

as a member and chairman of the Education Finance Council Board of Directors. During his time there, Charlie advanced the council's mission of making postsecondary education more accessible and encouraging responsible borrowing.

Nobody understands better than Charlie that higher education should be within reach of students regardless of their financial means. I thank him for his unwavering dedication to families in Rhode Island and around the country. Because of the foundation Charlie has built, RISLA will continue to thrive and serve generations of Rhode Islanders to come.

I join so many of Charlie's colleagues and peers in thanking him for his friendship and kindness and in wishing him a happy and healthy retirement in the company of his wife Leslie; children Andrew and Caroline; and granddaughter Zoe. He has earned it.

#### TRIBUTE TO MASTER SERGEANT AMANDA OSBORNE

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Master Sergeant Promotable Amanda Osborne for her dedicated service to the United States Air Force and the Senate as a legislative defense fellow. Since joining my office in January 2025, she has been a trusted adviser on matters relating to national security and veterans affairs.

Amanda enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in July 2008. Over the course of her distinguished career, she has held leadership positions at the wing, headquarters, and secretariat levels and performed highly sensitive duties in coordination with senior leaders across the White House, the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and the Department of the Air Force. Additionally, she deployed to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. Her exceptional service has resulted in numerous citations, including the Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, and multiple Air and Space Commendation and Achievement Medals.

Her experience as executive assistant to then Secretary of the Air Force Frank Kendall has provided a unique and valuable perspective to her work in my office, particularly in discussions with senior leaders and in planning for appropriations. Amanda has also diligently worked to strengthen engagement between Senate and Air Force leadership, leading the Senate Air Force Caucus through various programming that included planning an official staff visit to Florida.

This has been a unique year in Congress; yet Amanda has demonstrated her ability to navigate a challenging legislative session while contributing to key defense policy decisions. Her professionalism, knowledge, and judgment have ensured that our office was well-equipped to meet these challenges.

I am especially grateful for Amanda's service to the people of Arkansas. She

has actively engaged with our service-members, veterans, and their families, providing invaluable support for their needs and priorities.

I also want to recognize her husband Mr. Matthew Osborne, and her children Gracie and Brantley for their support during her time in uniform. Having grown up in an Air Force family myself, I understand that military service is a family affair, made possible by their sacrifice and encouragement.

I am proud to have had someone like Amanda on my staff who approaches every task with discipline and a steady hand. She will always be welcome in my office, and as she prepares for her upcoming promotion to senior master sergeant, we are thankful for her continued service to the U.S. Air Force and for her contributions to my office. I congratulate Amanda on a remarkable tenure of service and wish her and her family all the best as she moves forward.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO THE SMITH FAMILY

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Jared and Cathren Smith, who have been named the 2025 Arkansas Farm Family of the Year.

Since 1947, the Arkansas Farm Bureau's Arkansas Farm Family of the Year program has recognized outstanding farm families for their contributions to the industry and their communities. This award reflects the Smith family's 17 years of dedication to farming and their important role in Arkansas' leading industry.

The Smiths operate a 250-acre farm in Howard County that includes eight poultry houses and a cow-calf operation. They are joined by their children Cooper and Clara, who are learning the value of agriculture through hands-on work and participation in FFA.

Committed to producing affordable, abundant, and safe food, the Smiths help feed families in Arkansas and across the world.

As Arkansas Farm Family of the Year, the Smiths will be competing with the winners from nine other States to vie for the Sunbelt Ag Expo Southeastern Farmer of the Year program. I applaud their hard work and join all Arkansans in wishing Jared and Cathren the best of luck as they represent the Natural State.

Congratulations to Jared, Cathren, Cooper, and Clara on this well-deserved recognition. I wish them continued success and look forward to their future contributions to Arkansas agriculture.●

##### TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT KIRBY DEMPSTER

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, today I have the honor to recognize Lieutenant Kirby Dempster of the Fergus County Sheriff's Office in Lewistown, MT, as Montanan of the Month.

For more than 8 and a half years, Lieutenant Dempster has served the people of Fergus County with courage, compassion, and integrity. As a supervising officer, he leads both detention and patrol operations and oversees important department initiatives, including cyber-crime prevention efforts focused on protecting children, human-trafficking investigations, and a drone program.

Today, we also recognize him for something deeper: his resilience during one of life's toughest battles. Following a difficult cancer diagnosis, Lieutenant Dempster was confronted with a new fight. However, he and his loved ones did not face it alone. His fellow officers, first responders, and the entire Lewistown community stepped forward without hesitation. Fundraisers were launched, donations poured in, and neighbors showed up to support the Dempster family.

This remarkable outpouring of support reflects what Lieutenant Dempster has built in his community over his many years of service. He is known as a strong leader, a mentor, a dedicated public servant, and above all, a devoted family man.

Lieutenant Dempster's commitment to protecting his community, his leadership in the face of hardship, and the community's support in return embodies the very best of Montana values. His story reminds us of what service truly means and how Montanans stand together when it matters most.●

##### TRIBUTE TO BILL CARBERRY

• Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, I rise today, along with my colleagues Senator MIKE CRAPO and Representative MIKE SIMPSON, to recognize Bill Carberry for his 24 years of dedicated service as airport manager of the Magic Valley Regional Airport.

A lifelong aviation enthusiast, Carberry earned his private pilot's license in 1985 and received a bachelor's degree from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Prior to his tenure at the Magic Valley Regional Airport, Carberry worked at the Centennial Airport in Denver for 9 years, where he learned the skills that laid the foundation for his successful career.

