

I also want to thank the hospitals who received and treated the victims from the crash. Rural hospitals have small staffs and limited resources, but the medical centers in northwest Kansas did an outstanding job treating and transporting those who were injured.

Citizens Medical Center in Colby treated 30 patients and transported 5 who needed additional care. Goodland Regional Medical Center treated 26 patients and transported 3 who needed additional care. Thank you to the nurses, doctors, and hospital staff who worked through the night and into the weekend treating patients and sending them safely on their way.

I also want to express my gratitude to the Kansas Highway Patrol whose work continued through the evening, and into the weekend, clearing the interstate so it could be re-opened.

This tragic accident led to the deaths of eight people. My heart goes out to the families who lost a loved one in this tragedy on I-70. Losing a loved one is painful, especially in sudden tragic circumstances. It is times like this that communities pull together, and we remember how blessed we are to have neighbors and strangers who are willing to risk their lives to help others.

I hope everyone uses this tragic accident as a reminder to hold your loved ones a little closer and thank the men and women who put their own lives at risk for the sake of others.

Stay safe and may God bless.●

RECOGNIZING THE PORT OF LEWISTON

● Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Port of Lewiston, Idaho's only seaport and an economic cornerstone of north Idaho and the broader Pacific Northwest.

In 1975, the Port of Lewiston opened, marked by the launch of the first barge to sail westward down the Columbia-Snake River System. Nez Perce County voters approved its creation in 1958, but it took the completion of the Lower Granite Dam in 1975 to make Idaho's seaport fully operational. As the furthest inland seaport in the western United States, the Port plays a vital role in connecting Idaho's businesses to global markets. Over the past five decades, the Port of Lewiston has been instrumental to boosting regional trade, promoting economic development, and generating new jobs in surrounding communities.

The establishment of the Port of Lewiston provided farmers and businesses with a cost-effective alternative to rail and truck transport. Today, approximately 24 million bushels of wheat are transported out of the Port of Lewiston's Lewis Clark Terminal each year. The Columbia-Snake River System continues to serve 11 western States and is the largest pathway for wheat exports in the country.

The influence of the Port of Lewiston extends far beyond trade, serving as a

driver for business and real estate development and public infrastructure investments. The Port has been a catalyst for modernization in the region, notably through the expansion of fiber broadband access in Lewiston and the development of a broadband network from Moscow to Star. These investments ensure Idaho businesses remain competitive in the ever-evolving global economy.

While manufacturing jobs have declined in many areas nationwide, north central Idaho has defied this trend. Thanks in large part to the port, manufacturing jobs in the Lewiston area have surged by 70 percent, adding over 3,000 positions since 1975. This remarkable growth has made north central Idaho's workforce incredibly resilient and distinctive.

Recently, the Port of Lewiston partnered with American Cruise Lines to create Idaho's first cruise ship dock, further diversifying its economic impact and attracting tourism to the region. The port, along with its investments in Idaho, have attracted new manufacturing, transportation, and tourism employers, inspiring greater opportunities for the people of north central Idaho.

As we look to the next 50 years, the Port of Lewiston will undoubtedly remain a key driver in shaping Idaho's economic future and that of the greater Pacific Northwest. Congratulations to the port, its outstanding leadership, and the entire north central Idaho community on this significant milestone.●

TRIBUTE TO ALLIE BENNETT

● Mr. SCHMITT. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Allie Bennett of Palmyra, MO, for her passionate leadership in providing housing for middle-income families in northeast Missouri.

The housing landscape has changed; as more of the workforce is retiring, they are remaining in their homes, resulting in fewer options for the growing workforce to live. To address this shortage of affordable housing, Allie Bennett and the Housing Enhancement Northeast (HEN) Group decided to fill the void through an initial goal of building 12 homes each year throughout the Northeast Missouri Regional Planning Commission. The mission of this initiative is to contribute to the region's economic stability by ensuring that all levels of workers can live comfortably within their community. Thanks to her hard work and contribution to the community, HEN Group has completed its first three homes and has started on the fourth.

