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#### TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL ANNA KO

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to LTC Anna Ko for her exemplary dedication to duty and service as an Army Congressional Fellow. Lieutenant Colonel Ko currently serves in the Army Congressional Budget Liaison Office.

Lieutenant Colonel Ko was born in the Republic of Korea and moved to New York City when she was 9 years old. In 2007, she attended Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, GA, and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army's Logistics Branch. She earned a bachelor's degree in TV production from the City-University of Brooklyn and a master's degree in legislative affairs from George Washington University.

Lieutenant Colonel Ko has served in a broad range of assignments during her 18 years as an Army officer, including company executive officer; battalion and brigade operations officer; company commander; and an aide-de-camp to a deputy commanding officer. She has served in multiple countries, including the Republic of Korea; Afghanistan; and Poland, in support of Atlantic Resolve. Prior to her selection to the Army Congressional Fellowship, she served with the 1st Infantry Division as the division supply and services officer, battalion executive officer, and support operations officer for the 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team.

This past year, I had the privilege of working directly with Anna in her role as an Army liaison, and she escorted me on multiple congressional delegations, including to Turkey, Lebanon, and Israel. Her professionalism, performance, and commitment to the mission are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and made a lasting impression on both Members of the U.S. Congress and their staff. Throughout her career, Lieutenant Colonel Ko has positively impacted soldiers, peers, and superiors alike.

Working with Lieutenant Colonel Ko during the 119th Congress has been a genuine pleasure. Our country has benefited from her extraordinary leadership, judgment, and passion for the Army profession. On behalf of the State of South Carolina, the U.S. Sen-

ate, and a grateful Nation, I join my colleagues today in recognizing and commending LTC Anna Ko on her service to our Nation. We wish Anna all the best as she continues her journey in the Army.

#### TRIBUTE TO DENNIS MIOTLA

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, with my colleagues Senator JIM RISCH, Representative MIKE SIMPSON, and Representative RUSS FULCHER, we congratulate Dennis Miotla, who is retiring from his position as Chief Operating Officer and Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Infrastructure Programs for the U.S. Department of Energy's, DOE, Office of Nuclear Energy, after 35 years of service.

Throughout his extensive career in nuclear energy, Dennis Miotla has served in a number of leadership positions as he has contributed significantly to guiding nuclear operations. Prior to his current position, Mr. Miotla was the Acting Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy. He previously served as the Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Nuclear Energy. Mr. Miotla also served as the Deputy Director for Nuclear Facility Operations, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Operations, and the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Power Deployment. Additionally, he was the interim manager of the Department of Energy's Idaho Operations Office where he had full responsibility for DOE operations at Idaho National Laboratory, INL.

Dennis has also worked for the National Nuclear Security Administration and at the Westinghouse Electric Corporation's Bettis Atomic Power Laboratory in West Mifflin, PA. As Dennis said about himself, "About 50 years working in various positions in nuclear energy. I think I have pretty much seen it all and done it all."

His extensive and remarkable work in the field of nuclear energy has understandably been recognized. He is a two-time recipient of the Presidential Rank Award for his outstanding performance in the advancement of nuclear energy programs.

Dennis is generous with his time as he cares deeply about the legacy of Federal service and is invested in those who choose that path. He is known at DOE, the Lab, and the nuclear industry for his leadership, mentorship, and sarcastic humor. He has taught many the importance and intricacies of the Lab's research, and his patience and guidance are deeply appreciated by many who have worked with him.

Dennis' years of service and dedication to nuclear energy and INL have helped support the current fleet of reactors and will help ensure continued research into advanced nuclear reactors, facilitating their commercialization and deployment in the private sector. His contributions are significant. Thank you, Dennis, for lending your knowledge, know-how, direction, and

vast experience so extensively to advancing nuclear energy and shaping future leaders in this important field. We wish you all the best on your well-earned retirement.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO SISTER KATHLEEN ATKINSON

• Mr. CRAMER. Mr. President, these weeks between Thanksgiving, Christmas and the New Year are a time of reflecting, giving thanks, and expressing gratitude for the blessings in our lives. Today, I would like to recognize and honor a remarkable woman from Bismarck, ND, who has been a profound blessing to my community and beyond.

I have known Sister Kathleen Atkinson, a member of the Order of Saint Benedict at Annunciation Monastery in Bismarck, for many years. In 2004 we cochaired the establishment of a Center for Christian Ministry at the University of Mary, which fostered leadership and service between students and the community.

In 2010, Sister Kathleen began leading Bible studies at the North Dakota State Penitentiary. She called the inmates her "men in the Pen," meeting them one-on-one behind the prison doors. Despite any fears she had, she believed in the importance of bringing God's love to the incarcerated and persevered with her ministry.

One day an inmate shared with her how terrified he was about his upcoming prison release. He had no ride, no job, no money, and no place to stay. Despite her own apprehension about taking responsibility for a prisoner she barely knew, Sister Kathleen agreed to pick him up on the day of his release. That was the beginning of her commitment to a prison re-entry program known as Ministry on the Margins, which she founded in 2013. Originally sponsored by the Annunciation Sisters, it later became an independent organization. She has served as its executive director ever since. The ministry has expanded to include a food pantry, street outreach, a nighttime low-barrier coffee house, and other programs serving the most vulnerable among us. What began with one volunteer has now expanded to 15 employees and countless volunteers serving some 1,600 people weekly.

I have watched with admiration her servant leadership in action over these many years. She has grown this ministry by recruiting volunteers regardless of religious denomination or comfort level serving others. Despite her short stature, she is powerful and fearless in her dedication. When she speaks, even the toughest audience listens. She asks for prayers, encourages selfless service, tirelessly fundraises, and testifies on legislation, policies, and solutions. Her success with Ministry on the Margins has inspired others to establish similar programs for

the vulnerable in Bismarck, across North Dakota, and throughout the Nation.

Sister Kathleen announced her retirement effective December 31, and I join the many who know this national leader in thanking her for being the hands and feet of Christ. Her ministry embodies Jesus' words from the Sermon on the Mount, where He says, "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was in prison and you came to me. Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'" Matthew 25:35-40.

Mayor Mike Schmidt has designated December 10 as Sister Kathleen Atkinson Day in Bismarck, where the community will be able to come together and personally express their appreciation. The impact of Sister Kathleen's ministry will resonate for decades to come. She is a State treasure and one of Bismarck's most beautiful souls. North Dakota is a better place because of her vision and dedication. On behalf of all North Dakotans, I thank Sister Kathleen Atkinson for her years of ministry. I wish her many years of health and happiness in the future.●

#### TRIBUTE TO SUSAN SHAPIRO

● Mr. TUBERVILLE. Mr. President, the holidays are a great reminder of the joy that comes from giving of our time and talents. It is also a time to reflect on those like LTC Susan Shapiro of New Market, AL, who are willing to spend holidays away from loved ones so that we can celebrate in peace with ours.

Susan grew up in a military family. Her father was a master sergeant in the Air Force, and many of her four older siblings either served themselves or are military spouses. Susan decided to join herself in 1989 as a means to pay for her college. However, this decision led to more than two decades of service. While in basic training in California, Susan met her husband—and fellow Army veteran—Jeff. They later welcomed their son Trent.

Susan spent the next decade going back and forth serving in both Active Duty and in the Army Reserves. During a stint in Oklahoma, she helped in the recovery and investigation logistics from the tragic Oklahoma City bombing. Her work took her all over the country: California, Oklahoma, Kentucky, New York. But the traveling stopped in 1999 when her husband was located to Huntsville, and they knew they had found their home. Shortly upon this move, Susan was assigned an overseas deployment to Iraq.

But before fighting on the battlefield abroad, she had to defeat a battle here at home: breast cancer. And that she did. Just 3 years after defeating cancer, Susan deployed to the Middle East to serve with the Headquarters Company Command and fight in the war on terror. While she was overseas, she connected deeply with two other women—her "battle buddies" as she calls them—Tammy and Sabine. One of her fondest memories of her time in Iraq is when her team members coordinated a Cancer Walk with her entire command as her family members back in the States did a Cancer Walk of their own.

The bond Susan formed with her team, Tammy, and Sabine was truly unbreakable. After returning home from deployment, the three remained inseparable. Susan walked with them through their own personal battles with breast cancer and has taken Tammy's family as her own after Tammy sadly lost her fight with cancer.

Susan also played a key part in Redstone Arsenal's Missile Defense Agency until her retirement in 2013. She now spends most of her time with her friends and family and rescuing animals in need of a home.

As we enter into this holiday season, I am honored to recognize Susan Shapiro as the December Veteran of the Month.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Holstead, 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 sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

##### ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2025, the Secretary of the Senate, on November 21, 2025, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills and joint resolutions:

S. 260. An act to amend the Bottles and Breastfeeding Equipment Screening Act to require hygienic handling of breast milk and baby formula by security screening personnel of the Transportation Security Administration and personnel of private security companies providing security screening, and for other purposes.

S. 2392. An act to increase, effective as of December 1, 2025, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1512. An act to amend the Taiwan Assurance Act of 2020 to require periodic reviews and updated reports relating to the Department of State's Taiwan Guidelines.

S.J. Res. 80. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to "National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska Integrated Activity Plan Record of Decision".

H.J. Res. 133. Joint resolution requesting the Secretary of the Interior to authorize unique and one-time arrangements for displays on the National Mall and the Washington Monument during the period beginning on December 31, 2025, and ending on January 5, 2026.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2025, the enrolled bills were signed on November 21, 2025, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. SHEEHY).

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:03 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 bills and concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3109. An act to require the Secretary of Energy to direct the National Petroleum Council to issue a report with respect to petrochemical refineries in the United States, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3426. An act to amend title 40, United States Code, to limit the construction of new courthouses under certain circumstances, and for other purposes.

H. Con. Res. 58. Concurrent resolution denouncing the horrors of socialism.

H. Con. Res. 62. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to unveil the statue of Barbara Rose Johns.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3109. An act to require the Secretary of Energy to direct the National Petroleum Council to issue a report with respect to petrochemical refineries in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3426. An act to amend title 40, United States Code, to limit the construction of new courthouses under certain circumstances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

#### MEASURES HELD OVER/UNDER RULE

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

S. Res. 520. An executive resolution authorizing the en bloc consideration in Executive Session of certain nominations on the Executive Calendar.