Since assuming the manager role in May 2001, Carberry guided the airport through many milestones and improvements that have benefited operations and the community. His leadership resulted in many important projects, including partnering with the Bureau of Land Management to develop a modern aviation wildland firefighting facility that supports local firefighting efforts. Carberry was also a key figure in transitioning the airport from servicing turboprop aircraft to regional jets, opening new travel destinations for Magic Valley residents, and introducing commercial air services.

Carberry's efforts went beyond operational excellence. He has been a driving force in fostering stronger community connections, including through

the annual Magic Valley Airshow, which featured three shows and the U.S. Navy Blue Angels this year.

In his well-deserved retirement, Carberry is looking forward to new travels, gardening, and spending time with his family.

It is with great pride that we recognize the achievements of Bill Carberry as the manager of the Magic Valley Regional Airport. Thank you, Bill, for your many years of service. We wish you all the best in your well-earned retirement.●

#### RECOGNIZING ZERO DARK THIRTY COFFEE

● 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 Zero Dark Thirty Coffee in Meridian, as the Idaho Small Business of the Month for December 2025.

Zero Dark Thirty Coffee began following founder Jarad Webb's battle with PTSD after serving in the U.S. Marine Corps for 4 years and the Nampa Police Department for 16 years. Like many veterans, Jarad left military service with undiagnosed PTSD which, along with a series of surgeries, led to an opiate addiction that disconnected him from his family.

Jarad decided to seek help and entered the Ada County Veterans Treatment Court to begin his healing process. There he met Brent Rowe, an Air Force and Army veteran with years of coffee-roasting experience. The pair bonded over their shared military experiences and a love for rich roasts.

In 2020, Jarad and Brent launched Zero Dark Thirty Coffee, naming the company after the military term for "way too early." They aspired to do more than just sell coffee; they wanted to create a business that would fund trauma recovery for veterans and first responders. To achieve this, Jarad ran their nonprofit, the ZDT Foundation, while Brent focused on roasting high-quality coffee beans to sell. Four years later, Brent remains a mentor and customer, and Jarad has immersed himself in the craft of coffee roasting.

Zero Dark Thirty Coffee donates a large portion of its profit to support trauma recovery and ensure that no warrior suffers alone. The ZDT Foundation works closely with organizations such as Homeward for Heroes, the Taylor Foundation, Save A Warrior, and many others across the Treasure Valley to serve veterans, first responders, and their families. To date, they have helped over 50 local warriors reclaim their lives from PTSD and it all started with a single cup of coffee.

Congratulations to Jarad Webb and all the employees at Zero Dark Thirty Coffee on being recognized as the Idaho Small Business of the Month for De-

cember 2025. Your dedication to excellence makes Idaho proud, and I look forward to your continued growth and success.●

#### TRIBUTE TO TAMMY THOMPSON

● Mr. TILLIS. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Tammy Thompson, who is retiring as director of veteran services for the Alamance County Veteran Service Office. For more than 14 years, Mrs. Thompson has served North Carolina's veterans with exceptional dedication, making an immeasurable impact on the lives of countless individuals.

Under her leadership, the Alamance County Veteran Service Office has experienced tremendous growth. She is a true leader who has served as both a professional and personal mentor to her staff, continually pushing the envelope to provide positive outcomes for the veterans and families of Alamance County.

Throughout her career, Mrs. Thompson built strong relationships across the State, earning the respect and admiration of colleagues, veterans, and community partners alike. Her service has exemplified the highest standards of excellence, and I am deeply grateful for the outstanding support she consistently provided to the staff in my North Carolina offices on behalf of our Nation's veterans and their families.

I wish Mrs. Thompson all the best for happiness and good health in the years ahead.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:14 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 216. An act to amend the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act to improve the administration of the Marine Debris Foundation, to amend the Marine Debris Act to improve the administration of the Marine Debris Program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 222. An act to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to allow schools that participate in the school lunch program to serve whole milk, and for other purposes.

S. 284. An act to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act.

S. 2878. An act to reauthorize funding to monitor, assess, and research the Great Lakes Basin, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 972. An act to amend the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area Act to adjust the boundary of the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1045. An act to amend the Southwest Forest Health and Wildfire Prevention Act of 2004 to require the establishment of an additional Institute under that Act.

H.R. 1098. An act to reauthorize the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994.

H.R. 2400. An act to take certain Federal land in the State of California into trust for the benefit of the Pit River Tribe.

H.R. 2815. An act to provide equitable treatment for the people of the Village Corporation established for the Native Village of Saxman, Alaska, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2876. An act to confirm the use of certain non-Federal land in Salt Lake City, Utah, for public purposes, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3176. An act to amend the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act to reauthorize the National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System.

H.R. 3187. An act to require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey a parcel of property of the Forest Service to Perry County, Arkansas, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3620. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Southcentral Foundation located in Anchorage, Alaska, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3872. An act to amend the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands to make that Act applicable to hardrock minerals.

H.R. 3962. An act to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4183. An act to authorize appropriations for the Federal Maritime Commission for fiscal years 2026 through 2027, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5457. An act to improve the visibility, accountability, and oversight of agency software asset management practices, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5810. An act to provide for mandatory training for Federal Government supervisors and the assessment of management competencies, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that effective December 16, 2025, pursuant to section 2 of the Civil Rights Commission Amendments Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 1975), and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, the Speaker reappoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on Civil Rights for a term expiring December 15, 2031: Mr. Peter N. Kirsanow of Cleveland, Ohio.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 972. An act to amend the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area Act to adjust the boundary of the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1045. An act to amend the Southwest Forest Health and Wildfire Prevention Act of 2004 to require the establishment of an additional Institute under that Act; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1098. An act to reauthorize the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 2400. An act to take certain Federal land in the State of California into trust for the benefit of the Pit River Tribe; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

H.R. 2815. An act to provide equitable treatment for the people of the Village Corporation established for the Native Village of Saxman, Alaska, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.