

and Ocean Engineering Department Academy of Excellence.

Mr. Englander's technical acumen was matched by his gift for leadership. He took care of his people by recognizing their potential, mentoring many rising engineers, and creating opportunities for them to grow. Mr. Englander's legacy lives on at MDA through the talented and capable engineering workforce he trained, the engineering national team he founded, and the analysis quick response team he established.

Mr. Englander's commitment to excellence and pioneering spirit were critical to delivering today's proven multilayered and integrated missile defense system that protects the United States homeland, the men and women of our services stationed overseas, and our allies and international partners. He truly is the father of the modern-day missile defense system.

The achievements of Mr. Englander were on display on April 14, 2024, when Iran conducted an attack on Israel with over 300 weapons, including ballistic missiles, land attack cruise missiles, and unmanned aerial vehicles. The vast majority of the drones and missiles were intercepted by Israel's own air defenses and warplanes and in coordination with U.S. forces. The U.S. Standard Missile-3 ballistic missile interceptor was used for first time in combat, and the Israeli Arrow 3 and David's Sling weapon systems were both used successfully. Mr. Englander's lifetime work enabled the defense of Israel and saved many lives. Although he is no longer with us, he helped realize President Ronald Reagan's dream of making missile defense a reality.

Mr. Englander is survived by his wife Jana of Alexandria, VA; his son Alexander and his wife Sarah of Columbia, MD; and his sister Denise Englander-Kraut and her husband Bill of West Chester, PA. Mr. Englander was the son of Captain Felix (U.S. Navy) and Elaine Englander. I extend my heartfelt condolences to the entire Englander family.

RECOGNIZING 75 YEARS OF BECTON, DICKINSON AND COMPANY

Mrs. FISCHER. Madam President, today, we celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Becton, Dickinson and Company's Columbus, NE, branch. Just after World War II, BD established its first facility outside of its New Jersey headquarters in Columbus. Columbus offered a new frontier for BD to geographically diversify its manufacturing operations. Over the decades, Columbus has grown into a cornerstone of BD's global operations, boasting 2,100 employees today.

Mr. RICKETTS. BD Columbus is at the forefront of innovation and excellence. It celebrated its 50th anniversary of cannula production in 2017, and it has undergone a transformative expansion to become a flagship plastic in-

jection molding manufacturing center. This state-of-the-art facility stands as a testament to BD's legacy of improving lives both locally, within the Columbus workforce, and globally, as it provides critical medical supplies to healthcare systems across the world.

Mrs. FISCHER. From modest beginnings to its rise as a world-class medical technology manufacturer, BD's trajectory has mirrored Columbus's own dynamic evolution. We celebrate this 75-year journey of a storied past, thriving present, and a healthier future.

TRIBUTE TO BECKY LAMBERT

Mr. YOUNG. Madam President, I rise today to recognize a former staff member and friend, Becky Lambert.

Last year, Becky retired after 12 and a half years as constituent services director in my office. In her time serving Hoosier taxpayers, she worked on more than 4,000 cases, helped veterans obtain more than 80 medals, and returned more than \$68 million to individuals fighting to get benefits they were owed. In addition to her accomplishments, her quick wit and bright personality helped to make our New Albany office an amazing place to work.

Becky was born and raised in Prophetstown, IL. She was a brilliant student who earned bachelor's degrees in both criminal justice and accounting. Before joining my staff, she held several different career roles, including helping displaced workers upskill and re-enter the workforce through Business Employment Skills Team. Becky is also a lover of the arts. She is a gifted pianist who has taught countless others over the years. She also created and directed large annual Christmas productions and semi-annual stage productions at her church.

Becky was inspired to enter public service by her father, George "Bud" Thompson, who held many public positions in Illinois, including local school board member. She always said she hoped to emulate his servant's heart, and I can say unequivocally that she succeeded in her mission.

On behalf of my staff and the entire state of Indiana, I thank Becky for her service and wish her the best in retirement.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING THE STAR DEMOCRAT

• Mr. CARDIN. Madam President, I rise today to honor the 225th anniversary of the publication of the Star Democrat in Easton, MD. The Star Democrat was founded August 21, 1799, during the first session of the fifth Congress. First founded as the Republican Star, their original philosophy of individual liberty, local autonomy, and limited central government continues to this day.

Since its founding, the Star Democrat has been published during the administrations of 45 of the 46 Presidents of the United States of America and during all but one of the Nation's major wars.

Over the years, the newspaper has merged with other weekly newspapers published in Easton and gone through various name changes, arriving finally at the Star Democrat. In August 1974, the newspaper celebrated its 175th anniversary and converted from weekly to daily publication, 5 days a week.

In the fall of 1978, the newspaper moved from downtown Easton to its current plant at 29088 Airpark Drive. In October 1988, the newspaper launched its Sunday edition, the Sunday Star, now one of its two largest issues of the week. In 1996, the Star Democrat added its Web edition, www.stardem.com.

Throughout its prestigious history, the Star Democrat has overcome many challenges. The office and equipment were destroyed by two fires, it was wrecked by a mob of vandals, and one of its editors was arrested and exiled by Federal troops during the Civil War.

Yet the Star Democrat has continued to persevere and has been a thoughtful voice for Easton and Maryland Eastern Shore for more than two centuries. This longevity is noteworthy at a time when local journalism is under great strain nationwide.

The newspaper is published Sunday and Wednesday through Friday and serves readers in Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, and Talbot Counties on Maryland's central Eastern Shore.

On behalf of all Marylanders, I thank them for their dedication to a free press and congratulate them on this major milestone.●

TRIBUTE LARRY A. MIZEL

• Mr. BENNET. Madam President, I rise today to recognize Larry A. Mizel, a great Coloradan, who has contributed significantly to the well-being of our servicemen and women through lifelong philanthropy. On Thursday, August 8, 2024, Mr. Mizel will receive the Navy SEAL Foundation's 2024 Fire in the Gut Award to honor his extraordinary dedication to the brave men and women who serve our country.

For decades, Mr. Mizel has played a pivotal role in supporting the Navy SEAL Foundation's mission to provide immediate and ongoing assistance to the naval special warfare community, improve the health and welfare of Navy SEAL veterans, and empower their families through hardship. Through his generous contributions, Mr. Mizel has helped ensure countless Navy SEALs and their loved ones receive the care, support, and resources they need and deserve.

Mr. Mizel's contributions to our servicemembers and veterans extend beyond his work with the Navy SEAL Foundation. Mr. Mizel has championed the Tragedy Assistance Program for

Survivors—TAPS—to provide care and resources to the loved ones of fallen servicemembers. He helped support the establishment of the Colorado Fallen Heroes Memorial honoring Coloradans killed during military conflicts of the 20th and 21st centuries. He also aided the development of the Major General Maurice Rose monument honoring the most decorated battle tank commander in American history and the highest ranking Jewish soldier in World War II.

Through decades of philanthropy, Mr. Mizel has helped build stronger American communities by championing anti-poverty, healthcare, and education initiatives, enhancing public safety, and promoting tolerance. He has supported Denver's youth through his contributions to Urban Peak; assisted housing insecure Coloradans through his support of Mercy Housing Mountain Plains, and improved healthcare delivery through his work with the Denver Health Foundation. Since its founding in 2008, Mr. Mizel has led and supported the Counterterrorism Education Learning Lab, which educates the public on threats of terrorism and violent extremism to enhance national safety. An avid supporter of the Jewish community in Colorado and abroad and the founder of the Mizel Museum, Mr. Mizel is dedicated to fighting anti-Semitism, building bridges across backgrounds, and moving closer to a world without hate.

I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our deepest gratitude and appreciation to Larry A. Mizel for his extraordinary contributions to the Navy SEAL Foundation and our military community, his efforts to enhance public safety and promote inclusion, and his deep commitment to the well-being of American families. Mr. Mizel is a reminder of the power one individual has to shape a better and more secure future for all.●

TRIBUTE TO CHRIS HARRIS

● Mr. PADILLA. Madam President, after nearly a quarter century of leadership, Chris Harris will retire this August from his position as the executive director of the Colorado River Board of California. I rise today to honor his legacy of consensus-building and conservation of one of the West's most vital waterways.

Chris got his start in water management in the mid-1980s, investigating water rights and uses as part of the stream adjudication process in Arizona. By 2000, Chris moved to southern California to join the Colorado River Board of California, where he would go on to serve for nearly a decade as executive director.

During his time with the Colorado River Board of California, Chris distinguished himself with his natural ability to find common ground on the thorniest of issues around managing the Colorado River. Chris consistently found ways to bring States, international partners, Tribal governments,

and the Federal Government together to protect the Colorado River. Among his most impressive accomplishments were his successes in forging binational agreements with Mexico, bringing parties together to form California's historic Quantification Settlement Agreement in 2003, establishing the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program in 2005, and bringing all the Lower Basin States to commit to conserving an additional 3-million-acre feet of water during the period of 2023–2026.

His work with the Colorado River Board has protected a vital resource for the millions of Californians and Americans who depend on it. His leadership demonstrated the qualities we need in environmental management, and his career set a national example for drought mitigation, species preservation, water use, and Tribal engagement.

On a personal note, Chris has been an invaluable partner to me as we have navigated complex negotiations over the future of the Colorado River during my time as a U.S. Senator. But more than that, he has been a selfless teacher and mentor for the next generation of water managers, who now have a blueprint for our State's future thanks to Chris' dedication.

Beyond his role protecting California's water supply, Chris is a Coast Guard veteran, a loving husband to Susan, and a caring father to Doug, Amber, Chelsey, and Jacob.

And while we were never quite able to convert him to become a Dodgers fan or convince him to wear a Lakers jersey, today there is no doubt in my mind that he is as appreciated and as much a Californian as anyone, and California is grateful for his service.

As Chris embarks on this new chapter in his life, his absence will undoubtedly be felt by all those fortunate enough to have collaborated with him. I extend my heartfelt wishes to Chris and his family for a joyful retirement.●

RECOGNIZING 7B BOARDSHOP

● 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 7B Boardshop as the Idaho Small Business of the Month for August 2024.

Located in Sandpoint, 7B Boardshop provides the growing community with skateboards, snowboards, and related apparel and accessories. North Idaho has a variety of excellent places to skate in the summer and snowboard in the winter, including Schweitzer Ski Resort. 7B Boardshop's owner Rory Whitney grew up in the area and recognized the needs of both local residents and the many tourists who visit our beautiful State.

Rory opened 7B Boardshop in 2010, its name a reference to the license plate number of Bonner County, where Sandpoint is the county seat. His business continues to thrive as customers recognize the high quality of his products and his excellent customer service.

Rory has not merely focused on growing his business since 2010, but has also prioritized serving the community. He helped form the Bonner County Skatepark Association, which is spearheading an expansion of Sandpoint's skate park. The skate park needed significant work to meet the demand of Sandpoint's growing population, and Rory has been a leader in raising money and building community support to complete the project.

Congratulations to Rory Whitney and the employees at 7B Boardshop on their selection as the Idaho Small Business of the Month for August 2024. Thank you for serving Idaho not only as small business owners and entrepreneurs, but also as community leaders. You make our great State proud, and I look forward to your continued growth and success.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:05 a.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, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 8998. An act making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 4973. A bill to reassert the constitutional authority of Congress to determine the general applicability of the criminal laws of the United States, and for other purposes.

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-5484. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's activities under the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act during fiscal year 2023 received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-5485. A communication from the Program Analyst, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Pummelos Grown in Florida; Increased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-SC-23-0041) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2024; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.