

Res. 693, S. Res. 694, S. Res. 695, S. Res. 696, and S. Res. 697.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions en bloc.

Ms. LUMMIS. I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be agreed to, the preambles be agreed to, and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, all en bloc.

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

The resolutions were agreed to.

The preambles were agreed to.

(The resolutions, with their preambles, are printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

MORNING BUSINESS

RECOGNIZING THE BLUE ANGELS

Mrs. MOODY. Mr. President, today I ask the Senate to recognize and celebrate a truly iconic symbol of American strength and excellence, the U.S. Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, known to millions simply as the Blue Angels, as they mark their 80th anniversary on April 24, 2026.

Established on April 24, 1946, by order of Admiral Chester Nimitz, the Blue Angels were created to showcase the skill, precision, and professionalism of U.S. naval aviation and to inspire confidence in our Armed Forces following World War II. Eighty years later, they have done exactly that—and so much more.

Based in Pensacola, FL, since 1955, the Blue Angels are not just a flight team; they are a proud part of the gulf coast community and a cornerstone of our Nation's military heritage.

Each year, the squadron performs in more than 60 air shows across the United States, thrilling approximately 11 million spectators annually, while reaching tens of thousands more through visits to schools, hospitals, and community events.

Since their inception, the Blue Angels have inspired over 500 million spectators worldwide, serving as powerful ambassadors of the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps. Their mission is simple: to demonstrate the teamwork, discipline, and pride that define the men and women of our naval services and to inspire the next generation to serve something greater than themselves.

Today, the team flies the F/A-18 Super Hornet, one of the most advanced fighter aircraft in the world, showcasing the cutting edge of American military aviation. But what makes the Blue Angels truly extraordinary is not just the aircraft; it is the people. The squadron is composed of 158 Active-Duty sailors and marines, supported by a highly selective group of pilots who represent the very best of naval aviation. More than 290 demonstration pilots have worn the Blue Angels uniform since 1946. These are men and women who have served in

combat, led in the fleet, and volunteered to take on one of the most demanding and visible roles in the military: flying in tight formation at speeds exceeding 400 miles per hour, often separated by mere inches.

From their earliest days flying the F6F Hellcat in 1946, to their transition into jet aircraft in 1949, and now into the modern era of advanced Super Hornets, the Blue Angels have continually evolved while maintaining the same core values of precision, discipline, and excellence.

They are the second-oldest formal aerobatic team in the world and, without question, one of the most respected.

For 80 years, the Blue Angels have reminded us what greatness looks like when courage meets discipline, when teamwork meets trust, and when Americans commit themselves fully to a mission. They represent the very best of our Nation. This is the story of the Blue Angels. And in many ways, that is the story of America.

On behalf of the State of Florida and especially the proud community of Pensacola that calls them "our Blue Angels," I extend my deepest gratitude to every pilot, every sailor, every marine—past and present—who has worn the Blue Angels uniform.

I ask to please join me in honoring the 80th anniversary of the U.S. Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, the Blue Angels. May they continue to inspire generations to come. May God bless them, and God bless the United States of America.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING BANNOCK COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING

• Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, with my colleagues Senator JIM RISCH and Representative MIKE SIMPSON, we recognize the 100-year anniversary of the Bannock County Veterans Memorial Building, on North Johnson Avenue in Pocatello, ID.

This beautiful and beloved building adds to the appeal and history of the community. Architect Frank Paradise, Jr., designed the timeless brick building with a tiled roof and brickwork accents, and it was built by contractor Alex Mathers from 1924 to 1926. As the Idaho Heritage Trust described, "This site is listed in the National Register of Historic Places as part of the Lincoln-Johnson Avenue Residential Historic District, though it stands in stark contrast to the typical craftsman/bungalow-style single family homes that typify the rest of the neighborhood." Earlier this year, community members came together to celebrate the grand reopening of the building after it underwent renovation following considerable water damage. Many worked to secure resources and restore this local asset.

