

movement. He has served on the executive committee of the Rhode Island AFL-CIO, Working Rhode Island, the Providence Central Labor Committee, and as a national vice president for the American Federation of Teachers. He was recently awarded the Dante F. Mollo Labor United Award from the United Way of Rhode Island.

We thank him for his friendship and kindness over many years and for his great inspiration. Frank always demonstrated that, even during the most contentious times, you can find ways to work collaboratively. That is a lesson that resonates during these challenging times and an example that we should follow.

We join countless other Rhode Islanders in wishing Frank a happy and healthy retirement in the company of his wife Sharon and their children and grandchildren. He has earned it.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING REPAINT STUDIOS

• 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 Repaint Studios of Hampton, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

At the beginning of 2021, Billie Asmus left her career in the agriculture industry to pursue furniture refinishing and refurbishing full-time while caring for her first child. As time went on, Billie became acutely aware of the waste and mess generated by disposable plastic paint trays and was motivated to explore sustainable alternatives that wasn't available in the market.

Billie returned to school to pursue a sustainable alternative to paint trays when she was pregnant with her second child. She entered a pitch competition and won third place for her concept: the Repaint Tray. Encouraged by the success and feedback, Billie filed the nonprovisional patent for the Repaint Tray and found a manufacturing team that helped her expand her business. She attended meetings with her newborn strapped to her chest and was committed to following through what would later be categorized as groundbreaking innovation. Later that year, Billie publicly announced the Repaint Tray at the Iowa EntreFEST pitch competition, secured third place, and earned recognition as one of Iowa's Top 10 Startups.

After winning the Lowe's Global Blue Product Pitch Competition in December 2023, Repaint Studios officially launched the Repaint Tray to the market in February 2024. In August, Repaint Studios won first place at the Pappajohn Iowa Entrepreneurial Venture Competition. The company now

sells Repaint Trays, lids, and liners worldwide through its online marketplace. Partnering with six independent retailers, as well as Lowe's and Home Depot, Repaint Studios expanded its reach and will launch in Lowe's stores nationwide, including all locations in Iowa, later this year.

After graduating from the Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center at North Iowa Area Community College, Billie returned to the venture school program as a coach. In this role, she helps new entrepreneurs navigate the process and challenges of product-based manufacturing. Repaint Studios has also created a giveback program to recycle all damaged products. Billie has partnered with TerraCycle, a global leader in recycling, to ensure Repaint Studios materials are repurposed for the construction of accessible playgrounds with features for children with disabilities. Today, Repaint Studios has two community-based employees and looks forward to celebrating its third anniversary next year.

Repaint Studio's commitment to sustainability and customer service is inspiring. I want to congratulate Billie, her family, and the entire team at Repaint Studios for their dedication to innovative problem-solving and entrepreneurship. I look forward to seeing their continued success in Iowa.●

TRIBUTE TO MATTHEW GREGG

• Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, I am honored to recognize Matthew "Matty" Gregg of Nashua as October's Granite Stater of the Month. Matty ran the entire length of New Hampshire earlier this month—230 miles—to raise awareness about hunger in our state.

Matty's run was motivated by his desire to draw attention to the thousands of Granite Staters who experience food insecurity, to inspire others to help those in need, and to encourage State government leaders to evaluate what more they could do to address hunger. He raised funds for NH Hunger Solutions, which connects Granite State families with resources, and also highlighted additional organizations that address food insecurity. For instance, Matty spotlighted White Mountains Community College, which allows all students to eat for free, and the Manchester Food Collaborative, which focuses on expanding access to healthy food for everyone in Manchester while reducing food waste. Matty is also focused on ending the stigma that can sometimes be associated with seeking help, whether it is receiving free lunch at school or visiting a food bank.

Matty's 230-mile New Hampshire run took 8 days, and he made 11 stops. He was cheered on by students from local schools at his stops up and down the State—in his hometown of Nashua, 100 students from Mt. Pleasant Elementary came to his stop and even ran with him for a few minutes. Matty's run for hunger was not the first time that he has combined his love of run-

ning with his passion for making a difference. In 2018, he ran across America for the Firefighter Cancer Support Network, running more than 5,245 miles and raising thousands of dollars. According to Matty, these extreme runs act like "lightning rods" to draw attention to a cause, and over the past decade, he has raised over \$600,000 for different charities. He says that the support of his family—including from his wife Alicia and his children Noah, Ethan, and Emma—makes it easier to endure the grueling distances.

Matty's dedication to ending hunger in our State is a true example of the New Hampshire spirit of taking action to address issues affecting our communities. His creativity and willingness to—literally—go the extra mile to help more people get the food that they need is why I am proud to name him Granite Stater of the Month.●

TRIBUTE TO LINDA SARETTE

• Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, I am honored to recognize Linda Sarette of Sanbornton as November's Granite Stater of the Month. Linda has been tending the gardens at the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery since 2019, ensuring that the final resting place of fallen servicemembers is a place of beauty and calm.

Linda was raised to understand the value of service. Her father served in the Coast Guard, and after his death in 2019, he was buried at the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen. The cemetery is a place that is deeply important to our State, where we can reflect on the brave Granite Staters who gave the words "Live Free or Die" true meaning. Linda noticed that there was no garden in the section that her father was buried in, and the staff told her that they would put one in if she would care for it—and she has been tending gardens at the cemetery ever since. Linda has been gardening for her entire life, and she uses her knowledge and skills to plant flowers, weed, and trim the hedges at the more than 100 gardens throughout the cemetery, working up to 4 days a week in the spring.

Over the years, Linda has found a family of volunteers at the cemetery. She has gotten to know many of the people that come to visit loved ones at the cemetery. Throughout the years, different people have also joined Linda in volunteering to take care of the gardens, but regardless of whether other volunteers are there, she has remained a constant presence. Linda is there on quiet days, comforting families going through a difficult time, and she is there on holidays to place wreaths and flags at each grave.

Linda's commitment to ensuring that all fallen servicemembers are shown dignity at their final resting place is a beautiful example of the Granite State spirit of showing respect toward those who serve, in life and in death. Her kindness in supporting the

New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery is why I am proud to name her November's Granite Stater of the Month.●

TRIBUTE TO JUDGE PETER CAHILL

● Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Judge Peter Cahill, a public servant, former colleague, and friend who is retiring after 17 years of service on the bench of Minnesota's Fourth Judicial District Court.

Pete has spent decades serving our State. After getting his law degree from the University of Minnesota, he worked for 2 years as an assistant public defender. And prior to his appointment to the bench, he served as a prosecutor in the Hennepin County Attorney's Office. I had the privilege of working with Pete for 8 years when I served as county attorney, where I witnessed firsthand his dedication to the rule of law. During most of that time, he served as my chief deputy. By the end of my second term, Pete and I understood each other so well that he almost always knew what I could think about a certain set of facts, and I could predict the same of him. But Pete never just told me what I wanted to hear; he was too honest and strong-minded to be a "yes man." I learned an important lesson from Pete: Make the right decision under the law and the facts, and then find a way to explain it to the public. Don't ever make the wrong decision just because it is easier to explain.

With Pete's devotion to doing what is right—even when it is not easy—it was no surprise when Governor Tim Pawlenty appointed him to the Fourth District Court. On the bench, Judge Cahill applied his even-handed judgment to every case over which he presided.

Quoting Seneca, Pete has said: "Wherever there is a human being, there is an opportunity for kindness." And whichever way he has ruled, he has presided with dignity, grace, and, yes, kindness. He has ensured that every litigant, every defendant, and every victim's voice is heard.

His unflappable devotion to the law was on full display when he presided over the 2021 trial of Derek Chauvin for the murder of George Floyd. That case received international news coverage, but Judge Cahill didn't let that cloud his judgment. His ruling, as always, was based on the law and the facts. For that decision and countless others, he will be remembered in the history books as a beacon of fairness, a guardian of the rule of law, and a true minister of justice.

Pete, thank you for all you have done to keep our Nation's sacred promise of "Equal Justice Under Law." Minnesota is better because of you. I wish you all the best in your retirement.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:38 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, an-

nounced that the House has passed the following bill without amendment:

S. 3126. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish or replace a headstone, marker, or medallion for the grave of an eligible Medal of Honor recipient regardless of the recipient's dates of service in the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 825. An act to prohibit contracting with persons that have business operations with the Maduro regime, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5536. An act to require transparency in notices of funding opportunity, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5658. An act to amend title 39, United States Code, to require mail-in ballots to use the Postal Service barcode service, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7653. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to update certain terminology regarding veteran employment.

H.R. 8371. An act to make certain improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

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

S. 2181. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal the sunset on entitlement to memorial headstones and markers for commemoration of veterans and certain individuals and to repeal the sunset on authority to bury remains of certain spouses and children in national cemeteries, and for other purposes.

At 12:41 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 bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 82. An act to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 5658. An act to amend title 39, United States Code, to require mail-in ballots to use the Postal Service barcode service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 7653. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to update certain terminology regarding veteran employment; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following joint resolution was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar pursuant to PL 118-50(e)(1):

S.J. Res. 117. Joint resolution relating to the disapproval of the Presidential report with respect to the indebtedness of the Government of Ukraine.

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 825. An act to prohibit contracting with persons that have business operations with the Maduro regime, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5536. An act to require transparency in notices of funding opportunity, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, November 19, 2024, she had presented to the President of the United States 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".

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-6542. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Color Additive Certification; Increase in Fees for Certification Services" (RIN0910-AI69) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2024; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6543. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Progress Report on the C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation Program and National Cord Blood Inventory Program"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6544. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program Report to Congress for Fiscal Year 2022"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6545. A communication from the Chairman of the Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2024; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-6546. A communication from the Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the cost of response and recovery efforts for FEMA-3600-EM in the