef and Gonzenbach families. Today, it operates less than half a mile from the original location. It is a recognized leader in the South Dakota business community and the greater dairy industry. Since 2017, Doug Wilke has served as CEO of Valley Queen. With guidance from the board of directors, he currently oversees the largest cheese plant in South Dakota and the largest employer in Milbank.

More than 90 percent of all milk Valley Queen uses comes from South Dakota cows, and they make a conscious effort to continue South Dakota's leadership in this important industry. Thanks to a recent expansion, Valley Queen now has the capacity to produce 200 million pounds of cheese from 2 billion pounds of milk each year. Their cheese can be found in most local grocery stores, as it is sold to some of the best-known food brands in the world. To meet the growing demand, Valley Queen recently invested in a business expansion project that increased the factory's output by twenty-five percent.

Valley Queen is an active leader in the Milbank community, where it has grown to employ 300 people. In 2017, the Valley Queen Charitable Foundation was established to advance positive change by supporting local organizations and initiatives. In its first 3 years as a nonprofit, the foundation has contributed more than \$900,000 to local charities that have a community, educational, or humanitarian focus. Since

1990, Valley Queen has awarded high school and college students over \$300,000 in scholarships. In addition to the business's own philanthropy, Valley Queen makes an annual contribution to the Milbank Community Foundation, which seeks to improve the quality of life of residents in the community.

Valley Queen has been recognized for their continuous improvement and exceptional process control through several awards. Earlier this year, Valley Queen won two awards and received near-perfect marks at the U.S. Championship Cheese Contest for their reduced fat cheddar and Monterey Jack jalapeno cheeses. Valley Queen's sustained efforts toward improved research and development does not go unnoticed by the industry.

Valley Queen is an excellent example of how small businesses fit the shared values and ideals of their community and give back in a multitude of ways. I am proud to highlight Valley Queen and its team for their integral social and economic contributions to South Dakota. Although many years removed from being a startup company, Valley Queen remains committed to the legacy of its founders. Furthermore, Milbank, South Dakota continues to serve as the perfect home for this thriving business. Congratulations again to the entire team at Valley Queen Cheese Factory for being named Senate Small Business of the Week.●

#### TRIBUTE TO FRANK FRAZIER

● Mr. TILLIS. Madam President, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Frank Frazier of Oxford, NC, for his 35 years of dedicated public service to the city of Henderson and surrounding communities. Mr. Frazier was hired as an engineering technician for the city of Henderson in 1985 and has since dedicated his career to public service. He has held a number of roles within local government including, but not limited to, director of engineering, assistant city manager and city manager.

As city manager, Mr. Frazier has managed over 200 employees responsible for all city operations including the Fire and Police Departments, engineering, human resources, finance, recreation, and water resources, among many others. Mr. Frazier has led several significant projects that have benefited the city, county, and region as a whole, including upgrades to the Henderson Water Reclamation Facility and an upgrade to the Kerr Lake Regional Water Plant. Not only did Mr. Frazier successfully execute many accomplishments for the community, he did so through balanced budgets without tax increases and simultaneously providing substantial pay raises to city employees.

Mr. Frazier is well respected and acknowledged for his consistent dedication to improving the quality of life for Henderson and the greater region. I would like to thank Mr. Frazier for his

35 years of honorable service, as well as acknowledge his wife Sherrie and their two sons, Mitchell and Chad, who have supported his service. I wish Mr. Frazier all the best in his future endeavors as he retires from the city of Henderson.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:39 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. 50. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to assess sanitation and safety conditions at Bureau of Indian Affairs facilities that were constructed to provide affected Columbia River Treaty tribes access to traditional fishing grounds and expend funds on construction of facilities and structures to improve those conditions, and for other purposes.

S. 216. An act to provide for equitable compensation to the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation for the use of tribal land for the production of hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam, and for other purposes.

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

H.R. 453. An act to take certain Federal lands in Tennessee into trust for the benefit of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2647. An act to adopt a certain California flammability standard as a Federal flammability standard to protect against the risk of upholstered furniture flammability, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3172. An act to provide that inclined sleepers for infants and crib bumpers shall be considered banned hazardous products under section 8 of the Consumer Product Safety Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3362. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to require small hub airports to construct areas for nursing mothers, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4227. An act to prohibit the submission to the Federal Communications Commission of broadband internet access service coverage information or data for the purposes of compiling an inaccurate broadband coverage map.

