

Katie Verderber, a native of Valier, MT, competed on the wheelchair curling team for Team USA. Verderber received her undergraduate degree from the University of Montana and was a Judge Advocate General, JAG, in the U.S. Army. She was deployed in Afghanistan in 2019, where she suffered a spinal injury and medically retired. She returned home to Montana and took up wheelchair curling in 2024 and the following year was named to the U.S. Paralympic Team for the Paralympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026.

Jack Berry, a native from Missoula, MT, is a Para Nordic skier for Team USA. Berry's Paralympic journey began at 10 years old, following a life-altering diagnosis of osteosarcoma, a rare and aggressive bone cancer. During his cancer treatment recovery, Berry found inspiration from Paralympic Nordic skier Dan Cnossen, and made a breakthrough on the international stage in 2024 and 2025.

Michael Kneeland, a native of Bozeman, MT, competed on both the Para Nordic ski team and the Para biathlon ski team for Team USA. Kneeland received his undergraduate degree from Montana State University and began skiing at age 17, attributing Bozeman's outdoor culture and proximity to mountain terrain to his love for the sport. Kneeland entered the international stage in 2024 in Italy and later competed for Team USA at the Milano Cortina Games.

It is my distinct honor to recognize Katie Verderber, Jack Berry, and Michael Kneeland as Montanans of the Month for their hard work, dedication to their country and teams, and their representation of Montana on the highest level of competition in the world, the Paralympic Games.●

TRIBUTE TO CATO JOHNSON

● Mr. HAGERTY. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and congratulate my friend and an outstanding community leader in Memphis, TN, Cato Johnson, on the occasion of his retirement.

Cato currently serves as chief of staff at Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare, where he has dedicated over 40 years of extraordinary service. Cato has also served Tennesseans in many ways, including on the TennCare Medical Advisory Committee, the Governor's TennCare Roundtable, and the State Health Planning Advisory Board.

His leadership, however, extends far beyond healthcare. Cato was a founding member of the University of Memphis Board of Trustees and served as chair of the board between March 2024 and March 2026. During his time as chair, the university accomplished much, including the creation and naming of Victory Park student housing; the creation of new U of M foundations; a new independent school district; University Schools; and a new University Schools elementary school; Campus School Kimball.

Cato is also the former chair of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, former member of the Tennessee State School Board, and has served on the executive committee of the Memphis and Shelby County Sports Authority.

Cato has chaired my own Memphis "Kitchen Cabinet" and has provided pivotal advice over the past 5 years. The advice and counsel of our Memphis Kitchen Cabinet was critical to the initiation and ongoing success of the Memphis Safe Task Force.

Cato is a champion for healthcare, education, athletics, and the Memphis community. In fact, Ford Blue Oval has established the Cato Johnson Scholarship and the local YMCA on Elvis Presley Boulevard is named after Cato and his wife, the Georgette and Cato Johnson YMCA.

Cato is a trusted leader, partner, and friend to all who know him; I am pleased to be among those fortunate to be so close. I want to thank Cato for his remarkable legacy in Tennessee. I congratulate him on his well-earned retirement and wish him a lifetime of happiness with his family and many friends.●

RECOGNIZING THE SEWICKLEY ACADEMY PANTHERS

● Mr. McCORMICK. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Sewickley Academy Panthers on their remarkable achievement in winning the 2026 PIAA Class 2A Boys Basketball State Championship.

On March 20, 2026, the Panthers secured the title with a decisive 52-36 victory over the Old Forge Blue Devils at the Giant Center in Hershey, PA. This victory marked the program's sixth appearance in a PIAA championship game and its fourth State title, adding to previous championships earned in 1997, 2010, and 2017.

The Panthers' journey to this championship is especially noteworthy given their narrow loss in the 2025 PIAA Class 2A title game by a single point. Demonstrating extraordinary resilience and determination, the team returned to Hershey 1 year later to claim the championship. Sewickley Academy completed the 2025-2026 season with an outstanding record of 30 wins and just 1 loss, with their only defeat occurring in overtime during the regular season.

Throughout the season, the Panthers displayed both offensive excellence and defensive dominance, averaging 68.5 points per game while holding opponents to just 30.2 points per game. Their performance brought great pride and distinction to Sewickley, Allegheny County, and the entire Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

I commend the players, coaches, and staff of Sewickley Academy for their dedication, sportsmanship, and pursuit of excellence. It is with great pride that I recognize their achievements and bring them to the attention of the U.S. Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO DECLAN FARMER

● Mrs. MOODY. Mr. President, today I ask the Senate to recognize an extraordinary athlete and a proud son of Florida's Suncoast, Declan Farmer for once again bringing honor to our Nation with his gold medal victory at the 2026 Winter Olympic Games.

This remarkable achievement marks a historic fifth consecutive gold for Team USA in para ice hockey, a testament to the talent and tenacity Declan brings to the ice.

Declan's journey began in Clearwater at the age of 9. A bilateral amputee, he discovered a passion for sled hockey that would propel him from the local rinks to the world stage. From his early days at Berkeley Preparatory School to his time at Princeton University, Declan has exemplified excellence both on and off the ice.

His local roots in Florida remain deep. He has competed with the Tampa Bay Lightning Sled Hockey Team, the Space Coast Hurricanes, and Florida Bandits, inspiring athletes across our State and Nation. Since joining the U.S. National Team at just 14 years old, Declan has become a dominant force in the sport. His accomplishments include:

Paralympic gold medals in 2014, 2018, 2022, and now 2026; leading scorer honors at the 2013 World Championship, as well as the 2018 and 2026 Paralympics; and recognition as the Best Male Athlete with a Disability at the 2014 ESPY Awards.

Through tireless dedication and unmatched skill, Declan Farmer represents the best of the American spirit. It is a privilege to recognize his achievements and his contributions to Team USA and honor the legacy he continues to build for future athletes in Florida and across our Nation.●

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OHR SHALOM SYNAGOGUE

● Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Ohr Shalom Synagogue in San Diego, CA.

The synagogue first opened its doors on May 14, 1926, and has served the Jewish Community in San Diego for 100 years. It was originally known as the Temple Beth Israel before being acquired by Ohr Shalom Synagogue in 2002.

The building was designed by the notable architect William H. Wheeler and its architecture is a Mediterranean-Byzantine Revival style. Over the years, Ohr Shalom Synagogue's renovations have enhanced the original architecture by following the Secretary of the Interior's standards for historical designation, and it has improved accessibility by complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act. In addition, the synagogue was recognized in the San Diego Architectural Foundation's 100 iconic sites list and welcomed community members during the

Architectural Foundation's 2019 Open House.

Ohr Shalom holds prayer services offering daily Minyan, observes weekly Parashat, and provides candlelight ceremonies for the community. Moreover, the Synagogue's commitment to the broader community is exemplified by its monthly food distributions to San Diegans in need of assistance.

I ask all Members to join me in the rededication celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Ohr Shalom Synagogue in San Diego, CA, on May 3, 2026. ●

RECOGNIZING THE MONTANA CATTLE RANCHER

● Mr. SHEEHY. Mr. President, without question, one of America's greatest superpowers is our ability to grow and raise the food to feed our Nation and the world. This hasn't happened by chance, but is the direct result of the hard-working men and women in our agricultural industry. Today, we honor one facet of America's agricultural juggernaut, the Montana cattle rancher.

For generations, Montana cattle ranchers have risen before dawn, worked through bitter cold and blazing heat, and committed themselves to a life that demands strength, patience, and humility. They have learned to live with the land, not against it, preserving the open spaces that define this State, while raising the cattle that reaches tables around the world.

Many challenges have tried the cattle rancher, from the devastating winter of 1886, to collapsing cattle prices during the Great Depression, to the farm crisis of the 1980s, and periods of drought, harsh winters, disease, market shock, and wildfire. Still, multigenerational cattle ranching families remain in Montana as a testament to industry's strength and the grit of those within it.

For today's ranching families, lowering input costs and fighting consolidation in the industry are key priorities. For too long, foreign-owned meat packers have controlled our food supply. We must break that monopoly, offer American alternatives to increase our national food security, and advocate for a path forward that ensures American ranchers and cattle are placed at the center of our livestock policy framework.

Empowering hardworking ranchers who feed America and ensuring affordable beef prices for American families at the grocery store are not mutually exclusive. Both can be accomplished by lowering input costs and providing a reliable, pro-growth environment for producers so ranchers can grow their operation, capture more of the value they create, and feed the Nation with affordable, healthy, high-quality beef.

Food security is national security. We all talk about AI, data centers, and processing chips; let's talk about feeding our Nation. I am grateful to Montana's cattle ranching families for doing just that. ●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:00 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. 5103. An act to establish a program to Beautify the District of Columbia and establish the District of Columbia Safe and Beautiful Commission.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 2(b)(2) of the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of Asian Pacific American History and Culture Act (Public Law 117-140), and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, the Speaker appoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of Asian Pacific American History and Culture to fill the existing vacancy thereon: Mr. Anh "Joseph" Cao of Metairie, Louisiana.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 4277. A bill to make appropriations for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

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-3083. A communication from the Section Chief, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Substantiation Requirements and Qualified Nonpersonal Use Vehicles" (RIN1545-BQ83) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 24, 2026; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3084. A communication from the Section Chief, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Temporary Relief Under Section 1.1012-1(j)(3)(ii)" (Notice 2026-20) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 24, 2026; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3085. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, the Navy's proposed letter(s) of offer and acceptance to the government of the United Kingdom for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$1 billion (RSAT Case 26-18); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3086. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to HAVANA Act of 2021 Implementation Rules" (RIN1400-AG20) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 25, 2026; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3087. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to

section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, the Navy's proposed letter(s) of offer and acceptance to the Republic of Korea for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$200 million (RSAT Case 26-29); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3088. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, the Navy's proposed letter(s) of offer and acceptance to the government of Japan for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$340 million (RSAT Case 26-28); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3089. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, the Army's proposed letter(s) of offer and acceptance to the Government of Belgium for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$156.1 million (RSAT Case 26-21); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3090. A communication from the Acting Branch Chief of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Delegation of Authority for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Washington; Southwest Clean Air Agency" (FRL No. 13196-01-R10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 24, 2026; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3091. A communication from the Acting Branch Supervisor of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Attainment by the Attainment Date but for International Emissions for the 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards; Phoenix-Mesa Nonattainment Area, Arizona" (FRL No. 13057-02-R9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 24, 2026; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3092. A communication from the Acting Branch Supervisor of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of Clean Air Plans; San Joaquin Valley, California; Contingency Measures for 1997 Ozone Standards" (FRL No. 13043-02-R9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 24, 2026; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3093. A communication from the Acting Branch Supervisor of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Texas; Reasonably Available Control Technology in the Dallas-Fort Worth Ozone Nonattainment Area" (FRL No. 12896-02-R6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 24, 2026; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3094. A communication from the Acting Branch Supervisor of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Revisions; California; Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District; New Source Review; Stationary Source Permits" (FRL No. 12877-03-R9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 24, 2026; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3095. A communication from the Acting Branch Supervisor of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Texas; Reasonably Available Control Technology in the Houston-Galveston-Brazoria