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Sergeant Griffith sadly passed away at only 34 years old and truly had a servant's heart. Along with serving the Hermann Police Department for 12 years, he was also the chief of police in his hometown of Rosebud and a reserve deputy sheriff for the Gasconade County Sheriff's Office. He was a leader in his community and was described by many as one of the most caring and helpful people you could ever meet. Sergeant Griffith touched numerous lives during his life, and now, his memory lives on through his family and in his community.

Detective Sergeant Mason Griffith is truly a Champion of Missouri. His selfless service and dedication to his community inspires myself and all Missourians. Our State is safer because of Sergeant Griffith, and he truly is a hero. I ask my Senate colleagues to join me in honoring Sergeant Griffith's life, and I offer my deepest condolences to his wife Jennifer and their two children, who are in attendance today, for their loss.●

TRIBUTE TO NANCY BAUMGARTNER HANSON

● Mr. SCHMITT. Madam President, today I rise in recognition of a great Missourian, Nancy Baumgartner Hanson. She embodies someone who enriches their community as a service to others, loving their fellow neighbors and caring for them like family.

A resident of Fulton, MO, Nancy saw a need to create opportunities for adults with disabilities, in part because her daughter Shelby, a decorated Special Olympics athlete, recently graduated high school and was looking for a safe space to start her adult life. Not seeing options for her daughter, Nancy set out to build her own. WeBUILT is the first of its kind in Missouri. It is a self-sustaining community development that provides a safe shelter to adults with disabilities. It is maintained and owned by those living in the development.

In reporting on her efforts, a local television station reported, "Ask any parent what they would do for their child, and most would say they would go to the ends of the Earth for them. We met one mom [Nancy] who is moving the Earth to help her adult daughter find freedom and independence." Indeed, the level of effort and dedication to find a solution for her daughter and create a big enough endeavor to

share it with her community is a feat every Missourian should be proud of.

Further, Nancy's commitment to her family and community extends to empowering individuals with disabilities through programs like the iCan Bike camp. As the current host of iCan Bike in Fulton, Nancy teaches individuals with disabilities how to ride a bicycle. The program fosters independence and confidence. Nearing a decade of teaching, iCan Bike underscores Nancy's enduring commitment to making a positive difference in the lives of those with disabilities.

Nancy Baumgartner Hanson is truly a Champion of Missouri. Her accomplishments lie in the lives she has changed, the can-do attitude that she embodies to serve others, and the resulting community she has forged through her efforts. I am proud to represent her and highlight her remarkable contributions to Missouri in the U.S. Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO ADAM AND MELINDA HENDRIX

● Mr. SCHMITT. Madam President, I rise today to honor Adam and Melinda Hendrix of Wentzville, MO, for their inspirational work through their nonprofit, Justin Delivers Hope, or JDH.

In 2017, Adam and Melinda lost their 23-year-old son Justin to a heroin overdose. With this tragedy, the Hendrixes decided to devote themselves to helping other families who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Motivated by their loss to establish Justin Delivers Hope, this charity has done heroic work. JDH has raised money for the education and prevention of heroin and opiate abuse, distributed Narcan to family members and friends of users, and assisted local police departments by funding more K-9 units to fight drug-related crime.

Since its founding, JDH has raised enough money to fund 18 K-9 units to work in local police departments in St. Charles, MO. In 2022, these dogs have helped officers remove nearly 300 pounds of illegal drugs off the streets.

Adam and Melinda Hendrix are truly Champions of Missouri. Because of their efforts and compassion, the St. Louis community is safer and better equipped to address the tragic effects of drug abuse. I am proud to recognize both Adam and Melinda for their work on this important issue and wish them all the best as they continue to serve the citizens of Missouri.●

TRIBUTE TO KEVIN JEFFRIES AND JUSTIN PARRACK

● Mr. SCHMITT. Madam President, I rise today to recognize the courageous actions of Kevin Jeffries and Justin Parrack of Springfield, MO, who went above and beyond to rescue a distressed driver in their time of need.

