

outstanding Kentucky small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize Mylke Coffee Company of Island, KY, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Shane Case had a vision for his home in Western Kentucky. Seeing that there was no source of freshly roasted coffee beans anywhere near his region of the State, he decided to fulfill this need, and thus in 2017, Mylke opened its doors. Shane's innovative vision led Mylke to become the first and only craft commercial coffee-roaster located within 100 miles of his hometown, and their popularity has continued to grow since its founding. Many people ask about the unique nature of the company's name. The name boils down to a sort of fusion between old and new: old in the way of Old English, a nod to Shane's Scottish heritage, and new, in the newfound rise and popularity of mylk, which typically refers to milk derived from beans, nuts, or plants rather than from an animal. Mylk has undoubtedly been on the rise in recent years as consumers have increasingly turned to dairy-free options as they search for quality coffee. Shane understood this shift in consumer demand and has responded accordingly with his forward-thinking business.

When Shane first opened his business, his intention was to provide the western half of the Bluegrass State with high-quality coffee beans and other coffee products from a source more local than the distant Louisville or Nashville, TN. However, as his company and customer base grew, he set his sights on entering into new markets beyond those of his native Western Kentucky. Since its founding in 2017, Mylke has consistently managed to break into new markets as far away as Atlanta and Indianapolis. Mylke now provides freshly roasted coffee to more than 20 independently owned coffee shops and restaurants. Not only has Shane kept an eye on the potential of emerging markets, he readily adapted to a newfound customer landscape when the COVID-19 pandemic wreaked havoc on the coffee shop and restaurant industries. Faced with government mandates forcing him to close his doors, Shane pivoted and started offering alternative products to the typical coffee that is brewed onsite, instead providing ready-to-drink options, including the very popular Sweet Mylke Cold Brew or Mylke Kups that customers can use at home in their Keurig Coffee Machine.

Throughout his venture into founding his own enterprise, Shane has maintained a keen eye for business and an awareness of the needs of his larger community. As the company has grown, Mylke has partnered with several community organizations and charities that give back to the community. The company has helped facilitate numerous fundraisers for the McLean County High School Moot Court, an organization that exposes

students to constitutional law and the work of advocates in the U.S. Supreme Court. Shane understands the importance of investing in the young minds of his community and that such investments, especially when paired with a focus on civic duty, are to the wide benefit not only for the youth involved but for the community at large. Moreover, Mylke has assisted in fundraising efforts for the Green River Area Down Syndrome Association—GRADSA—and continues to partner with them whenever possible.

Shane's charitable nature extends far beyond than what Mylke is able to do at a local level. He also pays mind to source his coffee beans from suppliers that share in his desire to give back to the community. Mylke has partnered with Legacy Farms Coffee since its founding, a coffee bean supplier working out of Honduras. Using proceeds earned through their coffee crops, Legacy Farms Coffee provides numerous services to the surrounding community, including livestock donations to hungry families, donations of books and supplies to local schools, and providing microloans to growing small businesses. This partnership, as well as those in his native Kentucky, have ensured that every pound of Mylke coffee sold benefits both the local and global community.

Mylke has seen unprecedented growth in 2022, with the christening of the Mylke Coffee Shop food truck, an asset that allows the company to grow their customer base and reach newfound customers. Moreover, the company has acquired a new commercial coffee roaster which will increase production capacity by 2,000 percent, to satisfy all those craving the high-quality coffee Mylke is known for. Given his track record for entrepreneurial wisdom it is not hard to believe that Mr. Shane Case will continue to grow Mylke at the rate he has already seen. I want to wish congratulations to Mr. Case and the entire team at Mylke Coffee Company. I look forward to watching their continued growth and success in Kentucky.

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

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

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:02 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by

Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 1098. An act to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to authorize borrowers to separate joint consolidation loans.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 8873. An act to amend title 3, United States Code, to reform the process for the counting of electoral votes, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 44. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to present the statue of Harry S. Truman from the people of Missouri.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 82. Concurrent resolution authorizing the printing of a revised and updated version of the House document entitled "Black Americans in Congress, 1870-1989".

MEASURES REFERRED

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 82. Concurrent resolution authorizing the printing of a revised and updated version of the House document entitled "Black Americans in Congress, 1870-1989"; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-234. A resolution adopted by the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission entitled "Pertaining to Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) Funds"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

POM-235. A resolution adopted by the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission entitled "Urging the Federal Governmental to Work with States in the Spirit of Cooperative Federalism During Review of the Federal Fossil Fuel Program"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

POM-236. A resolution adopted by the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission entitled "Pertaining to Encouraging Carbon Capture and Technological Innovation"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

POM-237. A resolution adopted by the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission entitled "Pertaining to the CLEAN Future Act and Any Substantially Similar Legislation or Policies"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. PETERS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with amendments:

S. 4577. A bill to improve plain writing and public experience, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 117-159).

By Ms. CANTWELL, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

Report to accompany S. 1127, a bill to require the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to make certain operational models available to the public, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 117-160).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. REED for the Committee on Armed Services.

*Brendan Owens, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

*Laura Taylor-Kale, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

*Milancy Danielle Harris, of Virginia, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.

Army nomination of Col. Jeffrey A. Vanantwerp, to be Brigadier General.

Air Force nomination of Col. Daniel R. Fowler, to be Brigadier General.

*Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Telita Crossland, to be Lieutenant General.

*Air Force nomination of Gen. Anthony J. Cotton, to be General.

*Space Force nomination of Lt. Gen. Bradley C. Saltzman, to be General.

Army nominations beginning with Brig. Gen. Cary J. Cowan, Jr. and ending with Col. Katherine A. Trombley, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on July 28, 2022.

Army nomination of Col. Sonya A. Powell, to be Brigadier General.

Army nomination of Col. Michael B. Siegl, to be Brigadier General.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. Joseph M. Lestorti, to be Major General.

*Army nomination of Lt. Gen. James E. Rainey, to be General.

Marine Corps nomination of Brig. Gen. Leonard F. Anderson IV, to be Major General.

*Marine Corps nomination of Maj. Gen. James F. Glynn, to be Lieutenant General.

Space Force nominations beginning with Brig. Gen. Gregory J. Gagnon and ending with Brig. Gen. Steven P. Whitney, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 6, 2022.

Mr. REED. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

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

Air Force nomination of Joseph O. Little, to be Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Benjamin C. May, to be Major.

Air Force nomination of William P. Coley, to be Major.

Air Force nomination of Dawnie R. Ramie, to be Major.

Air Force nomination of Brian A. Harris, to be Major.

Air Force nomination of Brittany M. Bayer, to be Major.

Air Force nomination of Lauren A. Z. Ott, to be Major.

Air Force nomination of Jeremy T. Mosselle, to be Major.

Air Force nomination of Charles J. Howell, to be Major.

Air Force nomination of Katie E. Grimley, to be Major.

Air Force nomination of Kim E. Winter, to be Major.

Air Force nomination of Kathryn J. Lynn, to be Major.

Air Force nominations beginning with John Kwaku Appiah and ending with Philip Joel Vincent, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on August 3, 2022.

Air Force nominations beginning with Paul Obi Amaliri and ending with Meoshia A. Wilson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on August 3, 2022.

Air Force nominations beginning with James B. Anderson and ending with Charles Seligman III, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on August 3, 2022.

Air Force nomination of Emily C. Barielle, to be Major.

Air Force nomination of Christopher C. Stephenson, to be Major.

Air Force nomination of Lee A. Aversano, to be Major.

Air Force nomination of Adam R. Golden, to be Major.

Air Force nomination of Brett W. Bartlett, to be Major.

Air Force nomination of Keith E. Quick, to be Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Eric L. Anderson, to be Colonel.

Air Force nomination of David R. Siemion, to be Colonel.

Air Force nominations beginning with Willie J. Babor and ending with Maureen Schellie Wood, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 8, 2022.

Air Force nominations beginning with Kenneth S. Egerstrom and ending with Jason S. Rabideau, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 8, 2022.

Army nomination of Shawn D. Smith, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Michael Perozeni, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Edward L. Arntson and ending with D012382, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 4, 2022.

Army nominations beginning with Jeffrey W. Adams and ending with G010111, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 4, 2022.

Army nominations beginning with David M. Alvarez and ending with D016542, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 4, 2022.

Army nominations beginning with Andrew A. Bair and ending with Brenda J. Spence, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 4, 2022.

Army nomination of Dwayne L. Wade, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Christian A. Carr, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Duke G. Yim, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Brendan D. Lind, to be Major.

Army nomination of Diana M. Carl, to be Major.

Army nomination of Ryan C. Cloud, to be Major.

Army nomination of Shevez L. Freeman, to be Major.

Army nomination of Christopher Gonzalez, to be Major.

Army nomination of Gabriel E. Monfiston, to be Major.

Army nomination of Jofa Mwakisege, to be Major.

Army nomination of Stephen K. Netherland, to be Major.

Army nomination of Leslie E. Pandy, to be Major.

Army nomination of Keld A. Pia, to be Major.

Army nomination of Christopher W. Odle, to be Major.

Army nomination of Matthew E. Longar, to be Major.

Army nomination of Erik C. Aderman, to be Major.

Army nomination of Darrell K. Scales, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Judith M. Logan, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Gregory E. Browder, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of D016391, to be Major.

Army nomination of Brian D. Deerin, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Daniel R. Henderson, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Omar L. McKen, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of D012835, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of D016128, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Joshua E. Varney, to be Major.

Army nomination of Addison B. Clincy, to be Major.

Army nomination of Michael A. Robertson, to be Major.

Army nomination of Arthur F. Driscoll-Miller, to be Major.

Army nomination of Quinton X. Thompson, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Alyssa M. Aarhus and ending with Peter R. Wood, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 6, 2022.

Army nomination of Alexander Quataert, to be Major.

Army nomination of Shannon V. Taylor, to be Major.

Army nomination of Michael A. Knight, to be Major.

Army nomination of Michael F. Ksycki, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Jacqueline M. Thompson, to be Major.

Army nomination of Justo J. Caraballohernandez, to be Major.

Army nomination of G010713, to be Major.

Army nomination of Matthew A. Gaumer, to be Major.

Army nomination of Ralph I. Haney III, to be Major.

Army nomination of Lionel B. Lambert, to be Major.

Army nomination of Michael Ntumy, to be Major.

Army nomination of Christopher J. Weber, to be Major.

Army nomination of Timothy B. Manton, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Peter J. Orilio, to be Major.

Army nomination of Carl L. Whitley, to be Major.

Army nomination of Lindsay E. Barnes, to be Major.

Army nomination of Joshua F. Berry, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Forrest S. Thompson, Jr., to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Eric N. Jones, to be Major.

Army nomination of Lee E. Palmer, to be Colonel.