

War reenactment, displays of antique farm and lumbering tools, historical presentations, quilts and other local crafts, great food, and good friendship. This long-planned event demonstrates why Whiting prides itself on being a small town with a big spirit.

The Revolutionary War reenactment is especially significant as one of the early settlers of the wilderness of far Downeast Maine after America won its independence was a hero of that conflict, General John Crane. A Massachusetts carpenter, Crane was a leader of the Sons of Liberty and was the only rebel injured during the Boston Tea Party.

Crane recovered and was commissioned as a Continental Army artillery officer who distinguished himself at Bunker Hill. Despite losing part of a foot to a cannon shot in 1776, he continued to serve and became the top commander of the U.S. Corps of Artillery. After the war, a grateful new nation granted the remarkable patriot a land grant on the coast of Maine.

With vast forest lands and fast-moving rivers, General Crane's settlement soon became a bustling lumber center with two sawmills. The fertile soil produced productive farms of crops and livestock, and pristine lakes, ponds, and streams supported abundant wildlife. When the general died in 1805, he was laid to rest with honors in the village cemetery.

Originally called Orangetown, after the river that powered the sawmills, the town was renamed Whiting upon its incorporation in 1825 after Timothy Whiting, an early settler and the town's first representative to the Maine Legislature.

Today, Whiting is a nature lover's paradise of gorgeous scenery and year-round outdoor recreation. The beautifully maintained Union Meeting House, built nearly two centuries ago, is a wonderful example of traditional New England church architecture and a worthy addition to the National Register of Historic Places.

Another major landmark is the Mill Pond Dam, built in 1830 where the Orange River meets Whiting Bay. In addition to creating a place of scenic beauty, the pond created by the stone dam has long been a crucial source of water for firefighters. Many residents recall how that precious water saved the town from destruction during a massive forest fire in 1985.

In addition to structural repairs, the dam needed a new fish passage. The Orange River is designated as Critical Habitat for Atlantic Salmon and supports herring and other important fish species and wildlife important to the economy and the ecosystem.

The people of Whiting stepped forward with investments of more than \$1 million for the watershed restoration project, and I was pleased to join the effort by securing \$2.9 million in Federal funds. During the legislative process, many students at Whiting Village School wrote letters supporting the

Mill Pond Dam project. When I discussed this funding with my Senate colleagues, those letters made a difference. It was impressive to see young people getting involved in the future of their community.

This 200th anniversary is not just the passing of years. It is about the people who for more than two centuries have pulled together, cared for one another, and built a community. My congratulations to the people of Whiting, ME, and my best wishes for the future.

#### TRIBUTE TO MARK MURPHY

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, today I rise to honor Mark Murphy, chief executive officer of the Green Bay Packers, as he prepares to retire on July 13. For 15 seasons, Mr. Murphy has led one of the most revered franchises in professional sports, ushering the team into an era of incredible success.

Founded in 1919, the Green Bay Packers are one of the oldest teams in the National Football League—NFL—and the league's last remaining "small-town team." But make no mistake, a small town does not mean a small fanbase. Packers fans are as loyal and enthusiastic as they come. Every Packers game since 1960 has been sold out, and the waitlist for season tickets is nearly 150,000 names long. Over the team's long and storied history, the Packers have enjoyed many successful seasons. Decorated with 13 league championships, the team has nine pre-Super Bowl NFL titles and four Super Bowl victories. With more than 360,000 stockholders, the Packers are proudly the only community-owned team in all of American professional sports.

Because of the team's public ownership, being CEO of the Packers is a unique and demanding job, but Mr. Murphy's background could not suit him better for the position. Born in Fulton, NY, Mr. Murphy graduated from Clarence High School, where he was a successful athlete and accomplished student. Mark went on to attend Colgate University, continuing his athletic career playing football and baseball. He then went on to receive a master of business administration from American University and a juris doctor from Georgetown University.

After his success at Colgate, Mr. Murphy was drafted into the NFL. He played in Washington, DC, for eight seasons during which time the team twice reached the Super Bowl, winning Superbowl XVII in 1982. In 1983, Mr. Murphy led the league in interceptions and was named All-Pro. To this day, he is believed to be the only person to earn a Super Bowl ring as both a player as well as a team executive.

Following his time as a player, Mr. Murphy worked for the National Football League Players Association, eventually becoming vice president. While at the players association, Mr. Murphy served on the union's bargaining team during the 1987 player's strike. He moved on to collegiate athletics,

spending a combined 16 years as director of athletics at Colgate University and Northwestern University. In 1989, Mr. Murphy served as a trial attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice. He spent 4 years as a public servant, primarily representing government Agencies in trials. In 2007, Mr. Murphy became the tenth CEO of the Green Bay Packers, embarking on what would be a remarkably successful tenure with the franchise.

During his time with the Packers, Mr. Murphy made innumerable contributions to the Packers organization, including renovations to Lambeau Field, which is the oldest continuously occupied stadium in the NFL. He has overseen major renovations to the facility that have maintained the stadium's historic charm while making it a venue suitable for year-round events.

Mr. Murphy was also instrumental in development of the Titledown District. Situated directly next to Lambeau Field, Titledown is a mixed-use development that includes a residential property, numerous dining options, a sports medicine facility, a full-sized athletic field, game courts, and a playground. Titledown is also home to TitledownTech, a venture capital firm that Murphy has actively engaged with that invests in startups to solve global challenges. Since opening in 2017, Titledown has become a destination for locals and visitors alike.

Perhaps Mr. Murphy's most impressive accomplishment was his ability to build and maintain a successful football team. During Mr. Murphy's tenure, the Packers qualified for the postseason 13 times, reached the NFC championship game five times, and won Superbowl XLV in 2011. Mr. Murphy's leadership has allowed this team to remain one of the most successful in the league.

To cap off his time as CEO of the Packers, Mr. Murphy helped bring the NFL draft to Green Bay in April of 2025. The 3-day event brought more than 600,000 fans to Green Bay, the second-highest attendance in NFL draft history.

Mr. Murphy's contributions reach far beyond Lambeau Field and across Wisconsin. He and his wife Laurie have supported Wisconsin organizations dedicated to education, internet access, healthcare equity, and racial justice. Mr. Murphy is an advisory board member of the Positive Coaching Alliance, an organization that promotes a positive environment in youth athletics. He also served on the executive committee and board of USA Football and has contributed to efforts to make football safer for athletes of all ages. In 2021, Mr. Murphy received the Free Enterprise Award from the Rotary Club of Green Bay for his efforts to drive business growth and community impact through the Packers organization.

For 15 years, Mr. Murphy combined his passion for football with his strong business acumen to shape a bold era of

leadership. Mr. Murphy's legacy is defined by honest, thoughtful leadership—qualities for which he will be remembered in Wisconsin and across the National Football League. As he prepares to retire from the Packers Organization, I am proud to honor Mark Murphy's many contributions to the Green Bay Packers and the State of Wisconsin and wish him and his family all the best. "Go Pack Go!"

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### RECOGNIZING EDD THE FLORIST

• 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 Edd the Florist of Ottumwa, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

After emigrating from Germany, Margaret and Karl Wilz moved from Chicago to Ottumwa to purchase Edd the Florist from Edd Buckley in 1956. Currently owned and operated by their son Hans, Edd the Florist remains strong under its second generation of leadership. Hans works alongside six employees, including Cathryn, who has been with the business since its early days when she was his father's assistant. When extended family comes to town during busy holidays to help at the shop, the operations of Edd the Florist are a true family affair.

Hans expanded his parents' business by incorporating other retail items and gifts, in addition to contemporary and traditional floral arrangements for any occasion. The inclusion of home goods, food, and gifts has made the storefront a one-stop-shop in Ottumwa. The business also supports the community by featuring other Iowa small businesses' products. Additionally, Edd the Florist opens its parking lot and partners with local food trucks to bring new dining options to Ottumwa. Thanks to strong support from the community, Edd the Florist was voted southern Iowa's best florist for 2024 by readers of the Ottumwa Courier.

The Wilz family has made integrating into the community a core priority for the business. Karl served as the president of the Ottumwa Chamber of Commerce and started the first Oktoberfest in the town. Hans also instituted a charity rubber duck race in Ottumwa. The proceeds support local organizations such as the Ottumwa YMCA and First Resources Corp., which offers a variety of services to children, families, and those with disabilities. In addition to owning the business for the last 30 years, Hans currently serves in the Iowa General Assembly as State representative for house district 25. In August, thanks to decades of hard work and community support, Edd the Florist will celebrate its 69th anniversary.

The entrepreneurial spirit and commitment to excellence demonstrated by Edd the Florist is clear. I want to congratulate Hans Wilz, his family, and the entire team for their hard work and dedication to their community and providing exceptional products and services to families across Iowa. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success.●

#### TRIBUTE TO CORPORAL ELAINE McLEOD

• Mr. TUBERVILLE. Mr. President, veterans are the very heartbeat of the Wiregrass, and they bond together to support many great causes in the region. Among those leading the way is Corporal Elaine McLeod of Troy.

The daughter of a Korean war veteran, Elaine joined the Army after graduating from high school in 1974. She served as a military police officer, doing everything from guarding Air Force One to scrubbing floors of the barracks. Elaine says the Army gave her the discipline that was missing in her early years. In 2000, Elaine returned home to Troy where she quickly began getting involved with local veteran organizations—including the Montgomery Chapter of Vietnam Veterans for America, AMVETS, and the Ozark American Legion Post, where she now serves as the commander. Elaine has worked tirelessly to address needs in the veteran community, including homelessness and food insecurity.

In true Army fashion, Elaine tackles these needs head on. She has spearheaded countless service opportunities and events across the region, including organizing socials for female veterans and partnering with a local church to host a weekly Friday night dinner for veterans and the military-affiliated community. Elaine's goal is to provide the ultimate support system for local veterans, servicemembers, and their families.

In 2019, Elaine founded Vets 4 Vets, We Got Your 6, to give Wiregrass veterans and their families the ultimate support system. Her efforts have created an even closer-knit bond between veterans and even the Active-Duty soldiers at Fort Rucker.

Alabama is grateful for Elaine's willingness to take on challenges to improve quality of life for our heroes. It is my honor to recognize her as the July Veteran of the Month.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

##### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2025, the Secretary of the Senate, on July 3, 2025, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1. An act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of H. Con. Res. 14.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2025, the enrolled bill was signed on July 3, 2025, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. COTTON).

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of H. Con. Res. 14.

##### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY) announced that on today, July 8, 2025, he had signed the following enrolled bill which was previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

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

EC-1240. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, four (4) reports relative to vacancies in the Department of Agriculture, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 27, 2025; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1241. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Revision of the Salable Quantity and Allotment Percentage for Class 3 (Native) Spearmint Oil for the 2024-2025 Marketing Year" (Docket No. AMS-SC-24-0067) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 27, 2025; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1242. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral (lower half) in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1243. A communication from the Acting Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adjustment of Civil Monetary Penalty Amounts for 2025" (Docket No. FR-6513-F-01) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2025; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1244. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Business Combinations under the Bank Merger Act; Rescission" (RIN1557-AF29) received in the Office