

The JSOW uses the Global Positioning System (GPS) Precise Positioning System (PPS), which provides for a more accurate capability than the commercial version of GPS.

2. The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale is SECRET.

3. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures that might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

4. A determination has been made that Morocco can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

5. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to the Government of Morocco.

GEORGIA MILITARY HOUSING OVERSIGHT

Mr. OSSOFF. Madam President, I have conducted further oversight into the treatment of military families in privatized housing at Fort Gordon, GA. The report summarizing the findings and conclusions of my oversight can be found at <http://Ossoff.senate.gov/MilitaryHousingOversight>.

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN D. "IKE" FESLER

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam President, I rise today to honor a fellow Tennessean, a great American, and an exceptional member of the U.S. Air Force.

Lt. Col. John D. "Ike" Fesler has distinguished himself through his professional character and dedication by serving this Nation in uniform. A leader and expert communicator, he has provided distinguished service to our country while assigned to the Air Force Senate Liaison Office. He is an outstanding leader and the perfect airman to represent the Air Force on Capitol Hill. Ike has honorably served in the Air National Guard and Navy for over 27 years in both the enlisted and officer ranks; during this time, he has led hundreds of airmen in support of U.S. Air Force missions worldwide.

Throughout his career, Ike has demonstrated exceptional, unrivaled officership. During his time as director of operations, course director, and flight commander at the Academy of Military Science, Maxwell AFB, AL., he commissioned more than 150 Air National Guard officers. Ike spent 4 years in the White House Military Office, his last title being Director of Staff, Policy Plans and Requirements, a position where he led the human resource operations for a 250-person organization

comprised of five military services, five billet sponsors, and numerous contract client partners, ensuring execution of Presidential continuity of operations were uninterrupted. Additionally, in direct support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, Ike was the deputy chief, public affairs at the Air Force Mortuary Affairs Operations Center, ensuring our fallen heroes were provided the dignified treatment they deserved.

As a legislative liaison in the Air Force Senate Liaison Office from April 2021 to April 2023, Lieutenant Colonel Fesler performed his duties well and without reservation supporting the 117th and 118th U.S. Congresses. His strategic thinking and foresight helped to strengthen and improve our national security. Ike accomplished this utilizing his in-depth Air Force knowledge with numerous engagements between Congress and the Department of the Air Force. Ike expertly conveyed Department of the Air Force positions on the Air Force Future Design that included the future bomber, tanker, and fighter force. Ike's direct support provided the U.S. Senate critical information necessary for two National Defense Authorization Acts. His efforts helped solidify the U.S. Space Force, ensure the confirmation of the 26th Air Force Secretary and ensured the Department of the Air Force's support of the National Defense Strategy in our return to great power competition.

Lieutenant Colonel Fesler planned and led numerous delegations for members of Congress on visits all over the world. In fact, I became acquainted with Ike in the run up to my recent official visit to Europe. Anyone who has attended one of these delegation trips knows that while the planning is stressful, the execution is downright arduous. But Ike persevered with a smile, gave 100 percent, and the trip went off without a hitch. Due to his direct involvement and stewardship of this delegation and others like it, Members of Congress were able to make informed decisions on issues of national defense, tech policy, and other culturally significant questions and of course ensure the Department of the Air Force was properly resourced and funded, along with their brothers and sisters in arms across the Armed Forces.

After serving in this crucial role for the past 2 years and becoming a fixture on Capitol Hill, Lieutenant Colonel Fesler will retire from Active-Duty service. Ike has sacrificed much in service to our Nation. I am thankful for Ike's service and his work with my office and the Senate over the past 2 years on issues of vital importance to the United States. I salute this American patriot whose selfless service has kept our country safe and strong.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING DIRT ROAD CANDLE COMPANY, INC.

