

Following his service with the Navy, Jim returned to Connecticut and began a distinguished career as an attorney at Robinson+Cole. He became known for his willingness to take on diverse legal cases, including unpopular clients, but Jim's strong legal principles ensured they all received zealous representation. Jim was well-known for his mentorship of countless young attorneys. Throughout his long career, he was honored with numerous awards, including induction to the American College of Trial Lawyers in 1980 and the Hennessey award, given by the Connecticut Bar Association to an attorney whose career has manifested a dedication to the highest ideals and standard of the legal profession.

In addition to his love for the law, Jim had a passion for politics and was very actively involved for decades. A lifelong Democrat, he started his political career as a selectman in the town of Simsbury. Jim later became a trusted counselor to the Democratic Party in Connecticut, representing it before the U.S. Supreme Court in a reapportionment case. He was also a longtime trusted advisor to Governors, legislators, and others in public service. Jim's commitment left an indelible mark on Connecticut politics, and our State and Nation are better because of Jim's many contributions and dedication to the law.

Jim was truly a remarkable person, who upheld the rule of law with energy and intellect and epitomized a dedication to public service. I deeply valued my friendship with Jim and always appreciated his insight and perspective. My wife Cynthia and I extend our deepest sympathies to his family during this difficult time, particularly to his wife Helene, his two children, and his grandchildren. I hope my colleagues will join me in honoring Jim's life and legacy, both large and lasting.●

REMEMBERING ROBERT LEVI JONES

● Mr. CRAPO. Madam President, with my fellow Members of Idaho's congressional delegation Senator JIM RISCH and Representatives MIKE SIMPSON and RUSS FULCHER, we pay tribute to veteran and tireless veterans' advocate, Robert "Bob" Jones. Bob passed away on July 8, 2023, after a long battle with cancer and heart disease. Bob's service in the U.S. Air Force, as a leader of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW, and as a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has left an indelible mark.

Bob dedicated his life to God, country, and community. He served in the U.S. Air Force for 20 years, retiring as a lieutenant colonel; his service included commanding logistics squadrons supporting combat units in the Vietnam war, serving as chief of supply for the Presidential Wing at Andrews Air Force Base, and serving at the Pentagon as a senior staff officer with the U.S. Air Force. Bob earned 24 medals

for his distinguished service that include the Vietnam Service Medal with three oakleaf clusters, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm, the Korean Defense Service Medal, and the Bronze Star.

After his military service, Bob's civilian career included working as vice president of a defense firm in Saudi Arabia, where he met the love of his life, his wife of 40 years, Carmelita. They made their home in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, for 13 years before moving to Rexburg in 1995. Bob and Carmelita owned the Arctic Circle Franchise in Rexburg and an independent family restaurant called Timber's Edge in Island Park for several years.

Bob translated his immense experience to support and advocate for his fellow veterans. He served in many VFW leadership positions that included his service as a VFW All-American past state commander and national legislative committee member for Idaho. He and Carmelita have been so dedicated to helping improve the lives of servicemembers, veterans, and their families that they traveled to Capitol Hill twice per year to advocate on their behalf, and Bob stayed involved despite his battle with cancer. We have always valued the time spent with Bob and Carmelita as they thoughtfully explained the need for Federal policy changes to better support military families. The Major Richard Star Act, to provide combat-injured veterans with less than 20 years of military service their full benefits, is just one example of the legislation they worked to advance as they helped make clear the personal costs of war. Bob said, "It is our duty and obligation to see that they are cared for and not forgotten."

Bob was also a precinct committeeman and a member of the Madison County Republican Central Committee and military liaison board member of the Rexburg Area Chamber of Commerce among his many efforts to serve the community. He understandably received numerous honors for this local and statewide service. Governor Brad Little presented Bob with the 2019 Idaho's Brightest Star Award for exemplary volunteer service to the State of Idaho and fostering an ethic of service in others. He was also a recipient of the 2020 Spirit of Freedom award for his extensive, extraordinary career of service to our country and his fellow veterans. He was recognized with the 2022-2023 VFW National Legislative Service Award at the VFW Legislative Service Conference on March 14, 2023, for his tireless efforts on behalf of our Nation's veterans, and he was honored with the 2022 Presidential Award by the Chamber of Commerce at the 84th Annual Farmer Merchant Banquet on April 17, 2023, for his outstanding achievements and contributions to the success of Rexburg, to name just a few of his many honors.

Bob's obituary aptly describes his service-focused mindset: "He wanted to

leave this world a better place than he had found it and pay forward for all the many blessings and opportunities with which he was blessed with." We offer our sincerest condolences to Carmelita and his many friends and loved ones, including their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchild. Bob is deeply missed and leaves a lasting legacy of admirable service to our country, State, community, fellow veterans, and so many others. We are fortunate to have known him and benefited from his vision, dedication and advocacy.●

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LOS ANGELES MEMORIAL COLISEUM

● Mr. PADILLA. Mr. President, I rise as a proud Angeleno to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

Few stadiums in the world have such a storied history and such a lasting cultural impact, as the LA Coliseum. Since opening in 1923, it has served as a living memorial to those who bravely fought in World War I, and it has endured as a landmark for generations of Angelenos.

The Coliseum remains the only stadium in the world to have hosted two Summer Olympics. The first games, held in 1932, helped revolutionize the format for the modern Olympic Games and displayed America's resolve through the Great Depression. The second, held in 1984, was highly regarded as a financial success and a masterclass in hosting and showcasing the Olympic Games. As a boy, I remember watching in awe as Olympic legend and California icon, Rafer Johnson, ran up the steps of the Coliseum and lit the Olympic cauldron. With plans to once again welcome athletes from around the world and showcase Los Angeles as a world-class city in 2028, the Coliseum will soon break its own record as a third-time host for the Olympic Games. The Coliseum also hosted the 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games to showcase the skills and accomplishments of athletes with intellectual disabilities.

