

Wendy Dawson, our director of press logistics, brought to the team extensive industry experience covering numerous political conventions, State of the Union Addresses, and six Presidential inaugurations. The strong relationships she developed across the Capitol campus, especially with the Media Galleries and Senate Photographic Services, enabled the highest standard of press coverage.

The efforts of the administration team of Elisa Mendez, Nick Stella, and Teddy Kohlhaas, all under the leadership of Christi Mayer, helped to keep everyone on track and to feel supported, and Thomas Weber ensured our IT resources never let us down. Toni Covert, from the Office of the Clerk of the House, led the gifts and commemoratives section of the administrative team, spearheading selection and acquisition of the luncheon gifts and distribution of thousands of program kits and hundreds of other commemorative items.

I also want to thank my staff, including my chief of staff Tamara Fucile, Heidi Kraus Kaplan, Jane Meyer, Lizzie Haskell, Jack Hostager, Madeline Coles, and Maixee Lee, as well as my Rules Committee staff, especially Ben Driscoll and Stephen Spaulding, who—in addition to their normal duties—provided expert advice and counsel to the JCCIC. Thank you also to the JCCIC staff representatives of our committee members.

Cami Morrison, a veteran of six JCCICs, concurrently served as both chief clerk of the Senate Rules Committee and senior adviser to JCCIC. She provided administrative oversight to the JCCIC but, more importantly, served as a valued mentor to every member of the staff from the staff assistants to the executive director. When the ceremonies moved indoors, Cami's in-depth knowledge of inaugural-specific protocol and precedence was critical to the event.

Julia Daniel, our chief of staff, retired from Active-Duty Marine Corps service halfway through her time with JCCIC and came back onto the team as a civilian without missing a beat. A veteran of six inaugurations, her meticulous attention to detail improved all our plans, and her calm professionalism and decisive leadership preserved essential elements of the ceremonies while still ensuring the President-elect was sworn in on time. Stefanie Muchow from Leader THUNE's office provided invaluable support to Julia backstage as she expertly addressed challenges.

For Mike Wagner, our executive director, participation in inaugural ceremonies began when he was a high school tuba player at President Nixon's second inauguration in 1973 and includes a 44-year Army career culminating as the military lead for the 57th, 58th, and 59th Presidential inaugurations. His organizational skills, calm demeanor, and quiet confidence served JCCIC well in this, his 13th Presidential inauguration.

I want to thank Secretaries of the Senate Ann Berry and Jackie Barber and from the Office of the Secretary, Sydney Butler, Senate Historian Kate Scott, Senate Curator Melinda Smith; and from the Curator's staff, Lacey Baradel, Theresa Malanum, and Jennifer Krafchik.

I also want to thank the Architect of the Capitol Thomas Austin, who built the outdoor platform and media risers, then seamlessly pivoted to design, build, and install a beautiful new stage in the Capitol Rotunda. From Thomas's staff, I thank Mark Reed, Raynell Bennett, Matthew Aye, Jason McIntyre, and Dwayne Thomas.

I thank House Sergeant at Arms Bill McFarland and his staff, especially Ted Daniel, Seton Gardner, and Becky Fontaine.

I thank Senate Sergeant at Arms Jennifer Hemingway and her staff, including Carly Flick and Hannah Pfaltzgraff; Mike Mastrian, Jeff Kent, Laura Reed, and Justin Wilson from the Media Galleries; Myles Cullen and the Photographic Services team; Yvonne Bennett, Scott Mead, Chris Wilde, Blair Cooper, and Diego Torres from the Senate Recording Studio; Sam Jacobs from Capitol Facilities; Ray Woeller and Jim Green, who managed the credentialing contract; and the entire *PILLARS* development team of Casey Bishop, Jason Blum, Roger Masse, Atul Patel, Silvino Da Sul, Mehmet Yuksel, Brad Nathan, Claudette Archambault, and Jason Tongarm.

On January 20, 2025, the world witnessed the 60th inaugural ceremonies, as they have every 4 years since 1789, and I offer my sincere thanks to everyone who worked on these ceremonies.

#### RECOGNIZING NATIONAL DRAM DAY

Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, today, I rise to celebrate National DRAM Day and recognize the historic invention of dynamic random access memory, DRAM. Patented by Dr. Robert Dennard on June 4, 1968, DRAM revolutionized computing and shaped the digital age.

