

University of Central Arkansas, Beau has a master's degree in educational leadership and administration from Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia.

Arkansas is fortunate to have an exceptional, selfless leader like Beau representing the best of many great teachers in our State and serving as a role model to new educators. His passion and commitment are an excellent example for others to follow.

Beau demonstrates what it means to truly go above and beyond for his students. I congratulate him for this achievement and am excited to see the positive impact he will continue making throughout his time as Arkansas Teacher of the Year. I am confident his efforts will be an inspiration in the classroom and beyond for generations to come.●

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL RICHARD R. NEELY

● Ms. DUCKWORTH. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the remarkable career of Maj. Gen. Richard R. Neely, a 40-year servicemember of the Illinois Army National Guard who will retire on May 31, 2024. Major General Neely served as the 40th adjutant general of the State of Illinois and was the director of the Illinois Department of Military Affairs.

As the adjutant general, Major General Neely oversaw the Federal overseas deployments of 4,800 soldiers and airmen to 21 countries around the world and 5,600 servicemembers on State Active Duty exceeding 500,000 duty days combined. Major General Neely served as the adjutant general since February 2019. Beginning in 2020, Major General Neely directed the largest and longest domestic operations activation in Illinois National Guard history in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Illinois National Guard soldiers and airmen assisted with 250,000 COVID-19 tests, delivered 8 million masks, administered nearly 2 million vaccines throughout the State among many other support missions. Major General Neely further oversaw the Illinois National Guard's State Partnership Program with Poland. During one mission, the Illinois National Guard servicemembers provided direct training support to Poland's newly formed territorial defense force in the wake of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Due to Major General Neely's exceptional efforts, he was awarded the Polish Commanders Cross with Silver Star Order of Merit from the President of Poland in 2022. Throughout his entire career, Major General Neely led by example, providing a steady hand through some of the most tumultuous times in the history of our State and our Nation. The Illinois National Guard is better because of General Neely's service.

Major General Neely was also the Nation's first cyberspace officer to serve as an adjutant general and was a nationwide leader in cyber security. He

was the senior cyber adviser to the Chief and Vice Chief of the National Guard Bureau, national lead for implementation of the Nationwide Integration of Time Resiliency for Operations (NITRO) program, vice chair of the National Guard Bureau's Cyber General Officer Advisory Council, chair of the Army National Guard's Information (Cyber) Readiness Advisory Council, and the senior adviser for Cybersecurity and Critical Infrastructure for U.S. Northern Command's Dual Status Commanders Course.

Major General Neely's leadership, determination, and commitment have no doubt changed lives and helped to make our country safer. As his Air Force career ends, may he continue to be "Always Ready, Always There!" and forever take pride in knowing that his exemplary efforts and unwavering professionalism contributed greatly to the success of the Air Force and the National Guard mission.●

RECOGNIZING THE COTTAGE

● 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 The Cottage of Denison, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

In January 2020, mother and daughter duo Cindy and Taylor Borkowski purchased the Your Treasure Chest home decor store from longtime owners Deb and Jeff Frehse. After purchasing Your Treasure Chest, the Borkowski's changed the name to The Cottage and continued selling home decor on Broadway in Denison. When Cindy and Taylor started The Cottage, they went to different craft shows and vendor fairs to get the latest home decor items. While Cindy and Taylor started as the only two employees, their store has since grown to employ two additional part-time employees. On April 1, 2024, The Cottage announced that they would be moving down the street to a new location in Denison, with a ribbon cutting planned in early May 2024.

The Cottage maintains an active Facebook account with videos and pictures of new items in stock, events at the store, and updates on promotions and sales. In addition to selling home decor, Cindy and Taylor Borkowski offer a selection of children and baby, seasonal, and devotional items. Due to their hard work, The Cottage celebrated its fourth business anniversary in 2024.

The Cottage is well recognized for its contributions to the Crawford County economy. In 2022 and 2023, the Bulletin-Review named The Cottage as the Best Boutique in Crawford County. In 2022, The Cottage won the Innovators Award from the Chamber and Development Council of Crawford County. Cindy and Taylor are also involved in the Denison

and Crawford County communities. In 2023, Taylor was named the Businesswoman of the Year by the Chamber and Development Council of Crawford County. Taylor also serves as organizer of Hot Summer Nights in Denison, a series of summer events that include live music, food trucks, activities for kids, and a fundraiser. In 2024, proceeds from the Hot Summer Nights fundraiser will go to Washington Park.

The Cottage's commitment to providing quality home decor in Denison is clear. I want to congratulate Cindy and Taylor Borkowski and the entire team at The Cottage for their continued dedication to the Crawford County community. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success in Iowa.●

REMEMBERING HAWKEYE MOLDING

● 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 Hawkeye Molding of Roland, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week during National Small Business Week.

In 1979, Bob Rusell and Mike Lawrence founded Hawkeye Molding in Albia as a plastic injection product manufacturer. Bob later became the sole owner of Hawkeye Molding and was critical to the company's growth and success. In 2007, he passed away, leaving behind a legacy of hard work, dedication to the community, and manufacturing excellence. In 2008, Hawkeye Molding was purchased by an LED lighting manufacturer, Innovative Lighting, as an addition to their plastics division based in Roland. Innovative Lighting owners Jerry and Janet Handsaker continued to operate the Albia location as Hawkeye Molding, with their Roland plastic manufacturing facility operating under the Innovative Lighting name.

In April 2021, the Handsakers sold Innovative Lighting's plastic division to Ryan Gruhn and Lana Leander, a husband-and-wife team. The Handsakers wanted the new owners of Hawkeye Molding to keep the company's roots in Iowa. Ryan and Lana purchased both plastic facilities from the Handsakers and included the Roland plastic facility under the Hawkeye Molding name.

Today, Hawkeye Molding maintains a 58,000-square-foot manufacturing facility, warehouse, and company headquarters in Roland. It has 38 horizontal injection molding machines and two 20-ton vertical injection molding machines to serve the molding needs of the agriculture, appliance, industrial, and lighting industries. The team also provides molding services for home and office furniture and manufacturing parts. The International Organization for Standardization certified Hawkeye

Molding for quality management systems.

Hawkeye Molding is actively involved in the Story County community. The small business is a proud member of the Ames Chamber of Commerce, and in 2022, the chamber awarded Ryan and Lana with their Economic Impact Award. Hawkeye Molding was named the Iowa Farm Bureau's Renew Rural Iowa Entrepreneur Award in 2021 for its work in the Roland and Albia economies. Lana has also raised funds for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. In 2024, Hawkeye Molding celebrated its third business anniversary under Ryan and Lana's ownership.

Hawkeye Molding's commitment to providing custom injection molded parts and products while keeping manufacturing jobs in Roland is clear. I want to congratulate Ryan Gruhn, Lana Leander, and the entire Hawkeye Molding team for their continued dedication to the manufacturing industry. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success in Iowa.●

TRIBUTE TO KATE MIKOL

● Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, I am honored to recognize Kate Mikol of Bedford as April's Granite Stater of the Month. She and her siblings founded Fueled by Kids, a nonprofit that provides snacks and meals to Manchester-area students, after they learned that many kids their age can't get reliable meals over the weekend. Now 18, Kate serves as the general manager of the organization.

Kate and her siblings started Fueled by Kids after learning about families struggling with homelessness in Manchester. After speaking to a social worker, they learned that one of the biggest ways to help these families is to provide food assistance. They learned that food insecurity can cause immense stress for children and can make it difficult for them to focus on schoolwork. Kate and her siblings were surprised to hear that some students don't even want to go home for the weekend because they don't have breakfast and lunch like they have at school. After learning how widespread food insecurity is, they started assembling bags packed with healthy, kid-friendly foods to give to students at a local school.

Fueled by Kids has now provided these bags and other food assistance to kids for the past 8 years. As general manager of Fueled by Kids, Kate helps organize volunteers, speaks with social workers and principals, and helps spread the word about the organization. She is also very involved with the organization's summer programs to help bridge the gap between school years, when students may lose access to the daily breakfasts and lunches that they have during the school year. Kate also started a club at her high school to help get more students involved; over time, the organization has grown—now serving 21 public schools

in the Manchester area. This year, the organization has already given out more than 1,000 bags.

Kate's dedication to helping children in need is truly admirable. The work that she and her siblings have undertaken by starting and operating Fueled by Kids reflects the Granite State spirit of stepping up for one another—consistently and over time—at its best. I am honored to name her Granite Stater of the Month.●

TRIBUTE TO NICK SELIMOS

● Ms. LUMMIS. Mr. President, in 1948, President Harry Truman famously said, "If you want a friend in Washington, get a dog." There is a very clear exception to President Truman's saying. All of Washington, especially those of us who work on Capitol Hill, have a wonderful friend nearby. He is the manager at The Monocle, Nick Selimos, who has greeted guests at the famous establishment for 50 years.

Just steps from the Capitol, The Monocle had always been a fine establishment, but Nick's charming personality and steadfast commitment to hospitality turned it into the iconic pillar of Capitol Hill it is today. Since his first day in 1974, much has changed in Washington, on Capitol Hill, and even at The Monocle, but Nick has been the one constant.

His friendly face has greeted members of Congress taking a break from debating major pieces of legislation, foreign dignitaries visiting from every corner of the globe, and everyday Americans stopping in for a bite to eat after some sightseeing in the Nation's Capital. No matter who walked through the doors of The Monocle, Nick made them feel like his personal guests and made a point to remember them the next time they stopped by.

He has lent an ear, told a story, and laughed with more Members of Congress than even most congressional leaders. Nick Selimos might be the one man in Washington whose friendly countenance and kind spirit transcend partisan politics and is mutually beloved by all.

Had President Truman known Nick Selimos, the President's famous saying might have been, "Unless you dine at The Monocle and have the privilege of knowing Nick Selimos, if you want a friend in Washington, get a dog."

Let us all raise a glass and cheers to Nick's 50 years at The Monocle and his remarkable positive impact on this city and our country.●

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

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 RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2023, the Secretary of the Senate, on April 23, 2024, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. KIGGANS) has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 815. An act making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2023, the enrolled bill was signed on April 23, 2024, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the President pro tempore (Mrs. MURRAY).

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:02 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, without amendment:

S. 474. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen reporting to the CyberTipline related to online sexual exploitation of children, to modernize liabilities for such reports, to preserve the contents of such reports for 1 year, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1069. An act to amend the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to require reporting regarding clean energy demonstration projects, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3722. An act to require a pilot program on activities under the pre-separation transition process of members of the Armed Forces for a reduction in suicide among veterans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4755. An act to support research on privacy enhancing technologies and promote responsible data use, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4866. An act to direct the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to improve fire weather and fire environment forecasting, detection, and local collaboration, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5333. An act to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to exclude from the limit on leverage certain amounts invested in smaller enterprises located in rural or low-income areas and small businesses in critical technology areas, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5914. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processes to approve programs of education for purposes of the educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7032. An act to amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act