

ACC—twice, and won the 1972 National Invitation Tournament—NIT—championship. Driesell's teams at Maryland were consistently among the highest ranked in the Nation, and the team was one of the powerhouse programs of his era.

After Maryland, Driesell became the head coach of James Madison University, where he won another 159 games. His teams had the best record in the Colonial Athletic Association—CAA—for five straight seasons. Driesell finished his coaching career at Georgia State, winning 100 games. This made him the first coach to win 100 or more games at four different Division I schools.

In 2018, Driesell was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. He is also a member of the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame, and Davidson, Maryland, Southern Conference, and Virginia Sports Halls of Fame.

Driesell's impact on the game of basketball goes well beyond his 786 career wins. He also brought more fans to the game with innovations like Midnight Madness. On the first day college teams were allowed to practice for the season, Driesell invited fans to join the team for a 12:03 a.m. run. This became an annual tradition, where thousands of fans would show up to celebrate the start of a new season with the team. Soon, other schools picked up on the practice, and these events have become a widespread and cherished part of college basketball.

Driesell's impact was felt by the many assistant coaches and staff he worked with over his 40 years of coaching, the hundreds of student athletes he coached, and the countless fans who found joy in the game of basketball watching Lefty Driesell-coached teams.●

#### RECOGNIZING RIVER BEND BISTRO & WINE BAR

● Mr. KAINE. Madam President, it is my honor to recognize the River Bend Bistro for 10 years of outstanding service. I would like to congratulate Caroline and Bill Ross and all the staff of River Bend Bistro on their success and wish them many more years of success.

Chef and co-owner Caroline Ross, a graduate of Fort Hunt High School, has been in the food industry since she was 18 and is a veteran of several other regional mainstay restaurants. In 1990, she was awarded a scholarship from Les Dames d'Escoffier to gain culinary skills in Paris. Co-owner Bill Ross has been a businessman in Alexandria for decades before he and Caroline teamed up to create River Bend Bistro, and he also continues to operate a Potomac River sightseeing business.

River Bend Bistro strives to use local and seasonal ingredients, including fresh ingredients from local farmers. Caroline has had relationships with its meat and seafood suppliers going back years before this particular restaurant.

Many employees have been with them since the beginning. And thanks to hard work and ingenuity, as well as assistance from the Paycheck Protection Program from the CARES Act, they were able to navigate through pandemic lockdowns.

Whenever people sit down at River Bend Bistro, they will not just be experiencing outstanding food and drink; they will be supporting a small business with deep roots in the community and a deep commitment to excellence.

I wish Caroline and Bill Ross and their staff continued success and growth for many more years.●

#### TRIBUTE TO DR. KIM KRULL

● Mr. MARSHALL. Madam President, I rise today to thank Dr. Kim Krull for her many years of service to the State of Kansas and Butler Community College—BCC—as well as honor her for all she accomplished throughout her career.

A passionate educator dedicated to serving Kansans, Dr. Krull began her professional career teaching math, biology, and chemistry at Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture—UNL-NCTA. Following 18 years of service to UNL-NCTA, Dr. Krull decided to head south across the Nebraska-Kansas State line to Cloud County Community College, where she served as vice president of academic affairs for 8 years.

In 2013, Dr. Krull finally made the jump to my alma mater, Butler Community College, where she took over one of Kansas's largest community colleges as president. Dr. Krull hit the ground running, expanding BCC's online course catalog and prudently cutting programs no longer cost-effective. These two decisions, made early in Dr. Krull's tenure, remade BCC as a premier junior college destination in the State of Kansas, setting the stage for her and the school's subsequent successes.

In the years following, BCC accomplished much under Dr. Krull's guidance. In terms of campus restoration, Dr. Krull was able to fundraise \$3.3 million to renovate the student union and was pivotal in expanding college operations in nearby Andover. Thanks to Dr. Krull's efforts, BCC remodeled its building within the Andover school district to be more accommodating to students, as well as opened the Redler Institute of Culinary Arts, a \$6.2 million facility dedicated to providing for the next generation of BCC culinary and hospitality graduates.

But Dr. Krull's signature accomplishments during her time at BCC center around her support of the student body. While president, Dr. Krull added programs in Diesel Technology, Construction Technology, and expanded online offerings in partnerships with various Kansas colleges and universities. Doing this and increasing BCC student retention rates, especially amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, is a testament to Dr. Krull's work ethic and service to her student body.

For her efforts, Dr. Krull was the recipient of many awards, both for herself and on behalf of BCC. In 2021, the Wichita Business Journal named Dr. Krull an Executive of the Year, and in the year following, BCC was named an Aspen Top 150 institution. After these and many more successes, the Higher Learning Commission designated BCC in 2023 as a highly mature institution, one of the highest functioning colleges related to teaching and student assessment.

It was on this high note that Dr. Krull announced her retirement, and she will officially step down from Butler Community College on June 30, 2024, after decades of service in higher education. I now ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the distinguished career of Dr. Kim Krull, as well as thank her for all her work on behalf of the State of Kansas and my alma mater, Butler Community College. "Go Grizzlies!"●

#### TRIBUTE TO CLINTON MCKINNEY

● Mr. RISCH. Madam President, I rise today to honor and recognize the remarkable life and extraordinary service of Staff Sergeant Clinton McKinney, a true hero and distinguished World War II veteran. SSG McKinney's unwavering courage, sacrifice, and dedication to our Nation embody the spirit of the greatest generation.

SSG McKinney celebrated his 100th birthday on January 21, 2024. The occasion was marked by heartfelt tributes from his family and the Idaho community. It is a testament to SSG McKinney's enduring legacy and his profound impact on all who have the privilege of knowing him.

