

Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH), and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG).

Further, if present and voting: the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG) would have voted "nay."

The result was announced—yeas 61, nays 29, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 336 Ex.]

YEAS—61

Baldwin	Hickenlooper	Reed
Bennet	Hirono	Rosen
Blumenthal	Hoeven	Rounds
Booker	Kaine	Rubio
Brown	Kelly	Sanders
Butler	King	Schumer
Cantwell	Klobuchar	Shaheen
Capito	Lankford	Sinema
Carper	Luján	Smith
Casey	Manchin	Stabenow
Cassidy	Markey	Tester
Collins	Marshall	Thune
Coons	Menendez	Tillis
Cornyn	Merkley	Van Hollen
Cortez Masto	Moran	Warner
Duckworth	Murkowski	Warnock
Durbin	Murphy	Warren
Ernst	Murray	Welch
Gillibrand	Ossoff	Wicker
Graham	Padilla	
Hassan	Peters	

NAYS—29

Blackburn	Grassley	Paul
Boozman	Hagerty	Ricketts
Braun	Hawley	Romney
Britt	Hyde-Smith	Schmitt
Budd	Johnson	Scott (FL)
Cotton	Kennedy	Scott (SC)
Cramer	Lee	Sullivan
Crapo	Lummis	Tuberville
Daines	McConnell	Vance
Fischer	Mullin	

NOT VOTING—10

Barrasso	Heinrich	Wyden
Cardin	Risch	Young
Cruz	Schatz	
Fetterman	Whitehouse	

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KING). On this vote, the yeas are 61, the nays are 29.

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 304.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Jerry Edwards, Jr., of Louisiana, to be United States

District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 304, Jerry Edwards, Jr., of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana.

Richard J. Durbin, Peter Welch, Sheldon Whitehouse, Alex Padilla, Christopher A. Coons, Margaret Wood Hassan, Tina Smith, Benjamin L. Cardin, Richard Blumenthal, Mazie K. Hirono, Chris Van Hollen, Michael F. Bennet, John W. Hickenlooper, Mark Kelly, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Tim Kaine, Patty Murray.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider executive Calendar No. 305.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Brandon S. Long, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 305, Brandon S. Long, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

Richard J. Durbin, Peter Welch, Sheldon Whitehouse, Alex Padilla, Christopher A. Coons, Margaret Wood Hassan, Tina Smith, Benjamin L. Cardin, Richard Blumenthal, Mazie K. Hirono, Chris Van Hollen, Michael F. Bennet, John

W. Hickenlooper, Mark Kelly, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Tim Kaine, Patty Murray.

Mr. DURBIN. I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum calls for the cloture motions filed today, December 11, be waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the clerk will report the Coker nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Harry Coker, Jr., of Kansas, to be National Cyber Director.

MORNING BUSINESS

TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT MAJOR TYRONE C. MARSHALL, Jr.

Mr. OSSOFF. Mr. President, today it is with great pleasure that I honor a dedicated Army noncommissioned officer, legislative liaison, and public servant. I wish to recognize SGM Tyrone C. Marshall for 2 years of exemplary service with the Senate Liaison Division and congratulate him on his selection to serve in the Pentagon as an operations sergeant major with the Office of the Chief of Public Affairs.

On this occasion, I recognize Sergeant Major Marshall's distinguished 25-year career spent serving the American people, whether here in the Halls of Congress or with his boots on the ground. A native of Ashbury Park, NJ, and a fourth-generation soldier, he enlisted in the Army in 1998, serving first as an administrative specialist for 7 years before transitioning to public affairs in 2005. Sergeant Major Marshall deployed to Iraq twice, serving first in 2005 with the 25th Infantry Division public affairs, Task Force Lightning, and later with Task Force Wings as Brigade PAO for 25th Combat Aviation Brigade in 2008.

In 2011, Sergeant Major Marshall began his first tour at the Pentagon as the senior public affairs NCO for the Defense Media Activity's Armed Forces Press Service, Pentagon Bureau, later designated DoD News. In this role, he served as the sole military adviser to a 20-person civilian news team supporting the Office of the Secretary of Defense and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. His service in this capacity demonstrates his steadfast commitment to the defense of the United States, whether on the ground or over the airwaves.

In 2015, Sergeant Major Marshall returned to the line as a platoon sergeant at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, CA. He then returned to the Pentagon as Public Affairs and media adviser to the 15th and 16th Sergeants Major of the Army and as an operations NCO.

In 2020, Sergeant Major Marshall arrived on Capitol Hill to serve as a defense fellow for Representative ELISE

STEFANK of New York before his selection as a legislative liaison in the Senate Liaison Division. In each of these positions, his primary responsibility was to help continue and strengthen Army relationships across both Chambers of Congress. Over the past 2 years, Sergeant Major Marshall has done just that: He has been an indispensable resource and representative of the Army and traveled all over the world facilitating congressional and staff delegations.

He will now continue his distinguished Army career, once again returning to the Pentagon as an operations sergeant major. He will assume responsibility for his new position later this December.

I am personally thankful for his shared wisdom, service, and sacrifice. I am grateful to him for the help he provided my staff and me to better serve our Georgia Army families and communities. And on behalf of the U.S. Senate, I thank SGM Tyrone C. Marshall for his time here in the Senate as a legislative liaison and wish him, his wife Tammy, and his children Kya, Kaden, Tre'Yon, Elijah, and Tyrone all the best.

TRIBUTE TO KIM RIGGINS

Mr. OSSOFF. Mr. President, I rise to commend an extraordinary Georgian for her lifetime of service to the State of Georgia and to our entire country.

