

shorefront became a leading center of Colonial and early American shipbuilding. It is estimated that more than 300 vessels were launched by Yarmouth's shipyards during the Age of Sail.

With its population exceeding 2,000 people, maritime-oriented Yarmouth separated from farming-oriented North Yarmouth on August 8, 1849, and became a separate town. Industrial activities expanded into tanneries, brickyards, ironworks, and paper-making.

Today, Yarmouth is a vibrant community with arts and music centers, a lovely library, outstanding schools, and beautifully preserved historic buildings. The active Yarmouth Historical Society has one of the finest and most comprehensive collection in Maine and the annual Wellcome Prize essay and film competition encourages high school students to learn about their community's past. One of the town's most prominent and treasured artifacts on display at the Yarmouth History Center is the Flaming Arrow Weathervane that topped the "Old Ledge" Meeting House built in 1730.

Yarmouth's 175th anniversary is a time to celebrate the people who pulled together, cared for one another, and built a great community. Thanks to those who came before, Yarmouth, ME, has a wonderful history. Thanks to those there today, it has a bright future.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO SHERIFF HUEY "HOSS" MACK

• Mrs. BRITT. Madam President, I wish to recognize and congratulate Sheriff Huey "Hoss" Mack on his retirement as sheriff of Baldwin County, AL, and express my gratitude for his stalwart service to the people of Baldwin County and the State of Alabama.

Sheriff Mack was born in Escambia County, AL, and raised in Baldwin County. His parents owned a funeral home that his wife Sherri Mack helps him operate to this day. Tragically, his grandfather was senselessly murdered in Escambia County in 1982, propelling Sheriff Mack towards a career that would empower him to assist those who have experienced similar losses or are victims of crime. To this end, he attended Faulkner State Community College, where he graduated with an associate degree in criminal justice and served as a student government association representative. He later graduated from Troy University with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a master's degree in human resource management. He also holds a crime scene analyst certification awarded by the International Association for Identification.

Starting his career in criminal justice at the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences in 1985, Sheriff Mack served as a medical examiner field

agent, investigating and analyzing crime scenes to identify criminals. He was later a forensic investigator and ultimately promoted to chief forensic investigator of the Department of Forensic Science's Mobile Regional Laboratory.

Sheriff Mack began his work at the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office in 1989 as a criminal investigator responsible for crime scene evaluations. By 2004, he was promoted to the rank of captain and designated the chief investigator of the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division. During his career, he has served on a variety of task forces, including the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Blue Lightning Task Force, Baldwin County Major Crimes Task Force, and the Child Abuse Task Force. Sheriff Mack has also consulted with a wide variety of law enforcement agencies, including as a part of the Department of Health and Human Service's Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team in 2001. On September 11, 2001, while still a lieutenant, he was called to respond and arrived in New York City to assist in rescue operations, helping to bring peace and some form of closure to thousands of families whose loved ones were victims of the terrorist attack on our Nation.

The people of Baldwin County, in recognition of his work as an investigator and his wide array of experiences in law enforcement, elected him sheriff in 2006. He would go on to be elected to four more terms, leading the over 100 members of the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office in keeping citizens safe and pursuing justice for victims of crime. During his tenure, he has worked to address violent crime, drug abuse, and the needs of a growing county.

In 2014, he was elected president of the Alabama Sheriff's Association and has remained active in the association since. He also serves on the National Sheriff's Association's board of directors, executive committee, training committee, and immigration and border security committee. He received the Joseph Treadwell Award in 2015 in honor of his work with the Drug Education Council, and he received the Good Government Award from the Central Baldwin Chamber of Commerce in 2019 for his work leading at the sheriff's office. In 2021, the Alabama Sheriff's Association elected him as its Sheriff of the Year.

His commitment to public service doesn't end at law enforcement, as Sheriff Mack is the former president of the Robertsedale Rotary Club, the former chairman of the Central Baldwin Chamber of Commerce, a former board member of the Baldwin County Economic Alliance, former lay leader of the Robertsedale Methodist Church, and a former board member of the Boy Scouts of America. For this work, he was awarded the Paul Harris Award by Rotary International, the Service Above Self Award, the Rotarian of the Year Award, and was chosen in 2006 as

the Central Baldwin Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year.

On behalf of the people of Alabama, I offer Sheriff Mack my heartfelt gratitude for keeping our citizens safe and wish him a long and happy retirement from local law enforcement with his wife Sherri and with his two sons and grandchildren. I also congratulate him on his upcoming new role as the executive director of the Alabama Sheriffs Association. His career is defined by above-and-beyond dedication to strengthening law enforcement in Alabama, upholding the rule of law, and protecting the people of Baldwin County with unwavering commitment. We owe him a debt of lasting gratitude for exemplary service to his community and his State.●

##### 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH BATON ROUGE

• Mr. CASSIDY. Madam President, I rise today to commend and honor the 150th anniversary of First Baptist Church Baton Rouge.

Since its founding, on September 30, 1874, First Baptist Church Baton Rouge has served as a cornerstone of faith, community, and service—bringing people to know the everlasting love and salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Over the past century and a half, First Baptist Church Baton Rouge has been dedicated to the spiritual growth and well-being of its congregation, offering a place of worship, fellowship, and support for all who enter its doors.

First Baptist Church Baton Rouge has been a beacon of hope, providing outreach programs, educational initiatives, and charitable services that have positively impacted all involved. Additionally, the church fosters a strong sense of community and embodies the values of love, compassion and service through worship, music, education, and outreach continues to make a profound difference in the lives of individuals and families in Baton Rouge and beyond.

On this significant milestone, we recognize and celebrate the enduring legacy of First Baptist Church Baton Rouge and its contributions to the cultural, spiritual, and social fabric of our community.

It is truly an honor and privilege to commemorate First Baptist Church Baton Rouge on their 150th anniversary. I ask that we extend best wishes for many more years of valuable ministry and service.●

##### REMEMBERING THEODORE HOWARD

• Mr. CRAPO. Madam President, with my colleagues Senator JIM RISCH and Representatives MIKE SIMPSON and RUSS FULCHER, we honor Theodore "Ted" Howard, who passed away on May 3, 2024, at the age of 76. Ted Howard, also known as "His Good Road," was a strong, competent, and deeply revered leader for the Shoshone-Paiute

Tribes, a rich source of cultural history and a tremendous Tribal ambassador.

Ted was born in an extraordinary place, and to Idaho's great benefit, he, thankfully, returned in adulthood and advocated for the people of the Duck Valley Reservation. The Duck Valley Indian Reservation is nearly 289,819 acres that straddles the Idaho-Nevada State line in the beautiful and remote, high desert of Owyhee County, ID, and Elko County, NV. Approximately 1,700 of the 2,000 members of the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley also live on the Duck Valley Reservation. Ted served his people admirably for decades through his roles as Tribal Chairman, from 2017 to 2021, and as the Director of Cultural Resources for 25 years for the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes.

Ted used his skills as a certified pilot to assist with medical emergencies and survey and protect remote Shoshone-Paiute cultural sites in the area. He has also helped overcome considerable natural resources challenges, including the Murphy Complex Fire in 2007. This enormous fire that burned an estimated more than 650,000 acres among other difficulties left the Duck Valley Indian Reservation without power for nearly 2 weeks. In a news story about the fire, he reflected, "It was just one of those times when we had to make the best of the situation." This quote is emblematic of his approach. He faced difficulties with calm, resourcefulness, and strength.

From Owyhee County to Washington, DC, we valued working with Ted with his knowledge and capabilities. He was a central partner in helping the locally driven Owyhee Initiative become the law that reinforced the collaborative efforts to manage the magnificent landscape he cherished. Throughout, he worked hard to ensure the lands remain a sacred place for the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes. He was also instrumental in advocating the needs of the Tribes as we worked to advance the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation Water Rights Settlement Act and, later, the legislative fix to allow the Tribes to collect interest owed from the Settlement Act. Ted led efforts of Tribes across the Great Basin working for the repatriation of their ancestors.

Ted was raised as a cowboy and was known for his skill on a horse and working with leather. He took those lessons of hard work and commitment to everything he did. He was renowned for his service to the people. He enlisted in the U.S. Army at the age of 16 and served two tours in the Central Highlands of Vietnam. Ted's commitment to his heritage was evident through his service as a Sundancer, taking part in the annual summer solstic ritual, focusing on the greater good of the community, reconnecting with the earth and receiving spiritual guidance from ancestors. He was widely respected for his extensive cultural and spiritual knowledge of traditional Shoshone and Paiute ways and spoke

both languages fluently. He freely passed on that knowledge to future generations.

With heavy hearts, we say goodbye to Ted Howard, who was heartwarming and fittingly described by his stepson Phil Gover as chief, teacher, healer, leader, mentor, guardian, friend, outdoorsman, cowboy, pilot, and soldier. We extend our deep condolences to Ted's wife Gina, his children, stepchildren, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, other loved ones and the many friends he made throughout his life. We also join the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes in mourning the loss of one of their great leaders. We will miss him greatly and have utmost respect for the lasting legacy he has left through his thoughtful work on all of our behalves.●

#### RECOGNIZING AGRI-INDUSTRIAL PLASTICS COMPANY

● Ms. ERNST. Madam 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 Agri-Industrial Plastics Company of Fairfield, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

In 1978, Dick Smith founded Agri-Industrial Plastics Company in Fairfield, IA. After graduating from the University of Iowa with degrees in industrial and mechanical engineering, Dick set his sights on becoming an entrepreneur, and, along with four employees and a single machine, he began to break into the agriculture industry. Because of his unique experience and engineering perspective, the company was able to specialize in items such as baby pig feeders and farm drains. In the early years, Dick worked closely with trade leaders to enhance the plastic blow molding process in response to the development of new machines and materials to stay ahead of industry trends.

Over the years, Agri-Industrial Plastics has built a reputation for its capabilities in plastic blow molding, serving industries from agriculture to medical equipment. Due to the business's rapid growth, Dick knew the next step was acquiring a larger facility to reach their potential. In 2015, he built a 104,000-square-foot-space addition. Today, the company is a proud employer of over 200 people still operating in the same building they started in over 45 years ago.

Agri-Industrial Plastics emphasizes sustainability and does their best to conserve resources by investing in future solutions. In 2004, Agri-Industrial Plastics became the first nonautomotive custom blow molder to invest in technology capable of producing EPA-compliant fuel tanks, demonstrating the company's commitment to sustainability. They also installed a full solar roof in 2019, along with a

Tesla battery system, marking the first successful solar project in the Midwest. All these initiatives have cut carbon emissions by over 10,000 tons, which is equivalent to planting over 264,000 trees.

After years of running the company, Dick stepped down as president, giving way for his daughter Lori Shaefer-Weaton to take the reins. However, Dick continued his involvement by becoming chairman of the board. Lori leads by example and works hard to inspire the next generation. The Manufacturing Institute selected her for a 2021 STEP Ahead Award that recognizes women who have exhibited excellence and leadership throughout their careers. In 2023, Lori was named the Fairfield Chamber's Outstanding Citizen of the Year. Lori also chairs the Iowa Association of Business and Industry Foundation and recently joined the board of Iowa State's Center for Industrial Research and Service.

Agri-Industrial Plastics Company plays an active role in the Fairfield community and throughout Iowa by partnering with colleges and universities across the State to provide students with training to obtain professional skills. In addition, the company contributed to the Cambridge Little Achievers Center, the Lord's Cupboard Women's Crisis Center, and the Jefferson County Kids Childcare Center.

Agri-Industrial Plastics Company's commitment to giving back and providing high-quality products and services is outstanding. I want to congratulate Dick, Lori, and the entire team at Agri-Industrial Plastics Company for their continued dedication to excellence in the agriculture industry and cultivating the next generation. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success in Iowa.●

#### RECOGNIZING TRISTATE CURLS

● Ms. ERNST. Madam 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 Tristate Curls of Sibley, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Megan Gerken founded Tristate Curls in 2018 as a specialty salon to serve clients with curly and wavy hair. During her professional salon training, Megan worked in various hair salons in her home State of Minnesota, where she is a licensed cosmetologist. She graduated from the Stewart Cosmetology School in Sioux Falls and has gone to Los Angeles, New York City, and Dallas for short-term trainings to develop techniques to work on curly hair. After working in Minneapolis for 5 years, Megan and her husband moved to Sibley, IA, where she opened her own hair salon.

Tristate Curls started in a rented space in Sibley before Megan purchased