While traveling along the highway, Kevin Jeffries and Justin Parrack noticed a driver veering off the road into

the median, which was later understood to be due to an untimely medical emergency. These two exemplary men, acting in concert, swiftly entered through the passenger side door, brought the car to a halt, administered CPR, and ultimately saved the life of the driver.

In response to their feats of heroism, they have been honored with the prestigious Honorary Trooper Award, the highest civilian honor bestowed by the Missouri State Highway Patrol. When asked about the situation, Kevin Jeffries humbly remarked, "Thank you, guys, for calling me a hero, but I just feel like I'm just Kevin," while Justin Parrack expressed, "I wouldn't call myself a hero. I'm just a guy doing and trying to do the right thing."

Both Kevin Jeffries and Justin Parrack are truly Champions of Missouri. The actions of these men are nothing short of heroic. They prevented further potential fatalities, injuries, or damages, and, most importantly, they saved the life of the driver. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding these two remarkable individuals for their selfless and courageous actions.●

TRIBUTE TO JOHN MEEHAN

● Mr. SCHMITT. Madam President, I rise today to honor John Meehan of Sedalia, MO, for his investment in his community and willingness to serve his fellow Missourians.

John Meehan has been a dedicated member of various community chambers and nonprofits boards, applying his knowledge of the region and his desire to cultivate relationships to make the community better.

Throughout Meehan's varied career, he has served wherever there was opportunity, including as vice president of Third National Bank from 1982 to 2009, Pettis County Presiding Commissioner from 2011 to 2014, serving on the board of directors for the United Way in Sedalia-Pettis County from 2008 to 2015, as president of the board of directors for the Sedalia Area Chamber of Commerce from 2017 to 2018, and as council chairman of the Wesley United Methodist Church from 2016 to the present. He has even joined as a cohost of a morning talk show called "Let's Talk," to promote local happenings throughout Sedalia.

John Meehan is truly a Champion of Missouri. Even in retirement, Meehan continues to be an active member of civic organizations like the Sedalia Noonday Optimist Club, the Lions Club of Sedalia, and the Sedalia Area Chamber of Commerce. I wish him and his wife Mary all the best in his retirement, though I suspect he will continue to remain quite active in his community. Missourians are better off because of his servant leadership and his dedication to his neighbors.●

TRIBUTE TO HANNAH
MONTGOMERY

• Mr. SCHMITT. Madam President, I rise to recognize Hannah Montgomery of Memphis, MO, for her participation in 4-H and the inspiration she is to her community.

Hannah has been involved in her local community's 4-H program since she was 6 years old and is now 13. She has been in a motorized wheelchair since January 2020, due to a neurological disorder caused by inflammation of her spinal cord. Hannah has never let her physical limitations get in the way of her passion for showing her pigs, and her positive attitude always radiates through to everyone.

At such a young age, Hannah is an active member of her community, demonstrating great advocacy and inclusion for those in similar situations to her. This past August, she was selected as the Adair County SB40 Spotlight Award recipient for Kids Inclusion. Hannah continues to show her community perseverance and the power of a positive attitude.

Hannah Montgomery is truly a Champion of Missouri. She is an example to each and every one of us to pursue what we love, despite barriers that may come in our way. I am proud to honor her work in 4-H and recognize her parents as they have navigated Hannah's medical diagnosis. Missouri is a brighter place because of her, and I am excited to see all this young lady will accomplish in the future. •

TRIBUTE TO MIGUEL PEREZ

• Mr. SCHMITT. Madam President, I rise today to honor an impressive soccer player from my home State of Missouri, Miguel Perez. He has achieved athletic excellence and success at a young age. I am proud to highlight this talented soccer player who should be noted for his ability to perform on the pitch, as well as his desire to serve his neighbors.

