

Notably, we also served together on the Senate Judiciary Committee, where we worked to confirm fair and qualified judges and pass legislation that made this Nation more just and equitable. Specifically, in 2011, he co-sponsored the DREAM Act, legislation that is very close to my heart.

I send my deepest condolences to Herb's family, friends, and constituents. With Herb's passing, we lost one of the very best of us. I am honored to have called Herb a friend, and I will miss him dearly.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, in a few short days, our Nation will honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

For many, it will be a day to envision a future in which America, as Dr. King dreamed, is "free at last." For others, it will be a time to remember the ideals Dr. King fought so hard for, namely his dream for everyone in this country to finally receive the fair and equal treatment promised to them under the Constitution.

Today, we should honor Dr. King's legacy by continuing to fight to realize his dreams—and also recognize the brave people who stood alongside Dr. King at the foot of history's doorstep, like Memphis sanitation worker and civil rights activist Elmore Nickelberry.

Mr. Nickelberry was one of the last surviving Memphis sanitation workers who fought for better working conditions in 1968, and he marched with Dr. King during the sanitation workers' strike. He was a man of great integrity and a pillar within his community. When others wanted to give up and stop the strike, he said: "Keep on marching, keep on doing the right thing. If they're doing the right thing, everything will be good. But keep the dream alive."

Because of Mr. Nickelberry's bravery and determination, the Black Memphis sanitation workers received better working conditions and pay and were finally afforded rights equal to those of their White counterparts. Last week, Elmore Nickelberry took his last breath on this earth. But the legacy left behind by Mr. Nickelberry, Dr. King, and the rest of the visionary activists who fought for a freer, fairer, and more just America will stand the test of time.

The impact of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., on our Nation is, in many ways, immeasurable. Dr. King taught us that no change comes without hard work and determination. He used to say, "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

As chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, I am committed to continuing the work to which Dr. King

committed his life: the work of advancing justice and equality for all. We are moving toward that goal by continuing our efforts to bring balance to our Federal judiciary. Throughout America's history, our courts have too often been the venue in which justice is denied rather than delivered. If we want to fulfill the promise of equal justice under the law, we need a Federal bench that looks like America. And, under President Biden, we are finally building that bench. We must continue to advance well-qualified judicial nominees who reflect the diversity of America.

Under President Biden's leadership, the Senate has confirmed more Black women to the Federal circuit courts than all prior Presidents combined, including the first-ever Black woman to serve on the Supreme Court: Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson.

We have also confirmed a historic number of Asian American, Latino, and LGBTQ+ judges, and we have confirmed more circuit judges with experience as public defenders than all prior Presidents combined. In the past couple of years, our Nation has made historic progress, both in rectifying the injustices of our past, and building Dr. King's "Beloved Community." And that progress was made possible by my fellow Democratic Members of Congress who have advanced Dr. King's march for justice in every form: racial justice, social justice, and economic justice.

I would like to close by evoking the words of another great American and civil rights activist—my friend, the late John Lewis. A disciple of Dr. King, Congressman Lewis believed in the power of community, justice, and love. He is famously known for his belief that people should "get in good trouble, necessary trouble" to help redeem the soul of America.

Today, as we reflect on how we can honor Dr. King's memory and live by his legacy, I hope we can all commit to getting into the kind of "good trouble" that John Lewis urged, the kind of trouble that challenges our Nation to live up to its lofty ideals, the kind of trouble that is hard, and costly but ultimately brings us closer to realizing Dr. King's dream.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO KATHY WEBB

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam President, I rise today to recognize Kathy Webb, who is retiring as chief executive officer at the Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance after a tremendous 11 years advocating greater food security for all Arkansans.

Kathy started her work with the Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance as a volunteer in 2006 before serving on the board of directors and ultimately leading the nonprofit as CEO since 2012. She has been a champion of anti-hun-

ger efforts, helping many Natural State residents access nutritious food while partnering with State and Federal lawmakers to enact meaningful policy solutions, as well as increasing awareness and mobilizing others to address this issue.

Under Kathy's leadership, the Alliance hosted the first legislative SNAP challenge, created the Arkansas Legislative Hunger Caucus—the first of its kind in the country—and organized new partnerships in sectors previously not engaged in fighting hunger. Her leadership was instrumental in successfully expanding access to healthy food and enhancing State and Federal nutrition policies to help hungry kids. With a common goal of improving child nutrition programs, I was proud to collaborate with Kathy on a landmark measure to ensure children have access to healthy, nutritious meals year-round.

She is a dedicated public servant whose has spent her career striving to make Arkansas better. As city director and vice mayor of Little Rock, a member of the civic advisory board for the Little Rock School District, a former member of the Arkansas House of Representatives, and volunteer at Susan G. Komen for the Cure events, her sustained presence and passion have benefited countless lives.

