

Harrell, on being a recipient of the Public Relations Society of America, Arkansas Chapter's 2023 Crystal Award.

Heide and I worked together at Arkansas-based Delta Trust and Banking Corporation, a Little Rock-based banking, trust, and investment company, where she was the communications and marketing officer.

Today, she serves as the vice president and communications director at Stephens, one of the largest privately held independent investment firms off Wall Street.

Just a few years ago, Heide was selected as an honoree in the 27th class of Arkansas Business 40 Under 40.

Heide is truly an inspiration to all through her hard work and leadership. Mr. Speaker, I thank Heide for being a great friend and a creative force for good across our community.

RECOGNIZING MADISON MURPHY

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a longtime friend and a terrific civic leader in our State, Madison Murphy, on the occasion of Highway 167 from El Dorado to Little Rock being dedicated in his honor.

Madison has been an inspiration to all Arkansans for many years and has received numerous awards and recognition for his work throughout the State.

He has been named to the Arkansas Business 40 Under 40 list and named Arkansas' Tourism Person of the Year for his financial support and inspiration in the creation of the Murphy Arts District in El Dorado.

Madison has also served as chairman of the Arkansas Highway Commission from 2003 to 2013, where he championed the widening of the Highway 167 corridor to provide a four-lane connection between south and central Arkansas, improving roadway safety, mobility, and transit.

Throughout his leadership as chairman, a temporary half-cent sales tax was implemented that funded 31 highway widening projects to improve connectivity across the State.

I applaud Mr. Murphy for his leadership and service to the State of Arkansas and congratulate him on this recognition.

CONTROL DEFICITS AND SPENDING

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, last Saturday, this House—all the Democrats and 31 Republicans—rejected a stopgap spending measure, which would have lowered spending for the 4 weeks of the continuing resolution period; secured the border with important needs, a critical element that every day we see and hear from our constituents; and established a commission to tackle the biggest challenge this House and this Nation has, which is that 70 percent of our spending, Mr. Speaker, is not voted on on this House floor. It is on autopilot—mandatory spending.

These mandatory spending programs require bipartisan attention to reform them. We can keep the promises made to the American people on Social Security and Medicare, but we need to get our fiscal house in order.

I support that commission, and I was so disappointed that 31 Republicans joined the Democrats to reject it.

Now, in this period of 45 days, as we continue to look for the most conservative spending policies that we can achieve across this House floor and in the Senate, let's be committed that we will have a bipartisan commission on debt and deficit and get this spending and these deficits under control.

HONORING DAVE SMIGLEWSKI

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Mrs. FISCHBACH) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Granite Falls Mayor David Smiglewski.

On September 22, the mayor passed away after a long and courageous battle with ALS.

Mr. Granite Falls, as many came to know him, began his service in city government in 1979 as a member of the city council. In 1996, he became the city's mayor and served in that role for 27 years until his passing.

During his tenure, Dave's commitment as a leader and advocate never wavered. He guided his community through devastating floods in 1997 and 2001 and a tornado in 2000.

He even spent his final days here in Washington, working to secure highway funding for his community.

The people of Granite Falls and the people of Minnesota have lost one of their greatest public servants.

We can all only hope to be more like Dave Smiglewski. I offer my deepest condolences to Cindy, his wife of 40 years, and his children, Cody, Seth, and Laurel.

RECOGNIZING LUKE COOPER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. BEAN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor one of the best and brightest of Florida's Fourth Congressional District, Luke Cooper.

Luke is an exceptional young man who was recently announced as a silver medalist for the Congressional Award, one of the highest awards Congress can bestow upon America's youth.

The Congressional Award Foundation was created to recognize initiative, service, and achievement in young people. There are exceptionally few who meet these lofty goals, and Luke is one of them.

He has given back to his local community by volunteering at Safe Animal Shelter in Clay County, fostering cats and kittens until they can find forever homes. Through his 150 hours of service, Luke has helped with the shelter's efforts to care for homeless animals while leaving a positive impact on his community.

