

Distilling Company has won multiple Micro Liquor Spirit Awards and San Francisco Spirit Awards for their outstanding product design and incredible tasting spirits. The business actively participates in the community as a member of the Clarke County Development Corporation, the Greater Des Moines Partnership, and numerous other community-based organizations. The Taylors also work with the World Food Prize to support the availability of food worldwide. In addition, they collaborate with student entrepreneurs from Iowa State University and Des Moines Area Community College to support agricultural education efforts. In addition to Dr. Christi Taylor's many roles with the business, she is also the chief medical officer for the McFarland Clinic, Iowa's largest physician-owned, multi-specialty practice. This December, Revelton Distilling Company will celebrate its fourth business anniversary.

Through community events, partnerships, and high-quality products, Revelton Distilling Company has become an integral part of the Clarke County community, creating shared memories that bring people together. I want to recognize the Taylors and the rest of the team at Revelton Distilling Company for their commitment to locally sourced production in southern Iowa. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success in Iowa and beyond.●

#### RECOGNIZING SALVAGED DESIGNS

● 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 Salvaged Designs of Oskaloosa, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Jennifer Thomas-Maxwell was deeply involved in small business and entrepreneurship long before she founded Salvaged Designs. In 1950, her grandfather started a waste management business in Beacon, IA. Her parents took over the business in the 1980s and began operating it as a family business. Growing up, Jen worked in every part of the company, from the back of the garbage truck to looking over the books in the front office. In the fourth grade, Jen learned about recycling for the first time, which transformed her perspective on sustainability and waste management.

The first in her family to attend college, Jen studied graphic design and worked in the industry after graduating from college. After she started a family and she was spending time crafting gifts and costumes for her daughter, parents and other children in the neighborhood began wanting her personally designed items. As demand increased, she saw an opportunity to turn her projects into a full-scale busi-

ness. After years of hard work, Salvaged Designs opened its first storefront in 2016. Before long, Jen realized she needed a larger space. In 2018, Jen imagined her company's logo on a Main Street storefront she had admired. In March of 2020, Jen successfully opened Salvaged Designs on Oskaloosa's Main Street.

Today, Jen manages all repurposing and storefront operations for Salvaged Designs. Initially, the business focused primarily on repurposing old furniture, instruments, and other miscellaneous items brought in by customers and community members. With time, Salvaged Designs expanded to carry a variety of Iowa and Midwest-made products created with sustainability in mind, from recycled crayons to chemical-free detergents. The company also offers art classes for product revitalization, painting, and refinishing, which combines Jen's enthusiasm for design and recycling with her desire to empower others to create.

In addition to running Salvaged Designs, Jen is actively involved in the Oskaloosa community. In 2006, Jen raised money to fund the Beacon Park Playground, and, in 2008, she served as the project chair for the construction of a playground at the Lacey Recreation Complex. Jen previously served on the board of Oskaloosa Main Street, which aims to improve downtown Oskaloosa. Through Salvaged Designs, she continues to support the local high school, collaborating with the band to repurpose old instruments and donating half the proceeds back to the band. Jen is also working to start a program at the high school where students learn the value of repurposing materials. She previously served on the board of Oskaloosa Main Street, an organization that aims to improve downtown Oskaloosa. This November, Salvaged Designs will celebrate its eighth anniversary.

I want to applaud Salvaged Designs' commitment to sustainability and service to the community. Congratulations to their success and devotion to Mahaska County and the Oskaloosa community. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success in Iowa.●

#### RECOGNIZING SHIVVERS MANUFACTURING

● 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 Shivvers Manufacturing of Corydon, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Charles Shivvers noticed the limitations and availability of existing grain auger systems which inspired him to create Shivvers Manufacturing in 1968. He patented the tapered sweep auger system, revolutionizing the efficiency

of the grain drying process. This breakthrough led to the first commercially successful Continuous Counter-Flow Grain Drying System, and within a year, Charles moved production from a home garage to a facility in Corydon, IA.

Since its founding, Shivvers Manufacturing has been a family business with Charles' wife Anita, and their sons Carl and Steve have helped grow and manage the company. During the agriculture boom of the 1970s, Carl and Steve expanded Shivvers Manufacturing by forming a sister company in Illinois, which later merged at the Corydon facility.

Recognizing the value of diversifying their product line, Charles and Steve explored new manufacturing opportunities, such as coffee and woodburning stoves. In 1984, they shifted their focus and successfully developed a plan for a zero-turn radius lawnmower. Subsequently, they launched the first prototype for the Country Clipper ZTR. Today, this line of lawnmowers continues to dominant their sales. Shivvers Manufacturing has continued to innovate with products like the CompuDry, a computerized dryer control attachment, and many others. Shivvers Manufacturing continues to advance agricultural technology, expanding its presence nationwide.

In June 2023, a fire destroyed part of the Shivvers factory. Despite this setback, the Shivvers Manufacturing team is diligently rebuilding at their current location in Corydon. Manufacturing has continued, with plans to resume operations in the new facility by the end of the year.

Today, Carl serves as the president of Shivvers Manufacturing while his grandson Dustin serves as the vice president of marketing. Shivvers Manufacturing continues to be a staple in the Wayne County community. The business is a member of the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce. They also work to support local organizations and initiatives such as the Corydon Fire Department and the Wayne County Sheriff's Office. They are annual supporters of the Wayne County Fair and sponsored an upcoming housing development project in Corydon. Shivvers Manufacturing has 140 community-based employees and will be celebrating their 56th anniversary next year.

Shivvers Manufacturing's commitment to providing farmers with quality and innovative agricultural equipment is clear. I want to congratulate the Shivvers family and the rest of the team for their dedication to the agriculture industry. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success in Iowa.●

#### RECOGNIZING THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND OF ALEXANDRIA

● Mr. Kaine. Mr. President. I rise today to recognize the incredible work of the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria,

SFA. Since its founding in 1986, the SFA has played a vital role in propelling high-achieving students with financial need into top colleges across the Commonwealth of Virginia and the country. Its ongoing dedication to removing barriers for these students through wraparound advising, coaching, and scholarship programs has made a profound impact on their futures—and, by extension, on the community at large.

The recent milestone of awarding over \$1.4 million in the last year to support more than 400 Alexandria City High School graduates' matriculation to more than 60 different institutions is a testament to the SFA's commitment to ensuring that no student is left without the opportunity to pursue their educational and career goals. In the nearly four decades that it has been helping students, the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria has awarded nearly \$20 million in scholarships and helped send more than 5,700 Alexandria students to college.

Equally significant is the role the SFA plays in college and career advising. Starting as early as the ninth grade, the SFA guides students through the complex process of applying for financial aid, selecting a best-fit institution, and navigating the rigor and demands of postsecondary education. Through partnerships with the National College Attainment Network, the Virginia College Affordability Network, and annual Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) workshops, SFA provides individual FAFSA assistance to ensure Virginia scholars have ample opportunity and boundless choice.

Furthermore, the SFA's participation in the first beta testing phase of the 2025–26 FAFSA highlights the organization's national leadership in improving access to financial aid. The SFA was one of only six organizations selected nationwide, a testament to and reflection of its deep connections to the vibrant and diverse set of student and contributor populations within the Alexandria community.

Thank you to the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria and its leadership, staff, volunteers, and community partners for continuing to open doors for the next generation of scholars and future leaders.●

### 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF NORTH OF THE JAMES MAGAZINE

● Mr. Kaine. Mr. President, I would like to wish North of the James magazine a happy 30th anniversary and extend a heartfelt congratulations on reaching this milestone.

From its humble beginnings in a garage in Richmond's North Side, the magazine has flourished into an integral part of the Richmond community thanks to the tireless work of editor Charles McGuigan and his dedicated team. It has been delightful to watch the magazine's growth as a trusted

news outlet that uplifts the voices of local businesses, amplifies the voices of everyday Virginians, and highlights the efforts of not-for-profit organizations working to create a better community. The magazine's commitment to its readers is evident through its loyal following over the decades.

I was honored to have been featured by the magazine in 2012 and to have shared that distinction with many exceptional Virginians over the years. I am also proud of the accolades that the North of the James team has achieved this year, as recognized by the Virginia Press Association. Charles McGuigan and Rebecca D'Angelo earned first place for their combination picture and story, "Alleys: Roads Less Travelled," and Fran Withrow received second place for his commentary writing. Catherine McGuigan earned second place for her front cover designs for "Noah Scalin," "RampsRVA," and "Dawoud Bey."

Local news is essential to our communities, and North of the James magazine continues to be a shining example of this. From covering art exhibits and local cuisine to sharing the stories of everyday Virginians, the magazine has been a cherished resource for Richmonders. Congratulations again on a remarkable 30 years.●

### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Kelly, 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 BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2023, the Secretary of the Senate, on November 15, 2024, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 1510. An act to amend provisions relating to the Office of the Inspector General of the Government Accountability Office, and for other purposes.

S. 2143. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 320 South 2nd Avenue in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, as the "Staff Sergeant Robb Lura Roling Post Office Building".

S. 2274. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 112 Wyoming Street in Shoshoni, Wyoming, as the "Dessie A. Bebout Post Office".

S. 3267. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 410 Dakota Avenue South in Huron, South Dakota, as the "First Lieutenant Thomas Michael Martin Post Office Building".

S. 3419. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1765 Camp Hill Bypass in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, as the "John Charles Traub Post Office".

### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:05 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, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 7409. An act to amend the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 to waive the requirement for a Federal drilling permit for certain activities, to exempt certain activities from the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and for other purposes.

H.R. 8446. An act to amend the Energy Act of 2020 to include critical materials in the definition of critical mineral, and for other purposes.

H.R. 8932. An act to establish an earlier application processing cycle for the FAFSA.

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mrs. MURRAY) announced that on today, November 18, 2024, she had signed the following enrolled bills, which were previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

S. 1510. A bill to amend provisions relating to the Office of the Inspector General of the Government Accountability Office, and for other purposes.

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### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 7409. An act to amend the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 to waive the requirement for a Federal drilling permit for certain activities, to exempt certain activities from the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 8446. An act to amend the Energy Act of 2020 to include critical materials in the definition of critical mineral, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.