

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING PARKERSBURG PHARMACY

• 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 honor Parkersburg Pharmacy of Parkersburg, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

In 2010, Tom Reinart established Parkersburg Pharmacy as a trusted healthcare provider. In 2023, Brent Bovy took ownership when Reinart decided to step back from the business. Reinart has continued to take occasional shifts to help ensure a smooth transition. In addition to Parkersburg, Bovy owns and operates Reinbeck Pharmacy in Reinbeck, IA. Parkersburg Pharmacy's team of 10 strives to provide excellent personalized care and customer support for the town. The business also features a gift shop, offering home decor, children's toys, greeting cards, jewelry, and locally made food items.

Bovy and Reinart recognize the perks of operating in a small town, ensuring patients are using medication correctly and utilizing the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program—PDMP—to double-check patient prescriptions and prevent medication abuse. Bovy has highlighted the important role independent pharmacies play in protecting public health across Iowa.

In 2020, Bovy's wife Val joined the team and has been instrumental in the successful operation of the pharmacy, demonstrating a family commitment to patient well-being. Together, they have worked to maintain and enhance the personalized service that Parkersburg residents rely on.

Bovy and his team are also deeply involved in the community. Parkersburg Pharmacy is a proud member of the Parkersburg Chamber of Commerce. Bovy serves as chair of the Reinbeck Economic Development Board, where he plays a key role in driving business development and community advancement. He is also a member of the Lions Club and serves as a volunteer firefighter in Dike, IA. In 2023, Bovy was recognized as one of the "20 Under 40" by the Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier for his leadership, entrepreneurial drive, and service to the community. From pharmacy operations to civic leadership, Bovy is passionate about growing and revitalizing the towns he serves.

Over the years, Parkersburg Pharmacy has gone above and beyond in providing exceptional patient care while maintaining a strong commitment to the community. The pharmacy has grown into a trusted healthcare provider for Parkersburg. It is my honor to recognize Tom Reinart, Brent Bovy, Val Bovy, and the entire Par-

kersburg Pharmacy team for their remarkable work and dedication to the community. I look forward to their continued success and wish them the very best in the years ahead.●

RECOGNIZING YOUNG CONSTRUCTION

• 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 honor Young Construction of Mason City, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Founded in 2001 by Dan and Tami Young, Young Construction started as a small roof installation company. What began as a small startup has since grown to offer a full range of exterior services, including roofing, siding, gutters, and installation. For more than 20 years, Young Construction has worked to protect homeowners through its outstanding craftsmanship and generosity. The team of 25 employees takes pride in their attention to detail and quality workmanship, delivering a seamless, stress-free experience for every customer. Their main goal is to give homeowners peace of mind with every exterior project. Always looking to expand, Young Construction opened a new location in Albert Lea, MN, in 2024. Young Construction serves all of Iowa, southern Minnesota, and Venice, FL.

Young Construction is also deeply involved in the community and has made it their mission to give back to the people who helped them succeed. They are proud members of both the Mason City Chamber of Commerce and the Albert Lea-Freeborn Chamber of Commerce. In 2023, the company was awarded the Mason City Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year award. They also rank among the top 1 percent of the Nation's roofing contractors, as Platinum Preferred members of Owens Corning Roofing Contractor Network. Through the Owens Corning Roof Deployment Project, the Youngs launched YC Roof Rescue, an initiative that provides a free roof to a deserving family and a local veteran each year. They have also donated roofs to vital community-based organizations, including the local homeless shelter and the Youth Baseball Complex. Through its YC Cares program, Young Construction supports MercyOne's north Iowa Thanksgiving dinner for employees working through the holiday and provides funding to four local families each Christmas to cover gift shopping and to spread the holiday cheer. The company also donates to local schools and daycares, a cause close to the Young family's hearts.

Over the past two decades, Young Construction has built a reputation for excellence and community service. What began with a truck has grown

into something truly special in Iowa and beyond. It is my honor to recognize the Young family and the entire Young Construction team for their outstanding work and dedication to their community. I look forward to their continued success and wish them the very best in the years ahead.●

REMEMBERING SUE VEER

• Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina. Mr. President, as the junior Senator from the great State of South Carolina, it is my pleasure to honor the legacy and extraordinary work of the late Sue Veer from Greenwood, SC. Sue was the president and CEO of Carolina Health Centers, Inc., a community health center serving over 26,000 patients in rural Greenwood, SC. Sue was born in Springfield, OH, and raised in Florida. She earned her B.A. from Carlow University, attended Penn State University, and later received her MBA from Winthrop University. She is survived by three children, nine grandchildren, and a wide circle of extended family and friends.

She previously worked at Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh and Grand Strand Regional Medical Center in Myrtle Beach, SC. In addition to leading Carolina Health Centers for 19 years, she was a member of the executive committee for the National Association of Community Health Centers, NACHC, helped to lead the NACHC 340B Working Group, and served as a member of the board of directors for the South Carolina Primary Health Care Association.

Veer gained recognition both across South Carolina and nationally for her expertise in community health centers and the 340B Drug Pricing Program. She often traveled to Washington, DC, to meet with my office and other congressional offices on health policy. She testified numerous times in committees in both the House and the Senate.

Veer once said, "Nothing in the professional realm has brought greater purpose to my life than participating in the process of ensuring everyone has access to comprehensive health care, along with the knowledge and motivation for them to seek better health and well-being for themselves and those they love and care about."

Today, it is my pleasure to recognize the late Sue Veer and her dedication to making a difference in the health of Greenwood, SC, and our Nation.●

TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT MICHAEL THORIN

• Mr. TUBERVILLE. Mr. President, it is hard to truly comprehend just all that our veterans face, even after returning home from the battlefield. They often bring home some form of scars—both visible and invisible—that they carry with them for the rest of their lives.

That is true for Michael Thorin of Gardendale. After enlisting in the

Army at 17 years old, he spent the next 19 years putting the safety of others above his own both in the Army and the Army National Guard. Michael went on two overseas deployments to Afghanistan and Iraq where he worked as a medic, cavalry scout, and a communications specialist.

He received numerous awards and recognitions, including three Army Commendation Medals and five Army Achievement Medals. Despite being in a war zone, Michael's faith deepened while in Iraq. He saw firsthand where many Bible stories took place.

Michael says his time in the military trained him to stay calm in high-intensity situations as he returned home to serving those around him in a new way. Michael came back to central Alabama and worked as a firefighter for the next few years. During this time, he received the awful news that altered the course of his life: His lungs were failing him.

Michael was forced to quit his job, resulting in him and his family losing everything—their home, cars, and credit. This time, Michael had to lean on his friends for help, as he fought through redtape at the VA to get his benefits. Michael admits that his challenges left him with thoughts of ending his life, but his faith kept him pushing forward. Through all of these trials, Michael and his family have kept their heads held high.

He is a true hero, and words fall short in relaying our gratitude for his service. September is Veterans Suicide Awareness Month, and we appreciate Michael reminding us of the need to support the men and women who have served in our military all year long. It is my honor to recognize SGT Michael Thorin as the September Veteran of the Month.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 4:39 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4553. An act making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes.

MEASURES HELD OVER/UNDER RULE

The following resolution was read, and held over, under the rule:

S. Res. 377. An executive resolution authorizing the en bloc consideration in Executive Session of certain nominations on the Executive Calendar.

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-1643. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to designation of an acting officer for a position covered by the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998 for the position of Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2025; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1644. A communication from the Director, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR); FAR Case 2023-018, Clarification of System for Award Management Preaward Registration Requirements" (RIN9000-AO66) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2025; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1645. A communication from the Director of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2025-05, Introduction" (FAC 2025-05) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2025; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1646. A communication from the Director of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2025-05, Small Entity Compliance Guide" (FAC 2025-05) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2025; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1647. A communication from the Director of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2025-05, Technical Amendments" (FAC 2025-05) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2025; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1648. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-128, "Vacant to Vibrant Amendment Act of 2025"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1649. 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 Resolution, a report relative to military action taken on September 2, 2025, in the Caribbean Sea and of the potential for further such actions; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1650. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-129, "Parity in Workers' Compensation Recovery Amendment Act of 2025"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1651. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-130, "Congress Cove Court Designation Act of 2025"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1652. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Colum-

bia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-131, "Elmore-Friendship Court Designation Act of 2025"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1653. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-132, "Rev. Dr. Judy Talbert Way Designation Act of 2025"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1654. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-133, "Parkside Canopy Temporary Amendment Act of 2025"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1655. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-134, "Strengthening Probate Administration Temporary Amendment Act of 2025"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1656. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-135, "Long Bridge Project Temporary Amendment Act of 2025"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1657. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-136, "DC Water and Sewer Authority Billing and Disconnection Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2025"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1658. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-137, "Personal Delivery Device Weight Limit Temporary Amendment Act of 2025"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1659. A communication from the Program Analyst, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rescission of Expired 1-Year Grace Period for Data Extensions" (RIN1010-AE34) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2025; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1660. A communication from the Acting Associate Director of Offshore Regulatory Programs, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Offshore Downhole Commingling Regulatory Updates" (RIN1014-AA68) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2025; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1661. A communication from the Program Analyst, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rescission of Renewable Energy Leasing Schedule" (RIN1010-AE35) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2025; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1662. A communication from the Program Analyst, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rescission of Cross References" (RIN1010-AE30) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 2, 2025; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1663. A communication from the Program Analyst, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule