

effectively trained. Stella Blue's handler, Brian Marinelli, a Boise teacher and U.S. Air Force veteran, devoted innumerable hours to Stella Blue's training, while forging a bond cemented in trust. I also recognize the loss felt by the Marinelli family—Brian's wife Midori and their children Sara and Dante—as Stella Blue was a cherished member of their family in addition to her service to the people of Idaho.

As I extend my condolences to Brian Marinelli and the entire Idaho Mountain Search and Rescue Unit, I also thank the team for its outstanding service. Stella Blue's days were too few but exceedingly well spent. And your remembrance of her as a trusted partner, teammate, and friend is a moving example of your devotion to those you search for and alongside. Thank you for your loyal and dedicated service.●

RECOGNIZING BANNOR TOYS

● 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 Bannor Toys of Madrid, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

In 2011, Stacey and Jesse Bannor founded Bannor Toys after becoming frustrated with low-quality, easily broken, and overly complicated children's toys. Instead, they yearned for nostalgic, traditional, wooden toys for their own children like the ones they remembered playing with at their grandparents' houses. With this in mind, Jesse got to work in their basement and began crafting toys for their kids. But word quickly spread as the parents and children at Stacey's home daycare loved the toys, sparking the start of their business. What started as a personal mission and hobby transitioned to selling at craft fairs and farmers markets and, today, has grown into a successful toy company offering high-quality, modern, and eco-friendly toys through their Bannor Toys website, Etsy shop, and wholesale partners. The products range from rattles and teething toys to matching games, bath toys, and more. Today, Stacey manages every aspect of production, running the business primarily on her own. While Bannor Toys partners with a small company in Illinois to cut the wood, Stacey finishes each toy personally in their Madrid workshop. The business continues to thrive 14 years later.

In 2019, Bannor Toys was recognized at the White House Made in America Showcase and received the Renew Rural Iowa Entrepreneur Award from the Iowa Farm Bureau. The company has also been featured multiple times on Fox and Friends and Fox Business and is an active member of the Madrid Chamber of Commerce. These honors are a testament to the high-quality, fun, and safe toys Stacey and Jesse cre-

ate, as well as the success of their business.

Stacey and Jesse are also dedicated to giving back to the community. They donate to children's shelters, participate in Toys for Tots, and provide new books for local school students. More than 6 years ago, Bannor Toys launched Supplies for Success with Madrid Elementary School to provide school supplies, basic hygiene items, winter hats and mittens, and classroom snacks for students in need. Every fall, they stock this room with supplies for students to "shop" and pick out their own items to ensure each student has something special for back-to-school season. Stacey and Jesse have used the success of their business to give generously and leave their community better than they found it.

Over the past 14 years, Bannor Toys has become a model of innovation in children's toys and a proud example of local manufacturing. Bannor Toys serves as a reminder that innovation and tradition can go hand in hand, creating products that inspire families while preserving timeless values. It is my honor to recognize Stacey and Jesse Bannor 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.●

RECOGNIZING GREAT WESTERN SUPPLY CO.

● 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 Great Western Supply Co. of Davenport, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

In 1986, Collin Carney used seed money from his father to purchase the failing Great Western Supply Co. in Burlington, IA. Mr. Carney set out to become more than a purveyor of shovels and rakes and expanded the company's offerings to include janitorial and food service items. To further align with the commercial janitorial space, Mr. Carney engaged a chemist to develop cleaning supplies unique to Great Western Supply Co., such as "Hammerhead Degreaser" and "No Rinse Floor Cleaner," which are manufactured locally and sold at their three storefronts in Davenport, Marion, and Burlington and are also available online. Mr. Carney employs nearly 30 staff who are certified in 27 custodial training programs, one aspect of Great Western Supply's second-to-none commitment to quality care and customer service. A friendly and knowledgeable voice answering each phone call and fulfilling orders with a 99-percent accuracy rate continues that priority and highlights the core values of the company which are love, respect, honesty, and hard work.

