

summer manufacturing camps around the State.

Kaleb Knowlton served admirably as regional representative in Appalachian Ohio. Not long after he joined my staff, a train derailment in East Palestine threw the community into crisis. Kaleb stepped in to coordinate Federal assistance and build strong relationships with leaders to assure that we got them the support they needed and could advocate for changes in rail law to better protect communities.

JT Huffer-Cole has served with dedication as north central Ohio regional representative. He assisted with statewide events and helped coordinate some of the many summer manufacturing camps our office organized to show young people the careers available in American manufacturing.

#### 25th ANNIVERSARY OF KACHEMAK BAY NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, the Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, or (KBNERR), has enhanced appreciation and understanding of Alaska's Kachemak Bay ecosystem for a generation, allowing for tremendous research, partnerships, and educational programs to develop. Given it is the 25th anniversary of the Reserve, it is appropriate to acknowledge the importance of protecting and studying the area, while also commending the work done across the National Estuarine Research Reserve System.

The establishment of this Reserve in 1999, which is the largest in the system, has ensured that 372,000 acres of Kachemak Bay's coasts and estuaries are studied through place-based learning and locally driven research questions. Research and long-term monitoring of the bay's complex ecosystem and surrounding watershed provide communities the information they need to be stewards of natural resources in the region and respond to changing conditions. Additionally, as a sentinel site for the Gulf of Alaska, work done at KBNERR informs natural resource management across Alaska and the Nation.

As part of the University of Alaska Anchorage's Alaska Center for Conservation Science, KBNERR researchers actively participate in community outreach and, through training and education programs, ensure that scientific information is available to decision-makers, the public, and younger generations.

KBNERR and its NERRS counterparts have contributed greatly to habitat protection and economic growth. Across the country, these Reserves have produced thousands of jobs and research positions, protected millions of acres of land, and secured the continued vitality of fisheries and natural infrastructure.

Thank you to the university and KBNERR staff and communities surrounding Kachemak Bay who make it

possible to enhance our appreciation and understanding of Alaska's coastal lands and waters, ensuring our natural resources remain healthy and productive well into the future.

#### RECOGNIZING THE YOUNG MENS CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF CINCINNATI BLACK ACHIEVERS OF 1984

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I rise today to issue a long-overdue correction to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on behalf of Ohioan Cornell Anderson.

In 1984, Mr. Anderson was selected as a Black Achiever by the YMCA of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. While former Ohio Representative Thomas Luken recognized Mr. Anderson's achievement in a statement for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on June 14, 1984, unfortunately, Mr. Anderson's name was listed incorrectly.

Today, I would like to issue a simple correction to ensure Mr. Anderson's name is captured correctly in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Representative Luken's original remarks can be found in Volume 130, No. 81 of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, beginning on page 16614. They are also listed here in their entirety, replacing Mr. Anderson's name with a corrected version.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have that statement printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

#### RECOGNIZING THE YOUNG MENS CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF CINCINNATI BLACK ACHIEVERS OF 1984

Mr. Speaker, as Representative of the First Congressional District of Ohio, I ask my colleagues to join with me in saluting the Young Mens Christian Association of Cincinnati Black Achievers of 1984 on the occasion of the 6th annual awards dinner on June 15, 1984.

This program began in Cincinnati in 1979 for the purpose of developing and cultivating youths throughout Cincinnati in the areas of communications, self-awareness, college life, and family life. These are areas vital to the development of our youth today. The Black achievers serve as positive role models through voluntary interaction with the youths year round. They work closely with the YMCA in projects which stimulate the surrounding communities as well as the youths.

The purpose of the program is a commendable one. Our future depends on our young people and I am proud to salute the Black achiever adults and students who have made significant contributions to the business and industries of Cincinnati. I also commend the businesses who, through their financial contributions, make this program a success. I salute you and wish you much continued success in the future.