Today, DRAM is an essential component of cutting-edge technologies, such as artificial intelligence, and in everyday devices—from personal computers to cell phones. This groundbreaking American invention spurred innovation across industries, including defense and manufacturing, strengthening our Nation's global leadership in advanced technology. Furthermore, DRAM has led to the development of critical devices that have improved Americans' access to technology, enhanced our quality of life, and created millions of high-paying jobs, including many in my home State of Idaho.

In the 57 years since this remarkable achievement, DRAM has become a cornerstone of the U.S. economy. The semiconductor industry contributes \$246.4 billion to the Nation's GDP and

employs over 300,000 people across various roles, like chip design, electronic automation, and manufacturing. DRAM is also a vital asset to America's national security. Every fighter jet, missile defense system, and intelligence operation depends upon the reliable, secure, domestically produced memory technology inspired by Dr. Dennard's original invention.

As we celebrate National DRAM Day, we recognize the work of Dr. Dennard as well as the engineers, manufacturers, and researchers who continue to advance this critical technology. Their efforts have enhanced our technology, fueled our economy, and bolstered national security. I applaud their successes and commitment to advancing America's leadership in technology.

#### TRIBUTE TO COMMANDER CHRISTOPHER PACE

Mr. PETERS. Mr. President, I rise today to honor an accomplished and highly regarded leader CDR Christopher Pace chief of the U.S. Coast Guard's Great Lakes Oil Spill Center of Expertise. Commander Pace has made an immeasurable impact on the Great Lakes region and the many residents and visitors who rely on its waters, and it is a privilege to recognize him here today and celebrate his impact in light of his upcoming departure from the center and new posting in the Philippines.

Commander Pace's time with the U.S. Coast Guard began in 2009, where he was first stationed in Honolulu, HI, as the vessel boarding and security team leader for U.S. Coast Guard Sector Honolulu. From there, he was stationed in Chesapeake, VA, eventually becoming the command center chief for the U.S. Coast Guard District 5 Command Center. Most recently, Commander Pace served as the chief of response for U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit Savannah, where he directed all ports, waterways, and coastal security response missions for two economic and military strategic ports. The capsizing of the *GOLDEN RAY*, the largest maritime salvage incident in U.S. history, was a notable response overseen by Commander Pace while in Savannah.

Commander Pace came to the Great Lakes Oil Spill Center of Expertise when it was established in 2022, serving as the center's first commanding officer. The center was established by Congress to fill a gap in oil spill research, specifically in fresh and icy water as it pertains to the Great Lakes. Under his leadership, the center launched the service's first open call for research proposals, establishing a process that provided \$7.5 million in funding to over 50 projects during his 3-year command. To date, the projects funded through this mechanism have addressed frontline operational needs, including submerged oil detection, unconventional oil behavior under ice, and standardized response guides and training. His

efforts also ensured regional responders were provided critical tools, including the fielding of 18 uncrewed systems, 19,000 feet of containment boom, and three oil recovery systems, strengthening Coast Guard response infrastructure across 6,700 miles of Great Lakes shoreline. I am eternally grateful for all the hard work that he has contributed to the Great Lakes Oil Spill Center of Expertise.

Commander I cannot understate the impact that CDR Christopher Pace has had on the health and safety of the Great Lakes region. As the first U.S. Coast Guard chief for the Great Lakes Oil Spill Center of Expertise, Commander Pace's strategic vision and dedication to excellence have defined the center's identity and established its place as a leader in freshwater oil spill research, development, and training. Though his leadership at the Great Lakes Oil Spill Center of Expertise will be sorely missed, his legacy will most certainly endure and continue to inspire. I know he will continue to serve our country in the highest regard as he embarks on his next adventure in the Philippines.

#### TRIBUTE TO CRAIG CARBONE

Mr. SCOTT of Florida. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the incredible service to our State and Nation by Craig Carbone. Craig has served on my team in multiple capacities for over a decade. As my deputy chief of staff when I was Governor of Florida, Craig was an integral part of our success and spearheaded efforts to pass legislation that made our State safer and more prosperous. He also oversaw the appointments process for thousands of boards and commissions in Florida which has had a direct impact on every Floridian. He worked tirelessly to help me get elected to the U.S. Senate, and he has been a vital member of my Senate office since day one. As my chief of staff, he has overseen the passage of critical legislation, led our award-winning constituent services team, and helped countless Americans who needed assistance with the Federal Government. I am so grateful for Craig's hard work and commitment to making Florida and our Nation a better place.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO JOHN FOSTER

• Mr. CASSIDY. Mr. President, I want to congratulate John Foster, a Louisiana native and fellow LSU Tiger, on an impressive run on American Idol.

John was the runner-up on this season of American Idol. And while it was not the outcome everyone in Louisiana was hoping for, he represented himself and Louisiana well on a national stage.

John's performances were excellent and inspiring. He was also practicing and performing as he is pursuing premed.

John, well done on pursuing both your dream and your education. From all of us back home, keep singing. You are first place in Louisiana.●

##### TRIBUTE TO CATHERINE REED

• Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, I am honored to recognize Catherine Reed of Hanover as May's Granite Stater of the Month. Catherine started a food pantry, called the Food-is-Medicine Pantry, at the Dartmouth Cancer Center when she saw how many of her cancer patients needed food assistance.

Three years ago, Catherine was working at the Dartmouth Cancer Center as a social worker when she discovered that there was a significant gap in resources for her patients. She was helping a patient get assistance with paying for rent, car payments, and fuel oil, but learned that the patient was also struggling to afford their groceries. Catherine realized that there were very few options for food assistance for her patients, and the stigma surrounding food insecurity stopped many of her patients from asking for help. Catherine decided to take action, and with the help of a coworker Chelsey Canavan, Catherine secured funding for a food pantry at the Dartmouth Cancer Center, with fresh and healthy donations provided by a local nonprofit organization.

Catherine knew that in order for the food pantry to improve the lives of her patients, she needed to make sure that anyone who needed help was comfortable asking for it. She explained to her patients that proper nutrition is a part of the treatment for their cancer because the stronger that someone goes into treatment, the stronger they can come out of it. Catherine took grocery orders from her patients daily and delivered the groceries to people's cars before they left in order to make things as easy as possible for them.

Catherine saw firsthand the difference that food assistance makes for cancer patients. She began working to expand the food pantry program, including collecting data, presenting a poster at an oncology conference, contacting a hospital in Tennessee to learn about their food pantry so that she could model best practices, and creating a referral system to bring more patients into the program. The program's eligibility has grown to include all patients at the center, and for each patient who chooses to participate, their entire family is provided with fresh and healthy food harvested and delivered by local organizations.

Catherine's attentiveness to her patients is a great example of the Granite State spirit of going above and beyond for your community. She saw a problem and did not look around for someone else to solve it. She got to work. Her determination and her compassion is why I am proud to name her May's Granite Stater of the Month.●

TRIBUTE TO FRED J. LOGAN, JR.

• Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, today, I would like to recognize a fellow Kansan and friend Fred J. Logan, Jr., for dedicating his professional and personal life to representing and serving the people of Kansas and congratulate him on his retirement.

Fred spent most of his childhood in Indianapolis and earned both his bachelor's degree and juris doctorate from the University of Indiana. During his time in law school, Fred served as a law clerk to Lawrence County, Indiana Circuit Court Judge H. Wayne Baker.

Through this experience, Fred developed his passion for public service through practicing law. After receiving his law degree, he later moved to Overland Park, KS, and remained a resident of Johnson County for over 50 years.

For the past 39 years, Fred has represented clients, advised regional businesses, and served as council for various local government entities as a partner of Logan, Logan & Watson, a firm that he originally founded with his brother Scott.

Fred's longest client was the Johnson County Library, for which he oversaw the negotiations of the library's governance structure and contributed to the successful growth of the library system across the Johnson County area. In addition to his time practicing law, Fred has dedicated much of his personal life giving back to his local and State community, serving on numerous boards across a variety of disciplines.

One issue Fred is keenly passionate about is advancing educational success in his community. Fred has served as vice chair of the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, chairman of the Johnson County Community College Board of Trustees, and vice president of the Johnson County Community College Foundation. He also served as the chair of the Kansas Board of Regents alongside my wife Robba. Fred has been a member of the University of Kansas Dole Institute of Politics Advisory Board and the Shawnee Mission School District Committee for Excellence, just to name a few.

Fred has not only been a champion for education, he also has dedicated much of his time to community service, serving as the president of the United Community Services and Friends of Johnson County Library and a board member and youth coach of the Great American Basketball League.

Throughout his career, Fred has earned a reputation as a mentor and a problem solver who has strived and succeeded in bettering his community and leaving a positive impact on everyone he meets.

I have also had the pleasure of getting to know Fred's son Andy who, like his father, has dedicated much of his life in service to Kansans. Andy was one of the first members of my team when I entered the Senate back in 2011, assisting and advising me on healthcare and education issues. Andy