

will be sorely missed in the Show-Me State.●

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES JEFFREY BEATON

● Mr. SCHMITT. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the incredible and courageous career of Charles Jeffrey Beaton, who has for the last 15 years served as chief of the Glendale Police Department. Throughout his remarkable 33 years in law enforcement, Chief Beaton has continuously striven not only to protect and serve his fellow Missourians as a police officer, but also to serve as an effective leader in countless organizations. He has volunteered his time to serve on executive and advisory boards for the Regional Justice Information Sharing Law Enforcement Advisory Committee and the Law Enforcement Officials of Greater St. Louis. He also served as chairman of the St. Louis Area Police Chiefs Association's Memorial Prayer Breakfast Committee, where he and his colleagues honor the memory of first responders who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

Outside of his law enforcement responsibilities, Chief Benton has continued to demonstrate his spirit of service as a dedicated volunteer at his church. Through his work with the Law Enforcement Torch Run Committee, he helped raise nearly \$3 million for Special Olympics programs across the State. He also stepped forward to serve a short term as interim city administrator for Glendale, MO.

Without a doubt, Chief Charles Jeffrey Beaton is among our State's finest uniformed officers and public servants, and he has more than earned his upcoming retirement later this year. I am honored to recognize him as a Champion of Missouri and proud to call him a close friend. I wish him all the best as he begins this next phase of his life.●

TRIBUTE TO ZYAN KNOLLMEYER

Mr. SCHMITT. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Zyan Knollmeyer of Jefferson City, MO, a 2026 graduate whose wrestling career showcases American resilience. Born in the U.S. Virgin Islands, Zyan faced hardship at an early age with the tragic loss of his mother and spent time in Hawaii's foster care system. However, God had greater plans for him. Through several dedicated case managers, Zyan found his closest relatives in Missouri, who showed incredible compassion and quickly adopted him.

Not long after arriving in the Show-Me State, Zyan had his first encounter with wrestling—and wasn't impressed. But with the guidance of a phenomenal coach who helped him discover his own exceptional strength and determination, Zyan quickly fell in love with the sport and committed himself to mastering his skills. That commitment led him to become the varsity heavyweight for Helias Catholic High School in his sophomore year.

Over the years, Zyan has proven to be one of Missouri's most promising young athletes, finishing a remarkable season undefeated at 40-0 and claiming both the 2026 Missouri State Championship and NFHS National Championship in his class. His dedication to honing his craft is truly remarkable. Zyan has not become complacent, instead taking every opportunity to practice new techniques to ensure he is always at the top of his game. He is the kind of young man who earns respect, leads by example, represents his community with pride, and takes time to encourage younger athletes who look up to him.

Zyan has a bright future ahead, and as he looks forward to graduating, any university would be lucky to have him represent their wrestling program. His journey is a powerful "only in America" story, and I am proud to call him a fellow Missourian.●

RECOGNIZING HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL

● Mr. SCHMITT. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Holy Redeemer Catholic Grade School of Webster Groves, MO, for 125 years of academic excellence. Holy Redeemer has graduated more than 5,000 students since its founding in 1901. To put this in perspective, Holy Redeemer has continually provided quality, faith-based education to Missourians since Theodore Roosevelt served in the White House. Over the years, the school has adapted to student needs and modern challenges remarkably well, transforming from a school primarily staffed by nuns of the Dominican Sisters to a contemporary academy operated by dedicated lay teachers, ensuring that all students who attend are equipped to thrive after graduation.

Holy Redeemer Grade School is one of thousands of Christian schools who have gone above and beyond to ensure our Nation's children are provided with the proper academic knowledge and spiritual formation to face life's challenges. In recognition of this impressive milestone, my office is proud to provide Holy Redeemer Parish an American flag that has flown over our Nation's Capital. I am proud that Missouri hosts such high-quality, faith-based schools, such as Holy Redeemer Grade School. I am deeply appreciative of Holy Redeemer's dedicated staff and religious leaders and wish them the very best as they continue providing children of the Show-Me State with a Christ-centered education.●

TRIBUTE TO JIM MCCLESKEY

● Mr. TILLIS. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Jim McCleskey upon his retirement as director of the North Carolina Washington Office. Throughout his distinguished career, Mr. McCleskey has served the people of North Carolina with exceptional dedication, integrity, and an unwavering

commitment to public service, leaving an immeasurable impact on our State and Nation.

Jim McCleskey is a native North Carolinian who has built a career defined by professionalism, leadership, and a steadfast commitment to strengthening North Carolina's communities and economy. Over many years of service, he has worked tirelessly to improve the lives of countless citizens and advance opportunities for communities across our State.

Throughout his career, Mr. McCleskey cultivated strong relationships across North Carolina and throughout Washington, earning the respect and admiration of colleagues, elected officials, community leaders, and constituents alike. His service has exemplified the highest standards of public service, and I am deeply grateful for the outstanding support and counsel he consistently provided to the staff in my offices on behalf of our State.

In addition to leading the North Carolina Washington Office, Mr. McCleskey served with distinction as North Carolina's Alternate Representative to the Appalachian Regional Commission, serving under five Governors and across multiple Presidential administrations. Throughout his tenure, he worked in a bipartisan manner to strengthen the Appalachian Regional Commission as an effective Federal-State partnership dedicated to improving economic opportunity and quality of life throughout Appalachia.