• Ms. ERNST. Madam President, as ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Iowa small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize Dirt Road Candle Company of Atlantic, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

What started as a hobby for Michelle Myers has turned into a full-time business through passion, a quality product, and rural Iowa inspiration. In 2016, Myers and her husband Steve Myers bought a farm on a dirt road. The farm was a dream come true for them. At first, creating candles was Myers' hobby, but as demand for her candles increased, she began to make it her second job, which led to the creation of her small business. Soon after, Myers sold her candles on consignment at a local boutique and started selling her candles online. The growth has led Myers to hire six employees to join her at Dirt Road Candle Company.

The vision statement of the company is "happiness does have a smell." Each candle is named after different moments or ideas that are inspired by rural Iowa. Myers started giving her candles fun names when she discovered that her customers engage more with the meaning of candles. She has had candles named "Call Your Mom," which was inspired by Myers' time at Iowa State University, candles named "Iowa Nice" or even "Backyard Lilacs," which embodies the Iowa spring spirit. All of the candles are hand poured on the farm and are made with 100 percent USA-raised soy wax. Myers has even expanded her product line to include room sprays, car freshies, counter sprays, wall diffusers, wax melts, hand soap, and pet products.

Dirt Road Candle Company continues to look out for the community. Candle proceeds have been donated to various charities. A couple of years ago, she had a county-fair inspired candle. Proceeds went to support a child to go to the county fair or to buy a child a chicken. She also had a candle called "Love Your Neighbor," with profits supporting the 2019 Iowa flood victims. Further, Myers opens up her candle workshop twice a year to sell her products in person. On those days, she also invites other entrepreneurs to sell their products in her shop.

Dirt Road Candle Company's commitment to its values has paid off. In 6 years, Myers and team have been able to grow from a hobby to a thriving

small business that brings the joy of rural Iowa to many satisfied customers. Myers' farm life is her inspiration, and she has been able to use this muse to create a truly one of a kind Iowa experience from the comfort of your home. I want to commend Michelle Myers and the entire team at Dirt Road Candle Company for their continued dedication to spreading joy through their candles. This business exemplifies the perseverance and grit of the Iowa entrepreneur. I look forward to seeing your continued growth and success in Iowa.●

RECOGNIZING GEOTHERMAL ECO OPTIONS, INC.

● Ms. ERNST. Madam President, as ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Iowa small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize Geothermal Eco Options, Inc., of Cresco, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

With over 60 years of construction experience, owners Larry Liefeld and Frederic "Reed" Carlson provide a one-stop shop for geothermal heating and cooling. Geothermal Eco Options, Inc., was founded in 2011, serving Iowa and the surrounding States with drilling and installation of geothermal loops. Geothermal loops, a unique technology using the thermal temperature below the frost line to regulate temperature, can be used for year-round indoor climate control in buildings.

The company boasts equipment and personnel that can provide drilling to even the most closely packed areas. Each project is different for the team. They offer different types of loop options including those that run vertical, horizontal in the ground, adjacent to a pond, or even retrofitting an existing geothermal loop to provide adequate heating and cooling. Due to the expertise of the Geothermal Eco Options team, a geothermal loop installed by the team can last decades and require little to no maintenance.

Geothermal Eco Options is an established leader in the industry and has an impressive list of certified staff. They have both State and national certification for the drilling and installation of heat pump loops.

Geothermal Eco Options, Inc.'s commitment to innovation and hard work is clear. In 12 years, Liefeld and Carlson have been able to provide an innovative way to heat and cool commercial, residential, and new properties. Their years of experience in the construction industry has culminated in owning a thriving small business that has grown throughout the region. I want to commend Larry Liefeld, Reed Carlson, and the entire team at Geothermal Eco Options, Inc., for their work. This business exemplifies the innovative spirit and leadership skills of the Iowa entrepreneur. I look forward

to seeing your continued growth and success in Iowa.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SMOKY VALLEY ROLLER MILL

● Mr. MARSHALL. Madam President, I rise today to honor, recognize, and celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Smoky Valley Roller Mill in Lindsborg, KS.