As a volunteer at Clay County Teen Court, Luke has gained hands-on experience with our judicial system and learned the necessary skills to be a catalyst for a better tomorrow.

Beyond service to others, Luke has put in hundreds of hours of personal development, including training for a 50-mile cycling excursion and sharpening his problem-solving skills on the golf course.

A prime example of what students from Florida's Fourth Congressional District are capable of, I am proud to congratulate Luke Cooper on his impressive achievements.

HONORING JACKSONVILLE EXCHANGE CLUB

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, what do Hasbro, Warner Brothers, Russell Stover, and the Jacksonville Exchange Club have in common? Well, they all were started in 1923 and have thrived for 100 years. They each represent the gold standard of service and success.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Jacksonville Exchange Club, an all-volunteer national service organization that has been providing valuable services and programs to members of our community for 100 years.

Since 1923, the club has continued to expand and evolve, dedicating their free time toward the pursuit of community projects that promote volunteerism, good citizenship, and love of country.

With a strong belief that America's youth are the leaders of tomorrow, club members actively seek out ways to inspire and engage Jacksonville's youth with programs such as Student of the Year, Accepting the Challenge of Excellence Award, and Americanism Speech Contest.

The Jacksonville Exchange Club continues to not only make a difference through their ongoing community service efforts but by providing members with a space where they may gather, exchange ideas and knowledge, and pursue the core principles envisioned by the club's original members.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating this significant milestone of the Jacksonville Exchange Club, its members, and the entire city of Jacksonville.

On its 100th anniversary, I wish the Jacksonville Exchange Club continued growth and prosperity in the years ahead.

CELEBRATING HYUNDAI HOPE ON WHEELS' 25TH ANNIVERSARY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. KELLY) for 5 minutes.

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of childhood cancer research and the organization Hyundai Hope on Wheels, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary.

Before serving in Congress, I began working with Hyundai Hope on Wheels in my role as a Hyundai dealer. Today, I am proud to work with this incredible

charity in my role as co-chair along with MIKE McCaul of the Congressional Childhood Cancer Caucus.

Every time a Hyundai is sold, \$22 of each new vehicle goes toward Hyundai Hope on Wheels to fund pediatric cancer research. Since 1998, this organization has raised over \$225 million. It truly makes Hyundai not only a great company but a good company.

Now, I work with dealers Tom O'Brien and Don Reilly, and these are the men who started this incredible charity. It has played a crucial role in creating hope and saving lives in the battle against childhood cancer, fueling nearly 1,300 research studies at more than 175 medical institutions.

They are dedicated to supporting pediatric cancer research that finds innovative approaches, creates discovery, and improves care for children fighting cancer.

Their milestone came during an important week last month. As they held their annual event here on Capitol Hill, the Congressional Childhood Cancer Caucus held its annual Childhood Cancer Summit simultaneously.

Here in Congress and through the work of our caucus, we have made great legislative strides that have turned bills into laws and hope into action.

Last year, we passed the Childhood Cancer STAR Reauthorization Act. Since it was first passed in 2018, this bill has expanded opportunities for childhood research, improved efforts to identify and track childhood cancer incidences, and enhanced the quality of life for childhood survivors.

Since its inception, the Congressional Childhood Cancer Caucus has had four landmark pieces of legislation signed into law: The Childhood Cancer STAR Act, the Creating Hope Act, the RACE for Children Act, and the Global Hope Act. Our work is not done.

Thanks to their work, and thanks to our partnership in Congress, we have made great strides in funding childhood cancer research. Most importantly, I believe we are getting closer to the day when no parent, no family, will ever again have to hear the words: "Your child has cancer."

I also will take a moment to share a success story from the Hyundai Hope on Wheels program. Each year, Hyundai Hope on Wheels has a youth ambassador, and a few years ago, we met Hannah Adams. She was several years removed from battling cancer herself, and she shared with us some incredible and impactful stories.

Hannah is now 13 years cancer-free, and this summer, she was an intern in our Washington, D.C., office. She is now a junior at the University of Alabama, double majoring in political science and public relations, and we know she will accomplish so much.

It is my honor to have worked alongside Hannah and all of our youth ambassadors over the years.

You can understand why we have a youth ambassador. If you or I were to

go into a cancer hospital and try to talk to a child, it looks like, in my case, their grandfather came in. Hannah was their age. The youth ambassadors are their age, and they connect with children in a way that says to them: Look, I was once in the same position you were in. You can beat this. You can beat this, and we will work with you to do it.

Mr. Speaker, I acknowledge that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. As co-chair of the House Cancer Caucus, I also make a commitment to those who are currently living with or who have lived with breast cancer. Congress will continue to fight for you by providing the necessary funding for research and support in the hope that someday we can find a cure.

CONGRATULATING LAPHONZA BUTLER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. KILEY) for 5 minutes.

Mr. KILEY. Mr. Speaker, first, I extend my wishes and prayers to the family of Senator Feinstein. Dianne Feinstein dedicated her life to public service, and her passing is a profound loss for our State and country.

I also congratulate LAPHONZA BUTLER on her appointment to the Senate by Governor Newsom, and I say that with all sincerity. I harbor no ill will in any form against Ms. BUTLER. She apparently wasn't even expecting this appointment and only learned about it when she got a call from the Governor, and she agreed to serve. She should be commended for that.

I should say that there has been raised a question concerning whether she meets the requirements to hold this office and to represent California, given that apparently she is a registered voter in Maryland. I trust that the Senate, which is responsible for judging the qualifications of its Members, is taking that inquiry seriously.

I will say, however, that we need to, at this point, kind of pause to reflect on the fact that if Ms. BUTLER is sworn in, which I believe she is supposed to be sworn in today, California will now have two Senators who gained their office not by the authority of voters but, rather, by the whim of a single individual, Governor Gavin Newsom. We will have two Senators who gained their office via appointment.

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We also, by the way, have a Senator from New Jersey whose own conference is calling on him to resign, which could create another appointed Senator in the United States Senate.

This is very much contrary to the spirit of the 17th Amendment, which calls for the direct election of Senators. When this amendment was adopted, it was put in place, according to one scholarly article, to replace a distrusted aristocratic regime of appointed Senators with one of popular enfranchisement.

Indeed, since the 17th Amendment, which provided for the direct election of Senators but allowed that governors could appoint Senators still to fill vacancies, these appointments have been subject to all manner of abuses. You have had instances of nepotism. Governors have appointed their children. They have appointed their spouses. Some have even appointed themselves to the U.S. Senate. Indeed, the appointment that Governor Newsom has just made demonstrates the risks that are inherent in an appointment system.

As one headline in today's San Francisco Chronicle reads: "Newsom's handling of Feinstein's replacement was a highlight reel of his political flaws." The writer says that he twisted himself into rhetorical pretzels over the last 2 years because he looked at this appointment through the lens of what is going to help his Presidential aspirations as opposed to what is going to be best for the State of California.

As long as 2 years ago, Governor Newsom made statements about who he might appoint in the event of a vacancy. Then just a few weeks ago, he said he was going to appoint an interim Senator. Then a couple days ago, he walked back that statement and said, no, the person would be free to run for reelection.

This is just not the sort of dynamic that ought to influence who is going to hold a position as important as being the United States Senator from California.

I should also add that it is quite unfair to the candidates who have been running to hold this position in 2024, three of whom currently serve in the House, who have been very actively campaigning and now face the prospect of running against an incumbent who didn't actually have to get to that office and face voters in order to get there.

For this House, the House of Representatives, every single person who walks onto the floor of this House is there by the authority of voters, is there having been elected. There is no reason why it shouldn't be the same in the United States Senate.

I have introduced H. Res. 57. This is a constitutional amendment that will simply say that in order to be a United States Senator, just as to be a United States Representative, you have to get there by an election of the people. If this really is a government of, by, and for the people, as Lincoln put it, then we should make sure that those who are here at this Capitol making important decisions on behalf of the people are there because the people chose them to be so.

THE STATE OF FOOD PRODUCTION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. LAMALFA) for 5 minutes.

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, we are in perilous times as a Nation due to the