Over the past century, the building has been a cherished community treas-

ure for the veterans and military families it pays tribute to, as well as for many others in the community who have used the building for special events. The Bannock County Veterans Memorial Association maintains the veterans memorial building, which is a community center and hub for veterans' support services. Numerous veterans organizations hold regular meetings in its meeting and event space. Local residents have also hosted wedding receptions and other private events in the building over the years, and it has been the backdrop for photographs and other gatherings marking personal milestones and celebrations.

The building also houses a memorial museum for those who have served in all branches of the military, with local servicemembers donating artifacts to its collection. An official replica of Pocatello native Sergeant James Edmund Johnson's Medal of Honor is among the esteemed items displayed at the museum. Sergeant Johnson was one of 48 awardees with significant Idaho connections to receive our country's highest military award for heroism by those serving with America's Armed Forces. His medal is a reminder of the bravery, grit, and unrelenting responsibility to others on which our great State and country are built.

At the February 2026 reopening of the building, Bannock County Veterans Memorial Building historian Miguel Dominic recognized the veteran volunteers who have given immensely in service to our country and continue to sustain the building and serve the community. He reflected, "May this memorial building continue to stand as a beacon of honor, fellowship and unwavering ideals for generations to come. As we stand together in this memorial building, we honor not only the heroes whose names and sacrifices are remembered here, but also the heroes who continue to serve within these very walls."

We wish the residents of Bannock County and Pocatello well, as we acknowledge the century the Bannock County Veterans Memorial Building has memorialized Idaho Veterans, while framing countless, valuable conversations, achievements, and celebrations. Congratulations to the Pocatello community and Bannock County on this considerable milestone of an Idaho gem.●

TRIBUTE TO DONALD WAYNE ENGEL

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, today I have the honor to recognize Donald Wayne Engel as Montanan of the Month.

Donald Wayne Engel is a resident of Libby, MT. Engel was born on May 2, 1922, and joined the Air Force after high school. Early in his military career, Don was sent to Europe to fight against Germany in World War II and served as a member of a U.S. bomber team stationed near England.

Don was a fearless fighter and experienced times where his fighter plane was hit, but was never struck down. In 1945, Don was appointed to the rank of second lieutenant. Following his service, Don attended college to earn his degree to become an electrical engineer. The Air Force then assigned him to work with air ballistics and missile bases throughout the United States. He retired in August of 1969 with the rank of major.

Outside of Don's military career, he was married to Mervyn Engel and raised two children Patricia and James Engel. When Don wasn't on duty or with his family, he enjoyed hiking, fishing, and camping in the Rocky Mountains. Don was an avid lover of the outdoors and the mountains, so much that once he retired, he moved onto a piece of land outside of Noxon, MT, where he would juice his own apples and chop his own firewood.

Don now lives in Libby, MT, and will celebrate his 104th birthday on May 2.

It is my distinct honor to recognize Donald Wayne Engel as Montanan of the Month. Not only is Don an incredible example of a true military patriot, but a true Montanan at heart, and we commend him for his hard work and dedication to service to his country that will be remembered and inspire many.●

RECOGNIZING TOPPLING GOLIATH BREWING CO.

● 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 Toppling Goliath Brewing Co. of Winneshiek County, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Toppling Goliath Brewing was founded with a simple yet ambitious goal: to craft beers that could not be found anywhere else in northeast Iowa. In its early days, founders Clark and Barbara Lewey balanced building the business while still maintaining full-time jobs, steadily growing the company from the ground up. What began as a small, passion-driven microbrewery expanded through hard work, persistence, and commitment to quality. As it grew, Toppling Goliath established itself as a staple in the Decorah community.

After securing the necessary licenses and a property in downtown Decorah, the business moved into its current facility in 2017 and opened its taproom the following spring. Today, the brewery employs approximately 160 individuals and has evolved into a nationally and internationally recognized brand. In addition to its award-winning craft beer, the company has expanded into distilling whiskey, vodka, and gin, further diversifying its offerings and strengthening its presence in the beverage industry. Notably, the company has built a strong customer base over-

seas, demonstrating the global demand for high-quality, Iowa-brewed craft products.