Kathy exemplifies what it means to give back to her community. I am grateful for all she has contributed locally and beyond to combat hunger over many years with so much important progress achieved. I appreciate our longtime friendship, and I know her impact will continue to be seen for generations to come. I wish her the best of luck in retirement.●

TRIBUTE TO MARY ERICKSON

• Mr. DAINES. Madam President, today I have the distinct honor of recognizing Mary Erickson, forest supervisor for the Custer Gallatin National Forest, for her years of service.

Mary has been active in the stewardship of natural resources for nearly 40 years, the last 15 as forest supervisor in Montana. During her tenure, she worked to consolidate the Custer and Gallatin National Forests into one National Forest that Montanans enjoy today. The Custer Gallatin National Forest stretches over 3.1 million acres and covers portions of southern Montana and western South Dakota. It is known for its wildlife, breathtaking scenery, and opportunities for industry and recreation.

Mary graduated from Oregon State University's College of Forestry with a bachelor of science in forest management in 1982 and received a master of science in forest economics in 1986. In her time with the Forest Service, Mary has supported numerous collaborative efforts to better the connection between communities, organizations and the Forest Service and led the Custer and Gallatin Forest through a forest

plan revision process that engaged public users and local communities.

Mary's support of the communities who enjoy and rely on their public lands is exemplary and personifies what it means to be a public servant. With her retirement at the end of December, Montana recognizes her distinguished career and thanks her for her contributions and dedication to our wonderful State, the natural resources we enjoy, and the people who call it home.●

RECOGNIZING COLLET'S PUB

● Mr. RISCH. Madam President, as a member and former chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each month I recognize and celebrate the American entrepreneurial spirit by highlighting the success of a small business in my home State of Idaho. Today, I am pleased to honor Collet's Pub as the Idaho Small Business of the Month for January 2024.

Collet's opened in 1930 during Prohibition as a pool hall in Firth, ID. Generations of the Collet family owned the smalltown bar before closing for 2 years due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In September 2022, Holly and Brian Johnson purchased the business and brought Collet's back to life. Despite much-needed repairs to the building, Holly and Brian's fond memories of eating hamburgers there as children encouraged them to preserve the original look and feel of Collet's, including the iconic teal sign. Customers who have frequented Collet's for 20 or even 30 years still admire the original sketches and engravings etched into the bar by the former owner.

Collet's was the first bar in Idaho to serve Budweiser Beer on tap, and today, the pub is a family-friendly restaurant known for good food, burgers, and karaoke on the weekends. As the only dining establishment in Firth, Holly and Brian have given the community a place to grab lunch, meet up with friends, play cards or pool, and visit.

Congratulations to the Johnsons and all of the employees at Collet's Pub on their selection as the Idaho Small Business of the Month for January 2024. Thank you for serving Idaho as small business owners and entrepreneurs. You make our great State proud, and I look forward to your continued growth and success.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Stringer, 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.)

PRIVILEGED NOMINATIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

On request by Senator RON WYDEN, under the authority of S. Res. 116, 112th Congress, the following nomination was referred to the Committee on Finance: Andrew G. Biggs, of Oregon, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2024.

On request by Senator RON WYDEN, under the authority of S. Res. 116, 112th Congress, the following nomination was referred to the Committee on Finance: Sharon Beth Lewis, of Oregon, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2028.

On request by Senator RON WYDEN, under the authority of S. Res. 116, 112th Congress, the following nomination was referred to the Committee on Finance: Andrew G. Biggs, of Oregon, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2030.

On request by Senator RON WYDEN, under the authority of S. Res. 116, 112th Congress, the following nomination was referred to the Committee on Finance: Kathryn Rose Lang, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2026.

On request by Senator RON WYDEN, under the authority of S. Res. 116, 112th Congress, the following nomination was referred to the Committee on Finance: Corey Anne Tellez, of Illinois, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury.

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-3203. A communication from the Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Standard for Button Cell or Coin Batteries and Consumer Products Containing Such Batteries" (Docket No. CPSC-2023-0004) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3204. A communication from the Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amending Safety Standard for Button Cell or Coin Batteries and Consumer Products Containing Such Batteries" (Docket No. CPSC-2023-0004) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3205. A communication from the Secretary of the Maritime Administration, De-

partment of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to the Federal Ship Financing Program Regulations; Financial Requirements" (RIN2133-AB98) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3206. A communication from the Attorney for Regulatory Affairs Division, Office of the General Counsel, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard for the Flammability of Clothing Textiles" (Docket No. CPSC-2019-0008) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 6, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3207. A communication from the Acting Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's nineteenth annual report on ethanol market concentration; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3208. A communication from the Acting Secretary of the Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Carrier Automated Tariffs" (RIN3072-AC86) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 18, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3209. A communication from the Senior Attorney Advisor/Regulations Officer, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Standards for Traffic Control Devices; the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways; Revision" (RIN2125-AF85) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3210. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2022 Closure for Spiny Lobster in the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone Around Puerto Rico" (RIN0648-XC071) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 15, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3211. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Historical Captain Permits Conversions" (RIN0648-BI12) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 15, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3212. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Coral and Coral Reefs of the Gulf of Mexico; Amendment 9" (RIN0648-BI61) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 15, 2023; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3213. A communication from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic;