

will continue to value its role in the production of safe, affordable, and reliable American energy for many years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL
(RETIRED) WILLIAM D. COBETTO

● Ms. DUCKWORTH. Madam President, I rise today to pay tribute to the remarkable career of Major General (Retired) William D. Cobetto, the former Commander and Assistant Adjutant General—Air, Illinois National Guard, who will retire on January 31, 2025. After retiring from the Illinois Air National Guard in 2015, Major General Cobetto returned to the Illinois Department of Military Affairs in 2019, as a legislative liaison and currently serves as the Chief of Staff—Illinois Department of Military Affairs.

As the assistant adjutant general, Major General Cobetto was responsible for the command, control, and operations of plans and programs affecting more than 3,000 Illinois Air National Guard personnel located at the 126th Air Refueling Wing at Scott Air Force Base, the 182nd Airlift Wing at Peoria, and the 183rd Wing at Springfield, IL. His broad range of responsibilities included insuring combat readiness and mission capability of the three major air bases comprised of flying wings, command and control facilities, logistics, and mission support units. Throughout his entire career, Major General Cobetto led by example, providing a steady hand through some of the most tumultuous times in the history of our State and our Nation. The Illinois National Guard is better because of General Cobetto's service.

Major General Cobetto received his commission in 1985 from the Academy of Military Science, Knoxville, TN. During his career, he has served in several key positions. As commander, 183rd Fighter Wing Mission Support Group, he directed and monitored support activities and units ensuring cohesive integration of functions and resources. Prior to that, he provided sound fiscal guidance as comptroller, 183rd Fighter Wing. Of special note, General Cobetto was mobilized in 2003 and served at the Pentagon assisting the Air Force Crisis Action Team and the Secretary of the Air Force Financial Management. During his time as chief of staff for the Illinois Department of Military Affairs/Illinois National Guard, he coordinated the efforts and resources of Illinois Department of Military Affairs to support the State and Federal missions given the ILNG. He further serves as the agency's main point of contact with the Governor's office and other State and Federal Agencies that work with the ILNG. General Cobetto was previously assigned as the legislative liaison.

Major General Cobetto's leadership, determination, and commitment have no doubt changed lives and helped to make our country safer. As his service career ends, may he continue to be

“Always Ready, Always There!” and forever take pride in knowing that his exemplary efforts and unwavering professionalism contributed greatly to the success of the Air Force, the Illinois National Guard, and the National Guard mission.●

RECOGNIZING IOWA SPRING
MANUFACTURING

● 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 Iowa Spring Manufacturing of Adel, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

In 1976, James Bianco founded Iowa Spring Manufacturing to create and deliver large, heavy-duty metal springs for agricultural and mechanical equipment and overhead garage door industries. Before starting the business, James lived in Des Moines and worked as a salesman for an Indiana-based mechanical spring company. He leveraged his experience and long-standing relationships to start his own spring manufacturing business.

James and his wife Kathy began with a single machine and consulted an engineer to bring their vision to life. By 1979, the company relocated its headquarters to Adel to accommodate its growing operations. James managed Iowa Spring Manufacturing for more than 25 years and stepped down as CEO in 2002, handing over the reins to his son Tim Bianco, who joined the business full-time in 1989.

Iowa Spring Manufacturing continues to expand its products to manufacture and deliver metal springs for agriculture, construction, and recreational industries. In 2007, the business launched a garage door spring division named Southern Atlantic Spring in North Carolina. With operations in three States, the company maintains over 450,000 square feet of manufacturing space, including their new 60,000-square-foot facility in Adel, which opened in April 2023. Under Tim's leadership over the last 20 years, Iowa Spring Manufacturing has grown from 30 employees to more than 200 employees, taking American-made springs across the Western Hemisphere.

Iowa Spring Manufacturing is a member of the Adel Partners Chamber of Commerce, as well as the Farm Equipment Manufacturing Association. Additionally, Tim sits on the executive board of the Iowa Association of Business and Industry (ABI), as well as the board of the Spring Manufacturing Institute. In 2021, ABI awarded Tim with the Legend in Manufacturing Award. Locally, Iowa Spring Manufacturing is a dedicated supporter of the Adel Public Library and Adel High School. Across its locations in Iowa, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania, the company also works to support the local

fire and emergency services. Next November, Iowa Spring Manufacturing looks forward to celebrating its 49th anniversary in Iowa.

Iowa Spring Manufacturing's commitment to providing the country with reliable, American-made equipment is clear. I want to congratulate this family and the team for their dedication to keeping American-made metal springs available across the United States. I look forward to seeing their continued success.●

RECOGNIZING LAKEFRONT LIVING

● 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 Lakefront Living of Pleasantville, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

In 2018, Stacy Rowson started Lakefront Living after working as an embryologist for 13 years. She initially focused on selling custom sand and engraved vases for weddings and unity ceremonies, she expanded her business over time and moved it out of her home and into a rented space in Pleasantville, IA. In 2019, Stacy purchased and transformed an old grocery store into the brick-and-mortar storefront where Lakefront Living remains today.

While sand creations were the foundation of the business, Stacy's entrepreneurial spirit drove her to explore new possibilities. A suggestion from a community member sparked the idea to invest in a direct-to-film printer, opening the door to designing and printing custom products.

Today, Lakefront Living specializes in customizable apparel, accessories, and gifts—all crafted in-house. The business has six community-based employees who assist Stacy with the design process. From custom tumblers to soaps and bags, Lakefront Living also plays a key role in creating much of the merchandise for the local high school. The company collaborates with small businesses across the Midwest to bring unique gifts and decor to the store. Lakefront Living also hosts parties, painting workshops, and charcuterie-making classes.

Lakefront Living's dedication and impact on the community has not gone unnoticed. The business is an alumnus of the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses Program and has won several awards, including the 2021 Pleasantville Business of the Year and placing second in the Red Rock Startup Pitch Contest. This year, the Marion County Economic Development Commission also recognized Lakefront Living as the Best Small-Town Retail Store and the Best Hobby and Special Interest Store in Marion County. Stacy also plays an active role in the Pleasantville community through her involvement with the Pleasantville FFA

Alumni Association, Pleasantville Community School District High School Boosters Club, and the Liberty Evangelical Free Church youth group. Additionally, Stacy cofounded the Pleasantville Christmas on the Square, an annual event that takes place on Small Business Saturday. Next year, Stacy and her team look forward to celebrating Lakefront Living's fifth anniversary.

Lakefront Living's desire to create customized quality products is clear. I want to congratulate Stacy Rowson, her family, and the team at Lakefront Living for not only offering unique, quality products, but also working to uplift other small I look forward to seeing their continued success in Iowa.●

TRIBUTE TO SUSAN SEGAL

● Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Madam President, I rise today to honor the tremendous career of Susan Segal, the chief judge of the Minnesota Court of Appeals, who is retiring after over two decades in public service. Judge Segal has served on the Minnesota Court of Appeals since 2019 and as the chief judge since 2020.

Judge Segal has also been a steadfast friend and mentor who has been a guiding force in my career. We got to know each other back when I was a summer associate at her firm. Susan—like her late mom Gloria—became an incredible mentor to me throughout my legal career, giving me advice on everything from handling tough cases to navigating the challenges of being a woman in law at the time.

After I was elected to serve as Hennepin County Attorney, Susan joined my team as my chief deputy in charge of the civil division. No matter what case the civil division was handling at any given moment, I could always count on Susan for thoughtful, honest advice.

Her devotion to following the facts and doing what is right brought her to the Minneapolis City Attorney's Office after we left the Hennepin County Attorney's Office following my election to the U.S. Senate. As city attorney, she fought for the people of Minneapolis on issues of public safety, victim support, and managed an office of over 100 dedicated public servants. She also managed the office's criminal division, which typically handled over 15,000 criminal prosecutions per year.

And after decades of serving Minneapolis and Hennepin County, it was no surprise that Governor Walz appointed Susan to serve on the Minnesota Court of Appeals in 2019 and no surprise that she was elevated to chief judge just months after taking her seat on the bench.

As chief judge, Susan has served our State with dignity, grace, and fairness, ruling on matters ranging from affordable housing to voting rights and ensuring that the voices of all who enter her courtroom are heard.

I thank Judge Segal for her leadership, her friendship, and for being a true minister of justice. Susan, congratulations on your retirement.●

TRIBUTE TO RONALD W. WILLIAMS

● Mr. SCOTT of Florida. Madam President, I rise to honor the career of Columbia County Commissioner Ronald W. Williams. First appointed by then Gov. Bob Graham in 1981, Mr. Williams is the first Black Columbia County commissioner and the longest serving county commissioner in the history of the State of Florida. He has also served as the Columbia County chairman for a total of 11 years. Mr. Williams was born in Columbia County and graduated from Richardson High School in 1962. As a true lifelong Floridan, Commissioner Williams represents the best of what Florida has to offer. I want to congratulate him on his dedication to public service and thank him for everything he has done for the people of Columbia County.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Stringer, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a treaty which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:54 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 bills without amendment:

S. 1147. An act to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to provide for grants in support of training and education to teachers and other school employees, students, and the community about how to prevent, recognize, respond to, and report child sexual abuse among primary and secondary school students.

S. 3448. An act to reauthorize the Director of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum to support Holocaust education programs, and for other purposes.

S. 4107. An act to require Amtrak to report to Congress information on Amtrak compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 with respect to trains and stations.

S. 5355. An act to ensure that the National Advisory Council on Indian Education includes at least 1 member who is the president of a Tribal College or University.

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

H.R. 115. An act to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for en bloc

consideration in resolutions of disapproval for "midnight rules", and for other purposes.

H.R. 670. An act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a website to promote awareness of available resources for individuals with disabilities, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1101. An act to amend the Lumbee Act of 1956.

H.R. 3396. An act to require the standardization of reciprocal fire suppression cost share agreements, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5401. An act to provide a one-time grant for the operation, security, and maintenance of the National September 11 Memorial & Museum at the World Trade Center to commemorate the events, and honor the victims, of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6127. An act to provide for the standardization, consolidation, and publication of data relating to public outdoor recreational use of Federal waterways among Federal land and water management agencies, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7938. An act to amend the Klamath Basin Water Supply Enhancement Act of 2000 to provide the Secretary of the Interior with certain authorities with respect to projects affecting the Klamath Basin watershed, and for other purposes.

H.R. 8012. An act to establish the Jackie Robinson Ballpark National Commemorative Site in the State of Florida, and for other purposes.

H.R. 8308. An act to reauthorize the Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003.

H.R. 8931. An act to redesignate Saratoga National Historical Park as Saratoga National Battlefield Park.

H.R. 8946. An act to convey the reversionary interest of the United States in certain land in Sacramento, California.

H.R. 9516. An act to amend the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to provide for lifetime National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Passes for family members of members of the Armed Forces who lost their lives while serving their country.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 115. An act to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for en bloc consideration in resolutions of disapproval for "midnight rules", and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3396. An act to require the standardization of reciprocal fire suppression cost share agreements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 8308. An act to reauthorize the Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 8931. An act to redesignate Saratoga National Historical Park as Saratoga National Battlefield Park; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 8946. An act to convey the reversionary interest of the United States in certain land in Sacramento, California; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 9516. An act to amend the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to provide for lifetime National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Passes for family members of members of the Armed Forces who lost their lives while serving their country; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.