

Thank you for your ministry. Thank you for your testimony and witness. I just wish his family well and just know that I am going to miss him. I am going to miss him but grateful that I knew him.

I yield the floor.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate resume morning business.

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

TRIBUTE TO VICE ADMIRAL SARA A. JOYNER

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, I submit this statement for the RECORD, alongside my colleague Senator ALSOBROOKS, to honor and recognize an extraordinary leader, trailblazer, and native of Maryland VADM Sara A. Joyner, U.S. Navy, on the occasion of her retirement following an exceptional 36-year career in service to our Nation.

Vice Admiral Joyner, known by her call sign “Clutch,” hails from Hoopers Island, MD, and is a proud graduate of Cambridge-South Dorchester High School, where she was valedictorian of the class of 1985. She was appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy by President Ronald Reagan and graduated with merit in 1989 with a bachelor of science in oceanography. After completing flight training, she earned her “wings of gold” in 1991, becoming a naval aviator and embarking on a career that would break barriers and inspire generations.

Throughout her distinguished career, Vice Admiral Joyner achieved numerous historic milestones. She became the first woman to command a Navy strike fighter squadron, VFA-105, in 2010, and in 2013, she made history again as the first female commander of a carrier airwing. Her operational assignments included deployments aboard the USS *Nimitz*, USS *John C. Stennis*, and USS *Harry S. Truman* in support of Operations Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom. She accumulated over 3,700 flight hours and 750 arrested landings in naval aircraft, including the F/A-18 Hornet, Super Hornet, and Growler.

Vice Admiral Joyner’s leadership extended beyond the cockpit. She served in numerous key positions ashore, including as an adversary pilot, a Joint Strike Fighter requirements officer, and as director of the Navy Senate Liaison Division in the Office of Legislative Affairs. Her flag assignments included leading the Physiological Episode Action Team (PEAT), serving as director for Manpower and Personnel (J1) on the Joint Staff, and commanding Carrier Strike Group 2. Most recently, she served as the Director for Force Structure, Resources, and Assessment (J8) on the Joint Staff, where she played a pivotal role in shaping the

Department of Defense’s strategic direction and resource allocation.

As Director of J8, Vice Admiral Joyner oversaw the formulation of three Department of Defense budgets and her leadership in global force management ensured the readiness and responsiveness of the Joint Force. Her efforts have left an indelible mark on the Department of Defense and the security of our Nation.

Vice Admiral Joyner’s career is a testament to her resilience and determination. She entered naval aviation at a time when women were prohibited from flying in combat, yet she persevered, earning the respect of her peers and breaking barriers for future generations. She has often spoken about the importance of grit and passion, values instilled in her during her upbringing on Maryland’s Eastern Shore. Her words of encouragement to the next generation, including as a commencement speaker at her alma mater Cambridge-South Dorchester High School, continue to inspire.

Vice Admiral Joyner’s service has been recognized with numerous awards, including the Navy Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and Air Medal, among others. At the time of her retirement, she is the highest ranking female flag officer in the U.S. Navy—a remarkable achievement that reflects her dedication, leadership, and trailblazing spirit.

As Vice Admiral Joyner retires, she leaves behind a legacy of service, leadership, and inspiration. Her contributions to our Nation’s security and to the lives of those she served alongside will not be forgotten. On behalf of a grateful Nation, we extend our deepest thanks to VADM Sara Joyner, her husband of 32 years, Jim Joyner; their children ENS Sara Beth Joyner and Mark Joyner; and her family for their sacrifices and support throughout her career.

May her retirement be filled with the same sense of purpose and fulfillment that defined her remarkable career. Maryland is proud to call her one of our own, and her legacy will continue to inspire generations to come.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING VOLVO CARS

• Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Volvo Cars on 70 years in the United States and the 10th anniversary of its plant in South Carolina. For decades, Volvo has been a strong partner in advancing America’s automotive progress with innovations such as the three-point safety belt, now standard in every vehicle.

