

I want to thank Reese for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all of his future endeavors. I wish him all my best on his journey.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO GEORGETTE “GIGI” GODWIN

• Mr. CARDIN. Madam President, I rise today to honor Georgette “Gigi” Godwin, president and chief executive officer, for her nearly two decades of leadership in service to Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Godwin’s extensive experience in government, business, and nonprofits has been a tremendous asset to the chamber and to the broader Montgomery County community. Ms. Godwin has been a tireless advocate for the greater metropolitan area’s business community. She has successfully championed policies that promote economic growth and job creation and has fostered strong partnerships with elected leaders and stakeholders in her community and across the country.

Through her leadership, the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce created the National Veteran Institute for Procurement, a free technical training program that has graduated roughly 2,500 veteran-owned businesses from all 50 United States and territories, and the GovConNet Council, which advocates for small business Federal Government contractors, and spearheaded the Small Business Runway Extension Act.

Ms. Godwin’s organization has been a go-to thought leader for both the Senate and House Small Business Committees, and I am proud to have been able to observe the advocacy of this fine organization firsthand.

Her dedication is not limited to office hours. Throughout her career, she has served on committees and on the boards of numerous organizations, demonstrating her dedication to public service. These organizations include the Montgomery College’s board of trustees, the Montgomery County Business Roundtable on Education, Committee for Montgomery, the Montgomery County Executive’s business advisory board, and Imagination Stage.

In conclusion, I extend my gratitude to Gigi Godwin for her outstanding leadership and her many contributions to not only Montgomery County, MD, but to servicemembers and business leaders across the country. She is a true champion for every group she touches, and we are all grateful for her service and dedication.●

TRIBUTE TO JOSHUA MANDELL

• Mr. PADILLA. Madam President, I rise today to recognize the exemplary work of local educator and mentor

Joshua Mandell, a teacher at Granada Hills Charter High School—GHCHS—in Granada Hills, CA.

A Bay Area-native, Mr. Mandell holds a bachelor’s degree in English and a master’s degree in educational technology from the California State University, Northridge; a California Single Subject Credential in English and social science; and a Crosscultural, Language, and Academic Development—CLAD—Certificate.

Across his 7 years as an educator, whether teaching students in his ninth grade English, English Second Language, and International Baccalaureate Standard Level World Religion classes or serving as an adviser for the GHCHS Model United Nations—MUN—team, Mr. Mandell has helped countless students discover a love for learning.

At conferences across the Nation—from Berkeley MUN in California or across the country to Dartmouth MUN or National High School MUN in New York City—Mr. Mandell empowers his students to look beyond the walls of GHCHS to the world around them.

But back at home, for students at GHCHS, Mr. Mandell’s classroom is where they feel most comfortable. Because of his unwavering empathy and passion for the subjects he teaches, his classroom has become a place for students to feel accepted, to feel part of a larger community, and to pursue their interests—wherever they might take them.

Today, on behalf of the students and the community he serves, we are grateful for the lifechanging dedication of Joshua Mandell.●

RECOGNIZING GREYLOCH LLC

• Mr. RISCH. Madam President, as a member and former chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each month I recognize and celebrate the American entrepreneurial spirit by highlighting the success of a small business in my home State of Idaho. Today, I am pleased to honor Greyloch, LLC as the Idaho Small Business of the Month for May 2024.

Custom Oak Furnishing, a custom cabinet and furnishing shop, began in Shaun Fickes’ father’s garage in 1991. A few years later, Shaun renamed the business Greyloch Custom Cabinetry after a peak near Lowman, ID, where his grandfather worked as an Idaho forest ranger. Over 20 years, Greyloch grew from a two-man shop to more than 35 employees. In 2015, Shaun began to explore the potential for automation in the industry. While he visited manufacturing plants all over the world, his vision for a first-of-its-kind cabinet manufacturing facility in North America came to life. With a dream that became reality, Shaun rebranded once more to Greyloch, LLC, in anticipation of the unlimited potential for the company’s growth.

Greyloch most recently opened a 96,909-square-foot advanced cabinet

manufacturing facility in Star, ID. The new facility provides opportunities to establish relationships with schools and educators about technical training. Facility tours shed light on the advancements of automation in manufacturing and insight into where the classroom meets the real world.

As a family-owned and operated business, Greyloch has made family a key aspect of its operations. Shaun’s four children—Harrison Fickes, Brennon Fickes, Sydney Peel, and Tyler Moorhouse—grew up with Greyloch and now work full-time alongside their father. Shaun established a supportive work environment for his 73 employees and prioritizes the well-being of his employees who are proud of their work.

Congratulations to the Fickes and all the employees at Greyloch, LLC on their selection as the Idaho Small Business of the Month for May 2024. Thank you for serving Idaho as small business owners and entrepreneurs. You make our great State proud, and I look forward to your continued growth and success.●

TRIBUTE TO CHESCA BARNETT

• Mr. TUBERVILLE. Madam President, Chesca Barnett of Brierfield went to the U.S. Air Force Academy at age 17, thinking that she would one day become an astronaut. Little did she know that her time in the military would take her on a completely different career path. Due to some medical setbacks, Chesca was told she wouldn’t be able to go to flight school, as she had originally planned. She recalls feeling devastated at having to give up on a dream she’d had since she was 6 years old.

This setback led her to discover an unexpected passion that would allow her to help those who need it most. A military career coach encouraged Chesca to become a pharmacy tech. She found that she loved the work. After 8 years in the military, Chesca began studying to become a pharmacist.

She chose to specialize in pediatrics because she believes our children deserve the best care available. And for the last 20 years, she has been serving as a pharmacist at Children’s of Alabama. She also helps at Cooper Green Mercy Help Services.

A colleague at Children’s said that Chesca is “an excellent pediatric pharmacist with a strong focus on patient safety and a team player who willingly shifts her schedule or comes in for extra shifts to ensure patients are taken care of.”

Chesca feels she has a “duty” to serve, which she attributes to her time in the military. But her impact spans far beyond the medical field. Chesca also teaches courses at Jefferson State Community College and Samford University. There, she helps students who are facing personal challenges, reminding them that if she overcame her struggles, they can, too. Chesca is also a proud mom of four.

We are thankful for Chesca's devotion to helping Alabamians in need. Her story is an inspiration to anyone who is facing a difficult circumstance. It is my honor to recognize her as the May Veteran of the Month.●

TRIBUTE TO LOUISE SMITH

● Mr. WICKER. Madam President, on behalf of the people of Mississippi, I submit this statement into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to honor the public service of Ms. Louise Smith. She has dedicated her life to the success of students in her hometown, Pascagoula, MS.

Louise earned bachelor's and master's degrees in music and education, both from the University of Southern Mississippi. She subsequently put that knowledge to work at Gautier Middle School, where she is completing her 22nd year teaching band.

Time and again, Louise's bands have achieved successes. Like all great teachers, she has brought out the best in her students. Her bands have earned superior ratings in concert and sight reading, and they have been invited to perform at the Louisiana Concert Band Invitational. Her students frequently merit high marks in solo and ensemble performances. They earn placements in band clinics and the Mississippi Lions All State Band.

If imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, Louise's students clearly feel fondly toward her, since several have followed in her footsteps. She has inspired students to become band leaders at other schools in Mississippi and Alabama.

Over the last few years, Louise's giftedness has been recognized at even higher levels. The Mississippi Department of Education named her the 2023 Mississippi Teacher of the Year. More recently, she was one of just five educators nationwide to receive the Horace Mann Award for Teaching Excellence. Both awards commemorate her impact on Mississippi students, and they give her opportunities to share her wisdom with other teachers.

Louise's response to these awards characterizes her commitment to public service. She praised Mississippi teachers, rather than herself. For that reason, I am eager to praise her today in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.●

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.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:03 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 and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

H.R. 2925. An act to amend the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 to provide for security of tenure for use of mining claims for ancillary activities, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4143. An act to amend the National Construction Safety Team Act to enable the National Institute of Standards and Technology to investigate structures other than buildings to inform the development of engineering standards, best practices, and building codes related to such structures, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7109. An act to require a citizenship question on the decennial census, to require reporting on certain census statistics, and to modify apportionment of Representatives to be based on United States citizens instead of all individuals.

H.R. 8063. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Army to posthumously award the Distinguished Service Cross to William D. Owens for his valorous actions from June 6, 1944, to June 8, 1944, during World War II at La Fiere Bridge in Normandy, France, while serving with the 505th Parachute Infantry.

H.J. Res. 109. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to "Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 121".

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

S. 870. An act to amend the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to authorize appropriations for the United States Fire Administration and firefighter assistance grant programs.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The President Pro tempore (Mrs. MURRAY) announced that on today, May 9, 2024, she had signed the following enrolled bill, which was previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

H.R. 1042. An act to prohibit the importation into the United States of unirradiated low-enriched uranium that is produced in the Russian Federation, 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. 2925. An act to amend the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 to provide for security of tenure for use of mining claims for ancillary activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 4143. An act to amend the National Construction Safety Team Act to enable the

National Institute of Standards and Technology to investigate structures other than buildings to inform the development of engineering standards, best practices, and building codes related to such structures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 7109. An act to require a citizenship question on the decennial census, to require reporting on certain census statistics, and to modify apportionment of Representatives to be based on United States citizens instead of all persons.

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-4465. A communication from the Management Analyst of the Policy and Regulations Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Seizure and Forfeiture Procedures" (RIN1018-BF19) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 8, 2024; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4466. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Statutory Updates to the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Program" (RIN1901-AB60) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 3, 2024; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4467. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mandatory Transmission and Distribution Planning Support Activities" (RIN1930-AA01) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 3, 2024; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4468. A communication from the Executive Assistant, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Commercial Visitor Services; Concession Contracts" (RIN1024-AE57) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 3, 2024; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4469. A communication from the Division Chief of Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rights-of-Way, Leasing, and Operations for Renewable Energy" (RIN1004-AE78) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 3, 2024; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4470. A communication from the Division Chief of Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of