

spouses, 17 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) honors the life, achievements, and distinguished public service of Barbara Pierce Bush (referred to in this resolution as “Barbara Bush”);

(2) recognizes Barbara Bush on the occasion of her 100th birthday and expresses thanks and commendations to her and her family;

(3) acknowledges the positive impact that Barbara Bush contributed to the United States through her tireless dedication to promoting literacy and uplifting her fellow citizens; and

(4) celebrates the legacy of Barbara Bush as a model citizen and public servant of the United States.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. HAGERTY. Mr. President, I have three requests for committees to meet during today’s session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority Leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today’s session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 10:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 3 p.m., to conduct a closed hearing.

RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY

Mr. HAGERTY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following resolutions, which are at the desk: S. Res. 284, S. Res. 285, and S. Res. 286.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions en bloc.

Mr. HAGERTY. I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be agreed to, the preambles be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, all en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolutions were agreed to.

The preambles were agreed to.

(The resolutions, with their preambles, are printed in today’s RECORD under “Submitted Resolutions.”)

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2025

Mr. HAGERTY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Sen-

ate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 18; that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, morning business be closed, and the Senate proceed to executive session and resume consideration of Calendar No. 130, Rodney Scott; further, notwithstanding rule XXII, at 12 noon the Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Scott nomination and, following the cloture vote, the Senate vote on confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 99, Olivia Trusty; further, if cloture is invoked on the Scott nomination, all postcloture time be expired and the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination at 1:45 p.m.; finally, that if any nominations are confirmed during Wednesday’s session of the Senate, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate’s action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. HAGERTY. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand adjourned under the previous order, following the remarks of my colleagues.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from Minnesota.

REMEMBERING MELISSA AND MARK HORTMAN

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, I rise today with my colleague from Minnesota Senator SMITH to honor two Minnesotans, who are friends of ours, who were taken from us this weekend in a shocking act of political violence: Representative Melissa Hortman, our former speaker of the house, and her husband Mark Hortman.

I am also continuing to pray for State Senator John Hoffman and his wife Yvette, who survived a brutal assassination attempt. John took nine bullets, and Yvette took eight, and they are continuing to recover in the hospital. I have been in touch with Yvette, and she is grateful for the outpouring of support from all over the country for their family.

And I want to extend my enormous gratitude to the hundreds and hundreds of local, State, and Federal law enforcement who worked tirelessly over the course of a 43-hour manhunt to apprehend the suspect. They ran toward the danger. They risked their lives. And because of their bravery and diligence, our State was able to breathe a sigh of relief Sunday night knowing that this man was no longer at large.

The local officers from Brooklyn Park, MN, also stopped further assassinations, along with other officers, in

the moment by going over to check on legislators after learning about what had happened at Senator Hoffman’s house. We now know that the assassin went to two other legislators’ homes in between the two shootings that night and in one case sped off after being spotted by the police.

While it was too late to save Melissa and Mark, the officers’ decision to check on their house allowed them to spot the assassin, separate him from his vehicle, and begin the manhunt.

But, right now, we want to focus on who Melissa and Mark were as people. They were great neighbors, wonderful friends, and great parents to their beloved children, Sophie and Colin.

Melissa is someone whom I wish the whole Senate and the whole Nation knew. We treasured her in Minnesota. She was the epitome of what you want in a public servant. She went into it for all the right reasons.

She grew up in Spring Lake Park and Andover, MN, working at her family’s used auto parts company in Blaine in the summers. After leaving for college, she came back to Minnesota for law school and began her career in our State.

She was always devoted to her community. She was a Girl Scout leader and taught Sunday school at her local Catholic church, and she was always one of the first to raise her hand when someone needed a volunteer for, well, just about anything, including training service dogs for veterans.

One of them, Gilbert, was just too friendly for service because he couldn’t just focus on one person, and so their family adopted him and loved him very much. Sadly, he was shot that night, and the two children had to make the decision to put him down this weekend. How they loved that dog.

Melissa and I first ran for public office around the same time—both with little kids—me for the county attorney’s office and her for the State legislature. That is how I got to know her: I was the county attorney; she was running for the legislature. We went door to door together, and it seemed like she knew everyone in the district already.

She was elected in 2004 and served in the Minnesota House for 20 years, and she left a lasting impact. As a legislator, she authored legislation that created Minnesota’s solar energy standard. As minority leader, she guided her caucus with conviction and a sense of humor. And she wasn’t afraid to call out the all-male card game taking place during debates. When her colleagues chose to make her the speaker, her first order of business was getting rid of the speaker’s mute button. As she said at the time, “I have a gavel . . . and a gavel is good enough for me.”

Melissa was one of the most consequential speakers in the history of our State. She knew no limits in terms of trying to get people together, trying to get things done. And while I cannot

believe she is gone, Minnesotans will be feeling the impact of her leadership forever.

When a Minnesota student gets a free school lunch, that is Melissa. When a Minnesota parent is able to take paid leave to spend those early precious moments with a newborn, that is Melissa. When a Minnesota voter casts a ballot without facing unfair discrimination, that is Melissa. When a woman is able to access reproductive care in our State, that is Melissa. And when our State achieves 100 percent clean energy by 2040, that will be because of Melissa. And when we had a tied State house this year, it was Melissa who forged a power-sharing agreement and a budget with her Republican counterpart. She was a generational leader, and she led with integrity and with courage.

She and her husband Mark, who you see here, who also was accomplished in business and a kind, kind person—they were compassionate, and they were smart. They were just nice to everyone, and I can't believe they are gone.

