

engineering project manager for the instantly iconic Milwaukee Art Museum Quadracci Pavillion, featuring a soaring structure designed by Santiago Calatrava. He also contributed to projects including the renovation and expansion of Green Bay's historic Lambeau Field, home to our beloved Packers, and the Wisconsin Center in downtown Milwaukee, as well as the Milwaukee Public Museum's IMAX Theater. These projects and many others have given him a unique understanding of the intersection between the design and contours of a city, the needs of its residents, and the delicate balance between the two.

Beyond this work, Mr. Kissinger is an active presence in the Milwaukee community. He currently serves as chairman of the Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment Board, and in 2010, he was appointed by then-Milwaukee mayor TOM BARRETT to lead the agency. He also has a longstanding interest in supporting programs for youth employment, serving as the cochair of the city of Milwaukee's Earn and Learn Youth Employment Program, in addition to volunteering with the organization. Mr. Kissinger was recently appointed to the Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce's Cultural and Entertainment Capital Needs Task Force to help identify funding options to preserve key local facilities in Milwaukee, including the BMO Harris Bradley Center, the previous home of our Milwaukee Bucks.

Mr. Kissinger's 25 years at GRAEF, as well as his many community service initiatives, have created a lasting impact on not only the Milwaukee community, but also on the greater Wisconsin community. I am pleased to join others in recognizing John Kissinger's success and contributions to the people of our State and our Nation. I wish him all the best in his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOSHUA HAYNES

Mrs. FISCHER. Mr. President, I rise today to honor U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Joshua Haynes.

As an Air Force Senate legislative liaison officer, from 8 December 2023 to 30 June 2026, Josh performed his duties without reservation supporting the 118th and 119th Congresses. A 23-year veteran who rose from an enlisted Security Forces specialist to a master nuclear and missile operations officer, Josh has consistently proven his exceptional airmanship. He served as the coalition coordination cell chief during his deployment to Qatar last year, where he responded to an Iranian ballistic missile attack. Disregarding all personal risk, his immediate and decisive warning ensured U.S. and coalition partners found shelter, saving countless lives. He then orchestrated the post-attack explosive ordnance disposal response, which resulted in zero casualties and a swift return to full operational capability for the base.

Lieutenant Colonel Haynes further distinguished himself through his professionalism and dedication by serving as an Air Force legislative liaison to the Senate. In this role, he advised Department of the Air Force senior leaders and helped develop strategic engagement opportunities to advance U.S. Air Force and U.S. Space Force priorities. His leadership facilitated seamless collaboration across 64 congressional offices, serving as the principal Air Force liaison to 21 Senators and their respective staffs. He supported 219 engagements and delegations for 10 members of the Senate Armed Service Committee and their staff to showcase the Department's equities within the United States and abroad. Notably, Josh spearheaded initiatives within the Air Force's headquarters to effectively bridge the information gap between Members of Congress and the service branch.

Josh's direct support led to the successful execution of countless Senate confirmations, posture, and subcommittee hearings, all while managing 138 congressional requests and 21 briefings that shaped and advanced legislative priorities. Additionally, Josh's commitment to enhancing global partnership was evident during 17 congressional and staff delegation trips planned and executed under his leadership. These trips supported the Air Force Caucus, State delegations, key Senate committees, and our allies and partners. Through these interactions, he strengthened international collaboration and cultivated relationships crucial for advancing shared defense priorities while showcasing select Department of the Air Force equities. His involvement and oversight enabled Members of Congress to make informed decisions to equip our warfighters with the necessary authorities and resources from the Department of the Air Force.

Finally, Josh organized engagements with Congress and international partners, driving congressional representation at Poland's inaugural \$4.6 billion F-35 rollout, strengthening U.S.-Poland partnerships, and supporting NATO defense cooperation. He led briefings and operational visits that resulted in legislation for improved missile defense and Indo-Pacific power projection. Josh's efforts led to numerous successful engagements between this body, current and former administration officials, senior military leaders, industry executives, technology innovators, and thought leaders. These interactions helped Senators and their staff advance our shared goal of peace through strength.

Next, Lieutenant Colonel Haynes will move on to serve as the commander of Air Force ROTC Detachment 600 at East Carolina University in Greenville, NC. Josh and his wife Amanda have instilled a legacy of service for their three children: Morgan, Bridger, and Landrey. They have sacrificed much as a family in service to our Nation. I am thankful for Josh's service—along with

his work with my office and the Senate—over the past 2 years. Please join me in saluting this American patriot's many contributions to our great Nation.

REMEMBERING DR. MARK HALLETT

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the life and legacy of a remarkable Marylander, Dr. Mark Hallett. Dr. Hallett was a pioneer, a prolific researcher, and an unforgettable mentor. The impacts of his work will be felt for generations to come.

Dr. Hallett was born and raised in Philadelphia, PA, where he graduated high school before attending Harvard College. He then received his M.D. at Harvard Medical School and completed his internship at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston.

In 1970, Dr. Hallett began his work at the National Institutes of Health and quickly discovered his interest in motor control research. He completed his residency at Massachusetts General Hospital and his fellowship at the Institute of Psychiatry in London before returning to Peter Bent Brigham Hospital as chief of the Clinical Neurophysiology Laboratory.

Dr. Hallett later returned to NIH and created the Human Motor Control Section with the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke. He pioneered new methods to research human movement, motor control, and various motor disorders, and treated countless patients. He played a crucial role in the discovery of Havana Syndrome in American diplomats and successfully helped renowned pianist Leon Fleisher recover use of his hand.

For all his professional accolades, Dr. Hallett remained modest and treated everyone he encountered with dignity and respect. He served as a mentor to hundreds of researchers around the world. His leadership qualities were undeniable, earning him several influential positions, including with the International Federation of Clinical Neurophysiology, the International Parkinson and Movement Disorder Society, and the American Academy of Neurology. His pioneering work has advanced the field of neurology and left an indelible mark on the way healthcare facilities treat countless illnesses and disorders.

Above all, Dr. Hallett's proudest achievement was his beautiful family, and we in the Congress have been fortunate to have the benefit of his wonderful wife Judy, an incredible researcher, brilliant historian, and storied leader whose work has defined generations of academic development. I invite my colleagues to join me in offering appreciation and condolences to Judy, his children Nicholas and Victoria, his grandchildren Celeste and Flora, and his siblings Eileen and Bruce.

RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CENTER FOR PATIENT PARTNERSHIPS

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, today I rise to recognize the Center for Patient Partnerships on its 25th anniversary. I am pleased to honor this organization and to commemorate this historic milestone.

Founded in 2000 by Meg Gaines, a law professor and cancer survivor, the Center for Patient Partnerships was built on the belief that we must work together to transform healthcare for all. For 25 years, the Center for Patient Partnerships has advanced a vision of patients working in partnership with medical and legal professionals in the fight for patient advocacy.

The Center for Patient Partnerships serves those with life-threatening and chronic illnesses by providing a full range of advocacy services. It helps patients navigate complex healthcare systems through personalized support in order to better understand their treatment options and access necessary medical and legal resources.

For 25 years now, the Center for Patient Partnerships has supported thousands of patients, ensuring they are equipped with the knowledge and guidance necessary to make informed decisions about their care.

In addition to individual services, the Center for Patient Partnerships is helping shape the future of healthcare through education. Offering training programs that bring together law, medicine, nursing, and pharmacy students, these programs give students the skills needed to become compassionate advocates and professionals in healthcare. This model has established the organization as a national leader in patient-centered education and advocacy.

The Center for Patient Partnerships also contributes to research and policy efforts aimed at improving healthcare delivery and patient-centered care. Its work focuses on consumer engagement and systemic reform to influence how healthcare systems respond to the patient needs.

As we recognize the Center for Patient Partnerships, we also honor the leadership of Meg Gaines, whose work has transformed countless lives and inspired a new generation of advocates. I am grateful for the center's continued service to patients and their commitment to strengthening our healthcare system. I look forward to their continued success in the years to come.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING DIVERSIFIED ENERGY

• Mrs. BRITT. Mr. President, I am honored to recognize an important milestone for a crucial leader in American energy, Diversified Energy, as they celebrate 25 years in business. During this quarter-century, Diversified Energy has grown into a powerful

example of American innovation and energy production.

