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#### TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL ARTHUR HOLMES

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a true patriot, a dedicated public servant, and a lifelong defender of the United States: Major General Arthur Holmes.

Major General Holmes celebrates his 95th birthday this month. As such, I would like to honor his distinguished career of service to the United States. Major General Holmes was a founding member of my U.S. Service Academy Advisory Board and served over 20 years as its leader. In that capacity, he played a key role in advising me on the nominations of the young men and women who will enter the service academies and become the future military leaders of our Armed Forces. Major General Holmes carried out his duties with thoughtfulness, integrity, and a deep understanding of the qualities that are required to serve our country in this significant way. I am grateful to him for his two decades of service on my advisory board.

Our country owes Major General Holmes immense thanks for his devoted service to our community and Nation in a myriad of ways.

Arthur Holmes, Jr., was born on May 12, 1931, in Decatur, AL. He earned his bachelor's degree in chemistry from Hampton University and his master's degree in business administration from Kent State University in Ohio. Major General Holmes is also a graduate of the Naval War College.

Major General Holmes began his military career through the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Program and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1952. He served in both the Korean and Vietnam wars, holding various positions, including maintenance battalion commander, member of the Logistics Directorate for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and chief of ordnance branch at the U.S. Army Personnel Center. Major General Holmes made history as the first combat service support officer to serve as executive officer to the Secretary to the Army. Holmes later commanded the U.S. Army Tank Automotive Command. He retired as a commanding general, earning the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, and the Distinguished Service Medal.

Major General Holmes also contributed 12 years of tremendous service to Maryland's Montgomery County. He served as the director of Go Montgomery—an agency dedicated to implementing the county's master transportation plan—before assuming the role as director for the department of transportation. Notably, he worked to significantly improve transportation infrastructure surrounding Walter Reed National Military Medical Center

after the Base Realignment and Closure Act of 2005.

In all his endeavors, Major General Holmes has been continually strengthened by the faithful partnership of his wife Wilma Holmes, with whom he has enjoyed 47 years of marriage. He is also supported by his daughters Deborah Cook and Sharon Key; his stepdaughters Sharon and Ricki Fairley; and six loving grandchildren—all of whom are his pride and joy.

In short, Major General Arthur Holmes is an American hero. I am honored to call him not only my constituent but also my friend, and I am truly grateful for all that he has done to make a difference in our community and in our Nation. I had the privilege of his leadership on my academy advisory board, and I know that his contributions will continue to guide the board in the years to come. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking this outstanding American for all that he has done for our country.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### RECOGNIZING GREEN REAL ESTATE & AUCTION 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 Green Real Estate & Auction Co. of Sac County, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

In 1872, Col. Festus J. Green emigrated from Somersetshire, England. At just 14 years old, he started building a career in farming, masonry, and auctioneering. In 1894, Col. F.J. Green & Son was officially founded and laid the groundwork for what would eventually become known as Green Real Estate & Auction Co. This five-generation family business is rooted in hard work, entrepreneurship, and a commitment to serving rural Iowa communities.

Over the past 132 years, Green Real Estate & Auction Co. has grown alongside Iowa's agricultural economy while maintaining its family-centered values and exceptional customer service. Today, under the leadership of Jim Green, a fifth-generation auctioneer and real estate broker, the business continues to provide auctioneering, both farmland and residential real estate services, and farm consignment to clients across western Iowa. The company has become a trusted resource for families, farmers, and businesses navigating property sales, estate transitions, and agricultural transactions. With a team of under a dozen employees, the business supports local jobs while contributing to the vibrancy of Sac City and the broader Sac County community.

In addition to its longstanding success, Green Real Estate & Auction Co.

reflects the strong, civic-minded spirit that defines Iowa small businesses. The Green family supports local initiatives, including participation in county fair activities that remain central to the region's agricultural traditions. Beyond Sac County, Green Real Estate has active membership in the National Auctioneers Association, Iowa Auctioneers Association, and the United Counties Board of Realtors, demonstrating their continued involvement in the industry. This commitment to local and national engagement demonstrates Green Real Estate's dedication to entrepreneurship and economic growth in Sac County.

The Greens' business also remains active with local charitable efforts. The business supports Pheasants Forever, local schools, and health-related community benefits. Green Real Estate has also held auctions benefiting the local 4-H program and other charitable causes throughout Sac County. Even as the business has expanded across generations, the Green family remains committed to preserving the personal service, trust, and community relationships that have defined the company for more than a century.

I am pleased to recognize Jim Green, along with the entire team at Green Real Estate & Auction Co., for their dedication to Sac City and Sac County. I look forward to their continued success and wish them the very best in the years ahead.●

##### RECOGNIZING INTERPOWER CORPORATION

• 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 Interpower Corporation of Mahaska County, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

In 1975, Bob Wersen founded Panel Components Corporation in Berkeley, CA, that specialized in supplying power systems. During a recession in the electronics industry, Bob strategically shifted the business to a mid-size customer base and relocated to Oskaloosa, IA, in 1993. Over the next 10 years, the business steadily grew and opened additional offices in Ames, Lamoni, and the United Kingdom. In 2004, Bob renamed Panel Components Corporation to Interpower Corporation. Today, more than 50 years later, Interpower Corporation remains dedicated to simplifying how customers design, build, and maintain products across global markets. The company strives to meet all power sourcing needs, supplying country specific plugs to hospital-grade products. Their mission is to be the premier supplier of power system components for worldwide markets.

