

life's work for what is right and what is fair. We will demand justice for the American people to make sure that their voices are heard.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session for a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

TRIBUTE TO DR. JAY BOX

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, more than 100,000 Kentuckians choose every year to pursue a degree or develop their skills through the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, KCTCS. Composed of 16 colleges within a short drive of virtually every Kentucky household, KCTCS has helped over 1 million Kentucky students receive an affordable and quality education. Today, I would like to recognize my friend, Dr. Jay Box, who has served as KCTCS' second president for the last 5 years and is a leading architect of its success. As Jay retires at the end of this month, my home State will send him off with our sincere gratitude.

Nearly two decades ago, Jay and his wife Gayle left Texas to join KCTCS. I am so glad they did. Jay brought with him a personal belief in the importance of lifelong learning to adapt to a changing workforce. That vision has served Jay and KCTCS' students well while preparing them for 21st century careers.

Jay was quickly recognized for his transformative leadership at Hazard Community and Technical College. Tapping into his talent, he was given statewide responsibilities as KCTCS vice president, chancellor, then finally its president. In each role, Jay has constantly delivered for Kentucky students.

As president, Jay placed a renewed emphasis on helping students complete their degrees with a record number of graduates and credentials. He also encouraged schools to remove barriers, to support students pursuing GEDs and college credit at the same time, and to form partnerships with job creators to close the skills gap. As a result, graduates are gaining the skills to meet

local employers' demands and enter the workforce prepared to fill good-paying jobs.

His many achievements have brought national acclaim for both Jay and KCTCS. U.S. Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross and Advisor to the President Ivanka Trump appointed him to be the voice for community colleges on the American Workforce Policy Advisory Board. Jay collaborates with leaders from educational institutions, governments, and some of the country's largest employers to increase preparedness in the workforce. Jay is also a member of the national board for Rebuilding America's Middle Class and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's National Advisory Group.

I have had the privilege to work directly with Jay to serve Kentucky's students. I am particularly grateful for his leadership to save Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College, SKCTC, from losing its ability to offer Federal student aid. Working closely with Jay, I inserted a legislative provision to give the school a reasonable opportunity to make its case to the U.S. Department of Education. Jay and his team did just that, showing SKCTC's many contributions to its students and community. I am proud to say the school continues to thrive and help prepare Kentucky students to excel in the workforce.

Jay announced he would begin his well-deserved retirement in July. However, when the coronavirus crisis struck, he once again showed true leadership. Jay delayed his retirement to continue serving Kentucky's students and ensure KCTCS received the steady leadership transition it deserves.

Over the years, Jay has helped educate students, encourage industry, and drive growth in nearly every corner of Kentucky. It is a remarkable legacy, and I hope he and Gayle are proud of their accomplishments. I ask my Senate colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Jay Box on his retirement and to wish him many wonderful years to come.

TRIBUTE TO TOMMY TURNER

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, when my friend Tommy Turner was first elected to lead LaRue County in 1985, he was the youngest Kentuckian to ever serve as a county judge-executive. Now, 35 years later, Tommy recently announced he would leave office as our Commonwealth's longest currently serving county leader. Records bookend his service, and more accomplishments fill the years between. I would like to take a moment to congratulate Tommy on his decades of leadership for LaRue County and to thank him for his many contributions to Kentucky.

Every county judge-executive is responsible for local services such as the county's budget and road maintenance. As LaRue County's leader, however, Tommy was given an additional—al-

most sacred—charge. He helped preserve the birthplace of our most famous Kentuckian, Abraham Lincoln. Tommy took seriously his role in honoring Lincoln, and Kentucky will continue to benefit from his enthusiasm for our Nation's 16th President.

Along with a group of motivated citizens, Tommy helped establish the Lincoln Museum in Hodgenville. In a typical year, thousands of tourists will visit the museum and the nearby Abraham Lincoln National Historical Park. Tommy championed an effort to expand the National Park by coordinating a donation to include Lincoln's Boyhood Home on Knob Creek. This year, Kentucky Living Magazine named the Lincoln Museum as the Commonwealth's Best Museum, a well-deserved distinction for their efforts to safeguard the Great Emancipator's legacy.

In 2000, Congress created the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission to prepare national celebrations for the President's 200th birthday. Recommended by Kentucky's Governor at the time and appointed by the President, Tommy was a fine choice to serve as a commissioner. Hodgenville would later host the celebration's National Opening Ceremony and lead the country in honoring President Lincoln.

Over the years, I have worked with Tommy to preserve Lincoln's heritage in LaRue County and to deliver for the community's bright future. It has also been a privilege to join Tommy's radio show to speak directly with local families about their priorities and my work for Kentucky in the Senate.

Tommy spent half of his life as LaRue County's judge-executive. The results of his leadership can be seen across the county in its growth and opportunity. I would like to encourage my Senate colleagues to join me in thanking Tommy for his service and for preserving the memory of one of our country's greatest leaders. In whatever comes next for Tommy, I wish him the best. I look forward to his continued contributions to our great Commonwealth.

SUPREME COURT NOMINATIONS

Mrs. LOEFFLER. Madam President, Mrs. Kelly Loeffler, of Georgia, rejects the assertion by Mr. CHUCK SCHUMER, of New York, that there is no precedent for a Supreme Court justice being confirmed after July 1 in a Presidential election year.

In fact on three separate occasions, a duly-elected President appointed and the Senate confirmed a Supreme Court justice in a Presidential election year: John Hessin Clarke; confirmed by the Senate on July 24, 1916; George Shiras, Jr.; confirmed by the Senate on July 26, 1892; and Melville Fuller; confirmed by the Senate on July 20, 1888.

The Constitution does not limit the President's nomination powers during the fourth year of his term.

I support President Donald J. Trump's decision to nominate a justice

to the Supreme Court who will uphold the rule of law and the Constitution as written. I look forward to performing my constitutional duty to advise and consent on his nominee before November 3, 2020.

NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

Mr. CARDIN. Madam President, today I thank the 30 million small businesses in America for their contributions to our economy during this year's National Small Business Week, which began on Sunday, September 20 and ends on Saturday, September 26. National Small Business Week is the time of year when we come together to celebrate our Nation's small businesses for their role in moving our economy forward by boosting local economies, improving industries through innovation, and employing nearly half of our country's workforce.

Taking time to recognize our Nation's small businesses is especially important this year due to the many ways—big and small—that our small businesses have stepped up to help our communities get through the pandemic.

In my home State of Maryland, I have seen distilleries use their facilities to make hand sanitizer when supplies were low; I have seen lacrosse equipment manufacturers produce face shields and masks for doctors and first responders; and I have heard stories about the many small government contractors that are helping Federal agencies address COVID-19. Today I am proud to recognize the founder of one of those small government contractors, Dr. Anton Bizzell, who has been named Maryland Small Business Person of the Year by the Small Business Administration.

Dr. Bizzell's company, the Bizzell Group, is an 8(a) certified small business that specializes in strategy and technology and works at the forefront of public health issues. Most recently, the Bizzell Group has been helping the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention keep our communities aware of the latest information regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

After more than 25 years of experience in health services, policy, and management, Dr. Bizzell founded the Bizzell Group in 2010 to provide data-driven and innovative solutions to clients in an effort to build healthy, secure, and connected communities. In the years since, the company has grown to include nearly 100 employees with four offices in Lanham, Rockville, Atlanta, GA, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Dr. Bizzell has said, "Business is most successful when done with integrity, excellence, and heart, and success is when your end result makes the world a better place." His philosophy is clearly at work at the Bizzell Group.

Dr. Bizzell and the Bizzell Group are a shining example of the vital role

small businesses and entrepreneurs play in our communities. In addition to the more than 100 jobs created by the Bizzell Group, Dr. Bizzell serves on the Maryland Board for the March of Dimes, and he is president of the Delta Lambda Chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

I congratulate Dr. Bizzell for being named Maryland's Small Business Person of the Year, and I thank him and his colleagues at the Bizzell Group for their efforts to keep our communities informed about COVID-19 during this unprecedented public health crisis. I am proud to represent them in the U.S. Senate.

Now more than ever, these contributions to our economy and communities deserve to be recognized. Dr. Bizzell and the many small business owners like him in communities across the nation are why I will continue to fight for Congress to pass another economic relief bill that meets the needs of our communities and small businesses. So many of our Nation's small businesses have stepped up for us, and Congress must once again do the same for them.

TRIBUTE TO RHONDA ZIMMERMAN

Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, I rise today in celebration of Rhonda Zimmerman, the Boys and Girls Club of Central Wyoming's 2020 honoree.

Since 1978, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Wyoming has worked to make a positive difference in the lives of children. Their mission is to inspire all youth, especially those who need them the most. They strive to help young people reach their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens. The programs, leagues, and activities serve the children in our community by cultivating academic success, healthy lifestyles, and good character and citizenship.

On October 21, 2020, the Boys and Girls Club of Central Wyoming will host the 22nd Annual Awards and Recognition Breakfast. Every year at this event, the Boys and Girls Club honors a member of the community who has made outstanding contributions to their organization, Wyoming youth, and the city of Casper. It is an inspiring celebration.

This year's honoree is Rhonda Zimmerman. She is an ideal choice to receive this honor because of her lifelong dedication to our children and families. With this award, the Boys and Girls Club of Central Wyoming shows their gratitude for Rhonda's work, which mirrors the Club's important mission.

Rhonda has given of her time and talents to the youth of our community for her entire life. Being raised in the Zimmerman family, she was taught the value of hard work and giving back to others. She grew up in Casper, the oldest of her siblings, Mitch, Michael, and Renee, and with her loving parents, Gail, Lois, and later Anne. Their character contributed greatly to Rhonda's Christian values and giving nature.

Rhonda attended Casper College, earning an associate's degree in criminal justice and social work and later earned her bachelor's degree in social work from the University of Wyoming at Casper College.

Rhonda's passion for her community and the well-being of her neighbors has shown time and again through her work as a counselor at the Youth Crisis Center, the Wyoming Behavioral Institute, and Central Wyoming Counseling Center. In 2011, Rhonda cofounded Casper Family Connections. Their mission is to provide children who are unable to live with one or both parents a safe and conflict-free environment. They provide also for healthy contact with the noncustodial family. They offer parenting classes as well as mental health services on top of their important mission, giving children and families a strong foundation on which to build.

Family holds a particularly special place in Rhonda's life. She raised two children, Greg and Kendra. Together, Greg and Rhonda own and operate E&F Towing and Transport in Casper. She also serves on the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Wyoming board of directors along with her brother Mitch.

Rhonda sets an example everyone can follow. She is the first to offer a helping hand and shows a passion for improving the lives of others. The Code of the West charges us to live each day with courage. Not only does Rhonda embody this principle, but she gives everyone around her the tools they need to live the same. Wyoming, Casper, and the Boys and Girls Club of Central Wyoming are fortunate to have her.

It is with great honor that I recognize this outstanding member of our Wyoming community. My wife, Bobbi, joins me in extending our congratulations to Rhonda Zimmerman upon her selection for this special award.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

HISTORIC ASHE HOSPITAL

● Mr. TILLIS. Madam President, I rise today to honor the achievements of the organizations and people who led the successful redevelopment of Historic Ashe Hospital in Jefferson, NC. This once abandoned property on the National Register of Historic Places today provides 46 affordable homes for seniors, people with disabilities, and homeless individuals at a time when affordable housing is needed more than ever.

This incredible property was developed through the use of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit, known as the Housing Credit. In North Carolina and across the country, it is one of our most important tools in the fight to provide affordable housing for at-risk families in our communities. More than 87,000 North Carolina homes have been developed using the Housing Credit, and more than 3 million homes nationwide. They serve our low-income