I salute the following Black achievers of 1984:

Cornell Anderson; Charles Bell, Jr.; David K. Brown; Charles V. Douglas; Denise Eaton; Shirley A. Echoles; Mitch A. Fraser; Barbara A. Gilbert; Donald Graham; Billy Grant; Harriette E. Harrington; Milton W. Hinton; Jacqueline Hinton-Cravanas; Algertha Howard; Harry Howard; Vernon L. Jackson;

Charles James; Barbara M. Johnson; Lawrence Johnson; Patricia Johnson; Brenda E. Key; Carolon Jones; Peter K. Knox; George E. Larry, Jr.; Kathy E. Lewis.

Carolyn Lindsay-Cooper; John Lomax; Ray D. Lotts; James E. Lowry; Renee M. McCollough; Larcine J. McDonald; Darryl L. Mobley; Larry B. Munday; Cheryl Murphy; Edward L. O'Neal; Pamela L. Page; Henry J. Partridge; Harvey M. Pickrum, PhD; David L. Pognard; Shari Lynn Smith-Johnson; Regina E. Sofer; Debrah Storms; Ronald Thigpen; Garland Thurman; Linda F. Tuck; Mark D. Walton; Clarence F. Warren; Debbye C. Williams; Mrs. Denise J. Williams; Harry J. Williams; Tyrone S. Williams; Stephen A. Wilson; Sally B. Ziegler.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO DAVID BUGBEE

• Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, I am honored to recognize David Bugbee of Concord as December's Granite Stater of the Month. David, who is 71 years old, has been donating blood regularly since he was 17, helping countless Granite Staters and others in our region through this precious gift.

David was first inspired to donate blood by his father. As a child, David remembers going with his dad to regular blood donation appointments, although at the time he didn't realize that is what his father was doing. Eventually, he grew curious about the little square bandage he noticed his dad sporting after these appointments and asked what the appointments were. When he was 17 years old, David saw a flyer for a blood drive at his Manchester college and, remembering his dad's frequent donations, decided to go. After his first donation, David knew that this would be a meaningful way in which he could help others—and since then, he has given blood more than 200 times.

Donating blood is David's way of giving back to his community. Blood donations can be used for many different purposes in a hospital or emergency setting, and hospitals rely on volunteers like David to collect enough supply for patients in need. David has said that he counts himself lucky to have had jobs that have always allowed him to leave for blood donation appointments during the day. He does not find it a bother at all to give a pint of blood and has gotten used to the sensation, even saying that the period of rest that is required after donating can give him a little break in his day to sit down afterward and eat a snack. A lifelong Granite Stater, David regularly visits his donation center in Concord to give blood, and he appreciates the Red Cross workers who run the center. He has especially noticed that they always show their gratitude to those who donate.

David's selfless commitment to regularly donating blood is a great example of the Granite State spirit of helping other people in any way possible. As we celebrate the holiday season and reflect on ways in which we can support our fellow Granite Staters, I am proud

to name David December's Granite Stater of the Month.●

#### TRIBUTE TO JORGE RAMOS

● Mr. PADILLA. Mr. President, earlier this month, Jorge Ramos stepped down after nearly four decades as anchor of Univision's primetime show, "Noticiero Univision." While his impact doesn't end here, I rise today to celebrate his nearly half century as an icon of Spanish-language news.

Jorge Gilberto Ramos Avalos was born on March 16, 1958, in Mexico City. He earned his degree in communication from Ibero-American University before getting his start as a journalist for Televisa in Mexico. But in those early days, a career as an independent voice in Mexican media was far from guaranteed.

After an early report by Ramos covering the Mexican Presidency was censored, Ramos made the difficult decisions to resign from his position, pack his bags, and even sell his red "vochito"—or Volkswagen—and head for Los Angeles.

But that dedication to journalistic integrity would serve him well. It guided him first to a local KMEX station and soon after to a position with what would later become Univision, a Spanish-language broadcaster with a growing audience in the United States.

In 1986, Ramos became a co-anchor of Univision's primetime show, broadcasting the nightly news to millions of Spanish-speaking Americans and immigrants. In 2007, he debuted his Sunday morning political show, "Al Punto," which he would host for the next 17 years.

