

NBA Draft by the Los Angeles Lakers, then quickly traded to the Milwaukee Bucks, where he spent 10 out of his 12 seasons playing professional basketball. He played 711 games and scored 9,892 points, where he holds the record for third most games played and the ninth most points in franchise history. In addition to his historic playing career, he was a mentor to many rookies, teaching them how to manage and navigate their newfound salaries as professional athletes.

During his time in Milwaukee, he began investing in fast food companies. As he left the league, his business ventures dramatically grew and so did his philanthropic efforts. He focused his service on youth education and community development. He was a key driver in opening Louisville's West End School, a tuition-free boarding school that instills academic rigor, character development, and responsible action in students. At the heart of Junior's legacy rests a profound desire to empower others to great success.

Junior made meaningful contributions to Louisville throughout his career, including during his time serving on the board of trustees for the University of Louisville and Simmons College of Kentucky. He served on many local boards such as PGA of America, Churchill Downs, Inc., Fifth Third Bank, Jackson Hewitt, Governors Scholar Program, Crusade for Children Foundation, Louisville Arena Authority, and others. His passion for Louisville spread throughout the Nation as he would host one of the most notable charity fundraising galas the night before the Kentucky Derby. These events brought together many celebrities and public figures, widening the audience of the event. In each of these endeavors, Junior was committed to opening doors and fostering growth for those that would otherwise not have the opportunity.

Although Junior was known for his athletic career and vast business ventures, his dedication to his faith is what set him apart. He was an active member of the Southeast Christian Church in Louisville, and his service to the Lord can be seen in each of his good works. Through his commitment to serving those in need, his eagerness to give graciously, and his immense sense of humility, we remember him as a trailblazer of benefaction and progress in the Commonwealth. I would like to express my personal condolences to Junior's wife Doris, his three children, and all those who knew and loved him. The impact and legacy Junior Bridgeman leaves behind is a testament to the instrumental role we can all play in each other's lives and our communities.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING POWERTECH

• Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, as chair of the Senate Committee on Small

Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Iowa small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize PowerTech of Council Bluffs, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

In April 2016, longtime friends Josh Kallsen and Cody Forristall combined their interests in entrepreneurship to purchase PowerTech, a southwest Iowa-based electrical services company located only miles away from where the two grew up together. Although the business primarily operates out of Council Bluffs, the PowerTech team provides high-quality commercial, industrial, and residential electrical services throughout the Midwest. PowerTech works with residential clients across Iowa and its neighboring communities to design electrical remodels and repairs, install generators, provide emergency services, and fulfill everyday electrical needs. PowerTech also provides similar services for their commercial and industrial partners, in addition to around-the-clock facility maintenance.

Since the duo purchased the company, Cody supports the venture as a co-owner, while Josh handles the day-to-day operations, business development, and overall strategy. Under Josh's leadership, the PowerTech brand grew from an initial team of about 50 employees into a thriving 90-person operation. In lieu of a traditional storefront, the group operates the venture out of several state-of-the-art warehouses, including a flagship 8,000-square-foot warehouse in southwest Iowa. As PowerTech continues to build strong relationships and a reputation of high-quality service, the company solidified its role as a leader in the Council Bluffs community.

Cody and Josh took their enthusiasm for community service to a new level when they created their very own in-house philanthropy arm of PowerTech. In 2020, they launched the Power to Give Program, which organizes employees to volunteer their time and contribute to southwest Iowa charities, especially organizations involved with children and mental health. In a separate initiative, the PowerTech Cares Program provides free electrical services to a family in need each month. Beyond these programs, Josh serves on the board of the Council Bluffs Schools Foundation, Council Bluffs Area Chamber of Commerce, Council Bluffs Industrial Foundation, and the local chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association. Recently, in recognition of all their hard work and service, PowerTech won the 2024 Council Bluffs Area Chamber of Commerce award for Business of the Year.

I want to congratulate Josh Kallsen and Cody Forristall for their entrepreneurial spirit, impressive growth, and philanthropic mindset that they pour into PowerTech and their Iowa community. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success.●

REMEMBERING ROGER BARTA

• Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Roger Barta, a legendary Kansas high school educator and football coach who devoted his career to guiding and mentoring young Kansans, both in the classroom and on the gridiron.

For over 30 years, Coach Barta served as a math teacher and head football coach for the Smith Center High School Redmen. Throughout his tenure, he inspired countless student-athletes to pursue excellence in all aspects of life. His legacy is a testament to not only his character but also his extraordinary ability to inspire others.

Before Smith Center, Coach Barta coached at Atwood, Tonganoxie, and WaKeeney. No matter the school, his approach was the same: focus on fundamentals, play as a team, and treat others with respect. His teams were disciplined and hard working, traits that reflect their coach.

During his time leading the Redmen, he built one of the most successful football programs in Kansas State history—winning eight State championships, including five straight from 2004 to 2008, and leading the team to a 79-game win streak. He retired in 2012 with a career record of 323 wins and 68 losses.

However, Coach Barta's impact extended far beyond athletic achievements. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and an inspiration to many. Coach Barta believed that mutual respect and love for one another were the keys to victory, a philosophy that continues to influence generations of high school athletes and the Smith Center, KS, community.

Coach Barta retired from coaching in 2012 and was inducted into the Kansas Sports Hall of Fame 2 years later. He is remembered not only as a remarkable coach, but also as an exceptional man. May his legacy serve as a lasting example of how success is built on character, consistency, and compassion.

I now ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and legacy of Coach Roger Barta and in expressing our gratitude for his positive impact on generations of young Kansans.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Hanley, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As 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.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 5:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 331. An act to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to the scheduling of fentanyl-related substances, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication was laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and was referred as indicated:

EC-1171. A communication from the President of the United States to the President pro tempore of the United States Senate, transmitting, consistent with the War Powers Act, a report relative to United States forces conducting a precision strike against three nuclear facilities in Iran used by the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran for its nuclear weapons development program; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. MULLIN, and Mr. MARSHALL):

S. 2140. A bill to establish Haskell Indian Nations University as a federally chartered educational institution to fulfill the treaty and trust responsibility of the Federal Government to Indians, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COTTON (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. KELLY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. BUDD, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. BENNET, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 2141. A bill to amend Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the treatment of moving expenses to employees and new appointees in the intelligence community who move pursuant to a change in assignment that requires relocation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself and Mr. CRAMER):

S. 2142. A bill to improve the missile defense capabilities of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. SCHIFF (for himself, Ms. BLUNT, ROCHESTER, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. GALLEG0, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. LUJÁN, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. KIM, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Ms. ALSOBROOKS):

S. 2143. A bill to amend chapter 131 of title 5, United States Code, to prevent financial exploitation by public office holders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. CRUZ):

S. 2144. A bill to improve the safety and security of Members of Congress, immediate family members of Members of Congress, and congressional staff; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. CASSIDY):

S. 2145. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, and the Social Security Act to permit recovery from the Department of Veterans Affairs of costs from Medicare Advantage and Medicare prescription drug plans and to modify the authority for recovery by the United States of reasonable charges for certain care or services furnished to veterans for non-service-connected disabilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. ERNST (for herself, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. RISCH, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. BRITT, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, and Mr. HAWLEY):

S. Res. 295. A resolution supporting the designation of the week of June 23 through June 29, 2025, as "National Women's Sports Week" to celebrate the anniversary of the enactment of title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and the growth of women's sports; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LANKFORD (for himself, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. MCCORMICK, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. Res. 296. A resolution condemning antisemitism and recent antisemitic attacks in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 1064

At the request of Mr. YOUNG, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1064, a bill to preserve open competition and Federal Government neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal Government contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects, and for other purposes.

S. 1318

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1318, a bill to direct the American Battle Monuments Commission to establish a program to identify American-Jewish servicemembers buried in United States military cemeteries overseas under markers that incorrectly represent their religion and heritage, and for other purposes.

S. 1538

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) were added as cosponsors of S. 1538, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to expand and improve the enforcement capabilities of the Attorney General, and for other purposes.

S. 1547

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCCORMICK), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEG0), the Sen-

ator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1547, a bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to reauthorize the National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund, and for other purposes.

S. 1742

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1742, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to prohibit employment of children in tobacco-related agriculture as oppressive child labor.

S. 1745

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1745, a bill to repeal certain provisions of the CHIPS Act of 2022 and the Research and Development, Competition, and Innovation Act, to limit Federal mandates imposed on entities seeking Federal funds, and for other purposes.

S. 1748

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1748, a bill to protect the safety of children on the internet.

S. 1900

At the request of Mr. MCCORMICK, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. RICKETTS), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) were added as cosponsors of S. 1900, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to pursue more equitable treatment of Taiwan at the international financial institutions, and for other purposes.

S. 2067

At the request of Mr. SCHMITT, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. TUBERVILLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2067, a bill to rescind certain budget authority proposed to be rescinded in special messages transmitted to the Congress by the President on June 3, 2025, in accordance with section 1012(a) of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974.

S. 2070

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEG0) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2070, a bill to provide limited authority to use the Armed Forces to suppress insurrection or rebellion and quell domestic violence.

S. 2073

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2073, a bill to establish a State public option through Medicaid to provide Americans with the choice of a high-quality, low-cost health insurance plan.

S. 2103

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from New