With more than \$1.3 billion invested in U.S. manufacturing, the Volvo Car Charleston Plant stands as a powerful example of how global partnerships

have bolstered South Carolina’s economy. Today, the plant produces their flagship EX90 SUV for markets around the world, helping to strengthen exports and create good-paying jobs at home. Volvo Cars also recently announced it will add the XC60 mid-size SUV to the South Carolina production line. Volvo Cars has 283 retailers in 48 States, employing more than 11,500 people.

Again, congratulations to Volvo and its employees for 10 years of manufacturing in South Carolina.●

TRIBUTE TO JOE CASTIGLIONE

• Mr. LANKFORD. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the retirement announcement of Joe Castiglione or “Joe C” as Sooner fans like to call him. Under his watch, Oklahoma has won 26 national championships and 117 conference championships in a span of 27 years. Roughly 58 percent of OU’s national championships were won under his impeccable leadership.

Originally a native of Fort Lauderdale, FL, Joe attended college at the University of Maryland, graduating in 1979. After serving in previous roles at Rice, Georgetown, and the University of Missouri, in July 1998, he was hired as director of the OU Athletics Department. In the 27 years that followed, he went on to completely transform the athletics program.

From Joe’s strategic coaching hires like Bob Stoops, K.J. Kindler, and Lon Kruger, to unprecedented fundraising and facilities construction, Joe created and sustained a culture of excellence at OU Athletics. The athletic department raised \$109 million in the 2021–2022 year, \$79 million in 2022–2023, and \$110 million in 2023–2024. The Gaylord Family–Oklahoma Memorial Stadium underwent a \$160 million renovation prior to the 2016 season, and new facilities like the Griffin Family Performance Center and Love’s Field, the new softball stadium, have been built.

Joe’s calm and steady response to the Covid-19 pandemic is emblematic of his vision for the athletics department. During the fear and uncertainty of the pandemic, Joe was intent that OU Athletics would overcome and persevere through the difficulty. More recently, Joe has helped navigate the changing landscape of college athletics, which include the transfer portal and name, image, and likeness, NIL.

In 2024, Joe oversaw the Sooners’ move from the Big 12 to the Southeastern Conference, SEC. Additionally, in the 2024–25 academic year alone, the women’s gymnastics team shared the SEC regular season title and won its seventh national title; softball captured the regular season SEC title; men’s gymnastics won the Pacific Sports Federation Championship; and men’s and women’s track were in the top 15 of the NCAA Outdoor Championships.

With immense success on the field, it would have been easy to push academics to the side, but Joe has always

maintained that the student-athletes come first. He helped ensure that student-athletes maintained a strong academic focus. The student-athlete GPA for the last 27 consecutive semesters has remained a 3.0 and above.

In 2018, Joe was named Co-National Athletic Director of the Year. A 2017 Sports Illustrated survey named him the best athletics director in the country. He has also been the recipient of the LEAD1 Association Pearl Award of Excellence, the John L. Toner Award from the National Football Foundation, and has been inducted into the Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame. He is also the only person in history to have served on the College Football Playoff Committee and the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball and Baseball Committees.

His wife Kristen has supported his endeavors for 30 years. Retirement will give both of them the chance to spend a bit more time together in the years ahead. They have two sons Joseph Jr. and Jonathan.

In his nearly three decades at OU, Joe C's vision for Sooner magic created the gold standard of athletics at OU today. Since Joe will not be officially retiring until 2028, this is not the final goodbye, but an opportunity to thank Joe for his decades of service and dedication to a program that owes him so much. Joe, thank you for your leadership.●

TRIBUTE TO ADAM CHENAULT

● Mr. SCHMITT. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Deputy Adam Chenault of the Cooper County Sheriff's Office for his extraordinary bravery, composure, and willingness to put his life on the line for others.

In the middle of February, Deputy Chenault responded to an urgent call along the frigid Missouri River. A woman in distress was perched above a 70-foot drop amidst icy and snowy conditions. After Deputy Chenault arrived on the scene, he quickly exited his patrol vehicle and approached the cliff's edge, placing himself at great personal risk. He kept responding units back while he calmly spoke with the distressed woman, eventually talking her off the ledge to safety.

Deputy Chenault remained by her side until medical personnel arrived, and he ensured her safe transportation to a nearby hospital. His decisive action, disregard for personal safety, and calming words saved a life.

Deputy Adam Chenault is truly a Champion of Missouri. Chenault was presented with the Life Saving Award by the Cooper County Sheriff's Office. His unwavering commitment to protecting those in danger exemplifies the best of Missouri law enforcement. I commend Deputy Chenault for his life-saving service.●

TRIBUTE TO CLARA HILL

● Mr. SCHMITT. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Clara Hill of Missouri

Middle School for her election as president of Missouri Middle School FBLA.

Future Business Leaders of America, FBLA, is a nationally recognized organization dedicated to preparing the next generation of students for careers in business, leadership, and service. By earning the trust and support of her peers in this competitive election, Clara Hill has demonstrated maturity and a strong commitment to excellence well beyond her years. Her achievement reflects not only her personal dedication and leadership ability, but also a bright future for the next generation of Missouri youth.

As a newly elected leader in the Missouri Middle School's FBLA chapter, Clara Hill will play a vital role in empowering her fellow classmates to grow as leaders and citizens. Her accomplishment serves as a powerful example of how determination, character, and vision can inspire others to succeed.

Clara Hill is truly a Champion of Missouri. Her ability to lead and strong determination were critical in winning her school's FBLA election. I commend Clara Hill for her service to Missouri and wish her all the best in her future endeavors with the Future Business Leaders of America.●

TRIBUTE TO CORPORAL PAUL NICHOLS

● Mr. SCHMITT. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Corporal Paul Nichols of Hartsburg, MO, and to thank him for his years of service to our State and great Nation. Over his time in the U.S. Army during the closing months of World War II through his discharge just prior to the Korean war, Corporal Nichols, then serving with the 48th Field Artillery Battalion, demonstrated excellence in his work as an electrical lineman and inspector for communication lines across Korea. Through both his time in our Republic's armed forces and his time at home, he more than demonstrated his capability.

Corporal Paul Nichols is truly a member of the greatest generation and is an outstanding example of a Heartland Hero. I am truly grateful for his commitment to protecting our fellow Americans, am honored by his devotion, and know that my colleagues will join me in wishing him the best.●

REMEMBERING ADRIENNE L. OTTAVIANI

● Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the life of Adrienne L. Ottaviani, who passed away on September 23, 2025, at the age of 78. Adrienne was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, and a leader whose kindness and dedication enriched western Maryland for more than four decades.

Born in Denbo, PA, and raised in Baltimore, Adrienne married her husband Philip in 1968. Together, they shared 57 years of marriage and built a loving

family. In 1980, the Ottavianis moved to Cumberland, MD, where Adrienne quickly became a pillar of the community. She was first active in the PTA and served on the Allegany County Board of Education. In 1990, she was elected to the Allegany County Board of Commissioners, becoming one of only four women ever to hold that office. Adrienne demonstrated leadership, dedication, and a deep commitment to public service throughout her tenure.

Adrienne's greatest legacy, however, may be the warmth and fellowship she shared through Ristorante Ottaviani, which she and her husband opened in downtown Cumberland in 2005. Known affectionately as "Mama O," she welcomed every guest like family, serving food, friendship, and her signature hugs. The restaurant became a cherished community gathering place, reflecting her love of people and her belief that everyone deserved to feel special.

Adrienne Ottaviani was a trailblazer, a friend, and a source of light to all who knew her. She will be remembered for her service, her compassion, and her extraordinary generosity of spirit. She leaves behind her husband, three children, nine grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren, who will carry forward her legacy of love and community. Her memory will remain a blessing to her family, her community, and to the State of Maryland.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Ms. Kelly, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting a nomination and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 2983. A bill to reauthorize the Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act of 2015.

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-1975. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule