

“Jimmy” Deal. Jimmy devoted his life to protecting others and remained fiercely loyal to his friends and family to his last breath. While I am incredibly sad to lose my friend, I am so grateful to the Deal family for sharing him with the rest of us and allowing him to devote so much of his time and energy toward keeping others safe.

Jimmy was born and raised in San Francisco, CA. After graduating from San Jose State, Jimmy was determined to protect others from crime and violence, and so he took an assignment as a special agent at the Las Vegas office of the newly formed Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Though moving to Las Vegas was a significant milestone in Jimmy’s career, the most important moment was a chance meeting with another Federal employee, Cathy Liance, who was also working in his building. Cathy and Jimmy were married after Jimmy started work at the Secret Service. Soon, the Deals filled their household with children Jennifer, Jessica, and David. Jimmy’s career with the Secret Service would take the Deals all over the country, but they eventually made Reno, NV, their home.

Jimmy served with the Secret Service for nearly 30 years, including several years when he was assigned to President Gerald Ford’s protective division after Ford faced multiple assassination attempts. After 9/11, Jimmy shifted his focus and became an early leader within another new Federal Agency, the Transportation Security Administration. Having spent nearly his entire adult life in Federal law enforcement, Jimmy saw how his experience and knowledge would be valuable for the new Agency. Jimmy took the role of Assistant Federal Security Director and provided a guiding hand in the Reno-Tahoe International Airport’s safety and security protocols. At the airport, Jimmy was a leader in raising awareness about human trafficking, and he worked with agencies in Nevada to assist victims of human trafficking to escape. He continued this important work until his sudden passing.

My husband Paul and I will truly miss Jimmy and will remain grateful for his friendship and his lifelong commitment to serving people and protecting the public. To Jimmy’s mother Urania and to Cathy, Jennifer, Jessica, David, and the grandkids Dylan and Casey, I hope you all keep Jimmy’s boundless love and spirit with you always and take pride in what he accomplished.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. DANIEL EDELMAN

● Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, today I have the honor of recognizing a true Montana hero, Dr. Daniel Edelman. Dr. Edelman is a veteran of the U.S. Army who was seriously injured on a mission while deployed overseas as the non-commissioned officer in charge of security and intelligence of the 1st Military

Intelligence Battalion, First Infantry Division. Despite his severe injuries, Dr. Edelman pursued and obtained bachelor’s, master’s, and doctorate degrees, along with several professional certifications, allowing him to have a long and distinguished career serving his fellow Montanans.

While serving as chancellor at Montana State University-Billings, Dr. Edelman championed many student causes with a particular focus on veterans, disabilities, first generation, underserved, and Native American students. He worked with the FBI and other Agencies to provide educational opportunities for victims of human trafficking and also entered into an agreement for MSUB to partner with the University of North Texas Health Science Center to identify human remains, particularly those of murdered Native Americans. Additionally, he created a veteran’s success center at MSUB. Dr. Edelman also helped raise the final funds for a science building and student scholarships. Outside of his work at MSUB, Dr. Edelman volunteers by serving on the board of Horses Spirits Healing, a nonprofit that helps veterans with PTSD.

After a career dedicated to serving Montana and our Nation, Dr. Edelman recently retired from MSUB due to a terminal condition connected to his time in the U.S. Army. Dr. Edelman truly embodies the values and spirit of a Montanan, and I have no doubt that his legacy of service will continue for generations to come. It is my honor to recognize Dr. Edelman for his service to our great State and Nation and for his dedication to improving the lives of his students and fellow Montana veterans. You have made Montana and our country proud.●

TRIBUTE TO DOUG BIBBY

● Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the career of Doug Bibby, president of the National Multifamily Housing Council—NMHC—on the occasion of his retirement. For the past 30 years, Mr. Bibby has been a positive force in the housing sector, working to support families’ pursuit of safe and affordable housing across this country.

More than two decades ago, Mr. Bibby became the president of the National Multifamily Housing Council, one of the Nation’s leading associations representing the multifamily housing sector. Throughout his tenure, Mr. Bibby has led with empathy, clarity, and dedication. Early in his presidency, he outlined goals for the council and the apartment industry at-large, highlighting the benefits of this housing option for families. With that in mind, Mr. Bibby made housing affordability and safety a top priority through legislation, partnerships, and programming. His leadership was essential during the pandemic as he helped advocate for passage of bipartisan legislation that led to over \$50

billion in rental assistance going to households in need amidst the crisis.

At the helm of the council, Mr. Bibby formed their diversity, equity, and inclusion commitment strategy, recognizing its significance to the future of the multifamily industry. He took on the role of mentoring the next generation of leaders as a top priority. In addition, Mr. Bibby was committed to introducing a pipeline for new talent to enter the industry, which led to the formation of NMHC’s Emerging Leaders Program.

Mr. Bibby left a productive, positive and enduring mark on the apartment industry, a sector that provides homes for almost 37 million Americans and contributes \$3.4 trillion to the economy annually. His legacy will be felt for generations to come. Having delayed his well-deserved retirement more than once, I commend him for his many years of dedication and wish him the best in this next chapter of his life. I congratulate him and wish him a well-earned, enjoyable and fulfilling retirement.●

TRIBUTE TO HUGH T. CLEMENTS, JR.

● Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Colonel Hugh T. Clements, Jr., on his retirement from the Providence Police Department and on his new role at the Department of Justice running the COPS program. A 38-year veteran of the police force, Colonel Clements joined the police force right out of college. He worked his way to the top job and did so with integrity and devotion to the job and the city he loves. Two things stand out about Hugh: One, he made the transition from leading the FOP to leading the department, a feat that provides a measure of his skills and fairness; two, in the department’s dark days, he remained true to his oath, even though that likely ended any chance for him at promotion. When the skies ultimately brightened, his choice to stay true was rewarded; but at the time, it was not sure that day would ever come. It is easy to do the right thing when you are rewarded for it; when it comes with a price, that is the true test—one he passed. I have always admired and enjoyed working with Hugh. One of his many gifts is to always be in touch with and understand his officers and the challenges they face as they serve our capital city, with a similar understanding with the broader community. Leading any sizable department can be difficult, but Colonel Clements’ long tenure in the role of chief under several mayoral administrations is a testament to his abilities—to the affection, loyalty and respect he has earned and to his thoughtful and effective community-centered approach.

Chief Clements has received many accolades for his outstanding service. He is a three-time recipient of the Chiefs Award. He has been recognized

for his work by the FBI, ATF, and the Rhode Island Attorney General. And now, the Attorney General of the United States has placed his trust in him. I thank Colonel Clements for his steadfast commitment to the people of our capital city and to the officers of the Providence Police Department as he leaves city service. I wish him, his wife Donna, and their family, all the best—and I look forward to continuing to work with him here in Washington to protect the public safety.●

TRIBUTE TO STEVEN PARE

● Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Commissioner Steven Pare on his retirement as commissioner of public safety for the City of Providence. During Commissioner Pare's tenure, he worked tirelessly to strengthen the Providence public safety response team and create a system that delivered for all who work, visit, and live in our capital city.

As commissioner, he oversaw both police and fire operations in Providence. A dedicated public servant, Commissioner Pare served on the Rhode Island State Police for 26 years and then became superintendent commanding that distinguished organization. He enjoyed a successful interval in the private sector before duty called again, and he returned to take the helm in Providence. I have had the pleasure of working with Steve throughout his years on the State police and in Providence. Before him, his father was a legendary State police officer, with a sterling reputation for integrity that Steve has carried proudly forward.

Commissioner Pare has been a trusted and effective leader throughout his career in law enforcement. I wish him, his wife, Jill, and his family all the best.●

TRIBUTE TO THOMAS VERDI

● Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Commander Thomas Verdi on his retirement from the Providence Police Department. Deputy Chief Verdi joined the force 35 years ago after graduating from the University of Rhode Island, fulfilling his lifelong dream of becoming a police officer. I had the pleasure of meeting Tom when he was a young officer, we did an overnight "ride-along" together, and I have worked with him over the years from my time as U.S. Attorney and Attorney General until his retirement.

His commitment to the job and love for Providence helped him rise up the ranks into leadership roles. He was the first Providence police officer to serve on the State parole board; he ran Providence's training program and led the department administratively. A cop's cop, Tom was a renowned undercover officer, he received the U.S. Attorney's Award for his work in the multi-agency Latin Kings gang investigation, and ul-

timately received the National Police Association's Top Cops award for his narcotics investigation prowess.

As he retires, I come to the floor to recognize how Commander Verdi has served with distinction and honored the residents of Providence. He comes from a Rhode Island family of great accomplishment, and I thank Tom for his distinguished service and wish him, his wife Kimberly, and his family all the best in the chapter of his life that lies ahead.●

HONORING THE CAREER OF DR. SCOTT ROBISON

● Mr. YOUNG. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Dr. Scott Robison, who is retiring after more than 40 years educating Hoosier children.

Dr. Robison hails from New Albany, IN, and earned his bachelor's degree in education from Indiana University in 1980. His career began as an elementary teacher in New Albany-Floyd County schools, as well as MSD Pike Township in Indianapolis. He then served as a principal in Southwest Allen Schools in Fort Wayne and as the founding principal of Pike Township's New Augusta K-8 Academy. He later became assistant school superintendent in Westfield Washington Schools before becoming superintendent of Marion-Adams Schools in Sheridan. In 2006, he was named superintendent of Zionsville Community Schools. After 16 years in the district, he is retiring this month.

Dr. Robison is an innovative leader. In the 1990s, he pioneered practices such as in-district school choice, alternative school calendars, multi-age classrooms, and parent/community partnerships that are now well-established practices in schools across the State. He is known as a tremendous recruiter and developer of educators, many of whom have benefited directly from his wisdom and inspirational leadership.

Throughout his tenure, Dr. Robison has never lost his own love of learning. He earned an M.S. from Indiana University in 1986 and a Ph.D. from Purdue University in 2003. He has also served on countless boards, commissions, and committees throughout the years and even refereed high school and college basketball games for 20 years. It is my honor to thank Dr. Robison for his tireless devotion to the children of Indiana, and all Hoosiers join me in wishing him a restful retirement.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Kelly, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages

from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3 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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 22. An act to prohibit the Secretary of Energy from sending petroleum products from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to China, and for other purposes.

H.R. 23. An act to rescind certain balances made available to the Internal Revenue Service.

H.R. 26. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 1. Concurrent resolution regarding consent to assemble outside the seat of government.

H. Con. Res. 3. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress condemning the recent attacks on pro-life facilities, groups, and churches.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to H. Res. 1, resolving that Cheryl L. Johnson of the State of Louisiana be, and is hereby, chosen Clerk of the House of Representatives; that Catherine Szpindor of the Commonwealth of Virginia be, and is hereby, chosen Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives; that Reverend Doctor Margaret Grun Kibben of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania be, and is hereby, chosen Chaplain of the House of Representatives.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to H. Res. 2, resolving that the Senate be informed that a quorum of the House of Representatives has assembled; that KEVIN MCCARTHY, a Representative from the State of California, has been elected Speaker; and that Cheryl L. Johnson, a citizen of the State of Louisiana, has been elected Clerk of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Eighteenth Congress.

The message further announced that a committee of two Members be appointed by the Speaker on the part of the House of Representatives to join with a committee on the part of the Senate to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of each House has assembled and Congress is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make: Mr. SCALISE of Louisiana, and Mr. JEFFRIES of New York.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 6913, and the