Back in 2001, Rusty Hutson bought a single gas well in West Virginia. His vision and execution turned that one well into what Diversified Energy is today, an industry leader that continues to set an example for others to follow. As President Trump's energy dominance agenda advances, it is imperative that we champion strong producers that promote responsible, forward-looking operations that prioritize providing Americans with affordable and abundant energy resources.

Diversified Energy has built its reputation on this approach. By utilizing existing fossil fuel infrastructure in areas once thought depleted, the company has continued to meet demand in a dependable and efficient manner while keeping environmental responsibility front and center. Diversified Energy has effectively demonstrated that successful operations and responsible stewardship can go hand in hand. By incorporating modern monitoring systems and the latest in methane reduction infrastructure, Diversified Energy has taken meaningful steps to reduce its impact on the environment while continuing to unleash America's energy capabilities. As we continue to strengthen American energy independence and dominance, a long-term strategy like this is essential.

Above all, Diversified Energy's success is rooted in its unwavering commitment to safety. The company has fostered a culture of safety where protecting its workforce and communities it serves is paramount. Through sustained investment and adherence to rigorous safety standards, Diversified has ensured that its operation are not only productive but also responsible and secure.

Over the last 25 years, Diversified Energy has created jobs, strengthened local economies, and facilitated energy abundance that Americans depend on each and every day. Milestones like this are a testament to the importance of resilience, trust, and the dedicated individuals who make this success possible.

I am pleased to recognize Diversified Energy on this 25th anniversary and commend its continued leadership in advancing responsible energy production, driving innovation, and supporting American energy dominance for years to come.●

RECOGNIZING MILL CREEK CAFE

• 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 Mill Creek Cafe of Cedar County, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Founded in 2010 by Jamie Wilhau and Marcia Syring, Mill Creek Cafe is a welcoming, locally owned spot where

the Clarence community gathers over quality, home-cooked meals. Over the years, this woman-owned small business has grown into a hub for families, friends, and neighbors, known for its consistency, hospitality, and made-from-scratch dishes.

The cafe offers a wide variety of dining options on a rotating 6-week menu, including sandwiches, soups, salads, and desserts with daily specials displayed on a restored schoolhouse chalkboard. Out of the many delicious choices, in typical Iowa fashion, the tenderloin is easily the crowd favorite.

In addition to their work at Mill Creek Cafe, Jamie and Marcia also run an event management business together at their Highpoint Event Center venue that includes catering services and on-site overnight accommodation. They are actively engaged members of Clarence Main Street and the Cedar County Economic Development Group, where they support local economic growth and strengthen the small business community by hosting fundraising meals that benefit local businesses and schools. Through this involvement, they continue to invest in the long-term vitality of Main Street while preserving the character of their community by hosting fundraising meals that benefit local businesses and schools.

Mill Creek Cafe has earned statewide recognition, representing Cedar County on a list of 99 Must Try Iowa Restaurants, as well as the Warren Coleman Honorary Award from the Stanwood Lions Club for their exceptional catering services. Beyond accolades for their dining service, Jamie and Marcia also received the Friends of Iowa Renovation Award for their event venue.

Run solely by Jamie and Marica from the beginning, their business supports the home-style dining needs of Iowans while contributing to the vibrancy of Clarence and the broader Cedar County area. Mill Creek Cafe exemplifies the spirit of American entrepreneurship through its commitment to service and community.

I am pleased to recognize Jamie Wilhau and Marcia Syring from Mill Street Cafe for their dedication to Cedar County. I look forward to their continued success and wish them the very best in the years ahead.●

RECOGNIZING ZEB'S SMOKEHOUSE

• 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 Zeb's Smokehouse of Taylor County, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

After moving back home to Bedford, IA, Zeb Schuelke and his wife Andrea converted a vacant building into a meat processing facility. Zeb's Smokehouse was officially opened just in time for hunting season in 2015. Starting as a dream, the small wild game