

Kim is a constituent, but she originally hails from Nevada, IA. She attended Stephens College in Columbia, MO, for 2 years and then transferred to the University of Iowa, where she graduated with a degree in economics. She is a proud Hawkeye.

In 1985, Kim had a summer internship working at the Federal Aviation Administration and decided she wanted to return to Washington, DC, after she graduated from college. She went to a library in nearby Ames, IA, and checked the "Help Wanted" section of the Washington Post's classifieds. The Senate Disbursing Office had an opening; she applied and returned to Washington to interview for the job; and she got it. She started working in the disbursing office on October 5, 1987.

When Kim started her career, the disbursing office had a staff of 43; just 10 of them were women, including Kim. The Senate had just two female Senators: Senator Nancy Kassebaum of Kansas, and my former colleague, Senator Barbara Mikulski of Maryland, who had just assumed office a few months before Kim arrived. Fast forward to today, and 45 of the disbursing office's 58 staffers are women. There are 24 female Senators, plus Vice President HARRIS. That has been one of the biggest changes Kim has witnessed over the course of her career. The other is the advent of the internet, email, and other information technology, which has revolutionized the way we all work, including Kim.

Senators LEAHY, GRASSLEY, McCONNELL, and SHELBY are the only Members currently serving who arrived here before Kim, and just one of her colleagues at disbursing has more seniority. Kim began her career as a staff assistant in the front office, moved to the employee benefits section, became the employee benefits manager, and later was promoted to her current position as assistant financial clerk of the Senate.

I have often said that the Senate is a family, and we are so grateful to staff members like Kim who make it function. Certainly, Kim has made the thousands of Senators and staffers she has helped over the years feel like family. She isn't just a subject matter expert when it comes to pay and benefits; she is friendly, cheerful, patient, and kind. Everyone who knows Kim has the highest regard and affection for her.

Kim will travel back to Iowa this month to visit her parents and help celebrate her father's 90th birthday. She will also travel to Kentucky to celebrate her daughter Maya's graduation from the University of Kentucky. While Kim and her sister will continue to look after their parents as needed, I know Kim's legions of friends in the DC metropolitan area are glad that she will be coming back here, where she will step up her gardening and her antique shopping in Rappahannock County. She will have more time for her artwork and playing the piano and clarinet and volunteering at her church,

where she is part of the visiting ministry team.

Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "To laugh often and much; To win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; To earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; To appreciate beauty, to find the best in others; To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded." He was describing Kim Brinkman.

On behalf of my colleagues, but especially on behalf of all the Senate staffers and their family members whom she has counseled and assisted over the years, I want to thank Kim for her outstanding service and wish her all the best as she embarks on the next chapter in a life well lived.

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL LAURIE RODRIGUEZ

Mr. ROUNDS. Madam President, I rise today to honor an exceptional member of the Air National Guard. I would like to recognize Lt. Col. Laurie Rodriguez's distinguished service and dedication to enhancing the relationship between the National Guard and my office as a legislative liaison.

A native of Brandon, SD, Lieutenant Colonel Rodriguez enlisted in the South Dakota Air National Guard and was later commissioned as a force support officer. She has served 25 years in both the South Dakota and Mississippi National Guard in a broad range of drill status and Active-Duty assignments, including a deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Currently, she is excelling in not one, but two, demanding positions as the 186th Force Support Squadron commander and as the joint team lead for the National Guard Bureau Office of Legislative Liaison. Additionally, she has served Active-Duty tours at Headquarters Air Force, the Executive Office of the President's Office of National Drug Control Policy, and several offices within the National Guard Bureau.

Lieutenant Colonel Rodriguez has served as a legislative liaison officer since October of 2018. Her attention to detail and responsiveness strengthened the relationship between my office and the National Guard immeasurably. Additionally, she formulated the congressional engagement plan and prepared National Guard leadership for over 71 meetings and hearings, informing congressional members on the National Guard Bureau's legislative priorities. Her efforts played a pivotal role in securing \$129 million in appropriations in support of counter drug operations helping deter the opioid epidemic. Laurie also served as lead action officer on the impacts the creation of the Space Force had on 13 National Guard units with space missions. Finally, she an-

swered hundreds of congressional inquiries, which provided critical information necessary for the consideration of three National Defense Authorization Acts. She did all of this while taking care of the men and women under her command at the 186th Force Support Squadron.

After concluding this challenging assignment in August, Lieutenant Colonel Rodriguez will take on another challenging role as a deputy division chief within the National Guard Bureau Operations Directorate. She embodies the qualities that the Nation expects from our officer corps and has a promising career ahead in continued service to our Nation. In closing, I express my gratitude and appreciation to Lieutenant Colonel Rodriguez for her excellent support of my office in furtherance of National Guard missions and my appreciation to her supportive husband, Angello Rodriguez. I wish this National Guard family all the best in their next chapter of service to our Nation.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF MILE HIGH EARLY LEARNING

• Mr. BENNET. Madam President, I rise today to recognize Mile High Early Learning for 50 years of service in support of children and families in Colorado.

Mile High Early Learning is Denver's largest and oldest provider of subsidized high quality early care and education and is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2022. Since the organization's founding, Mile High Early Learning has provided high quality early care and education to more than 50,000 children.

Mile High Early Learning had its beginnings when community child care providers created a consortium, incorporated on January 19, 1972, to provide affordable, accessible quality early childhood education and care for children from working families with limited resources. Today, Mile High Early Learning serves more than 1,500 young children every year.

As a Head Start and Early Head Start provider, Mile High Early Learning leverages these Federal resources to partner with numerous local early childhood providers to offer comprehensive health and family support services to families and expand access to high quality early education and care across Colorado.

Mile High Early Learning incorporates cutting-edge knowledge in early childhood, using a Montessori inspired approach that supports a love of learning, social-emotional development, and critical skills that lead to lifelong success.

As a leader in the field of early childhood, Mile High Early Learning has developed continuing education and professional learning programs designed

to grow, strengthen, and sustain our early childhood workforce including family, friend, and neighbor caregivers who care for the majority of children under age 3 years. Mile High Early Learning has created a workforce pipeline with on-ramps through its professional learning center that includes a child development associate training program for teachers who are beginning their profession in early childhood.

Mile High Early Learning's quality programming informs state and national leaders and continues to be at the forefront in advocating for children and families across Colorado and promoting systems-level impacts that support and improve the field of early childhood education.

Mile High Early Learning is guided by a mission to enable all children to succeed in school by providing resources and education to inspire a lifetime of learning and a vision that all are joyfully welcomed into a learning community that prioritizes equity.

I congratulate Mile High Early Learning on reaching this important milestone of 50 years of caring for our children and ensuring high-quality early care and education.●

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. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 4785. A bill to extend by 19 days the authorization for the special assessment for the Domestic Trafficking Victims' Fund; considered and passed.

By Mr. ROUNDS:

S. 4786. A bill to amend the Defense Production Act of 1950 to include the Secretary of Agriculture on the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States and require review of certain agricultural transactions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. COONS, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 4787. A bill to provide support for nationals of Afghanistan who supported the United States mission in Afghanistan, adequate vetting for parolees from Afghanistan, adjustment of status for certain nationals of Afghanistan, and special immigrant status for at-risk Afghan allies and relatives of certain members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. YOUNG (for himself, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CAPITO,

Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CASSIDY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. ERNST, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HAGERTY, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KELLY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. LUJÁN, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. OSSOFF, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PETERS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. REED, Mr. RISK, Mr. ROMNEY, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SASSE, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. SINEMA, Ms. SMITH, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WARNOCK, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 748. A resolution honoring and celebrating the life and legacy of Representative Jackie Walorski; considered and agreed to.

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

S. Res. 749. A resolution recognizing the 10-year anniversary of the tragic attack that took place at the Sikh Temple of Wisconsin on August 5, 2012, and honoring the memory of those who died in the attack; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself and Ms. DUCKWORTH):

S. Res. 750. A resolution celebrating the United States-Republic of Korea alliance and the dedication of the Wall of Remembrance at the Korean War Veterans Memorial on July 27, 2022; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 344

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 344, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for concurrent receipt of veterans' disability compensation and retirement pay for disability retirees with fewer than 20 years of service and a combat-related disability, and for other purposes.

S. 444

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 444, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide or assist in providing an additional vehicle adapted for operation by disabled individuals to certain eligible persons.

S. 673

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 673, a

bill to provide a temporary safe harbor for publishers of online content to collectively negotiate with dominant online platforms regarding the terms on which content may be distributed.

S. 4488

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 4488, a bill to establish an interagency committee on global catastrophic risk, and for other purposes.

S. 4573

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER) were added as cosponsors of S. 4573, a bill to amend title 3, United States Code, to reform the Electoral Count Act, and to amend the Presidential Transition Act of 1963 to provide clear guidelines for when and to whom resources are provided by the Administrator of General Services for use in connection with the preparations for the assumption of official duties as President or Vice President.

S. 4658

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4658, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to support apprenticeship programs.

S. 4752

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4752, a bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to prepare a programmatic environmental impact statement allowing for adaptive management of certain Federal land in Malheur County, Oregon, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 730

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 730, a resolution remembering the 30th anniversary of the bombing of the Embassy of Israel in Buenos Aires on March 17, 1992, the 28th anniversary of the bombing of the Argentine-Israeli Mutual Association building in Buenos Aires on July 18, 1994, and recommitting to efforts to uphold justice for the victims of the attacks.

S. RES. 742

At the request of Mr. KING, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 742, a resolution designating September 25, 2022, as "National Lobster Day".

AMENDMENT NO. 5358

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 5358 intended to be proposed to H.R. 5376, a bill to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of S. Con. Res. 14.

AMENDMENT NO. 5381

At the request of Mr. BRAUN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma