

a shop on 9th Street in 2020. Currently, she is the salon's lone stylist, but that doesn't stop her from bringing her passion and dedication to work every day. She ensures every client that walks into Tristate Curls doesn't leave until they are happy with their new hair style. She also makes an effort to explain the products she uses so her customers can recreate the same style at home. Megan is committed to sharing her wealth of knowledge with the next generation of hair stylists and doesn't shy away from giving tips and advice.

In addition to running Tristate Curls, Megan works on the family farm with her husband and helps raise their cattle. Tristate Curls is an active member of the Sibley Chamber of Commerce and, in 2024, celebrated its sixth business anniversary.

Tristate Curls' commitment to providing quality, specialized care for curly and wavy hair in Sibley, IA, is commendable. I want to congratulate Megan Gerken, the Gerken family, and Tristate Curls for their continued dedication to providing beauty care to the Osceola County community. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success in Iowa.●

TRIBUTE TO SETH McMASTER

● Mr. ROUNDS. Madam President, today I recognize Seth McMaster, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all the hard work he has done on behalf of my office and the State of South Dakota. Mr. McMaster is a graduate of O'Gorman High School in Sioux Falls, SD. Currently, he is attending Arizona State University, where he studies business law and business public policy and public service. Mr. McMaster is a dedicated and diligent individual who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience. He has been a true asset to my office. I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Mr. McMaster for all of the work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO GRIFFIN PETERSEN

● Mr. ROUNDS. Madam President, today I recognize Griffin Petersen, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all the hard work he has done on behalf of my office and the State of South Dakota. Mr. PETERSEN is a graduate of Sully Buttes High School in Onida, SD. Currently, he is attending the University of South Dakota, where he studies political science and criminal justice. Mr. PETERSEN is a dedicated and diligent individual who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience. He has been a true asset to my office. I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Mr. PETERSEN for all of the work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO LILY SNEESBY

● Mr. ROUNDS. Madam President, today I recognize Lily Sneesby, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all the hard work she has done on behalf of my office and the State of South Dakota. Ms. Sneesby is a graduate of Spearfish High School in Spearfish, SD. Currently, she is attending Pace University NYC, where she studies business management and finance. Ms. Sneesby is a dedicated and diligent individual who has been devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience. She has been a true asset to my office. I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Ms. Sneesby for all of the work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO ELLA WATERWORTH

● Mr. ROUNDS. Madam President, today I recognize Ella Waterworth, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all the hard work she has done on behalf of my office and the State of South Dakota. Ms. Waterworth is a graduate of St. Croix Falls High School in St. Croix Falls, WI. Currently, she is attending South Dakota State University, where she studies communications, political science, and public relations. Ms. Waterworth is a dedicated and diligent individual who has been devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience. She has been a true asset to my office. I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Ms. Waterworth for all of the work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

REMEMBERING LOGAN CHARLES STRYKER

Mr. SCOTT of Florida. Madam President, I rise to honor the life of Logan Charles Stryker who passed away on July 13, 2024, at just 10 years old. In October 2022, Logan was diagnosed with a rare form of bone cancer. Following his diagnosis, Logan showed amazing courage and was a wonderful philanthropist in southwest Florida, raising an incredible amount of money to help others in his community. In 2023, he was named the Outstanding Philanthropic Youth in southwest Florida after raising over \$30,000 for Golisano's Children Hospital. Logan also raised a significant amount of money for "Barbara's Friends," the hospital's pediatric cancer fund. This work to help other children with cancer is an incredible mission that will inspire all who read his story. While his time on this Earth was far too short, the power of Logan's generosity and selfless work to help others will undoubtedly benefit and positively influence others for many years to come. Logan Charles Stryker was a resident of Estero, FL, and is survived by his parents Scott and Rachel Stryker and his younger brother Griffin.

TRIBUTE TO PATRICK FITZPATRICK

● Mr. TESTER. Madam President, today I would like to honor the career and service of a distinguished Montanan and U.S. Navy veteran, Captain Patrick J. Fitzpatrick.

Captain Fitzpatrick has faithfully served our country in the Navy for 33 years, including serving 25 of those years on Active Duty. And after three deployments, two tours overseas, and being stationed across multiple States, Captain Fitzpatrick is retiring from military service and finally returning home to Montana.

A native son of the Treasure State, Captain Fitzpatrick was raised in Missoula. He is the second generation of a three-generation Navy family and worked as a cabinet installer in western Montana before answering the call to duty and enlisting as a SEABEE in the Naval Reserve in 1992. Not long after, he was commissioned as a Reserve nurse corps officer in 1998 and soon transferred to Active Duty in 2000.

Captain Fitzpatrick began his Active-Duty career serving as an emergency/trauma registered nurse at Naval Hospital Bremerton in Washington State. From there, he went on to serve at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Naples, Italy, before attending the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston. He then served as an emergency clinical nurse specialist and emergency nurse practitioner at the Naval Hospital in Jacksonville, FL, where he was instrumental in helping implement their flu clinic during the 2009 flu pandemic.

After Jacksonville, Captain Fitzpatrick was deployed to the Joint Forces Role-III hospital at Bastion in Helmand, Afghanistan, where he served as a trauma coordinator for the Joint Theater Trauma System and participated in wartime trauma research. He was then transferred to U.S. Naval Hospital in Guam to serve as the command's transition coordinator. There, he oversaw the final design and outfitting of a multimillion-dollar state-of-the-art replacement hospital, all while ensuring hospital services did not lapse.

Captain Fitzpatrick deployed once again as a surgical care coordinator to the USNS *Comfort* as part of Continuing Promises 2015, a humanitarian mission to 11 countries in South and Central America. When he returned home, he then served as the associate director of medical services at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth Virginia before becoming the executive officer of Naval Health Clinic Cherry Point, NC. In August 2021, he returned to the place his Active-Duty career began, Navy Hospital Bremerton, to serve as the commanding officer and director of the Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command and hospital.

In recognition of his incredible service and career, Captain Fitzpatrick has received the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal,

the Joint Service Achievement Medal, and the Navy Achievement Medal.

It is my honor to commemorate Captain Fitzpatrick's incredible service to our country. Patrick, on behalf of myself and a grateful nation, I thank you and extend our deepest appreciation to you and your family for your enduring service and sacrifices. Your exemplary service in the Navy is what makes our country the greatest in the world and Montana the Last Best Place. You are a true patriot, and after 33 years of service, Montana is proud to welcome you and your family back home to the Treasure State.●

REMEMBERING ARLYNE REICHERT

● Mr. TESTER. Madam President, I rise today to honor the memory of an outstanding Montanan and leader.

Arlene Reichert was one of Montana's greatest public servants, whose legacy is as a State legislator, a Cascade County Study Commissioner, a trustee on the Great Falls Public Library Board, a founder and president of the Great Falls Chapter of the American Cancer Society, an officer for the Great Falls Public Radio Association, a president of the Great Falls Chapter of the Montana Rhodes Scholarship Committee, a chair of the National Civic League, a member of the Montana Comprehensive Health Council of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, a member of the committee responsible for the magnificent restoration of Montana's State Capitol, and the driving force behind the preservation of what was once called the Tenth Street Bridge.

Her service led her to be a delegate at Montana's Constitutional Convention, playing a pivotal role in the vision of our State's constitution, a document that has continued to embody Montana values and forge the way for the greater good in the Treasure State.

Arlene's legacy was one of service. That legacy includes many things we can still see today: a constitution, a bridge, a public radio presence, a medical research institution. But her legacy also includes contributions that we can't see, shaping the character that defines Montana politics: fairness, service, and love for State and country.

Arlene was a true Montanan. She never failed to meet challenges, reach across the aisle, and fight for her community at every turn. Her commitment to Great Falls and the common good left a lasting mark on Montana, and I think we can all learn a thing or two from her.

As the late Montana reporter Chuck Johnson once noted, Arlene Reichert was a Montana treasure.

I stand today to thank her and to ask that we remember her by taking a moment to honor the heroes in each of our lives.●

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE BRIGGS

● Mr. TILLIS. Madam President, today I rise to commend George Briggs for

his remarkable 37-year tenure as executive director of the North Carolina Arboretum.

Under Executive Director Briggs' guidance, the arboretum has flourished, boasting a dedicated staff of 150 and an additional 350 volunteers. His leadership has been instrumental in earning the arboretum the distinction of America's Best Botanical Garden by Newsweek. Throughout his career, he has been a driving force in North Carolina's green industry and tourism economy.

The arboretum welcomes over 600,000 visitors and 100,000 students annually, offering innovative educational programs and a serene environment of natural beauty.

Prior to his tenure, Mr. Briggs served as a professor of horticulture at Virginia Tech and as executive director of the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. As president of the American Public Gardens Association and as the founder and chair of the inaugural World Congress of Botanical Gardens held in Asheville, he worked to establish a policy framework for plant conservation in public gardens worldwide.

A native of Reidsville, NC, Mr. Briggs has championed numerous economic development initiatives that have bolstered Asheville's climate science and business sectors and North Carolina's natural products economy.

This year, Mr. Briggs announced his retirement from the arboretum, marking the end of a career characterized by unwavering dedication to Asheville and our State. I extend my heartfelt thanks to Executive Director Briggs for his lifelong commitment, and I wish him and his family all the best as he embarks on this new chapter of his life.●

REMEMBERING DR. NORVELL V. COOTS

● Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam President, I rise today to honor Brigadier General (Ret.) Norvell Vandervall Coots, MD, MSS, FAAD, a distinguished healthcare and military leader who passed away on June 12, 2024. Dr. Coots dedicated his life to serving our Nation and improving the health and well-being of countless lives.

Dr. Coots retired from the U.S. Army in 2016, culminating his distinguished 36-year military career as commanding general of Regional Health Command Europe, concurrent with his post as command surgeon for the U.S. Army Europe and 7th Army. Throughout his service, Dr. Coots held numerous key positions, including deputy commanding general of the U.S. Army Medical Command, Assistant Surgeon General for Force Projection at the Pentagon, and Surgeon General for the U.S. forces in Afghanistan. He also served as the final commander of the historic Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC. Dr. Coots' extensive military accomplishments

earned him international recognition in the form of both the U.S. Army's Distinguished Service Medal and the French Legion of Honor, among many others.

Dr. Coots served as the president and CEO of Holy Cross Health in Montgomery County, MD, for 7 years. Under his guidance, Holy Cross Health became a regional leader in comprehensive cancer care. Dr. Coots also established the Trinity Health Military and Veterans Healthcare Program, addressing the unique needs of military servicemembers, veterans, and their families. Notably, the National Medical Association acknowledged Dr. Coots' dedication and achievement by awarding him the Scroll of Merit.

Following his appointment to Maryland's COVID-19 Task Force, Dr. Coots served as chair of the board of the National Institutes of Health's Clinical Center Hospital. In this role, he was instrumental in overseeing operations and fortifying a culture of safety and high-quality clinical care. His leadership was pivotal in strengthening the practices of oversight and compliance, ensuring that the NIH Clinical Center maintained its high standard of excellence. In addition to leadership roles as chairman of the Board for Maryland Physicians Care, with the American Academy of Dermatology, and on the American Hospital Association Board of Trustees, Dr. Coots received recognition from the Pearl S. Buck Society for his contributions to the development of a healthcare program for orphans in Korea. He also founded Project Moldova, a charity organization for vocational training for children in Moldovan orphanages and boarding schools.

Personally, Van was a trusted and treasured member of my United States Uniformed Service Academy Advisory Board, helping to select and shepherd the next generation of military leaders. His vision and passion for mentoring poignantly built on his own legacy of excellence in public service, and generations across our Nation and around the world will feel the ripple effects of his good works.

I extend my deepest condolences and gratitude to Dr. Coots' family, including his wife Claudia and their children Maximilian and Catalina and to his colleagues. His legacy of service, leadership, and excellence will continue to inspire us all.●

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL ESTEE PINCHASIN

● Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam President, I rise today to honor COL Estee Pinchasin, outgoing commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Baltimore District. Since her commissioning as a second lieutenant in 1998, Colonel Pinchasin has diligently served our country through a remarkable tenure with the corps. Appointed to the role of commander on July 16, 2021,