Over the course of his career, Ramos became one of Latino America's most trusted sources of news, interviewing U.S. Presidents and other world leaders, covering wars and conflicts, and winning 10 Emmys for his reporting. In a changing United States of America, as a Mexican immigrant and eventually U.S. citizen, Jorge Ramos spoke to a growing Latino population who deserved equal access to quality news of the country around them.

On a personal note, as the proud son of immigrants from Mexico, I can hardly remember a time before Jorge Ramos seemed ever-present on our airwaves. But I remember the sight of a younger Jorge Ramos before the iconic silver hair, the stories he broke, and the trust he built with an audience who relied on him.

Today, we thank Jorge for his unwavering commitment to informing his audience, for holding our public leaders accountable, and for demanding greater access and resources for Spanish speakers.

While this marks the end of his time at Univision, as Jorge has said, "real journalists never retire." We eagerly await what comes next.●

#### TRIBUTE TO HOLLY ALLGOOD

● Mr. WICKER. Mr. President, on behalf of the people of Mississippi, I commend Mrs. Holly Allgood, who has devoted her career to serving our State's young people.

Holly is a native of Tupelo, MS, and she earned an undergraduate degree at Mississippi State University. She has faithfully supported the Bulldogs' football team, but nothing brings Holly more joy than watching her sons play sports. Her love for children extends to her students, as she cares for them in the classroom.

For 13 years, Holly has served in the Tupelo Public School District, giving back to the community that raised her. Today, she leads a special education class in the city's Early Childhood Education Center. Holly is guided by her mother's mantra: "All children can learn. You just have to find out how they learn best." Few embody that principle better than Holly. Every day, she works to give the gift of education to those at risk of being left behind.

However, it is an act of profound selflessness that entitles Holly Allgood to special recognition today. This year, she learned that one of her 5-year-old students urgently needed a liver transplant. For his whole life, he had faced a rare genetic disorder that necessitated this procedure. Holly signed up to be a donor. A perfect match for her young student, she traveled from Tupelo to Pittsburgh, PA, for a 6-hour, intensive liver transplant surgery. Holly's kindness saved the life of her beloved student.

Mrs. Allgood's story is a testament to the impact one person's amazing generosity can have. I join my fellow Mississippians in thanking Mrs. Holly Allgood for her daily work in the classroom and for her recent sacrificial, compassionate act of heroism.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:40 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 759. An act to authorize the National Detector Dog Training Center, and for other purposes.

S. 1351. An act to study and prevent child abuse in youth residential programs, and for other purposes.

S. 3857. An act to take certain land in the State of California into trust for the benefit of the Jamul Indian Village of California, and for other purposes.

S. 3959. An act to require the Transportation Security Administration to streamline the enrollment processes for individuals applying for a Transportation Security Administration security threat assessment for certain programs, including the Transportation Worker Identification Credential and Hazardous Materials Endorsement Threat Assessment programs of the Administration, and for other purposes.

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

H.R. 8664. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland Security to conduct an annual audit of the information systems and bulk data of the Office of Intelligence and Analysis of the Department, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 44. Concurrent resolution directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 5009.

At 4:28 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 8663) to require the Science and Technology Directorate in the Department of Homeland Security to develop greater capacity to detect, identify, and disrupt illicit substances in very low concentrations.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 5009. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2025 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mrs. MURRAY).

The message further announced that pursuant to section 109(b)(2) of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263), the Minority Leader announces the joint appointment with the Majority Leader of the Senate of the following individual to serve as a Co-Chairperson of the Commission on the Future of the Navy: The Honorable Filemon Vela of Houston, Texas.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mrs. MURRAY) announced that on today, December 19, 2024, she had signed the following enrolled bill, which was previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

S. 4199. An act to authorize additional district judges for the district courts and convert temporary judgeships.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 8664. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of Homeland Security to conduct an annual audit of the information systems and bulk data of the Office of Intelligence and Analysis of the Department, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.