

Steffensmeier passed away leaving behind a legacy of hard work, resilience, and excellence in the welding profession.

Today, Jenny Steffensmeier continues to lead the company and has grown to include 12 employees, including 4 of her 5 children working at the company in varying capacities. While in this position, Jenny Steffensmeier has been recognized for her contributions to the welding and manufacturing industry as a female president. She is an alumna of the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses Program, a program that promotes, highlights, and educates small businesses and their importance in the U.S. economy. She has been featured on the Iowa Business Report radio program, Southeastern Community College "Friends" profile, and the "Talks at GS" episode where she joined Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds for a conversation on small businesses. Jenny also serves on the boards of the Iowa Association of Business and Industry and the Iowa Economic Development Authority. In April, 2022, I had the opportunity to tour Steffensmeier Welding and Manufacturing with Jenny and her daughter Rachel as part of my River to River Tour. Steffensmeier Welding and Manufacturing's hard work has paid off; in 2023, they celebrated their 41st business anniversary.

Steffensmeier Welding and Manufacturing's commitment to providing high-quality commercial welding and manufacturing services in Pilot Grove, IA, is clear. I want to congratulate the Jenny Steffensmeier, the Steffensmeier family, and the entire team at Steffensmeier Welding and Manufacturing for their continued dedication. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success in Iowa.●

TRIBUTE TO BARBARA HAYS

● Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, I am honored to recognize Barbara Hays of Bow as September's Granite Stater of the Month. Barbara leads a group of women at her senior living center who make fidget and lap quilts to donate to local hospital patients and veterans.

When Barbara retired after decades of working at a telephone and communications company, she found herself with a desire to make a positive difference in her community during her new free time. With a friend, she began sewing small lap quilts and donating them to Concord Hospital. During one dropoff, the nurses at the hospital asked if she had ever considered making fidget quilts. These quilts have zippers, elastics, and different fabric textures sewed on to provide sensory stimulation for patients with Alzheimer's and other health challenges.

Barbara wasn't familiar with this type of quilt, but she was eager to try a new way to help people. She watched videos on YouTube to learn how to make them, and earlier this year, she helped start a workshop for the women at her senior living center in Bow to

start making them together. They began to meet twice a month in the community room, each putting together different parts of the quilts.

This past June, Barbara put together a Fidget Quilt Showcase at her White Rock Senior Living Community in order to showcase 40 quilts that the "Happy Quilters of White Rock" had made. In addition, she invited some nurses to join to explain how these quilts can help keep patients' minds busy and prevent them from picking at an IV, for example. Afterward, the group donated a total of 70 fidget quilts to the Visiting Nurse Association, Concord Hospital, the Tilton Veterans Home, and the Manchester VA Medical Center.

Barbara's initiative is emblematic of the Granite State spirit of generosity in many ways. Not only do the fidget blankets make a tremendous difference in the lives of patients with Alzheimer's or dementia, but her quilting group also brings people together at her senior living center. Barbara made sure that even those who had no experience quilting could participate, creating a sense of belonging for everyone. I commend Barbara for making a positive difference in her community, and I am sending the "Happy Quilters of White Rock" my well wishes as they start another round of quilt-making this year.●

TRIBUTE TO DON NIKODIM

● Mr. SCHMITT. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the executive director of the Missouri Pork Association, Don Nikodim.

In September, Don announced he would be retiring in January 2024 after 40 years at the Missouri Pork Association as their executive director. He is well-respected by everyone in Missouri's agricultural community, and he is truly a champion for Missouri's pork industry. Under his leadership, the Missouri Pork Association has hit many milestones when advocating for needed policy, educating producers, and ensuring commonsense practices.

From eating ribs and candied bacon at the Pork Place at Missouri's State Fair, to visits to my Washington, DC, office, Don is always a welcoming and friendly face wherever I see him. As a graduate of the University of Missouri, with degrees in animal science, agricultural economics, and agricultural education, Don has always been a wealth of knowledge in the agricultural sector. Those around him always benefit from his expertise. I am glad for how closely I got to work with Don and the Missouri Pork Association, during my time as Missouri's attorney general, as we worked together to combat ridiculous regulations by the Federal Government that hurt our pork industry.

Don will be greatly missed in this role, but I wish him the best in his well-deserved retirement. This is the end of an era for the Missouri Pork As-

sociation, and now, they have some very big shoes to fill.

I applaud Don for his over 40 years of commitment, hard work, and leadership in Missouri's pork industry, and I ask my Senate colleagues to join me in honoring his incredible career and unrelenting passion for Missouri's pork industry.●

REMEMBERING DAVID HARRINGTON

● Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, I rise today in memory of the late David Harrington for his lifetime of service and contributions to Prince George's County and the great State of Maryland.

Mr. Harrington's distinguished 16-year career in public service began as mayor of the Town of Bladensburg. After 7 years as mayor, Mr. Harrington went on to serve as county councilmember for 6 years and as State senator for 3. Following his tenure as an elected official, Mr. Harrington kept his focus on the growth and success of his community, assuming the role of president and CEO of the Prince George's Chamber of Commerce, where he cemented himself as the chamber's most impactful leader. Under Mr. Harrington's leadership, the organization increased its membership to 600, and revenue grew by 20 percent; he helped spearhead 6 consecutive years of job growth in the county.

Mr. Harrington's legacy and commitment to fostering a better community is further embodied by the Prince George's Junior Achievement Finance Park located in Landover, MD. Mr. Harrington was pivotal in helping to establish the facility, which provides local youth access to financial literacy and other educational programs, nurturing their future financial and academic success. Mr. Harrington's efforts are beyond worthy of recognition through the dedication of the Prince George's Junior Achievement Finance Park's Auditorium in his name.

I offer my heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Harrington's family for his service. Mr. Harrington was passionate leader, mentor, and advocate. Mr. Harrington was not only a revered public servant, but also a dear friend. My thoughts are with Mr. Harrington's family, and may the memory and name of Mr. David Harrington be remembered daily through his dedication and the lasting impression he has made on the lives of others.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4365. An act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 4365. An act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. SCHATZ, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 2273. A bill to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act (Rept. No. 118-106).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. 3040. A bill to establish the principle of reciprocity in the relationship between the United States and the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. COTTON (for himself, Mr. McCONNELL, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mrs. BRITT, Mrs. CAPITO, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAINES, Ms. ERNST, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. VANCE, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BUDD, Mr. BRAUN, and Mr. YOUNG):

S. 3041. A bill to reinstate certain sanctions imposed with respect to Iran; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BRAUN:

S. 3042. A bill to require the collection of certain data relating to Bureau of Land Management land acquisitions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 3043. A bill to provide special rules for retirement accounts and personal casualty losses with respect to certain major disasters occurring in 2023; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HICKENLOOPER (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. 3044. A bill to redesignate the Mount Evans Wilderness as the "Mount Blue Sky Wilderness," and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. PADILLA:

S. 3045. A bill to provide for the transfer of administrative jurisdiction over certain Federal land in the State of California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. PADILLA:

S. 3046. A bill to make permanent the authority to collect Shasta-Trinity National Forest marina fees; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Ms. ERNST, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. McCONNELL, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BRAUN, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BUDD, Ms. BUTLER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CASSIDY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. HAGERTY, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. HYDESMITH, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KELLY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEE, Mr. LUJÁN, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. MULLIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. OSSOFF, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PETERS, Mr. REED, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROMNEY, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHMITT, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. SINEMA, Ms. SMITH, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. VANCE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WARNOCK, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. YOUNG):

S. Res. 406. A resolution to honor the life and death of Richard Clarence Clark, former Senator for the State of Iowa; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 96

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 96, a bill to address the history of discrimination against Black farmers and ranchers, to require reforms within the Department of Agriculture to prevent future discrimination, and for other purposes.

S. 399

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 399, a bill to place limitations on accepting positions from the competitive service, and for other purposes.

S. 869

At the request of Ms. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 869, a bill to amend the Community Development Banking and Financial Institutions Act of 1994 to reauthorize and improve the community development financial institutions bond guarantee program, and for other purposes.

S. 907

At the request of Mr. KING, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs.

GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 907, a bill to amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act to exempt from inspection the slaughter of animals and the preparation of carcasses conducted at a custom slaughter facility, and for other purposes.

S. 928

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 928, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to prepare an annual report on suicide prevention, and for other purposes.

S. 1307

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1307, a bill to ensure that students in schools have a right to read, and for other purposes.

S. 1340

At the request of Mr. BUDD, the names of the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. LUMMIS) and the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) were added as cosponsors of S. 1340, a bill to establish an Independent Financial Technology Working Group to Combat Terrorism and Illicit Financing, and for other purposes.

S. 1384

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1384, a bill to promote and protect from discrimination living organ donors.

S. 1599

At the request of Ms. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1599, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for grants to promote representative community engagement in maternal mortality review committees, and for other purposes.

S. 1602

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1602, a bill to provide for grants to address maternal mental health conditions and substance use disorders, and for other purposes.

S. 1605

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1605, a bill to authorize appropriations for data collection, surveillance, and research on maternal health outcomes during public health emergencies, and for other purposes.

S. 1669

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) and the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. BRITT) were added as cosponsors of S. 1669, a bill to require the Secretary of Transportation to issue a rule requiring access to AM broadcast stations in motor vehicles, and for other purposes.