H.R. 4229. An act to require the Federal Communications Commission to issue rules relating to the collection of data with respect to the availability of broadband services, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4779. An act to extend the Undertaking Spam, Spyware, And Fraud Enforcement With Enforcers beyond Borders Act of 2006, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4920. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an exception to certain small business contracting requirements applicable to the Department of Veterans Affairs procurement of certain goods and services covered under the Ability One program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4998. An act to prohibit certain Federal subsidies from being used to purchase communications equipment or services posing national security risks, to provide for the establishment of a reimbursement program for the replacement of communications equipment or services posing such risks, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House agreed to the amendment of

the Senate to the bill (H.R. 150) to modernize Federal grant reporting, and for other purposes.

At 4:10 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 81. Concurrent resolution directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 1158.

H. Con. Res. 82. Concurrent resolution directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 1865.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1158) to authorize cyber incident response teams at the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1865) to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint a coin in commemoration of the opening of the National Law Enforcement Museum in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 4:11 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

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

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the Acting President pro tempore (Mrs. BLACKBURN).

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 759. An act to restore an opportunity for tribal economic development on terms that are equal and fair, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

H.R. 3172. An act to provide that inclined sleepers for infants and crib bumpers shall be considered banned hazardous products under section 8 of the Consumer Product Safety Act and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 4227. An act to prohibit the submission to the Federal Communications Commission of broadband internet access service coverage information or data for the purposes of compiling an inaccurate broadband coverage map; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 4779. An act to extend the Undertaking Spam, Spyware, And Fraud Enforcement With Enforcers beyond Borders Act of 2006, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 4920. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an exception to

certain small business contracting requirements applicable to the Department of Veterans Affairs procurement of certain goods and services covered under the Ability One program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 4229. An act to require the Federal Communications Commission to issue rules relating to the collection of data with respect to the availability of broadband services, and for other purposes.

#### 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-3499. A communication from the Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Registration and Compliance Requirements for Commodity Pool Operators and Commodity Trading Advisors: Registered Investment Companies, Business Development Companies, and Definition of Reporting Person" (RIN3038-AE76) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 12, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3500. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Registration and Compliance Requirements for Commodity Pool Operators (CPOs) and Commodity Trading Advisors: Family Offices and Exempt CPOs" (RIN3038-AE76) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 12, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3501. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Sweet Cherries Grown in Designated Counties in Washington; Decreased Assessment Rate" ((7 CFR Part 923) (Docket Nos. AMS-SC-19-0049 and SC-19-923-1 FR)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 10, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3502. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a violation of the Antideficiency Act that occurred in the Department of Agriculture's County Agriculture Risk Coverage account; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3503. A communication from the Policy Analyst, Department of the Army, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Obtaining Information From Financial Institutions" ((RIN0702-AA99) (32 CFR Part 504)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 12, 2019; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3504. A communication from the Chief of the Legal Assistance Policy Division, Department of the Army, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Family Support, Child Custody, and Paternity" (RIN0702-

AA84) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 12, 2019; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3505. A communication from the Acting General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Payday Alternative Loans" (RIN3133-AE84) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 12, 2019; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3506. A communication from the Policy Associate Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Truth in Lending (Regulation Z) Annual Threshold Adjustments (Credit Cards, HOEPA, and Qualified Mortgages)" (12 CFR Part 1026) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 11, 2019; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3507. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Assessments" (RIN3064-AE98) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 12, 2019; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3508. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Assessments" (RIN3064-AF16) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 12, 2019; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3509. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the final report on the national emergency with respect to terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process that was declared in Executive Order 12947 of January 23, 1995; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3510. A communication from the Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Commission's competitive sourcing efforts during fiscal year 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3511. A communication from the Deputy Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modernizing the E-Rate Program for Schools and Libraries" ((RIN3060-AK57) (FCC 19-117)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 12, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3512. A communication from the Deputy Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Connect America Fund" ((RIN3060-AK57) (WC Docket No. 10-90)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 12, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3513. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Report to Congress on Federal Government Energy Management and Conservation Programs, Fiscal Year 2016"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-3514. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Enforcement, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Enforcement Guidance