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Head Start's success is a testament to the power of investing in our children and communities. The return on investment in early childhood education is well documented, yielding significant long-term benefits for individuals, families, and society as a whole. We must seize this moment to strengthen and expand Head Start, recognizing that our Nation's future prosperity depends on the opportunities we afford our youngest citizens.

I would also like to express my gratitude and provide special recognition to my home Head Start program that helped to give me the best start in life—Nambe Head Start—and Senator WARNOCK's home Head Start program—Savannah Head Start. Without the dedicated educators and program directors at these programs, we would not be where we are today.

In conclusion, I proudly stand before my distinguished colleagues to commemorate the 58th anniversary of Head Start and extend my heartfelt congratulations to this remarkable program. Let Congress reaffirm its commitment to early childhood education and its Members work together to ensure that Head Start's profound effect reaches every child in need. By investing in our children today, we will build a brighter, more equitable future for all Americans.

#### 58TH ANNIVERSARY OF HEAD START

Mr. WARNOCK. Mr. President, I rise today to commemorate and extend my heartfelt congratulations to Head Start on its 58th anniversary to celebrate the program's 58 years of providing early learning to more than 30 million children since 1965. As the only Head Start alumnus along with Senator BEN RAY LUJÁN serving in the U.S. Senate, I am proud to honor this transformative program that has made a significant and positive difference in the lives of millions of children and families across our great Nation.

Head Start's legacy is one of hope, opportunity, and equity. Since its inception in 1965, this comprehensive early childhood education program has been a beacon of support for vulnerable children and families, helping break the cycle of poverty and providing a strong foundation for success. By prioritizing the educational, health, and developmental needs of low-income children, Head Start has been instrumental in leveling the playing field and ensuring that every child has an equal chance to thrive.

My personal experience as a Head Start alumnus fuels my unwavering commitment to championing policies that strengthen early childhood education and invest in the future of our Nation's youth. I understand firsthand the profound influence that Head Start can have on a child's life, setting them on a trajectory towards academic achievement, social-emotional growth, and lifelong success. By nurturing the whole child and fostering a love for learning, Head Start equips children with the tools they need to reach their full potential.

Head Start has demonstrated its ability to adapt and evolve with the changing needs of our society. Over the past 58 years, the program has expanded its reach, providing comprehensive services to millions of children and families. Head Start has embraced innovation, incorporating evidence-based practices, and leveraging community partnerships to ensure that children receive the highest quality early education and support services available.

I applaud Head Start's ongoing commitment to inclusivity and diversity, recognizing that every child brings unique strengths and experiences to the classroom. By embracing cultural competency and promoting bilingual education, Head Start celebrates the rich tapestry of our Nation and prepares children to thrive in an increasingly interconnected world.

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#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO NATHAN SMALL

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, with my colleague Senator JIM RISCH and Representative MIKE SIMPSON, I congratulate Nathan Small, who is retiring from serving as chairman of the Fort Hall Business Council, the governing body of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes on the Fort Hall Reservation.

Chairman Small has been an unwavering voice for his people for roughly 40 years, leading in various roles for the Fort Hall Business Council since the late 1980s. He has dedicated his life to protecting the Tribes' rights under the 1868 Treaty of Fort Bridger and other Federal laws and tirelessly worked to preserve the traditional ways of life of the Shoshone-Bannock people. He is respected not only in Idaho for his efforts to protect the rights of all Idaho Tribes but also on the national level for his inspiring and effective advocacy in ensuring the United States upholds its treaty and trust responsibilities to Tribal governments.

We have been grateful for his steady leadership, especially while we partnered with him and the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes on various efforts over the years. Chairman Small's wealth of knowledge and experience was pivotal to his advocacy on the Tribes' behalf. He is also a member of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribal Bar Association and has been both a prosecutor and public defender in Tribal court. He was instrumental in opening the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes' first gaming operation and was gaming manager from 1990 to 1998. He also served in the Tribes' Water Resources Department in the Environmental Waste Program, advocating for the protection of the Reservation's water and land. He is a founding Board member and is Secretary of the Coalition of Large Tribes, which advocates for the sovereign rights of Tribes.

Thank you, Chairman Small, for working with us to properly recognize tribal sovereignty and the Federal Government's treaty and trust obligations to Tribes. We hope that retirement will provide you more time to spend enjoying the outdoors you love. We thank you for your leadership and wish you all the best.●

##### TRIBUTE TO LORELEY GODFREY

● Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, as we mark Mental Health Awareness Month, I am honored to recognize Loreley Godfrey of Portsmouth as May's Granite Stater of the Month. At age 18, Loreley has become a powerful force advocating for youth mental health education in New Hampshire.

Loreley was driving when her best friend had a panic attack next to her in the passenger's seat. Pulling to the side of the road, Loreley felt ill-equipped to handle the situation, and she did not know what to do besides hold her friend's hand and urgently search online for resources. The experience made Loreley wonder why many teens such as herself are not prepared to respond to a mental health crisis, where seconds can make a difference. Since she was a member of the Governor's Youth Advisory Council on Substance Misuse and Prevention, she interviewed the 17 other students on the panel and found that her experience was not unique—few had had any mental health education at school.

Loreley teamed up with a New Hampshire State senator to craft a bipartisan bill to provide schools with lesson plans on mental health. Although the bill did not pass the house in April, Loreley is committed to continuing her advocacy for mental health education in New Hampshire, even as she goes off to college this fall. Loreley's efforts are a testament to how young people can make a tremendous difference in New Hampshire. And her leadership extends beyond mental health advocacy, having led multiple rallies for sustainability in Portsmouth and being one of New Hampshire's first female Eagle Scouts. Loreley exemplifies the Granite State spirit of engaged, citizen-led public service, and I look forward to seeing all that she will do in the future to make New Hampshire and our country an even better place.●

#### TRIBUTE TO KARLA APONTE

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I recognize Karla Aponte, a spring 2023 intern in my Miami office, for the hard work she has done for my office and the people of Florida.

Karla recently graduated from the St. Thomas University College of Law. She is a dedicated and diligent worker who was devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I extend my deepest gratitude to Karla for her work with my office, and I look forward to hearing of her successes in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO VICTOR BETANCOURT

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I recognize Victor Betancourt, a spring 2023 intern in my Miami office, for the hard work he has done for my office and the people of Florida.

Victor attends Florida International University, with FIU Embrace Program. He is a dedicated and diligent worker who was devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I extend my deepest gratitude to Victor for his work with my office, and I look forward to hearing of his successes in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO GRACE LILI BOULOY

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I recognize Grace Lili Bouloy, a recent intern

in my Tallahassee office, for the hard work she has done for my office and the people of Florida.

Grace is a student at Florida State University, where she is majoring in political science. She possesses many wonderful qualities that include an aptitude to evaluate complex issues, a strong work ethic, and a kindness that inspires.

I extend my deepest gratitude to Grace for her work with my office, and I look forward to hearing of her successes in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO LENA MARIA DUQUE

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I recognize Lena Maria Duque, a spring 2023 intern in my Tallahassee office, for the hard work she has done for my office and the people of Florida.

Lena is a student at Florida State University, where she is majoring in economics and management. She possesses many wonderful qualities that include an aptitude to evaluate complex issues, a strong work ethic, and a kindness that inspires.

I extend my deepest gratitude to Lena for her work with my office, and I look forward to hearing of her successes in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO ISABELLA FURELOS

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I recognize Isabella Furelos, a spring 2023 intern in my Miami office, for the hard work she has done for my office and the people of Florida.

Isabella is a student at Miami-Dade Honors College, where she majors in political science. She is a dedicated and diligent worker who was devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I extend my deepest gratitude to Isabella for her work with my office, and I look forward to hearing of her successes in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO ANA CAROLINA MERLO

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I recognize Ana Carolina Merlo, a spring 2023 intern in my Tallahassee office, for the hard work she has done for my office and the people of Florida.

Ana is a student at Florida State University, where she is majoring in political science. She is a dedicated and diligent worker who was devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I extend my deepest gratitude to Ana for her work with my office, and I look forward to hearing of her successes in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO ELIJAH MIDGLEY

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I recognize Elijah Midgley, a spring 2023 intern in my Miami office, for the hard work he has done for my office and the people of Florida.

Elijah is a student at the University of Central Florida, where he is an anthropology major. He is a dedicated and diligent worker who was devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I extend my deepest gratitude to Elijah for his work with my office, and I look forward to hearing of his successes in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO DANIEL ENRIQUE NIETO

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I recognize Daniel Enrique Nieto, a spring 2023 intern in my Tallahassee office, for the hard work he has done for my office and the people of Florida.

Daniel is a student at Florida State University, where he is majoring in international affairs and political science. He is a dedicated and diligent worker who was devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I extend my deepest gratitude to Daniel for his work with my office, and I look forward to hearing of his successes in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO CATHERINE ELIZABETH PATTILLO

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I recognize Catherine Elizabeth Pattillo, a recent intern in my Tallahassee office, for the hard work she has done for my office and the people of Florida.

Catherine is a student at Florida State University, where she is majoring in history and pre-law. She possesses many wonderful qualities that include an aptitude to evaluate complex issues, a strong work ethic, and a kindness that inspires.

I extend my deepest gratitude to Catherine for her work with my office, and I look forward to hearing of her successes in the years to come as she pursues a career in law.●

#### TRIBUTE TO DEBORAH LYN PHILIPS

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I recognize Deborah Lyn Philips, a spring 2023 intern in my Orlando office, for the hard work she has done for my office and the people of Florida.

Deborah is currently studying at Polk State College, where she is majoring in political science and government. She is a dedicated and diligent worker who was devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I extend my deepest gratitude to Deborah for her work with my office, and I look forward to hearing of her successes in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO CHRISTOPHER RESTREPO

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I recognize Christopher Restrepo, a spring 2023