

Leader JEFFRIES said ICE agents should be unmasked “no matter what it takes, no matter how long it takes.”

This appalling effort from Democrats comes at a time when, as I said, these agents are facing a 500-percent increase in assaults—500 percent.

Just last week, a criminal illegal alien in Minnesota used his car to drag an ICE officer 50 yards while that criminal was trying to evade arrest.

President Trump and Republicans understand that law enforcement deserves our unwavering support. That is why we are going to do what it takes to help them.

#### OPERATION MIDNIGHT HAMMER

Mr. President, this weekend, the U.S. military did something absolutely incredible. With Operation Midnight Hammer, the United States of America wiped out Iran's nuclear program.

For years, the Islamic Republic has unleashed chaos across the Middle East with terrorism, murder, and violence. All the while, they worked to develop nuclear weapons while they were chanting “Death to Israel” and “Death to America.”

Now, under President Trump's decisive leadership, that threat is eliminated, thanks to the bravery, valor, and unmatched capability of the U.S. military. It is hard not to be in awe when you read the details of the operation.

Departing from Whiteman Air Force Base in Missouri, our servicemembers flew seven B-2 Spirit bombers for 18 hours to Iran's nuclear sites, dropped more than 400,000 pounds in bunker buster bombs, and returned home with zero casualties. At the same time, a U.S. submarine under U.S. Central Command launched more than two dozen Tomahawk cruise missiles at the regime's nuclear infrastructure. Supporting the operation were more than 125 aircraft, including dozens of aerial refueling tankers.

Make no mistake, we have the only military on the planet that could get this job done, and it is because our brave servicemembers are the greatest fighting force in the history of the world.

Every single American should be grateful for the men and women who carried out Operation Midnight Hammer. Because of their efforts, a ceasefire has already been reached between Israel and a much weaker Iran. This is what peace through strength looks like, and only the U.S. military, under President Trump's leadership, could accomplish this feat.

I yield the floor.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

##### MORNING BUSINESS

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate resume legislative session and be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

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

#### RECOGNIZING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY VEBLEN, SOUTH DAKOTA

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Veblen, SD. The town of Veblen will be celebrating its quasiquicentennial July 18–20, 2025. Veblen will host quasiquicentennial events, which include a parade, vendor show, street dance, class reunions, fireworks, and much more.

Veblen is located in Marshall County, nestled in the beautiful rolling hills of the Coteau des Prairies in northeastern South Dakota. The Veblen area has long been known as a community surrounded by the natural beauty of the breathtaking Glacial Lakes Region. Home to more than 300 people and multiple businesses, Veblen is known for its rich historical heritage and robust rural spirit. Since its beginning 125 years ago, the community of Veblen continues to serve as a strong example of South Dakota values and traditions.

I offer my congratulations to the citizens of Veblen on its quasiquicentennial and wish them continued prosperity in the years to come.

#### STOP CSAM ACT OF 2025

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, child sexual abuse materials are a toxic plague on the internet. Congress should act as soon as possible to give law enforcement officials the resources they need to find and prosecute criminals responsible for exploiting children and spreading vile abuse materials online. In addition, Congress should act as soon as possible to provide robust resources that help prevent children from becoming victims in the first place.

However, instead of focusing on stopping online predators, S. 1829, the STOP CSAM Act, weakens the single strongest technology protecting children and families online: strong encryption. The bill explicitly allows courts to punish companies that offer strong encryption. It will make it easier to punish sites that use encryption to secure private conversations and personal devices. It will also encourage scanning of content on users' phones or computers, before information is sent over the internet, which has the same consequences as breaking encryption.

Weakening encryption is probably the best gift you could give to the predators and creeps who want to stalk and spy on children. Sexual predators will have a far easier time stealing and extorting photographs of children, tracking their phones, and spying on their private messages once encryption is breached. Doing so threatens the privacy and security of every single law-abiding American.

Last Congress, I made progress with the bill's sponsors to address some of these concerns. Indeed, I compromised on a version of this bill and had agreed to remove my hold to let that version

pass by unanimous consent. It is unfortunate that the sponsors have chosen to abandon those efforts and instead advance a dangerous bill that makes internet users unsafe. However, I remain open to revisiting those conversations.

For these reasons, I will object to any unanimous consent agreement to take up or pass the STOP CSAM Act of 2025.

#### TRIBUTE TO RICK BOZICH

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, as sports lovers, we all have our local columnists who are the go-to source for the ins and outs of our favorite sports teams. In my hometown of Louisville, KY, Rick Bozich, is one of my favorite go-to guys. For 50 years, the Hall of Fame journalist reported on local and national sports in Kentucky and Indiana, 47 of those years covering sports in Louisville. But on July 1, 2025, Rick will be retiring following a long and accomplished career in sports media. And for us sports fans, it is like losing our favorite player. He will be missed.

Rick began his career in Gary, IN, delivering the newspaper to households in his neighborhood. He attended Indiana University, earning a journalism degree in 1975. Following graduation, he worked for a few years at local papers in Indiana, before moving to the Louisville Courier-Journal and Louisville Times. He must have realized quickly that, for a career in sports journalism, few places offer such enthusiastic fans or such deep-seated rivalries as Louisville, KY.

After 34 years at the Courier-Journal, Rick decided to make the jump to television, joining WDRB-TV in 2012. At the TV station, he, alongside his friend and former Courier-Journal colleague Eric Crawford, helped expand the on-air sports department. Every time there was a major sports story, Rick was there, writing about the University of Louisville Cardinals, the University of Kentucky Wildcats, and of course, the greatest 2 minutes in sports: the Kentucky Derby. He has also covered many of the hottest sporting events across the country, including NCAA Final Fours, Super Bowls, World Series, NBA Finals, and the Summer Olympics.

During his long career, he earned honors and awards from national and State press associations. This includes Hall of Fame recognitions by the Kentucky Sports Hall of Fame, the U.S. Basketball Writers Association, and the Indiana Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association. He was also awarded the Red Smith Award for Kentucky Derby coverage and won an Emmy Award for his sports commentating at WDRB-TV. His work has appeared on ESPN, Sports Illustrated, and the New York Times, just to name a few.

I ask my colleagues to join me and all his viewers and readers in honoring Rick and congratulating him on his retirement. While he plans to keep a

close eye on all things sports, I am sure he is looking forward to spending more time with his wife Rhonda and his children and grandkids.

#### TRIBUTE TO TOM JURICH

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, as a University of Louisville sports fan, Saturday, June 28, 2025, is going to be a memorable day for me. My friend and Louisville legend Tom Jurich is receiving a long-overdue honor from the University he helped build into a national sports powerhouse.

From 1997 to 2017, Tom served as athletic director for UofL, my alma mater. During those 20 years, I witnessed firsthand his work to build an athletic department that is one of the best in the country. And on Saturday, he will make his first visit back to campus for a celebration on the street lined by sports facilities that he made possible, Floyd Street.

The University of Louisville, Louisville Mayor Craig Greenberg, and many of Tom's family and friends will commemorate him by renaming a portion of Floyd Street as Tom Jurich Way. I wish I could be there in person to celebrate my friend, but I know that he and his family and all those that love him will cherish the memories that he helped create at the University of Louisville.

As Tom told a local Louisville reporter in 2023, "I just wanted Louisville to become a destination . . . not a place you passed through—but one people aimed for." Well, Tom got his wish, and now, that destination takes us to Tom Jurich Way.

Mr. President, the WDRB-TV sports journalist Eric Crawford paid tribute to Tom Jurich in a recent article. I ask unanimous consent that the article be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

[From WDRB-TV (FOX) Louisville, June 24, 2025]

JURICH'S FIRST RETURN TO UOFL SINCE 2017 WILL BRING EMOTION AND A NEW STREET NAME

(By Eric Crawford)

Tom Jurich has made the drive back to Louisville plenty of times. His children live here. So do his grandchildren. And his 96-year-old mother still calls it home.

But on Tuesday, winding through the mountains of Eastern Kentucky—detouring around closed highways and old memories—Jurich acknowledged that this trip was different.

This time, he's coming back to be honored. A portion of Floyd Street, the road that runs through the heart of the University of Louisville's athletic complex, will be renamed "Tom Jurich Way."

And Jurich, who spent 20 years transforming Louisville's athletic department and campus, will set foot on campus for the first time since the day he was voted out by the university's board of trustees.

"This will be my first," Jurich said. "So that . . . that will be emotional."

Saturday's 10 a.m. public ceremony on campus is happening because longtime

friends and colleagues—particularly John Ramsey and Kenny Klein—kept the effort alive. And because Louisville Mayor Craig Greenberg made it a priority, working with university officials to see it through.

"I'm so appreciative to everybody," Jurich said. "Craig did a wonderful job. A lot of people, I know, got involved and worked hard. It's really special to me, and my family. We have such great memories of our time in Louisville, all the friends we made and tremendous people we worked with. And that's what this is all about."