On October 14, 1897, the Smoky Valley Roller Mill went up in flames, and while the communities' efforts to fight the fire saved the town, the mill was lost. One week later, Theodore Teichgraeber, owner of the mill, vowed to rebuild. By May of 1898, the mill was back in operation turning wheat into flour. The Smoky Valley Roller Mill would serve as a vital agricultural and commercial hub to Lindsborg and the surrounding region for over a half century, as the mill was in operation from 1898 to 1955 under the leadership of the Teichgraeber, Hagstrom, and Runbeck families.

Through the efforts of community members and the leadership of Malcom Esping, Mary Borg, and George Teserek in particular, the historic mill and original equipment were restored and preserved throughout the 1960s, '70s, and '80s. Through their hard work, Smoky Valley Roller Mill was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1972. The mill continues to be in good, working condition under the ownership of the Lindsborg Old Mill and Swedish Heritage Museum and continues to serve as a historical treasure, cultural center, and landmark of the community. In fact, it is the only operable flour mill in the Midwest still using roller mills.

This year marks the 125th anniversary since Smoky Valley Roller Mill was rebuilt, and the city of Lindsborg will be celebrating the Mill's quasiquicentennial anniversary at their annual Millfest on May 6, 2023.

I now ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 125th anniversary of the Smoky Valley Roller Mill, as well as celebrate all those who have contributed to the mill's 125 years of history and success.●

TRIBUTE TO NICHOLE CAMPBELL

● Mr. OSSOFF. Madam President, I rise to commend Nichole Campbell, a leader in the Augusta community working to empower women in business and give back to others.

In 2018, Ms. Campbell founded The Sisters Social, Inc., a nonprofit organization that aims to unite women of different backgrounds and provide entrepreneurial education, professional networking, and community outreach. After seeking out an organization of women business owners and failing to find one in her community, Ms. Campbell stepped up to found The Sisters Social, Inc., for women in Augusta and the Central Savannah River Area, CSRA. During the pandemic, the group

provided countless business owners with invaluable advice during a challenging time for many.

As Georgia's U.S. Senator, I commend and recognize Nichole Campbell on her leadership and great successes empowering women business owners and giving back to her community.●

TRIBUTE TO PASTOR J.H. FLAKES III

● Mr. OSSOFF. Madam President, I rise today to commend Reverend Dr. J. H. "Johnny" Flakes III for his mentorship and leadership in the Chatahoochee River Valley.

Like his father before him, Pastor Flakes III has become a mainstay at Fourth Street Missionary Baptist Church and in the greater Columbus faith community. As a student, Pastor Flakes III earned the distinction of being one of 21 students chosen by the Interdenominational Theological Center at Morehouse School of Religion for inclusion in "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities" across the United States. Alongside his work as a local spiritual mentor, Pastor Flakes' work has also made an impact nationally and internationally, delivering the keynote address at the American Baptist College convocation in Nashville and speaking at the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation's event on Black health and wellness, where he celebrated the legacy of Black scholars and medical practitioners in Western medicine with other leaders from the faith and medical communities.

As Georgia's U.S. Senator, I recognize and commend Pastor J.H. Flakes III for his mentorship, leadership, and enduring commitment to the people of Columbus.●

TRIBUTE TO SISTER THERESA SULLIVAN AND RECOGNIZING THE MACON DAYBREAK DAY RESOURCE CENTER TEAM

● Mr. OSSOFF. Madam President, I rise today to commend Sister Theresa Sullivan of Macon, GA, and her entire team for their dedication and commitment to serve those in need across Middle Georgia.

As Director of Daybreak Day Resource Center Macon, Sister Sullivan oversees the organization's mission to ensure that everyone has a place to call home and a stake in their community. Growing up on the North Side of Chicago, Sister Sullivan found a passion for volunteering as a member of the Daughters of Charity, dedicating her time to helping people experiencing mental illnesses. From housing placement, to food and transportation assistance and a free health clinic, Sister Sullivan brings members of the community together to help those experiencing homelessness receive vital services to help them overcome their current situation. Their partnerships with religious organizations, businesses, and