Many iconic sports teams have called the Coliseum home over the years. The USC Trojans' and the UCLA Bruins' athletic programs shared the stadium for over 50 years. Today, the Coliseum's timeless white arches provide the backdrop for thousands of loyal USC fans waiting to erupt each time their team plays a home game. In the National Football League, the Rams, the Raiders, and the Chargers have all called the Coliseum home at one point, and the stadium hosted three NFL championship games in 1949, 1951, and 1955, as well as the very first Super Bowl in 1967 and Super Bowl VII in 1973.

As a point of personal privilege, my Los Angeles Dodgers called the Coliseum home for several years when they first moved out west, and they would host the first World Series played on

the west coast at the Coliseum on their way to winning the 1959 World Series.

For decades, the Coliseum was where leaders would go to speak to large masses of Southern Californians. The stadium has hosted Presidents Roosevelt, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, and Reagan, as well as notable dignitaries and civil rights leaders, such as Martin Luther King, Jr., Nelson Mandela, Cesar Chavez, and the Dalai Lama. It has also hosted decades of legendary concerts from greats like the Rolling Stones, Pink Floyd, Bruce Springsteen, Van Halen, and more. Since 2022, NASCAR has hosted the Busch Light Clash at the Coliseum, which is the first exhibition race of the NASCAR Cup Series season each year.

As we recognize 100 years of memorable events and historic firsts, I join all of Los Angeles in celebrating a century of competition, camaraderie, civic engagement, and culture, and I know the next 100 years have even more in store.●

TRIBUTE TO LINDSEY BIGELOW

● Mr. RUBIO. Madam President, I recognize Lindsey Bigelow, the Marion County Teacher of the Year from Ocala Springs Elementary School in Ocala, FL.

Lindsey brightens her students' lives and begins each school day with a warm greeting. Her colleagues describe her as a triple threat style teacher. She brings creativity, student engagement, and classroom management, which shows how committed she is to the success of her students. She views her job as not being their teacher for 1 school year but for their education careers, and they are her inspiration to continue teaching.

Lindsey teaches first grade English language arts at Ocala Springs Elementary School with 10 years of teaching experience in Marion County Public Schools. She attended Maplewood Elementary School, Osceola Middle School, and graduated from Forest High School. Lindsey earned her bachelor's and master's degrees at the University of Florida.

I extend my deepest gratitude and best wishes to Lindsey for her commitment to her students. I look forward to hearing about her continued good work in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO PAMELA BROCKMEYER

● Mr. RUBIO. Madam President, I recognize Pamela Brockmeyer, the Brevard County Teacher of the Year from Cocoa High School in Melbourne, FL.

Pamela begins her classes by showing students that a positive attitude and competitive spirit are keys to success not only in the classroom, but also elsewhere in their lives. Her commitment to student achievement and contributions to her community show she is dedicating her talents to making a

difference in the lives of her students. She believes teaching allows her to impact students significantly, and it is her purpose to help them succeed.

Pamela teaches math and Advanced Placement calculus at Cocoa High School, where she has taught for 24 of her 27 years of teaching. She is the coach of the school's girls' golf team, winning three straight Coach of the Year honors from the Cape Coast Conference and led the team to the State tournament. She is a Brevard Federation of Teachers building representative and Advanced Placement Board exam reader.

I extend my deepest gratitude and best wishes to Pamela for her commitment to her students in the classroom and sports. I look forward to hearing about her continued good work in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO JESSICA NOBLIN

● Mr. RUBIO. Madam President, I recognize Jessica Noblin, the Lake County Teacher of the Year from Leesburg Elementary School in Fruitland Park, FL.

Jessica's students with special needs inspire her each day. She sees how they overcome obstacles to achieve their goals. She is a compassionate and motivated educator with a natural gift for instructing students and inspiring them to reach their full potential.

Jessica views Leesburg Elementary School as more than just a building; it is her safe place. She started her teaching career at the school, where her mom retired, her children attend, and where her grandson will do so in 2 years. This makes her uniquely invested in the success of students, teachers, and the school.

Jessica is a fifth grade teacher at Leesburg Elementary School, where she has taught for 10 of her 15-year teaching career. She also has worked as a curriculum resource teacher, math instructional coach, and DonorsChoose teacher ambassador.

I extend my deepest gratitude and best wishes to Jessica for her commitment to her students. I look forward to hearing about her continued good work in the years to come.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Ms. Stringer, one of his secretaries.

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

REPORT OF THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13581 OF JULY 24, 2011, WITH RESPECT TO SIGNIFICANT TRANSNATIONAL CRIMINAL ORGANIZATIONS—PM 21

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message

from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to significant transnational criminal organizations that was declared in Executive Order 13581 of July 24, 2011, under which additional steps were taken in Executive Order 13863 of March 15, 2019, is to continue in effect beyond July 24, 2023.

The activities of significant transnational criminal organizations have reached such scope and gravity that they threaten the stability of international political and economic systems. Such organizations are becoming increasingly sophisticated and dangerous to the United States; they are increasingly entrenched in the operations of foreign governments and the international financial system, thereby weakening democratic institutions, degrading the rule of law, and undermining economic markets. These organizations facilitate and aggravate violent civil conflicts and increasingly facilitate the activities of other dangerous persons.

Significant transnational criminal organizations continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency with respect to significant transnational criminal organizations declared in Executive Order 13581.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, Jr.
THE WHITE HOUSE, July 19, 2023.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 57. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress supporting the State of Israel.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 5:35 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 111. An act to require each agency, in providing notice of a rulemaking, to include