

there as a Lusk landmark until it vanished from that location as well. Stories say that some delinquents moved it to the bottom of an abandoned mine shaft. Rumors abounded in Lusk over the following years as to the purpose of the statue's relocation. During World War II, the statue resurfaced and was donated to a scrap metal campaign for the war effort.

The courthouse was described as, "Built of dark red brick with white columned porticoes on the south and east entrances, and, of course, with the white dome capped by the bronze statue, the courthouse was the pride of the county's citizens." The Niobrara County Commissioners inscribed on the cornerstone of the building were Fred S. Runser, M.J. McCormick, and C.F. Calhoun, with E.M. Phillips as the county clerk. One of the most prominent features of the building is the motto above the door, "A Public Office Is A Public Trust." This defining feature, which remains there today, is an inspiring reminder to all those who work in the county and in Wyoming. The current county commissioners tasked with upholding this ideal are Patrick H. Wade, John Midkiff, and Elaine B. Griffith, with Becky Freeman as county clerk.

On Friday, October 15, 2021, the Niobrara County Commissioners are hosting a celebration for the courthouse's centennial. A dedication ceremony will take place at this event as one was not preformed upon its original construction. The Niobrara County Historical Society purchased a sign commemorating the courthouse and providing historic information. It will be a wonderful celebration of Lusk and the Niobrara County community.

Niobrara County has a storied and colorful past. Its people stand as an example of strong character and neighborliness and its courthouse a symbol of their ideals. Bobbi joins me in celebrating the centennial of the Niobrara County Courthouse and the citizens who make this county special.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### REMEMBERING DANIEL W. CROWLEY

• Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I rise today with a heavy heart to pay tribute to Daniel W. Crowley, a remarkable patriot, war hero, role model, and public servant. Dan passed away on September 16, 2021, at the age of 99.

Dan was born in 1922 and raised in Greenwich, CT. He lived through the Great Depression and enlisted in October 1940 in the U.S. Army Air Corps. In March 1941, he was sent to the Philippines and assigned to Nichols Field, which was destroyed by Japanese forces the day after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

In the following months, Dan fought with the U.S. Army's Provisional Air Corps Infantry Regiment to fend off

three amphibious Japanese landings on the Bataan Peninsula. On April 9, 1942, the peninsula was surrendered, and Dan swam to Corregidor Island through shark-infested waters. Upon arrival, he became part of the 4th Marines, where they fought valiantly to maintain the shore, until the fortress fell on May 6, 1942.

In 1944, following several brutal work details in the Philippines, Dan was sent to Japan on a hell ship. In the many months that followed, Dan mined copper as a slave laborer. Surviving the harsh, demanding conditions, he was finally liberated on September 4, 1945.

After, in 1958, Dan joined Northwestern Mutual insurance. His acumen and quick wits earned him fast recognition as one of the company's top producers, and he even became a member of their million dollar club.

Dan has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to preserving the memory of his fellow soldiers. In 2013, he played a key role in renaming a bridge in Simsbury, CT, the "Bataan Corregidor Memorial Bridge" in their honor. I had the privilege of meeting Dan at the dedication for this bridge, and I can attest firsthand to what a remarkable model of public service he is.

The next year, Dan returned to Japan as part of the fifth Japanese-American POW Friendship Program. Furukawa executives refused to meet with him, but he was given the opportunity to visit one of the mines where he had previously worked. Later, in 2016, Dan attended the Veterans' Day breakfast hosted by President Obama at the White House.

I have been fortunate to visit with Dan on a number of occasions since our initial meeting. My office and I assisted him with obtaining a prisoner of war registration for his license plate in recognition of his extraordinary service to our country. I also had the honor of speaking with Dan and meeting his wife, Kelley, this year. On January 4, 2021, I attended a ceremony at Bradley Air National Guard Base, where Dan was promoted to sergeant and received an honorary Combat Infantryman Badge and the Prisoner of War Medal. It was a poignant and powerful moment.

My wife, Cynthia, and I extend our deepest sympathies to Dan's family during this difficult time. May their many wonderful memories of Dan provide them solace and comfort in the days ahead.●

##### TRIBUTE TO THE MARRS FAMILY

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Dave and Jenny Marrs of Bentonville, AR, on being named National Angels in Adoption honorees by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute, CCAI.

The CCAI is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, and I was honored to nominate Dave and Jenny for their work to support and promote adoption and other critical services for children in Arkansas and around the world.

Since 2001, the CCAI has played a vital role in eliminating barriers standing between orphaned and foster children becoming part of a loving family. As the CCAI's signature public awareness program, Angels in Adoption annually recognizes outstanding individuals, families, and organizations that have made extraordinary contributions to adoption and child welfare.

Dave and Jenny are the parents of five children, including Sylvie whom they adopted from the Democratic Republic of the Congo. They had always known they wanted to adopt and, in 2012, began the process to make Sylvie part of their family. It only took a few months for Sylvie to legally become their child, but the couple had no idea how difficult it would be to bring her home to Arkansas when international challenges brought the process to a halt. Shortly after their visit to the Congo, the Congolese Government shut down adoptions. Dave and Jenny were devastated, but the hardships only strengthened their resolve to rescue their daughter. It was during that process that my office first met the Marrs family, and I am pleased we were able to advocate for them with the U.S. State Department and Embassy officials. After more than 600 days, their Sylvie finally arrived home.

Inspired by their newest addition to the family, Dave and Jenny developed a passion for orphan care, family preservation, and adoption. The family started a nonprofit blueberry farm in northwest Arkansas as a way to help fund a program to educate orphaned and at-risk teenage boys in Marondera, Zimbabwe. They also advocate for children in need, including working closely with the philanthropic organization Help One Now to empower families in developing nations through capable local leaders.

The Marrs family has traveled the world to see firsthand the extreme poverty and truly dark circumstances facing parentless children around the globe. While visiting the Congo, the couple witnessed extreme starvation in the orphanage where their daughter Sylvie was living. This shocked Dave and Jenny, launching them into action. They organized an online raffle to raise money to feed the kids and their program was so successful it was able to feed three orphanages for an entire month. The Marrses have also used their platform on their hit HGTV show "Fixer to Fabulous" to help spread awareness about adoption and share their journey with viewers.

It was a privilege to nominate Dave and Jenny for their exemplary work that led to this well-deserved national honor, and I believe I speak for all Arkansans when I say they have made our State incredibly proud. They join influential and deserving members of this community, including Mohammed Ali and First Lady Laura Bush, as recipients of this important recognition. I am grateful for the life-changing efforts Dave and Jenny Marrs, as well as

their wonderful children Nathan, Ben, Sylvie, Charlotte, and Luke, have contributed to shine a light on this truly worthy and necessary cause.●

#### 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDATION FIGHTING BLINDNESS

● Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, I rise to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Foundation Fighting Blindness. This Maryland-based nonprofit has become the world's leading private source of research funding to save and restore vision for individuals affected by blinding retinal diseases like macular degeneration, retinitis pigmentosa, and Usher syndrome. These conditions currently affect more than 10 million Americans—and millions more throughout the world.

Even though the foundation has a global reach, its origins are local. In 1971, a Maryland family learned that two of their three daughters were going blind. At the time, there was no treatment for blindness and few resources for the blind; the family was only told to teach their daughters Braille. Despite these challenging circumstances, this brave family banded together with friends and community members to organize a movement around those struggling with blindness. These early efforts paved the way for the establishment of the foundation we know today.

Since its creation, the foundation has raised over \$800 million to support cutting-edge research at the vanguard of the fight to cure blindness. Their efforts have identified more than 270 genes that cause retinal diseases and led to more than 40 clinical trials for potential sight-saving and sight-restoring therapies. The first-ever FDA-approved gene therapy for inherited retinal research was made possible thanks to \$10 million in funding from the foundation. This innovative treatment has enabled children and young adults born virtually blind to see the faces of their parents and even gaze at stars in the sky.

The millions of dollars raised by this organization have already helped make big strides in the area of blindness research, but the foundation's work is far from over. Today, the foundation continues to invest in new frontiers of discovery. Their funding is fueling efforts by major biotech and pharmaceutical companies to move more therapies from the lab bench to clinical trials and, hopefully, treatments. And through its unwavering commitment and persistence, the foundation raised the funds to establish the first ever interdisciplinary laboratory dedicated to research for inherited retinal diseases, which will serve as an engine of future discoveries and advancements.

The foundation's work inspires us all, and I ask my colleagues to join me in commending the founders and leaders of the Foundation Fighting Blindness on their 50 years of innovative work transforming the lives of millions around the world.●

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 4. A bill to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to revise the criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to section 4 of the Act, 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-2359. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Television Broadcasting Services; Tulsa, Oklahoma" (DA 21-1161) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2021; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2360. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of the Boundaries of the Santa Lucia Highlands and Arroyo Seco Viticultural Areas" (RIN1513-AC55) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2021; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2361. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of the Virginia Peninsula Viticultural Area" (RIN1513-AC71) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2021; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2362. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Lighthouse Musicfest, Huntington Bay, Long Island, NY" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2021-0653)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2021; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2363. A communication from the Deputy Director and Acting Director of Privacy and Open Government, Office of the Secretary, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Social Security Number Fraud Prevention Act of 2017 Implementation" (RIN0605-AA49) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 13, 2021; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2364. A communication from the Legal Tech, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone, Recurring Events in Captain of the Port Duluth - Bridgefest Regatta Fireworks" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2021-0610)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2021; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2365. A communication from the Legal Tech, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Temporary Safety Zone; Ferdon Wedding Fire-

works Display, Harbor Springs, MI; Sector Sault Sainte Marie Captain of the Port Zone" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2021-0608)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2021; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2366. A communication from the Legal Tech, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone, Recurring Events in Captain of the Port Duluth - Bridgefest Regatta Fireworks" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2021-0610)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2021; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2367. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone, Potomac River, Prince William County, VA" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2021-0497)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2021; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2368. A communication from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone, Corpus Christi Bay; Corpus Christi, TX" ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2021-0569)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 23, 2021; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2369. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pyraclostrobin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8857-01-OCSP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2021; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2370. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fluazainam; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8664-01-OCSP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2021; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2371. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Spinetoram; Pesticide Tolerances; Corrections" (FRL No. 8962-01-OCSP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 28, 2021; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2372. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a violation of the Antideficiency Act; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-2373. A communication from the Senior Congressional Liaison, Legislative Affairs, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Consumer Credit Card Market (September 2021)"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2374. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13413 with respect to the Democratic Republic of the Congo; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.