It's fitting. The stretch of Floyd Street that will bear his name runs past a procession of facilities Jurich helped bring to life—a kind of living résumé cast in steel and concrete: Cardinal Park for track and field. The softball stadium. The natatorium. Field hockey and lacrosse stadiums. Football practice fields. The indoor practice facility. The soccer stadium. The basketball practice center. The baseball stadium across the street.

Jurich had time to think on the drive in. And with his wife Terrilyn beside him, the road brought back good memories.

"We spent 20 years in Louisville," he said. "It's the longest we've lived anywhere. We raised our kids there. To see Mark and Brian, and then the twins, all graduate from Louisville—and then all four of them got master's degrees—it worked out great for us. We loved every minute of it."

What he gave in return reshaped the university.

He remembered the Sugar Bowl—when Louisville, a 13.5-point underdog, stunned Florida and its fans turned the Superdome into a sea of red.

"Paul Houlihan, who was the president of the Sugar Bowl, made his way around to our suite, and he pulled me aside and said, 'Let me just tell you something. Without red, we are dead.' That meant so much to me."

He remembered the 2007 Orange Bowl—and the sight of Muhammad Ali and Arnold Palmer meeting as honorary captains. When Palmer saw Ali, he glanced over and said, "This is not a fair fight."

There were Final Fours. A Heisman Trophy. Volleyball crowds that outgrew the new arena almost as soon as it opened. There was an NCAA championship. And teams—so many of them—that found a national stage.

One of the most emotional moments I saw from Jurich came after Jeff Walz and the Louisville women's basketball team upset Maryland to reach the Final Four. He choked up in a postgame interview. It meant that much.

"People say, 'You did this, you did that,'" Jurich said. "But it was always 'we.' We had incredible coaches, incredible athletes, a passionate fan base. We did it together."

He's proudest, perhaps, of the growth in women's sports. He added four women's programs and pushed hard for Title IX compliance—not just to meet legal standards, but, as he said, "because it was the right thing to do."

"I faced a lot of resistance on that because, from a financial standpoint, there was no return on investment," Jurich said. "I told the board at the time, the return will come 20 years from now, when these fantastic women are running companies and they're going to be the ones making decisions on donations. . . . I give Julie Hermann so much credit. She worked really hard to get all of that going."

Jurich remains a Louisville sports fan. He watched all of the volleyball team's NCAA runs. He followed baseball's College World Series push and still talks to coach Dan McDonnell regularly.

"What a phenomenal job Pat Kelsey did with basketball. He has that ready to take off," Jurich said. "And you know Jeff

(Brohm) is always going to have football in a great place. I think Louisville is in a very good position. I think the ACC has done wonders for our opportunities for the future. And obviously, Adidas helped pave the way for a lot of it financially. Keeping those two together is extremely important—that gives you a foot up on a lot of schools. But the key is our fan base. Our support is known all over the country. It makes this place special."

And on Saturday morning, Jurich will come back and will get to see some of that fan base for the first time since he left.

He'll return not as a former AD, but as an honoree of the city and university. And he'll walk that old street again, now bearing a meaningful new name.

"I loved every minute of it," Jurich said of his time at Louisville. "I can't say I was too excited about the way it ended. But you know, it was a great run. The beauty of the city of Louisville, the reason any of it happened, is the people. They put all of our teams on their shoulders. And we all had a great, great time. That meant the world to me. It still does."

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO LYNETTE KAICHEN

• Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, I am honored to recognize Lynette Kaichen of Effingham as June's Granite Stater of the Month. Lynette founded an organization that provides clothing to children being placed in emergency foster care.

Ten years ago, Lynette and her husband became foster parents for children in emergency cases. In an emergency removal, kids going into foster care have little time to pack a bag with personal items or clothes, which means that most kids show up to their foster home with nothing of their own. Lynette was frustrated by the lack of support for these children, who are already going through a traumatic experience and have often lost everything, and by the fact that they have to move into a new and unfamiliar situation without any possessions. She knew that emergency foster parents would likely have some toiletries and toys or books ready, but the main problem that she ran into was not being able to plan ahead and have the correct size of clothing on hand. Lynette realized that if an organization could have every size of clothing ready ahead of time, every child in a foster home could have the clothes that they need.

Lynette decided to take action. She started The Pass Along Project from her kitchen table, putting together kits full of over a week's worth of clothing and shoes in every possible size from newborn to adult, ready to be delivered on short notice to a foster parent giving a child a home. Over the past 8 years, the organization has grown to include a warehouse in Pembroke, and The Pass Along Project now serves more than 500 children across New Hampshire each year. Lynette's goal is to be able to provide kits for all children in our State in foster care and also those who have entered the care of their relatives under similar circumstances.