

firm, where he also gained valuable experience on the civil side of the docket.

Mr. Murphy has also held leadership positions in the criminal defense and local bars. He has served as president of the Massachusetts chapter of the Federal Bar Association and served on the board of the Massachusetts Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. And he has served as a supervisor for the Bar Advocates of Worcester County, a private nonprofit providing legal representation to indigent clients charged with crimes.

Brian Murphy has an impressive academic background, as well. He is a graduate of Columbia Law School and Worcester's own College of the Holy Cross.

In law school, he showed academic prowess and an early passion for justice, serving as editor-in-chief of the Columbia Human Rights Law Review.

Having lived and worked in Massachusetts throughout his entire legal career, Brian Murphy understands our State and the importance we place on ensuring justice for all.

It is therefore not surprising that Mr. Murphy has received strong support from the Massachusetts legal community. A group of former assistant U.S. attorneys in Massachusetts—his courtroom opponents—wrote to the Senate Judiciary Committee that they “unreservedly” supported his nomination. They described him as thoughtful, intelligent, and compassionate and committed to justice, his clients, and the court system.

I agree with his former colleagues who told the Judiciary Committee that Brian Murphy's educational background, life experience, and temperament qualify him to be an outstanding Federal district judge.

Senator WARREN—who has been an outstanding partner on Massachusetts judicial nominations—and I are proud to have recommended Brian Murphy's nomination to President Biden. Brian Murphy's confirmation will add to President Biden's legacy of placing on our courts only well-qualified jurists from diverse professional backgrounds, who are committed to justice for all.

I urge my colleagues to vote yea on Brian Murphy's confirmation.

#### VOTE ON MURPHY NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Murphy nomination?

Mr. CARPER. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN), the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING), the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN), and the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator

from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE).

The result was announced—yeas 47, nays 45, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 305 Ex.]

#### YEAS—47

Baldwin	Heinrich	Rosen
Bennet	Helmy	Sanders
Blumenthal	Hickenlooper	Schatz
Booker	Hirono	Schumer
Brown	Kaine	Shaheen
Butler	Kelly	Smith
Cantwell	Klobuchar	Stabenow
Cardin	Lujan	Tester
Carper	Markey	Van Hollen
Casey	Merkley	Warner
Coons	Murphy	Warnock
Cortez Masto	Murray	Warren
Duckworth	Ossoff	Welch
Durbin	Padilla	Whitehouse
Gillibrand	Peters	Wyden
Hassan	Reed	

#### NAYS—45

Barraso	Fischer	Mullin
Blackburn	Graham	Murkowski
Boozman	Grassley	Paul
Braun	Hagerty	Ricketts
Britt	Hawley	Romney
Budd	Hoeven	Rounds
Capito	Hyde-Smith	Schmitt
Cassidy	Johnson	Scott (FL)
Collins	Kennedy	Scott (SC)
Cornyn	Lankford	Sullivan
Cotton	Lee	Thune
Crapo	Lummis	Tillis
Cruz	Marshall	Tuberville
Daines	McConnell	Wicker
Ernst	Moran	Young

#### NOT VOTING—8

Cramer	Manchin	Sinema
Fetterman	Risch	Vance
King	Rubio	

The nomination was confirmed.

Ms. STABENOW. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the motion to reconsider with respect to the Murphy nomination be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. SMITH). Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Ms. STABENOW. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate consider the following nominations en bloc: Calendar Nos. 815 and 827; that the Senate vote on the nominations en bloc without intervening action or debate; that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the nominations en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Shall the Senate advise and consent to Calendar Nos. 815 and 827 en bloc?

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

#### IN THE ARMY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

*To be lieutenant general*

Maj. Gen. Allan M. Pepin

#### IN THE ARMY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

*To be general*

Lt. Gen. Christopher T. Donahue

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

#### MORNING BUSINESS

Ms. STABENOW. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session and be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

#### TRIBUTE TO MIKAYLA HULVEY

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam President, I rise today to honor Mikayla Hulvey, an outstanding young Arkansan who has earned the Civil Air Patrol's (CAP) prestigious General Carl A. Spaatz award.

Mikayla is currently a CAP cadet with the 115th Composite Squadron in Rogers, and she plans to join the U.S. Marine Corps as a pilot in the coming years.

The Spaatz award is the highest honor a cadet can receive. It requires rigorous testing, both academic and physical, where candidates demonstrate their aptitude in leadership, fitness, aerospace knowledge, and character. In winning this award, Mikayla has distinguished herself as a remarkable young woman with a bright future ahead.

During her time as a cadet, Mikayla's unwavering drive has helped her rise through the ranks of flight sergeant, deputy commander, and cadet commander in her squadron.

Outside of her time with the Civil Air Patrol, Mikayla prioritizes academics while being a devoted member of her community. She is an Honors Society member who has served as a student body representative and participates in multiple sports including archery, cross country, and track. She also volunteers at her local church as the children's church assistant and drama team participant, in addition to being a dedicated martial arts student who serves as an assistant instructor in Tae Kwon Do.

Mikayla is an exceptional young person who embodies the ideal qualities of our men and women in uniform, and I am confident she will serve our Nation well in the future.

She is certainly deserving of this distinguished award. I congratulate Mikayla and wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.●

# RECOGNIZING VANDER HAAG'S, INC.

• 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 Vander Haag's, Inc., of Spencer, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

In 1939, John C. Vander Haag, Sr., founded South Side Junkyard in Sanborn, IA. It was initially created as a scrap metal business to support the wartime effort. However, he noticed a growing demand for truck parts throughout World War II and transformed the business into a trusted supplier of recycled truck parts. In 1955, his son John C. Vander Haag, Jr., took over and expanded the company's services and community footprint. In 1969, South Side Junkyard rebranded into Vander Haag's, Inc. They relocated its headquarters to Spencer, IA, to enhance repair services and provide an opportunity to better supply truck parts throughout the State. The company evolved into a multifunctional business, focused on customer service and community support.

Today, John M. Vander Haag, the founder's grandson, serves as the president of the company. Over three generations, Vander Haag's has grown into a full-service provider of new and used truck parts, offering services from truck repairs and equipment sales to installation and truck and trailer sales. With 11 locations and a team of over 350 people across the Midwest and Texas, Vander Haag's is recognized as a national leader in the trucking industry.

Through its products, services, and philanthropy, Vander Haag's is deeply involved in its communities. The business sponsors the Career and Technical Academy, which trains people for various job opportunities. The team also supports Woodworking with a Purpose, which has provided over 2,000 desks for schoolchildren since the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2024, Trucks, Parts, and Service recognized Vander Haag's as a Distributor of the Year finalist, marking the company's 3rd year receiving this honor.

In 1997, the Vander Haag family founded Yesterday's Memories & Truck Museum in Sanborn, showcasing antique cars, trucks, and everyday items from the past 80 years. The museum also offers space for nonprofits and other organizations to host events at little to no cost. The Vander Haag family also received the 2022 Beyond Expectations Award from the Iowa Area Development Group for its support in constructing 20 duplexes in Sanborn. Thanks to three generations of hard work, Vander Haag's will celebrate its 86th anniversary next year.

Vander Haag's commitment to high-quality service and customer satisfaction as a family-owned and operated

business is clear. I want to congratulate the Vander Haags and the entire team for their dedication to providing exceptional experiences to families in Iowa and across the country. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success in Iowa. •

## TRIBUTE TO BARRY DUVAL

• Mr. Kaine. Madam President, it is my honor to recognize the distinguished career of Barry DuVal, who is retiring as the president and CEO of the Virginia Chamber of Commerce after more than 14 years in the position. I offer these comments with the support of my colleague Senator MARK WARNER.

Born and raised in Virginia, Barry began his career in public service in 1988, when he was elected to the Newport News City Council. Two years later, he became mayor of the city at just 30 years old. As mayor, he launched the city's first residential recycling program and worked to diversify the city's local economy. Following his 6 years as mayor, Barry took the helm of the Hampton Roads Partnership, a regional organization focused on economic development for a region that was then home to 1.6 million Virginians.

In 1998, Barry was appointed as secretary of commerce and trade for the Commonwealth of Virginia by then-Governor Jim Gilmore. As secretary, he successfully worked to secure 1,500 economic development projects—representing more than 156,000 new jobs and \$13.7 billion in private investment.

Barry was tapped as the president and CEO of the Virginia Chamber of Commerce in 2010. At the time, the chamber had approximately 1,000 members. Today, it counts more than 33,000 members, a testament to Barry's leadership and impact.

During his tenure at the chamber, Barry oversaw the launch of Blueprint Virginia, a comprehensive business-led plan for long-term economic development. The Blueprint has become an institution in and of itself in Virginia, with the chamber presenting an updated Blueprint at the beginning of each of the last four Governorships. It provides valuable insights to business leaders and policymakers on the direction, challenges, and opportunities facing Virginia's economy.

Barry has become a trusted leader in Virginia whose counsel is heeded by both Republican and Democratic officials. He embodies the bipartisan spirit that helps ensure Virginia's economic development strategy progresses forward, regardless of the political composition of Richmond or Washington.

The results of Barry's work and collaboration with elected officials can be seen in the regular recognition of Virginia as one of the best States to do business in. During his tenure, CNBC has ranked Virginia as the "Top State for Business" four times. Over the course of his career, Virginia's been

ranked in the top five best States for business in 10 out of 14 rankings. Similarly, Forbes has regularly had Virginia toward the top of their rankings of best States for business. In the time that Barry led the chamber, Virginia was in Forbes' top five best States to do business for 8 out of 10 years.

As Virginia's Senators, it has been our pleasure to work with Barry over the years. His impact on Virginia will be felt long after his retirement. We wish Barry well in his retirement and thank him for his service to the Commonwealth. •

## 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEW RIVER VALLEY RECOVERY COURT PROGRAM

• Mr. Kaine. Madam President, I rise to commend the 10th anniversary of the Recovery Court Program in the New River Valley of Virginia and extend recognition to Lori Trail, who has served as program manager and coordinator since the program's creation.

Lori Trail's service to the community is reflected in the hundreds of lives of New River Valley residents whom she has supported in their recovery journey. Her positive leadership and tireless work have paved the way for the success of Recovery Courts across five jurisdictions in Virginia, beginning in Pulaski County in 2014, and expanding to the counties of Floyd, Giles, and Montgomery, as well as the city of Radford.

Over the past decade, Lori has dedicated her life to creating opportunities for New River Valley residents in recovery. She has helped people with substance use and mental health disorders reclaim their lives and served as a bridge for people to mend relationships. Not only has her work positively impacted the participants of Recovery Courts, but their loved ones and families, as well.

Lori's staunch advocacy and dedication has raised the standards for the staff around her, and the community members she works alongside. She is an inspiration to those in the New River Valley and across the Commonwealth. Although her success can be measured through each life she has guided through the program, her influence on the New River Valley is immeasurable, and her legacy will remain as an embodiment of compassion, service, and hope. •

## TRIBUTE TO GLEN STUBBE

• Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Madam President, I rise today to honor Glen Stubbe, an incredible photojournalist who is leaving the Minnesota Star Tribune after 26 years.

Through his lens, Glen has captured the lives and livelihoods of Minnesotans from all walks of life, each image telling a story words alone never could.

As someone who has had the privilege of being on the other side of Glen's camera—at press conferences, the