Allie is a dedicated leader and community servant helping to make an impact within her community by providing affordable housing. As manager of economic development and member services for Northeast Missouri Electric Power Cooperative, Allie is able to see areas of need in her community and help fill them. She also serves as direc-

tor on the board of directors for the Community Foundation of West Central Illinois & Northeast Missouri.

Allie Bennett is truly a Champion of Missouri. I am grateful for her commitment to northeast Missouri and her passion to help improve the lives of so many Missourians. I wish her the best as her team continues to build better futures for hard-working Missourians.●

TRIBUTE TO KIM FAST

● Mr. SCHMITT. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Kim Fast of Wright City, MO, for her heroic act of bravery and saving a life.

On the morning of October 12, 2024, Kim was helping her friend Wright City mayor Michelle Heiliger with work in her garage. Suddenly, they noticed thick black smoke coming from a neighbor's home. Recognizing immediately that their neighbor was likely in danger, Kim rushed toward the burning house without hesitation. Upon reaching the garage, Kim discovered that the neighbor's wheelchair had caught fire, leaving him trapped inside the intensifying blaze. Without regard for her own safety, Kim selflessly attempted to rescue him. The smoke was thick, the flames were spreading fast, and she was alone—but that didn't stop her. When she realized she needed help, she shouted for Mayor Heiliger, who immediately ran barefoot to her side, and together, they dragged the man out of the burning garage moments before flames fully engulfed it. Because of Kim's bravery, that neighbor is alive today. Her instinct to act made all the difference. While she would humbly say she was just in the right place at the right time, the truth is, not everyone would have run into a burning building. But Kim did.

Kim Fast is truly a Champion of Missouri. She embodies selfless service. Her remarkable bravery, compassion, and dedication exemplify the highest standards of community spirit. I commend her and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.●

TRIBUTE TO MICHELLE HEILIGER

● Mr. SCHMITT. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Mayor Michelle Heiliger of Wright City, MO, for her heroic actions to save the life of an elderly neighbor.

While working in her garage one morning, Michelle Heiliger realized something was wrong when she saw black smoke engulfing her neighbor's garage. A fire had set her neighbor's wheelchair on ablaze, making it difficult for him to escape. Michelle and her friend ran into the burning garage and dragged their neighbor out before calling 911. Mayor Heiliger didn't stop there. Recognizing the severity of the situation, Michelle went above and beyond by helping her neighbor's family secure a hotel room while they were displaced and waiting assistance from their insurance agency. Not only is

Michelle Heiliger a hero, but she is also an active community member and public servant. On top of being mayor, she is also currently the director of the Wright City Fire Protection Board and the director of human resources with Sellenriek Construction, Sellenriek Energy, UtiliSource, and Selcon Construction. Her dedication to Wright City is a testament to her exceptional character.

Mayor Heiliger is truly a Champion of Missouri. Her heroic actions and willingness to help saved someone's life are inspirational. I commend Mayor Heiliger for her service to her community and fellow Missourians, and I wish her immense success in all her endeavors.●

TRIBUTE TO MIKE SCHEIB

● Mr. SCHMITT. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Mike Scheib of Lancaster, MO, for his lifesaving decision-making and his leadership in addressing the need for an increase of middle-class housing for the growing workforce in northeast Missouri.

As the CEO and general manager of Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Mike Scheib has fostered a strong partnership with the Housing Enhancement Northeast (HEN) Group to better serve his community. Together, they have worked tirelessly to tackle the shortage of affordable housing for working-class Missourians. As of today, three homes have been completed, with a fourth set to break ground in the near future. Both organizations remain committed to their initial goal of building 12 new homes a year.

Mike is also a local hero in Lancaster, MO. During a company dinner, one of his fellow linemen started choking on a piece of steak. As other relief efforts failed and the lineman began to lose consciousness, Mike stood up and performed the Heimlich maneuver three times until it finally worked. He was later presented with the Lifesaving Award, which is awarded to individuals who go above and beyond in a life-or-death situation.

Mike Scheib is truly a Champion of Missouri. I am grateful for his heroic quick thinking and his commitment to improving the community of northeast Missouri. I wish him the best as his team continues its work of building better, more affordable housing for northeast Missouri.●

TRIBUTE TO BUCK SMITH

● Mr. SCHMITT. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Buck Smith of Saint Louis, MO, for being an advocate of Missourians with disabilities for more than 30 years.

In 1994, Buck Smith and a group of friends hosted their first game of what would become St. Louis Challenger Baseball. While the effort began at a small scale, Challenger Baseball would eventually grow to include 60 teams and 600 players across Missouri and Il-

linois. The concept was simple: create an opportunity for those with developmental disabilities to enjoy America's pastime. Challenger Baseball pairs participants with "buddies," who help the players hit, run the bases, and, most importantly, make friends. For the past three decades, the league has provided the invaluable combination of sport and companionship to the Greater Saint Louis region.

In addition to his work with Challenger Baseball, Buck also served as senior vice president at Fleischman-Hillard, where he worked for more than 28 years. He is a former adjunct faculty member at Maryville University and remains an expert in branding and communications.

Buck Smith is truly a Champion of Missouri. I am grateful for the work he has done to enrich the lives of disabled Missourians. I wish him the best in his continued efforts to bring together communities through baseball and friendship.●

TRIBUTE TO DAVID T. SNIDER

● Mr. SCHMITT. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Mr. David T. Snider of Ozark, MO, for his lifetime of service, resolute commitment to honoring our Nation's veterans, and devoted dedication to his community.

Mr. Snider's commitment to public service spans decades and professions. A proud veteran, he served our country with distinction in both the U.S. Marine Corps and the U.S. Army, including deployment as a sergeant with the 588th Engineer Battalion during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Following his military service, Mr. Snider continued protecting others as a law enforcement officer for 28 years serving in the Springfield Police Department and the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office in Louisiana.

Even in retirement, Mr. Snider remains a tireless servant-leader. As a former alderman myself, I particularly wish to recognize his time as alderman for the City of Ozark. Mr. Snider also works as a schoolbus driver and trainer for Ozark public schools, helping safeguard the next generation on their educational journey. He now serves as flight director for Honor Flight of the Ozarks, a role through which he helps ensure that our veterans have an opportunity to visit monuments here in Washington, DC. His commitment to honoring those who have served is an inspiration.

David Snider is truly a Champion of Missouri and the very spirit of selfless service. I commend him for his stewardship among his community, his fellow veterans, and our country, and I extend my deepest appreciation and best wishes to him.●

TRIBUTE TO DEREK WEBER

● Mr. SCHMITT. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Derek Weber of Memphis, MO, for his dedication and leader-

ship in providing affordable housing options to the working families of northeast Missouri.

As the director of the Northeast Missouri Regional Planning Commission, Derek has led the charge to combat the shortage of affordable housing. His mission is to ensure working-class Missourians have affordable housing options available. Through his leadership, Derek has inspired several local companies to partner with them on this mission and oversees the coordination between all these companies. His goal for this organization is to build 12 homes every year, through Housing Enhancement Northeast (HEN). Currently, three homes have been completed, with a fourth under contract to begin construction soon.

Beyond his work in housing, Derek is a committed leader in other areas of the community as well. He serves as the vice president of Scotland County R-1 School District, where he continues to contribute to the growth of his local educational system. He has consistently gone above and beyond for this local community.

Derek Weber is truly a Champion of Missouri. I am grateful for his leadership in northeast Missouri and his dedication to improving the lives of Missourians. I wish him success as he continues to lead the charge for affordable housing in northeast Missouri.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Mr. Hanley, one of his secretaries.

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

REPORT OF THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13694 OF APRIL 1, 2015, WITH RESPECT TO SIGNIFICANT MALICIOUS CYBER-ENABLED ACTIVITIES—PM 18

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the Federal Register and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the Federal Register for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13694 of April 1, 2015, and