This month, Ms. Kim Riggins will retire as a congressional liaison in the Atlanta VA Regional Office's Congressional Unit, where she works to ensure Georgia's veterans and their families can access the benefits they have earned, and to coordinate that work with Georgia's congressional offices.

In 1979, Ms. Riggins enlisted in U.S. Navy, and she served on Active Duty from October 1979 until October 1983. While stationed at Fort Myers, VA, she met and married Charles Riggins, a soldier, in 1983. The couple had two sons, Charles Jr., an educator, and Terron, Active-Duty Army. Both are married and captains in the National Guard and Active Army, respectively.

Upon her discharge from Active Duty, Ms. Riggins joined the Navy Reserves and remained in the Reserves until 1994. In June 1994, Charles and Kim Riggins moved to Georgia. After the 9/11 terrorist attacks, she was recalled to Active Duty and served from February 2002 until October 2003.

Ms. Riggins retired from the U.S. Naval Reserves in 2005, and in May 2008, she graduated magna cum laude from Clayton State University, earning a bachelor's degree in accounting with a minor in finance.

She began working at the Atlanta VA in August 2009 and was hired under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act—ARRA—of 2009 as a veterans service representative, VSR. Ms. Riggins was part of the pre-development team from 2009 to 2012, where she was selected by the veterans service center

Manager—VSCM—to be detailed to congressionals on the public contact team, where she has been serving Georgia's veterans for the past 11 years.

For her lifetime of service to our Nation in the U.S. Navy, the U.S. Navy Reserves, and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, I commend Kim Riggins and congratulate her and her entire family on her retirement.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING MUDDY DOG MARKET AND GRILL

• Ms. ERNST. Mr. 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 Muddy Dog Market and Grill of Unionville, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Founded by husband and wife duo Regina and Darrell Sarmento in 2023, Muddy Dog Market and Grill offers dine-in and takeout food options, groceries, and entertainment in Unionville. The Sarmentos opened Muddy Dog Market and Grill to provide quality dining and groceries to residents of Appanoose, Monroe, Davis, and Wapello Counties. For dine-in food options, Muddy Dog Market and Grill offers artisanal pizzas, smash burgers, soups, salads, appetizers, and weekly specials. The drink menu at Muddy Dog Market and Grill is unique, with drinks named after the family's "muddy dogs." In addition to the market and grill, they also provide live music events and offer party rental services.

Muddy Dog Market and Grill is actively involved in the Unionville community. Regina grew up in Iowa but met Darrell in Sacramento, CA, where they both were living at the time. They moved to Iowa in 2009, with Darrell working as executive director of the Newton Area Chamber of Commerce from 2010 until 2014 and the Des Moines West Side Chamber of Commerce from 2017 until 2021. In addition to running Muddy Dog Market and Grill with his wife, Darrell serves as a small business counselor at the Indian Hills Community College Small Business Development Center. In this position, he helps other small businesses grow and develop. Prior to owning and running Muddy Dog Market and Grill, Regina spent years working in restaurants and as a behavioral health professional. The Sarmentos are actively involved in their church, using the proceeds from their recycled bottles to benefit youth services. Muddy Dog Market and Grill actively employs high school students in the Moravia and Moulton-Udell School Districts. The Sarmentos serve as mentors to the students, helping the next generation gain practical skills in the workplace. This Veterans Day,

Muddy Dog Market and Grill offered a Vets Dine Free Day, with live music and free meals for local veterans.

Muddy Dog Market and Grill's commitment to providing quality food and groceries at great prices in Unionville, IA, is clear. I want to congratulate Regina and Darrell Sarmento and the entire team at Muddy Dog Market and Grill for their continued dedication to south central Iowans. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success.●

TRIBUTE TO MOLLY LIEBERMAN

• Mr. OSSOFF. Mr. President, I rise to commend a Savannah, GA, nonprofit organization working to support our children and schools. Founded in 2008 by Molly Lieberman, Loop it Up Savannah is a nonprofit community art program that began as a children's knitting and crochet class at the West Broad Street YMCA. Since then, it has grown into a community-wide program, helping bring art forms to children and adults across Chatham County and the Savannah area.

Partnering with schools, community centers, museums, and local businesses, Ms. Lieberman and Loop It Up Savannah work to provide creative art experiences and connect resources to children and families throughout Savannah. Loop It Up Savannah's programming includes visual and performing arts, early literacy programming, school garden projects, yoga and mindfulness-based practice, and STEAM Programming throughout Savannah and Chatham County. These events, programs, and workshops help build strong relationships, greater academic successes, and a more connected community.

I commend Molly Lieberman and the entire Loop it Up Savannah team for their work in the Savannah community and their commitment to our children.●

TRIBUTE TO SUN PARK

• Mr. OSSOFF. Mr. President, I rise to commend Sun Park, the 26th president of the Korean American Chamber of Commerce GA-ATL, for his exceptional leadership and commitment to the Korean American business community in Georgia.

This weekend, the Korean American Chamber of Commerce GA-ATL inaugurated its 27th president and celebrated Mr. Park's service. Mr. Park immigrated to the United States from the Republic of Korea in 2004 and started a small business in Duluth, GA. In January 2022, Mr. Park was sworn in as the 26th president of the Korean American Chamber of Commerce GA-ATL. Under Mr. Park's leadership, the chamber has flourished and continues to be a beacon of innovation and collaboration.

Mr. Park has been instrumental in supporting Korean American small business owners, and he has worked to deepen cooperation and ties with other