

named the National State Trooper of the Year by the International Association of Chiefs of Police, State, and Provincial Division. Morris has demonstrated his dedication to serving his community, and this high honor is certainly hard earned and well deserved.

Hailing from Crittenden County, Trooper Morris graduated from the Arkansas State Police Training Academy in 2018 and began his career serving and protecting his neighbors and fellow Arkansans. As with all law enforcement positions, this role comes with considerable risk and uncertainty, which he understood and agreed to step into for the sake of public service.

Morris has shown his commitment to the people of Arkansas each day he puts on his badge and uniform, but exhibited incredible bravery on December 16, 2021, during an attempted traffic stop. While on patrol, Morris answered the radio call from the U.S. Marshals Service requesting assistance in the apprehension of a wanted fugitive believed to be armed and dangerous. Morris sprang into action and attempted to pull the suspect's vehicle over when he sustained a shot in the chest. After returning fire and calling for backup, the suspect was successfully apprehended.

Colonel Bill Bryant, director of the Arkansas State Police, said of Morris' heroism, "Trooper Spencer Morris is just one example of more than 500 other Arkansas state troopers, just like him, who set aside awesome risks to themselves each day to make their state a safer and better place to call home."

I am extremely thankful for Trooper Morris and his colleagues who patrol our State highways and serve Natural State citizens each and every day. It is because of their dedication and bravery we are able to travel across our beautiful State and feel safe on our roads, highways, and beyond.

Congratulations to Trooper Spencer Morris on this distinguished and prestigious honor. He represents the best of his community, his brothers and sisters in law enforcement, and our wonderful State. We are tremendously proud of him and celebrate this milestone in his career and protecting the Natural State.●

#### 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BUFFALO NATIONAL RIVER

● Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to celebrate the Buffalo National River as we mark the 50th year since it was designated as our country's first National River. Enjoying wildlife and the outdoors is a way of life for residents of the Natural State, and the Buffalo National River has helped countless Arkansans do just that.

Congress formally afforded the Buffalo River Federal protection on March 1, 1972, to preserve its 135 miles of free-flowing river and conserve natural, scenic and scientific features like the deep valleys, towering bluffs, rugged wilderness, and beautiful landscapes of the

Ozark Mountains. That act has helped safeguard one of Arkansas' most prized gems for five decades.

This was the result of the leadership and vision of Congressman John Paul Hammerschmidt, the longtime representative of the Third Congressional District. Using his position on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, he helped protect the Buffalo River under the designation as a national river.

This incredible attraction welcomes Arkansans and travelers from all over the world, to take in the State's natural beauty.

From Big Bluff and Hawksbill Crag, to its famous herd of elk, images of the area are instantly recognizable.

The Buffalo National River provides something for everyone. Outdoor enthusiasts come to enjoy the excitement of the river, take in the beauty and serenity of the surrounding wilderness, and experience the friendliness of the Arkansas community. This unique, natural treasure has also been a steady source of economic growth and a staple of our tourism industry for years. Helping to grow businesses and communities, the Buffalo National River has contributed to the betterment of Arkansas in countless ways.

I am so thankful for all the men and women who have worked over the years to make this park what it is today and helped maintain it for all Arkansans to enjoy. It is because of these dedicated individuals and organizations that future generations will be able to experience the river's beauty and inviting atmosphere just as we do today.

In celebration of this historic milestone, an incredible group of park and community workers and volunteers has planned some great events throughout the year, and I am excited to follow along. Congratulations to all those, past and present, who have helped conserve and protect this iconic natural resource that has helped define and differentiate Arkansas for the last 50 years and many more into the future.●

#### TRIBUTE TO KATHERINE "KAT" MILLER

● Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. Mr. President, I want to take a moment to recognize and thank COL Katherine "Kat" Miller for her years of service to the people of Nevada. She leaves behind a powerful legacy of public service and dedication to our military and Nevada's veterans.

Kat Miller grew up in Reno, NV, and after graduating from Reno High School embarked on a 34-year career in the Army and Nevada National Guard. Among her many contributions to our Nation's Armed Forces are her service on four continents and deployments to Bosnia, Kosovo, Iraq and Afghanistan. Kat was something of a trailblazer serving in multiple leadership positions and commanding thousands of staff as a military police brigade commander in the U.S. and Afghanistan and as the commander of the Depart-

ment of Defense's largest correctional organization. After retirement from the Army, she taught at the University of Maryland and the University of Nevada, Reno before becoming the director of the Nevada Department of Veterans Services—NDVS—in 2013.

Nevada has benefited immensely from Kat's directorship of the NDVS. Under her watch, the NDVS made huge strides for our State's veterans. Notably, NDVS assisted the Governor and Nevada mayors in their efforts to reduce suicide among veterans and their families, created nine programs to support unique or at-risk veteran populations, trained hundreds of healthcare providers in understanding how dementia and the aging process affect the care of veterans, and created a program to help employers recruit and retain veterans.

Kat also successfully led the NDVS in applying for over \$70 million in Federal grants for veterans' programs, including for nursing home creation and improvements, cemetery expansions, disabled veterans sports programs, rural transportation initiatives, and telehealth equipment. Under Kat's directorship, the NDVS received five national awards for these innovative veterans support programs: the Nevada Veterans Advocate Program, the Nevada Veterans Legislative Program, the "Ask a VSO" Program, Operation Mission Ready, and the Patriot Employer Program. Furthermore, last year, Kat was appointed to the Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Rural Health Advisory Committee to help identify barriers to access to healthcare in rural areas and recommend solutions to the Veterans Affairs secretary.