Here they are with their kids.

The polarization in our country—the divisions, the online hate—needs to stop. Violence has absolutely no place in our democracy. We need to come together and bring down the rhetoric. We must be united in the face of this attack. It was simply un-American.

That is why the entire Minnesota delegation, Democrats and Republicans—including Senator SMITH, including Congressman EMMER—came together over the weekend to call this violence out. We spoke with one voice to condemn it. And in our State, Melissa's colleagues on both sides of the aisle have done the same.

We need to recognize the reality that there are unbalanced people out there who read things online, they believe them, and they act on them. We have seen this too many times.

There are many things we can do as a body to fix this problem, and I am sure, in the days to come, we will offer legislation on security and all kinds of things. But we don't need to pass a law for people to turn down the rhetoric, to treat each other with decency and respect, to act a little more like Melissa and Mark.

Mr. President, Melissa and Mark Hortman were the best of us. I am shattered to have lost them but eternally grateful to have known them.

I want to end by sharing a message from their beloved kids Sophie and Colin. They wrote this just last night:

This tragedy must become a moment for us to come together. Hold your loved ones a little closer. Love your neighbors. Treat each other with kindness and respect. The best way to honor our parents' memory—

they said—

is to do something, whether big or small, to make our community just a little better for someone else.

I urge my colleagues to hear that message, and I am honored to be here with my wonderful colleague Senator SMITH.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Minnesota.

REMEMBERING MELISSA AND MARK HORTMAN

Ms. SMITH. Mr. President, many thanks to my colleague Senator KLOBUCHAR for her heartfelt words.

I rise today because my friend Melissa Hortman, speaker emerita of the Minnesota State House, incredible person and strong leader, was shot and killed Saturday morning, along with her husband Mark, in a tragic, politically motivated attack.

State Senator John Hoffman and his wife Yvette were also shot a total of 17 times, and Yvette—incredibly and selflessly—used her own body to shield their daughter from the attacker. I thank God that they are expected to recover.

I am filled with gratitude for the State and local and Federal law enforcement that marshaled all of their resources to keep Minnesota safe after this horrendous attack and to mount the largest manhunt in the history of our State to capture this shooter late on Sunday evening.

This was an unspeakable act of political violence, an attack on our democracy, as well as a personal tragedy.

There will be a time and a place to discuss the evilness of Speaker Emerita Hortman's assassination, the forces that drove her assassin to violence, and how we as leaders must rise to this moment and speak with one voice to condemn violent political attacks; but, today, I want my colleagues and America and everybody back home in Minnesota to know the kind of person and leader that Melissa was, and I want to think especially of Colin and Sophie, who have lost their parents, their mom and dad, and understand that they will not be forgotten by me or Senator KLOBUCHAR or many, many thousands of people.

I hope that everyone will be able to understand a little bit more keenly the depth of our grief, the human cost to the loss of Melissa and Mark's family, their friends, their community, and to Minnesota and our Nation.

So I don't know about you, but I need a little inspiration right now, and Melissa was inspirational.

The first thing you need to know about Melissa is that she was a middle-class girl from the north metro of the Twin Cities. She was funny, she was straightforward, and she was kind. She was smart and driven and determined, and she did well because she worked hard at everything she did—from her first job making burritos to her last job leading her caucus through a deeply divided legislative session. Nothing was handed to her, and she earned it through her work. That is the inspiration of the American dream.

The second thing that I want you to know about Melissa is that she believed and acted on one of our most

American of values: the conviction that we all have a responsibility to one another. We have a responsibility to contribute to our communities, and we have this unshakable belief that our country is great because we feel that conviction and that obligation to one another.

Service to and respect for others was the guiding principle in Melissa's life.

Over the last few days, there have been so many beautiful tributes written to Melissa's life and work. I see a common thread in all of these remembrances—that even in the rough business of politics, she was someone who never lost focus on our shared humanity, those shared values, and that shared goal that we should all have in public service, which is improving life for Americans. Her gift for focusing on our shared humanity helped her not only to earn the deep loyalty of the members of her own caucus but also the trust and respect of Republicans on the other side of the aisle.

Current house speaker Republican Lisa Demuth recently recalled how Melissa reached out to her at the start of Lisa's leadership—Melissa was the speaker of the house, and Lisa was coming into leadership—and how she came to view Melissa as a mentor to her leadership. Many disagreements on policy, but Melissa was a mentor to her because she brought such clarity and honesty and compassion to their working relationship.

Former senate majority leader Republican Paul Gazelka reflected on his years of working closely with Melissa. He noted that they had built a “deep trust” with one another because of her honesty, because of her even-keeled temperament, even though she was a very tough negotiator.

He remembered their moment of human connection as they shared a hug after the passage of a landmark public safety bill in the aftermath of the murder of George Floyd. That hug was in recognition of how they had worked so hard, coming from different places in such a difficult moment for Minnesota.

Melissa always approached her work by leading with compassion and respect for our shared humanity, and, of course, she was unafraid to demand that respect in return both for herself and others. I mean, she was fearless.

One of the most famous anecdotes of her speakership is—Amy was referring to this—one night—it was a long night; colleagues in this room can relate to it—it was a long night. The debate was going on and on. But there were members of the house that were making important speeches, making personal speeches about the impact of the bill that would have increased criminal penalties on certain protests.

Meanwhile, there was a group of male legislators in the back room that were playing cards. Melissa called them out on this, and these legislators—unaccustomed, I think, to being confronted with their rude behavior—expressed their indignation. Melissa's response