Hailing from St. Louis, this young prodigy recently reached a significant career milestone. Two days after graduating from Pattonville High School, Miguel scored his first career Major League Soccer—MLS—goal as a new striker for the St. Louis City SC professional team. Miguel's ascent from local school sports to the pros proves his exceptional skill and work ethic on the field. Yet his achievement also encapsulates the realization of dreams for Miguel, his family, and the wider St. Louis community.

The son of Jackie and Luis Perez, who instilled values of discipline and public service in Miguel from a young age, Miguel grew up embracing soccer as a passion and outlet. During high school and now into his professional soccer career, he maintains academic rigor and community engagement, values modeled by his parents' commitments to Washington University's Orthopedic Department and the St. Louis County Police Department.

Miguel Perez is truly a Champion of Missouri. Furthermore, he is a champion of athletics for Missouri. His early successes in soccer mirror the resilience, character, and work ethic that define our community. I look forward to following his continued growth and career in the MLS. I wish to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Mr. Perez for his success and service to Missouri. St. Louis stands proud—"Who are we? S-T-L!" •

TRIBUTE TO OFFICER ADAM
SULLENTROP

• Mr. SCHMITT. Madam President, I rise today to honor Hermann Police Officer Adam Sullentrop, of Washington, MO. Officer Sullentrop was shot and critically injured on duty while responding to a call on March 12, 2023.

Officer Sullentrop put himself in the line of fire to protect the Hermann community. He, along with Detective Sergeant Mason Griffith, who was fatally shot during the call, were responding to a disturbance at a local gas station when the shootout occurred. This incident led to a nearly 20-hour standoff with the suspect until the suspect was eventually taken into custody by Missouri Highway Patrol SWAT.

After the March shooting, Officer Sullentrop spent 7 months in a Colorado rehabilitation hospital to begin recovering from his injuries. He was finally able to come home to his family a few days before Thanksgiving, a special gift for the holidays. After landing at Lambert Airport in St. Louis, he and his family were escorted back to his home in Washington, MO, by first responders from several agencies in the St. Louis region. His neighbors also lined 15 miles of highway along the route back to Washington to show their gratitude and to support him and his family. Officer Sullentrop has touched many lives during his time as an officer and continues to be an inspiration during his recovery.

Officer Adam Sullentrop is truly a Champion of Missouri. My State is fortunate to be inspired by his service to his community. I ask my Senate colleagues to join me in honoring Officer Sullentrop, and my thoughts and prayers are with him, his wife Michelle, and his entire family during his continued recovery. Officer Sullentrop continues to remain a beacon of hope for all Missourians. •

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3300. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA) Fees;

Histocompatibility, Personnel, and Alternative Sanctions for Certificate of Waiver Laboratories" (RIN0938-AT47) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 26, 2023; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3301. A communication from the Security Officer II of the Office of Senate Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report regarding Brian Hook (OSS-2024-0004); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3302. A communication from the Security Officer II of the Office of Senate Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report regarding Michael Pompeo (OSS-2024-0005); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3303. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a Determination Under Section 614(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to Provide Assistance to Ukraine (OSS-2023-1333); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3304. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Publication, Coordination, and Reporting of International Agreements: Amendments, Correction" (RIN1400-AF63) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 11, 2024; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3305. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Determination Under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3306. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship Program and Faculty Research Abroad Fellowship Program" (RIN1840-AD90) received in the Office of the President pro tempore of the Senate; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3307. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Office of the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Action to Delay Effective Date Consistent With Congressionally Enacted Moratorium" (RIN0938-AA14) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 10, 2024; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3308. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Independent Dispute Resolution (IDR) Process Administrative Fee and Certified IDR Entity Fee Ranges" (RIN0938-AV39) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 26, 2023; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3309. A communication from the Director, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Labor's fiscal year 2022 Office of Workers' Compensation Programs annual report; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3310. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Office for Civil Rights, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safeguarding the Rights of Conscience as Protected by Federal Statutes" (RIN0945-AA18) received in the Office