Bob Wersen continues to serve as president, overseeing 50 employees who

have gained a reputation of consistently meeting customer needs, regardless of how complicated a request may be. They take extra care in testing each product, seeing it as part of their responsibility to prioritize safety. As a businessowner, Bob has been involved with several professional organizations. He previously served as chair for the Iowa Association of Business and Industry, ABI. The business is also a member of the Mahaska Chamber and Development Group. Bob takes immense pride in manufacturing in America because of the dedication to his staff and his community. He has been recognized for his commitment to fostering Iowa's business environment and has been presented with the ABI Advocacy in Action Award and Legends in Iowa Manufacturing Award.

Outside of serving their clients, Interpower Corporation lends a helping hand in the Oskaloosa community. They host blood drives and provide students with internships through partnerships with Oskaloosa High School and William Penn University. They also participate in charities throughout the county showing their dedication to their community.

It is my honor to recognize Bob Wersen and the entire Interpower Corporation team for their outstanding contributions and presence in their community. I look forward to their continued success and wish them the very best in the years to come.●

#### RECOGNIZING THE INTERNATIONAL HEARING SOCIETY

● Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. President, today I acknowledge and congratulate the International Hearing Society, IHS, on their 75th anniversary. IHS is headquartered in Farmington Hills, MI, and is responsible for representing the Nation's 10,000 hearing aid specialists. IHS and its members have been serving the millions of Americans with hearing loss since 1951.

IHS's work has supported countless patients and providers, in Michigan and across the country, by empowering hearing healthcare professionals with education, specialized training, and professional development.

IHS's commitment to the hearing aid community is unmatched and their passionate work is appreciated in Michigan and beyond. Congratulations on 75 years of advocating for education, growth, and innovation in hearing healthcare.●

#### TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL GORDON

● Mr. TILLIS. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Michael A. "Mike" Gordon on his induction into the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, one of the highest honors in the State of North Carolina.

Mike Gordon has spent his life in service to his community and our State. He served for 24 years in the North Carolina Army National Guard,

retiring as a senior noncommissioned officer, where he demonstrated strong leadership, discipline, and a deep commitment to duty. Those same qualities carried into his civilian life, where he became a pillar of the Archer Lodge community.

In Johnston County, Mike has led in many capacities. He dedicated nearly two decades to the Archer Lodge Volunteer Fire Department, including 10 years as president, and also served as president of the Johnston County Firemen's Association. He went on to serve as mayor of Archer Lodge from 2009 to 2018, helping guide the town through a period of growth while preserving its strong sense of community. As the town's first administrator, he helped establish the structure and operations that continue to serve residents today.

Mike's commitment extends well beyond public office. He has spent more than 30 years volunteering with the Archer Lodge Community Center and played a key role in the creation of the Archer Lodge Water District, supporting critical infrastructure and public health in the community. He has also remained active in honoring veterans and supporting local families and is a longtime member of White Oak Baptist Church.

The Order of the Long Leaf Pine is reserved for individuals who have made a lasting and meaningful impact on North Carolina. Mike Gordon's lifetime of service reflects that standard in every respect. I congratulate Mike on this well-deserved recognition and thank him for his continued service to Johnston County and the State of North Carolina.●

#### ● TRIBUTE TO BRITTANY CLARK

Mr. WICKER. Mr. President, in January, Mississippi endured a historically catastrophic ice storm. At the height of the bad weather, nearly 90 percent of north Mississippi had lost power. The situation demanded swift thinking and a massive response. As always, State and local authorities responded—but so did everyday Mississippians, who stepped up to assist with recovery.

One Mississippian responded with particular fervor. Brittany Clark, a family nurse Practitioner and mother, has long dedicated herself to serving her community. Through volunteerism and other acts of service, she has built a reputation for compassion, leadership, and reliability in times of crisis. During Winter Storm Fern, she built on that legacy.

With remarkable courage and resourcefulness, Brittany mobilized critical relief efforts. She ensured that vulnerable communities had access to essential supplies, beginning first with those most at risk. By prioritizing the elderly and families without adequate resources, she ensured that none slipped through the cracks. Because of her efforts, many Mississippians found safety, warmth, and support during a time of dire need.

Brittany grew up in Pontotoc, MS, and later acquired her bachelor's and

master's degrees in nursing from the Mississippi University for Women. She and her husband Trent Clark reside in New Albany with their two children.

Brittany's action during Winter Storm Fern inspired others to step forward and serve, strengthening community bonds and contributing to a more resilient Mississippi. She helped reflect the very best of our State. I join my fellow Mississippians in expressing deep gratitude for Brittany's outstanding work.●

#### 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

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

REPORT OF THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13873 OF MAY 15, 2019, WITH RESPECT TO SECURING THE INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY AND SERVICES SUPPLY CHAIN—PM 60

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to securing the information and communications technology and services (ICTS) supply chain declared in Executive Order 13873 of May 15, 2019, is to continue in effect beyond May 15, 2026.

Certain ICTS transactions and classes of transactions involving a foreign country or foreign national can allow for exploitation of vulnerabilities in