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#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### REMEMBERING DENMAN WOLFE

• Mr. COTTON. Mr. President, Denman Wolfe of Scottsville, AR, was called home to be with the Lord last Thursday at age 98. He was Arkansas's last surviving Army Ranger who served in the Second World War.

Denman's whole life was a portrait of honor, but he will be remembered especially for his heroic actions at age 23, when he took part in the invasion of Normandy—one of many thousands of

American troops who stormed the beaches that morning to free Europe from Nazi tyranny.

Private Wolfe was part of the elite 5th Ranger Battalion charged with silencing the guns atop Pointe du Hoc, a dagger-like cliff well-guarded by German defenders. His force landed at Omaha Beach amid intense artillery fire, sustaining casualties amid the fighting on the beachhead. He was still on the beach with his fellow Rangers when MG Norman Cota shouted the order that has now become part of Ranger lore: "Rangers, lead the way!"

Denman Wolfe obeyed this order with distinction over the course of his military service. In addition to fighting on D-day, Wolfe led the way during the Allied invasions of North Africa and Sicily during World War II and later in Asia during the Korean war. In total, he served in the Army for more than 20 years, remaining on Active Duty until 1964 and attaining the rank of sergeant first class. For this valorous service, Wolfe was awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and many other combat decorations.

Denman's service to his country didn't end once he left the military, however. Once marked, a Ranger serves for life. After settling in Arkansas after the war, Denman was called to work for his adopted State as a correctional officer, deputy sheriff, and election judge.

But his heart was always with the land, where he worked for many years as a rancher. Denman's many friends and relatives remember him as an avid outdoorsman who spent his free time fishing, hunting, gardening, foraging—even winemaking.

Denman took special joy in sharing these hobbies with his family, including his wife, Kay, his two daughters, Lesa and Lori, and his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Denman Wolfe was among the greatest of a great generation. It is fitting we honor him for his bravery at age 23 as a young private but also for a lifetime of service to his country and community. We honor him for his sake but also to hold up his life as an example worthy of emulation. It is worth noting that Denman has already inspired others to follow his lead: his daughter, Lesa, served in the U.S. Army just like he did. Let's hope that many others are inspired to serve by his example.

In every aspect of life, Rangers lead the way. Denman Wolfe took this motto to heart during his long life. Now he is leading the way again, going ahead of us to our eternal home. May he rest in peace.

#### 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-3922. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget,

Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "OMB Final Sequestration Report to the President and Congress for Fiscal Year 2020"; to the Special Committee on Aging; Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Appropriations; Armed Services; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; the Budget; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Energy and Natural Resources; Environment and Public Works; Select Committee on Ethics; Finance; Foreign Relations; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; Indian Affairs; Select Committee on Intelligence; the Judiciary; Rules and Administration; Small Business and Entrepreneurship; and Veterans' Affairs.

EC-3923. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Electricity, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, "Potential Benefits of High-Power, High-Capacity Batteries"; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-3924. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development, and Acquisition), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on Repair of Naval Vessels in Foreign Shipyards"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3925. A communication from the Acting Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Conforming the Acceptable Separation Distance (ASD) Standards for Residential Propane Tanks to Industry Standards" (RIN2506-AC45) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 4, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3926. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislation and Congressional Affairs, Department of Education, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 4, 2020; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3927. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevailing Rate Systems: Definition of Johnson County, Indiana, to a Non-appropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage area" (RIN3206-AN93) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 4, 2020; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3928. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 4, 2020; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3929. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevailing Rate Systems: Redefinition of Certain Appropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Areas" (RIN3206-AN87) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 4, 2020; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MORAN, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 450. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to expedite the onboarding process for new medical providers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to reduce the duration of the hiring process for such medical providers, and for other purposes.

By Mr. MORAN, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, with an amendment:

S. 850. A bill to extend the authorization of appropriations to the Department of Veterans Affairs for purposes of awarding grants to veterans service organizations for the transportation of highly rural veterans.

By Mr. MORAN, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2864. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on information sharing between the Department of Veterans Affairs and designated relatives and friends of veterans regarding the assistance and benefits available to the veterans, and for other purposes.

By Mr. MORAN, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, with an amendment and an amendment to the title:

S. 3182. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out the Women's Health Transition Training pilot program through at least fiscal year 2020, and for other purposes.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 3254. A bill to end the epidemic of gun violence and build safer communities by strengthening Federal firearms laws and supporting gun violence research, intervention, and prevention initiatives; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. PETERS, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. SMITH, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 3255. A bill to repeal the authority under the National Labor Relations Act for States to enact laws prohibiting agreements requiring membership in a labor organization as a condition of employment, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. REED, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. WYDEN, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 3256. A bill to permit employees to require changes to their work schedules without fear of retaliation and to ensure that employers consider these requests, and to require employers to provide more predictable and stable schedules for employees in certain occupations with evidence of unpredictable

and unstable scheduling practices that negatively affect employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 3257. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 311 West Wisconsin Avenue in Tomahawk, Wisconsin, as the "Einar 'Sarge' H. Ingman, Jr. Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. WICKER:

S. 3258. A bill to foster the implementation of the policy of the United States to achieve 355 battle force ships as soon as practicable; to the Committee on Armed Services.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. DAINES, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. SMITH, Ms. WARREN, Ms. MCSALLY, Mr. CRAMER, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. UDALL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. FISCHER, and Mr. THUNE):

S. Res. 491. A resolution designating the week beginning February 2, 2020, as "National Tribal Colleges and University Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. MCSALLY, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. SINEMA, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. SMITH, Ms. HASSAN, and Ms. WARREN):

S. Res. 492. A resolution supporting the observation of "National Girls & Women in Sports Day" on February 5, 2020, to raise awareness of and celebrate the achievements of girls and women in sports; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. Res. 493. A resolution to authorize testimony, documents, and representation in United States v. Stahlnecker; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 170

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 170, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to limit the amount of certain qualified conservation contributions.

S. 277

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 277, a bill to posthumously award a Congressional Gold Medal to Fred Korematsu, in recognition of his dedication to justice and equality.