The list of Kat's achievements and contributions to the State of Nevada and the U.S. Army goes on and on. I have no doubt that Kat's legacy of service will continue to leave a powerful impact on the lives of many veterans in Nevada for years to come. She has my deep thanks.●

#### REMEMBERING JOHN DiSTASO

● Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, I rise today to join Granite Staters in mourning the loss of John DiStaso, whose tenacious, in-depth, and effective political reporting reflected—and was a tribute to—New Hampshire's independent, skeptical, and engaged political culture.

John got his start in our State as a correspondent for the New Hampshire Union Leader. Beginning as a staff reporter in 1980, John rose to spend many years as the senior political reporter at the Union Leader, becoming an expert on the most pressing issues facing New Hampshire and the political campaigns that help define the Granite State and the Nation. Ending his tenure at the Union Leader in 2014, John later took his talents to WMUR, where he helped lead the station's political coverage.

For any of us who were the subject of his reporting, it was always clear that

John loved what he did and deeply believed in the importance of journalism to our democracy. He asked tough questions, he chased scoops, and he brought a Granite State lens to everything he wrote. Politics wasn't a game to him, and he took seriously his role of bringing political news directly to the voters.

John is perhaps best known for setting the standard for first in the Nation primary coverage, chronicling our primary for decades. First and foremost, Granite Staters turned to him to get everything that they needed to know as they grilled candidates at townhalls, and made their choices at the ballot box. And John was surely on speed dial for countless national political reporters who relied on him for his insights and analysis on our unique and historic primary, because no one knew the first in the Nation primary better than John.

Day in and day out, John tirelessly reported the news, ensuring that Granite Staters always knew the latest, not only on elections but also on critical issues facing our State, like the substance misuse epidemic. No story was too big or too small for John. Throughout his 40-year career in the Granite State, he interviewed four sitting Presidents, as well as countless New Hampshire elected officials and national leaders.

The impact of this coverage extended far beyond the page or the screen. Granite Staters are some of the most informed and engaged voters in the country, and that is in no small part due to John's deep commitment to sharing New Hampshire political news directly with the people. His passion for reporting helped fuel the Granite State practice of deeply engaged citizen participation in democracy.

John's love of journalism, his understanding of its importance to nurturing and protecting, our democracy, and his commitment to getting it right reflect the very best of New Hampshire—even if he was a Yankees fan. He will be missed.●

#### TRIBUTE TO MARCINE D. GOODLOE

● Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to a constituent, a trailblazer, a pillar of the Montgomery County community, a neighbor, and a dear friend: Ms. Marcine D. Goodloe. Ms. Goodloe has spent over 40 years advocating for the interests of volunteer firefighters and first responders across Maryland. She has been a special champion for Montgomery County, the place where I raised my family and where I still live. It is my honor to recognize her extraordinary life and dedication to our community and to the safety of all Americans.

Marcine D. Goodloe has made service her mission. She began her career as the executive secretary for Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Services and later served as executive director for the Montgomery County Fire

and Rescue Commission. Over the years, Ms. Goodloe's commitment to community service moved her up the fire-rescue ranks. At the height of her career, she oversaw the operations of 19 local volunteer fire and rescue departments and more than 2,400 fire, rescue, EMS, administrative, and auxiliary members serving over 1 million Montgomery County residents.

Following years of exemplary service, Ms. Goodloe made history as the first woman elected president of the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire-Rescue Association in its century-long history. Her distinguished tenure lasted 16 years. As president, Ms. Goodloe worked tirelessly to advance the priorities of the entire association family. She partnered with community leaders at all levels of government—from the county council to the U.S. Congress—and delivered real results. At the local level, she successfully advocated for innovative policy solutions that helped strengthen physical standards, first responder training, and drug and alcohol testing. She raised the concerns of the Montgomery County volunteer fire-rescue community in Washington D.C. too, working with Members of Congress to secure Federal resources for first responders. Ms. Goodloe's commitment to service also reached beyond my State. In 2005, she raised more than \$20,000 for a fire department in Mississippi that was damaged by Hurricane Katrina. Ms. Goodloe has been a vocal ambassador for first responders everywhere, and her leadership has been nothing short of inspiring.

Throughout her decades of service, Ms. Goodloe has always brought dignity, strength, and kindness to her work. She has toiled in the trenches, working day-in and day-out to ensure that the men and women who stand guard over our communities get the support they need to do the job and come home safe. Ms. Goodloe has not only served her community honorably, but she has also empowered women across the Nation to enter a career in fire service. Her legacy of good works have earned her numerous accolades including the Mason Fire Lankford Fire Service Leadership Award, the Chief Leslie B. Johnson Community Service Award, and a spot in the Maryland State Firemen Association's Hall of Fame. On a personal note, I always look forward to meeting with Marcine on her visits to Capitol Hill to champion Federal programs that support all firefighters. She always did her homework. No one could say no to Marcine.

I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our deepest gratitude to my friend Marcine Goodloe for her outstanding service to Maryland's Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service and in recognition of all she has done to keep our communities and our first responders safe.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to

the Senate by Mr. Swann, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and three withdrawals which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

##### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 3:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BEYER) had signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 400. An act to designate the headquarters building of the Department of Transportation located at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, in Washington, DC, as the "William T. Coleman, Jr., Federal Building".

H.R. 3113. An act to require the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works to digitize and make publicly available geographic information system mapping data relating to public access to Federal land and waters for outdoor recreation, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

The message further announced that pursuant to section 1095(b)(1)(C) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117-81), and the order of the House of January 4, 2021, the Speaker appoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on the National Defense Strategy for the United States: Ms. Jane Harman of Venice, California.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication was laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and was referred as indicated:

EC-3711. A communication from the Secretary of the Senate, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the receipts and expenditures of the Senate for the period from April 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 25, 2022; ordered to lie on the table.

#### 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 Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 4076. A bill to protect firefighters from exposure to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.