Great Western Supply Co. is deeply involved in the sanitation supply industry. They are proud members of the Quad City, Marion, and Burlington Chambers of Commerce, as well as C12, an organization for Christian business leaders. Mr. Carney is a very active member of the Pro-Link network of janitorial and sanitation distributors and the International Sanitation Supply Association. Great Western Supply Co. was recognized for their year-over-year growth and continuous collaboration with Pro-Link by being named Business of the Year in 2023. Collin Carney's involvement in the community includes a seat on the board of directors at One Eighty, a faith-based nonprofit organization which serves the community by providing a 14-month residential recovery program for people in the throes of crisis, poverty, and addiction. His commitment to the program goes above and beyond leadership, as he employs several One Eighty residents, who not only receive meaningful work and a paycheck, but also the benefits of the positive culture and family atmosphere Carney has created for his team.

Over the years, Great Western Supply Co. has built a reputation for excellence and collaboration. What began as a rake and shovel supply company in Burlington has grown into something truly special in Iowa. It is my honor to recognize Collin Carney and the entire Great Western Supply Co. team for their outstanding work and dedication to supporting their community. I look forward to their continued success and wish them the very best in the years ahead.●

RECOGNIZING THE HINCKLEY INSTITUTE

● Mr. LEE, Mr. President, I rise today to honor the Hinckley Institute of Politics at the University of Utah on the occasion of its 60th anniversary. For six decades, this esteemed institution has exemplified a commitment to public service, civic engagement, and the betterment of our State and Nation by inspiring generations of students to become involved American citizens.

Founded in 1965 by visionary philanthropist Robert H. Hinckley through a generous bequest from the Noble Foundation, the institute was established with the honorable mission to teach students respect for practical politics and true personal engagement in government. That goal has expanded over the last six decades to encourage students of all majors and disciplines to gain hands-on experience and dedicate their skills to public service. Over the years, the institute has placed more than 10,000 interns in positions that foster growth, leadership, and a deep appreciation for the American political process.

In Washington, DC, the institute stands as one of the oldest continuous internship programs in the country. Thousands of interns have tackled

prestigious roles with Utah's congressional delegation, the U.S. Supreme Court, and multiple Presidential administrations. In Utah, interns provide vital staffing to the State's legislature, work with State and local government, and bring crucial support to our non-profit community. Hinckley students also work across the globe. Over the years, students have traveled to over 50 countries, participating in internships ranging from humanitarian causes, parliamentary staffing, and international policy initiatives. Many Hinckley alumni have held elected office and led distinguished careers in public service. These dedicated Utahns continue to better our country by upholding the principles of our Constitution and bringing Utah's work ethic to Washington.

In 2023, the Hinckley Institute expanded its reach with the opening of the Orrin G. Hatch Center in Washington, DC. The Hatch Center serves as a premier living and learning hub for students and provides unparalleled access to the heart of national policy-making. The founding of the Dan Jones Center for Public Service has also positioned the institute as a leader for public opinion polling, impactful research, and thought leadership in Utah and beyond.

As we celebrate this milestone, let us recognize the Hinckley Institute's unwavering dedication to fostering generations of engaged Utahns. By empowering students to contribute meaningfully to our country, the institute continues to advance the tenets of public service essential to our great Nation's strength. I commend the Hinckley Institute on 60 years of excellence and look forward to its achievements in the years to come.●

RECOGNIZING MCINTYRE FARMS

● Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, as a member and former chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each month I recognize and celebrate the American entrepreneurial spirit by highlighting the success of a small business in my home State of Idaho. Today, I am proud to honor McIntyre Farms in Caldwell as the Idaho Small Business of the Month for September 2025.

The McIntyre family started farming row crops and raising animals, including a small dairy, watermelons, and later alfalfa, in the Treasure Valley in 1910. Nearly a century later, in 2006, Ben and Brad McIntyre returned from college, becoming the fourth generation of McIntyres to farm the land.

Upon taking over the farm, Ben and Brad quickly took notice of the soil's biology. They began studying soil health, learning as much as possible about the importance of carbon and mineral content, and water retention. The McIntyre brothers decided to rebuild the land using a no-till, regenerative approach. They now bring in a rotation of cows, pastured hogs, chick-

ens, and turkeys to rebuild the soil without using artificial fertilizers and pesticides. This practice leaves the land healthier and improves the quality of its products.

Today, McIntyre Farms sells a variety of meats, dairy, eggs, and seasonal produce at their store and offers pickup or home delivery. The operation is primarily run by three generations of McIntyres, including Loren, Ben and Brad's father, along with their wives and children.

Congratulations to the McIntyre family and the employees at McIntyre Farms on being recognized as the Idaho Small Business of the Month for September 2025. Your dedication to excellence makes Idaho proud, and I look forward to your continued growth and success.●

REMEMBERING LARRY NEAL BARRON

● Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Larry Neal Barron, a distinguished citizen of Maryland, who passed away on August 10, 2025, at the age of 83.

Born on September 3, 1941, in Friedens, PA, Mr. Barron embodied the values of service, commitment, and leadership throughout his remarkable life. Following his graduation from Somerset Joint High School, he proudly answered the call to serve his country as a member of the U.S. Marine Corps, assigned to the elite HMX-1 unit. His service exemplified patriotism and devotion to duty.

After completing his military service, Mr. Barron embarked on a 37-year career with Mack Truck, where he was not only a respected employee but also a leader within the United Auto Workers. His advocacy through the Community Action Program and recognition with two Bobby Fouché Awards—from both the Central Maryland Labor Council and the Western Maryland Democratic Summit—reflect his steadfast dedication to the dignity of working men and women.

Mr. Barron's commitment to community extended far beyond his professional life. He gave his time generously as a scoutmaster at Long Meadow Church of the Brethren, guiding young people for 8 years. For more than half a century, he was a devoted member of Covenant Presbyterian Church, where he held numerous leadership roles and exemplified faith in action.

In addition, Mr. Barron was a proud Freemason, joining Medairy Lodge in Williamsport in 1976 and rising to serve as worshipful master for two terms. He attained the 32nd Degree, served as grand inspector of Masons for the State of Maryland, and was past president of the Maryland Masonic Research Society. His leadership also extended to youth organizations, including service as past associate guardian of Bethel No. 26, International Order of Job's Daughters.

Larry Barron was also an active figure in civic life, especially within the

Democratic Party. He served on the Washington County Democratic State Central Committee and was a primary organizer of the Western Maryland Democratic Summit, where his tireless work strengthened civic engagement and democratic participation across our region.

Above all, Mr. Barron will be remembered as a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He is survived by his beloved wife Judy Mae Barron; his daughter Catherine Middlekauff; and his grandchildren Caitlin and Camden Middlekauff. His life was one of service to God, country, family, and community.

The people of Maryland have lost a dedicated citizen and leader, but his legacy of service will continue to inspire. I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing appreciation for and paying respects to Mr. Larry Barron's remarkable impact and memory.●

REMEMBERING SAMUEL JORDAN

● Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the memory of the late Samuel Jordan of Maryland, who left an indelible mark on our State and Nation. Mr. Jordan worked tirelessly to make a positive difference in his community and across the globe, and he will be remembered for his remarkable advocacy as a transit champion in Baltimore.

Mr. Jordan's dedication to justice and civil rights started at a young age. After graduating from Franklin and Marshall College with honors, he founded Black Arise, a community-based liberation group. As an avid learner and pursuer of justice, he returned to school and earned a law degree. He inspired the next generation at the University of the District of Columbia, teaching constitutional and criminal law.

Throughout his life, he pursued justice across multiple fields. He was a strong supporter of workers' rights, fought for a better healthcare system, and advocated for racial justice. He championed civil rights on the global stage, serving as a United Nations delegate at a world conference against racism in post-apartheid South Africa.

Back home, Mr. Jordan's leadership at the Baltimore Transit Equity Coalition and the Innovative Housing Institute has made a difference in the lives of many. His dedication to building equitable transportation, enhancing affordable housing, and eliminating structural racism is an inspiration to us all and a testament to his lifelong pursuit of creating positive change.

I offer my heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Jordan's family for his commitment to strengthening communities and dedication to social justice. I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our condolences to his family and in honoring Mr. JORDAN's incredible legacy.●