Among his 13 State peers, Mr. McCleskey is the longest serving alternate representative in the history of the Appalachian Regional Commission. Under his leadership and advocacy, the commission awarded more than \$214 million in funding to support 722 projects across North Carolina improving infrastructure, workforce development, and business growth. He also coordinated the efforts of Appalachian Governors to advocate for robust Federal support for the commission and its mission.

Mr. McCleskey's leadership helped the Appalachian Regional Commission respond to some of the region's most pressing challenges, including substance use disorder, economic transition, and long-term recovery efforts following major natural disasters such as Hurricane Helene. His steady leadership and deep institutional knowledge have left a lasting mark on both North Carolina and the Appalachian Region.

I extend my sincere gratitude to Jim McCleskey for his extraordinary service to the people of North Carolina and the Nation. I wish him happiness, good health, and many rewarding days ahead—hopefully with a few fish on the end of his fly-fishing line.●

TRIBUTE TO STAFF SERGEANT KENYA THOMAS

● Mr. TUBERVILLE. Mr. President, oftentimes, the simplest act of service can make a meaningful difference in

the lives of those around us. For SSG Kenya Thomas of Daphne, AL, this is certainly true. She has spent her whole adult life finding ways to care for fellow veterans and Active servicemembers.

At just 17 years old, Kenya enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserves, where she would go on to serve for more than a decade. After her high school graduation in 1986 in Cullman, AL, Kenya set out to serve our country with honor. She specialized in telecommunications, where she helped keep military messages secure.

After an injury forced her to medically retire from the military, Kenya found other ways that she could support people in all phases of life. She went back to school to become an ultrasound technician, where she has cared for patients in their best—and worst—moments. As a breast cancer survivor herself, Kenya extends compassion to the most vulnerable around her, whether it be patients, deployed servicemembers, or children in need.

If she sees a need, she immediately jumps in to see what she can do to help. While her stepson was deployed in Afghanistan, she was inspired to meet a need for her stepson and his unit that often gets overlooked: making pillows for them. Over the course of just one summer, she made 150 pillows that she sent to marines in Afghanistan. She later connected with one of the marines who served with her stepson and was severely injured while in the Middle East. After learning he was at Bethesda Naval Hospital, she made and delivered 75 pillows for him and other injured soldiers.

Kenya also is actively involved in Toys for Tots and has served as the North Baldwin County coordinator for the past 12 years. Her leadership has helped provide toys to hundreds of children in Baldwin County. Kenya has received numerous honors and awards both for her military and civilian service, including being selected as the Fairhope Veteran of the Year in 2015. She and her husband Lew, also a marine veteran, share a family of four children.

It is an honor to recognize Kenya as the May Veteran of the Month.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Hanley, 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 and a withdrawal 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 BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2025, the Secretary of the Senate, on April 30, 2026, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 4465. An act to amend the FISA Amendments Act of 2008 to extend the authorities of title VII of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 4465. An act to amend the FISA Amendments Act of 2008 to extend the authorities of title VII of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2025, the enrolled bill was signed on April 30, 2026, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. BARRASSO).

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 2062, and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, the Speaker appoints the following individuals to the Advisory Board for the House of Representatives Child Care Center: Mr. John Byers of Alexandria, Virginia, Ms. Rachel Collins of Washington, D.C., Ms. Giulia Leganski of Potomac, Maryland, Mr. Derek Harley of Avon Lake, Ohio, Ms. Lauren Hodge of Alexandria, Virginia, Mr. Thomas McAllister of Washington, D.C., Ms. Anna McCormack of Alexandria, Virginia, and Mr. Kevin O'Keefe of Falls Church, Virginia.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 1095(b)(1)(A) of the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2026 (Public Law 119-60), 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 on the National Defense Strategy: Mr. Robert O'Brien of Heber City, Utah.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 4486. A bill to amend title 3, United States Code, to prescribe a process to authorize certain activities at the Executive Residence at the White House, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on April 30, 2026, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 98. An act to require the Federal Communications Commission to establish a vetting process for prospective applicants for high-cost universal service program funding.

S. 1020. An act to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to extend the time period during which licensees are required to commence construction of certain hydropower projects.

S. 4465. An act to amend the FISA Amendments Act of 2008 to extend the authorities of title VII of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, and for other purposes.

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-3330. A communication from the Fishery Management Specialist, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RTID 0648-XF116) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 8, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3331. A communication from the Fishery Management Specialist, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pacific Halibut Fisheries of the West Coast; Inseason Action for the 2025 Area 2A Pacific Halibut Directed Commercial Fishery" (RTID 0648-XF025) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 8, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3332. A communication from the Fishery Management Specialist, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; 2025-2026 Biennial Specifications and Management Measures; Inseason Adjustments" (RIN 0648-BO01) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 8, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3333. A communication from the Fishery Management Specialist, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries; Angling Category Retention Limit Adjustment" (RTID 0648-XE977) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 8, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3334. A communication from the Fishery Management Specialist, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; 2026 Atlantic Herring Fishery Specifications" (RTID 0648-XF413) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 8, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3335. A communication from the Fishery Management Specialist, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska;