

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.

Lynette's dedication to supporting to children that are going through a difficult time is an outstanding example of the Granite State spirit of stepping up to help those in need. Her compassion and attentiveness to children entering foster care is why I am proud to name her June's Granite Stater of the Month.●

TRIBUTE TO ROY DRINKARD

● Mr. TUBERVILLE. Mr. President, folks often say that a life well lived isn't about how long you live, but how many lives you touch along the way. If that is true—and I believe it is—then Mr. Roy Drinkard of Cullman, AL, has lived one of the richest lives imaginable. On July 12, he will celebrate his 105th birthday, and it is a privilege to recognize him here today.

Roy was born in Falkville, AL, in Morgan County back in 1920, and he has witnessed more American history than most of us will ever read about. When World War II broke out, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps and served with distinction in the Pacific Theater under General Dwight D. Eisenhower. He earned the rank of private first class and carried himself with honor. Today, he is known as the oldest living Marine in the United States, a title that represents far more than just a number. It stands for a life defined by courage, sacrifice, and steadfast patriotism.

After the war, Roy returned home and rolled up his sleeves to help his community grow. He was part of the "Flying Fifty," a group that brought new industry to north Alabama. He founded Drinkard Chevrolet and later led Drinkard Development, helping shape Cullman into the thriving community it is today. In 2019, the Cullman Times named him Distinguished Citizen of the Century; and it is hard to think of anyone more deserving.

Roy is also a proud Troy University graduate and now trustee. He still attends every home football game and cheers on the Trojans like a fan half his age.

He is a man of deep faith and a longtime member of First Baptist Church in Cullman, where he has been a steady presence for decades.

If you happen to stop by 412 Public House in downtown Cullman, there is a good chance you will run into him. He is always ready with a handshake, a good story, and one of his famous \$2 bills with his own face on it. It has become his trademark—something between a business card and a souvenir—and it fits him perfectly.

Even now, at 105, Roy isn't slowing down. He still hosts events, supports local causes, organizes a vendor convention out in Las Vegas, and keeps on building the community in every way he can.

Mr. Drinkard's life is a story of service—to his country, his church, his university, and his neighbors. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing him a happy 105th birthday and in thanking him for more than a century of leadership, character, and commitment to the people of Alabama.●

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-1191. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pepino Mosaic virus, Strain LP, Isolate VX1 and Pepino Mosaic Virus, Strain CH2, Isolate VC1; Exemptions from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 12767-01-OCSP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2025; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1192. A communication from the Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's proposed fiscal year 2026 Budget and Performance Plan received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1193. A communication from the Chairman, Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's annual report for calendar year 2024 received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1194. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Tarboro, NC; CORRECTION" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2024-1980)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1195. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D Airspace; Bedford, MA" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2025-1171)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1196. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes; Amendment 39-23058" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0343)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1197. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; MHI RJ Aviation ULC (Type

Certificate Previously Held by Bombardier, Inc.); Amendment 39-23057" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0336)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1198. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Take-off Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments, Amendment No. 4170" ((RIN2120-AA65) (Docket No. 31610)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1199. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Take-off Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments; Amendment No. 41769" ((RIN2120-AA65) (Docket No. 31609)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1200. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Inc. Airplanes; Amendment 39-23059" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-0477)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. CRUZ for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

*Bryan Bedford, of Indiana, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration for the term of five years.

Mr. CRUZ. Mr. President, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation I report favorably the following nomination list which was printed in the RECORD on the date indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that this nomination lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

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

*Coast Guard nominations beginning with John C. Adams and ending with Judson B. Wheeler, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 22, 2025.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.