Even with this growth, the business remains deeply rooted in Iowa and continues to maintain the values that guided its early success. The brewery is actively engaged in local and industry organizations, including the Decorah Area Chamber of Commerce, the Brewers Association, and the Iowa Brewers Guild. In addition to its business success, Toppling Goliath has made significant contributions to charitable causes. The company supports initiatives focused on improving water quality and protecting local watersheds, even dedicating specific products to raise funds for these efforts. They have also contributed to organizations such as the Field Museum in Chicago and local fire departments, demonstrating a strong commitment to giving back locally and beyond.

Toppling Goliath has been recognized numerous times nationally for its premier craft beers. In 2021, the business was named the Grand National Champion by the U.S. Open Beer Championship. Beer Advocate named Toppling Goliath as the No. 2 brewery in the world. Since 2015, their Kentucky Brunch Brand Stout has frequently held the title for the No. 1 beer in the world. The company continues to strive toward becoming a destination for craft beer enthusiasts, while expressing deep gratitude to the consumers who have supported its journey from the very beginning.

I am pleased to recognize Clark and Barbara Lewey along with the entire team at Toppling Goliath Brewing Co. for their dedication to the Decorah and Winneshiek County communities. I look forward to their continued success and wish them the very best in the years ahead.●

REMEMBERING NANCY ESTHER PLANK KELLEY

● Mr. HUSTED. Mr. President, today I would like to honor the life of Mrs. Nancy Esther Plank Kelley of Columbus, OH. Mrs. Kelley was born on April 14, 1934, on Oakwood Avenue in the South End of Columbus. She lived a life rooted in faith, family, and service to others. Mrs. Kelley is survived by her loving and devoted husband of 72 years, Donald W. Kelley, and their many children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Mrs. Kelley was a devout woman of faith whose lifelong mission was helping those in need, fighting for justice, and supporting those with limited opportunity. She especially loved planning family holidays, including the annual live Christmas nativity play with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She also volunteered and supported many schools in her area, helping serve and develop the next generation. Mrs. Kelley's legacy will continue through the many lives she touched. My prayers are with her family and loved ones during this time of loss.●

TRIBUTE TO NORMA ASHBY SMITH
● Mr. SHEEHY. Mr. President, it is my honor to recognize Norma Ashby Smith for her contributions to the city of Great Falls and the State of Montana over her decades-long career in local news.

Born to Raymond Wesley Beatty and Ella May Lamb in 1935, Norma began her path in journalism as editor for The Nugget, Helena High School's student newspaper. In this role, Norma landed her first big interview of Western actors Susan Cabot and Audie Murphy, who were visiting Montana for a film premiere.

After graduation, Norma attended the University of Montana's School of Journalism, spending her summers covering local news in her hometown for Helena's Independent Record. She went on to secure a photo editor position with LIFE magazine in New York City, spending 4 years there.

Returning home to Montana with her family, Norma soon began the role that would define her career and make her a familiar figure in homes across central Montana: hostess of KRTV's "Today in Montana" show. For nearly three decades, Norma delivered timely, local news to Montanans, interviewing more than 26,000 guests, including First Lady of the United States Pat Nixon and Johnny Cash. Norma also produced nearly two dozen television documentaries.

For her contributions to journalism and our State, Norma was named TV Broadcaster of the Year and Great Falls' Most Influential Woman, and was the first living woman inducted into the Montana Broadcasters Hall of Fame. She has also made enduring contributions outside of her journalism career, cohosting the Montana Children's Miracle Network Telethon, serving on the board of the Greater Montana Foundation, and playing an instrumental role in founding the C.M. Russell Art Auction, which recently marked its 56th year.

The recently announced Norma Ashby Smith Fund at the Montana Community Foundation will continue Norma's commitment to the arts and history through its support of the C.M. Russell Museum, the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center, and the History Museum in Great Falls.

May Norma continue her extraordinary impact in her 91st year.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 4:07 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, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 227. An act to allow a period in which members of the clergy may revoke their exemption from Social Security coverage, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2347. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from a gross income any damages, other than punitive