SSG McKinney fearlessly began his service in March 1943. He served with Company M of the 103rd Infantry Division during the Battle of the Bulge, a historic battle and turning point for World War II in the winter of 1944. SSG McKinney and company faced extreme conditions of bitter cold and isolation but never failed to demonstrate steadfast resolve and resilience. Sadly, 39 of his fellow infantrymen were lost in the battle, and SSG McKinney was taken prisoner. SSG McKinney escaped not once, but twice, only to be recaptured each time. His sheer determination and resourcefulness led to a successful third attempt with two other soldiers.

For his exceptional bravery and selflessness, SSG McKinney was awarded the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, and multiple Purple Hearts, recognizing his immense contribution to the Allied cause and his dedication to duty.

Following the war, he returned home to his beloved wife Louise and devoted himself to public service by establishing a firefighting department in Washington State. His commitment to the safety and well-being of his fellow citizens extends far beyond his military service.

I am privileged to reflect on the extraordinary life of SSG McKinney,

honor his remarkable service, and learn from his example. SSG McKinney's courage and resilience serve as an inspiration, reminding us of the sacrifices made by the greatest generation and the debt of gratitude we owe them. SSG McKinney is a true American hero whose selfless actions and remarkable service have left an indelible mark on our Nation's history. May his legacy inspire future generations to serve with honor, courage, and unwavering commitment.●

#### RECOGNIZING THE GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTERS

● Mr. WARNOCK. Madam President, today I am honored to help the Georgia Association of Broadcasters celebrate 90 years of service to Georgians. Throughout nearly a century of existence, the Georgia Association of Broadcasters has been a stalwart advocate for the television and radio broadcasting industry, consistently pushing the boundaries of time and technology to deliver their communities quality, reliable news to keep us informed, safe, and connected.

Across Georgia, local broadcasters and journalists serve as the vanguard guardians of truth. Since its establishment in 1934, the GAB has been dedicated to representing the interests of radio and television broadcasters across the State. It is an organization that has played a pivotal role in making Georgia a premier destination for broadcast journalists worldwide, shaping the narrative of our communities with public education programs, scholarships, and professional development opportunities.

This remarkable journey includes initiatives like the WSB Care-a-Thon, a testament to the compassionate spirit of Georgia broadcasters, sharing stories of hope and inspiration from the Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorders Center of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. Through generous donations, this initiative funds family support services and vital research, embodying the association's commitment to making a meaningful impact on the lives of those in need.

And in the quieter corners of our State, we can still rely on sound local reporting, like at radio station WBHF in Cartersville, which prides itself on providing robust coverage of council meetings in towns across Bartow County, local sports and events, or school board meetings—nowhere else could local residents find such in-depth and impactful stories on what is going on in their own backyard.

Voices of Valor, a heartfelt project by WJCL in Savannah, stands as a corner dedicated to uplifting local troops and military families, as well as features honoring the educators shaping the next generation of Georgians. And over in Augusta, WRDW partners with Grant Me Hope, striving to end potential homelessness among Georgia's fostered youth by finding loving, adoptive

homes before they age out of the system.

In times of disaster, the spirit of Georgia broadcasters shines a light on our better angels. When severe storms and tornadoes wreak havoc across our State, they emerge as the "first informers," providing crucial information and assistance. In a remarkable display of community solidarity, local TV and radio stations, like WTVM, WRBL, and others, join forces for tornado relief campaigns, setting up online donation portals and donation drop-off locations that raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for those in need.

These initiatives underscore a fundamental truth: A story is more than a script or a soundbite; it is an opportunity to see ourselves in others, to recognize our shared humanity, and to know that we are not alone in this world or within our communities.

Today, I commend the Georgia Association of Broadcasters for their tireless commitment to public service, and I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating them on an extraordinary 90 years of dedicated service and storytelling to the people of Georgia.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As 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.)

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:39 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Allie, 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. 3511. An act to amend the Small Business Act to require training on increasing contract awards to small business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4669. An act to provide for Department of Energy and Small Business Administration joint research and development activities, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4984. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer administrative jurisdiction over the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium Campus to the District of Columbia so that the District may use the Campus for purposes including residential and commercial development, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5265. An act to amend the Small Business Act to require a report on the performance of the Office of Rural Affairs, to require

a report on the memorandum of understanding between the Small Business Administration and the Department of Agriculture entered into on April 4, 2018, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6544. An act to advance the benefits of nuclear energy by enabling efficient, timely, and predictable licensing, regulation, and deployment of nuclear energy technologies, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6591. An act to amend section 8(a) of the Small Business Act to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to regularly reassess the asset and net worth thresholds for qualifying as an economically disadvantaged individual, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7105. An act to establish requirements relating to certification of small business concerns owned and controlled by women for certain purposes, and for other purposes.

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

H. Con. Res. 89. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust.

At 2:36 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. 7454. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7463. An act making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2024, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 3511. An act to amend the Small Business Act to require training on increasing contract awards to small business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

H.R. 4669. An act to provide for Department of Energy and Small Business Administration joint research and development activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 5265. An act to amend the Small Business Act to require a report on the performance of the Office of Rural Affairs, to require a report on the memorandum of understanding between the Small Business Administration and the Department of Agriculture entered into on April 4, 2018, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

H.R. 6544. An act to advance the benefits of nuclear energy by enabling efficient, timely, and predictable licensing, regulation, and deployment of nuclear energy technologies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 6591. An act to amend section 8(a) of the Small Business Act to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to regularly reassess the asset and net worth thresholds for qualifying as an