

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII MEN'S
VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. President, I am glad to join my colleague Senator SCHATZ in rising today to recognize the University of Hawaii Rainbow Warriors men's volleyball team, the 2026 NCAA national champions.

As stated, on Monday, the Rainbow Warriors defeated the UC Irvine team to claim the national title for the third time. In the process, they made history by completing the first 30-win season in program history.

As a proud University of Hawaii graduate, I join people across our State and beyond in celebrating this impressive group of athletes. Not only is their roster impressive; it is diverse, with players from across the Pacific, from Europe, from the mainland, from across our islands. Tournament MVP Louis Sakanoko came to the University of Hawaii all the way from France. The Big West Player of the Year Tread Rosenthal is from Texas. And let's not forget two of Hawaii's own: Kainoa Wade and Alex Parks.

The 'Bows' coach Charlie Wade has said that the program they built at UH is unlike anything else on the planet, and part of what makes this team so special and successful is the commitment to embracing and building around their different strengths—players from different countries, different cultures, and different playing traditions coming together to accomplish a shared goal with the understanding that their differences make them stronger.

The State of Hawaii has always understood that diversity is something to celebrate, not fear. In our State, cultures don't just coexist; they combine to create something greater than the sum of their parts. Like our State, these Rainbow Warriors show what is possible when we embrace our differences, our diversity. At a time when diversity is under attack, this team just showed the entire country that diversity is a competitive advantage.

To Coach Wade, to every player, to the fans in Hawaii who packed the Stan Sheriff Center, cheering at the top of their lungs: Congratulations and mahalo. You made Hawaii proud.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Hawaii.

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII MEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2026 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MEN'S VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. SCHATZ. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 730, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 730) congratulating the University of Hawaii men's volleyball team for winning the 2026 National Collegiate Athletic Association Men's Volleyball Championship.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. SCHATZ. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 730) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

Mr. SCHATZ. I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. Mr. President, as we all know, this week is National Police Week. This is the time when we honor the brave men and women who put their lives on the line every single day to keep our families safe.

This week is especially meaningful because, here in DC, we honored North Las Vegas police officer Jason Roscow, who died in the line of duty last year, and he will be memorialized on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial wall.

Officer Roscow was an Air Force veteran who helped keep the North Las Vegas community safe for 17 years. He was described as a friend and a mentor to other members of the department. We will forever be grateful for his sacrifice, and he will be dearly missed.

Law enforcement officers like Jason Roscow risk their lives every day to protect our communities, and while we recognize that service throughout the year, National Police Week is an opportunity to express our gratitude.

For me, supporting law enforcement is personal. My husband is a retired law enforcement officer, and I have seen firsthand the sacrifices that our officers and their families make so our families feel safe at home. That is why I have worked with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to champion legislation to support police officers across the country.

In December, my bipartisan law enforcement bill with Senator MITCH MCCONNELL of Kentucky was signed into law. This legislation will ensure the families of retired law enforcement officers who were killed as a result of their service are not denied benefits. The law is called the Chief Herbert D. Proffitt Act, named after a retired police officer in Kentucky who was tragically shot and killed by a man he had arrested a decade earlier. Chief Proffitt's family was denied the benefits they deserved because he had already retired. That is unacceptable,

and that is why I am so proud that this bill to correct that mistake was signed into law.

I have also advanced some important law enforcement legislation just this week. On Tuesday, my bipartisan bill to fight retail theft passed the House of Representatives. As of 2024, organized retail crime cost retailers \$720,000 for every billion dollars in sales. That is up 50 percent since 2015. We are seeing criminals become more aggressive and violent while they are stealing from our stores. They are putting both customers and employees at risk as well. It is dangerous, it is damaging the trust between retailers and shoppers, and it has to stop.

That is why I was thrilled to see momentum on the Combating Organized Retail Crime Act, which I introduced with Senator CHUCK GRASSLEY of Iowa, who has been a great partner. This legislation would create an office within the Department of Homeland Security where Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies can coordinate with retail and supply chain industry representatives to curb this organized theft. It would also help create new tools to help investigators and prosecutors crack down on these criminals. This is a critical bill that will not only create a safer environment for shoppers but will actually help lower costs for consumers. Now that it has passed the House, I urge my colleagues in the Senate to take it up for a vote.

I was also proud to see my Tribal Warrant Fairness Act pass out of the Judiciary Committee this week. I have spent my career in the Senate working to end the epidemic of missing and murdered indigenous women and children. Tribal communities experience some of the highest rates of violence in the United States, especially against women and children, and yet Tribal law enforcement agencies just don't have access to the same resources other police departments have.

A glaring example of this is that the U.S. Marshals Service is not authorized to help Tribal police departments in locating dangerous criminals or finding missing children. It is a cruel and unnecessary injustice that both Democrats and Republicans agree needs to change. That is what the Tribal Warrant Fairness Act does. It grants the U.S. Marshals Service the same authority to assist Tribal law enforcement, when they request it, as it has to assist any other law enforcement agency.

Now that this legislation has passed out of the Judiciary Committee, it is one step closer to becoming law. I am going to keep pushing to get it to the President's desk for signature.

And then finally, earlier this week, the Senate unanimously passed a bill that Senator LINDSEY GRAHAM and I worked on and introduced, which is the Medal of Sacrifice Act. This bill creates a new Presidential award to posthumously honor law enforcement officers and other first responders who were killed in the line of duty.

Our officers work hard every single day to service our communities, to keep them safe, and their sacrifices deserve the highest possible recognition. The House has also passed this bill, and I look forward to the President signing it into law.

Our work here is never done when it comes to making sure our law enforcement agencies and officers have the resources that they need, but during this National Police Week, we made a lot of important progress. The legislation we passed this week will make a difference not just to our police officers but to communities and families across the country. And let me just say, when we made progress, that was bipartisan progress in this body.

I will always proudly stand with the men and women who serve as law enforcement officers, and I thank them for their service.

REMEMBERING RUBY DUNCAN

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. Mr. President, I also rise today to honor the life of Ruby Duncan, who was a powerhouse in anti-poverty, welfare, and justice advocacy in Nevada for several decades. Ruby, sadly, passed away on April 6, 2026.

After her own experiences as a single mother of seven, Ruby dedicated her life to uplifting women, children, and families; and she transformed Las Vegas' welfare system for generations to come.

After spending her formative years in Louisiana, Ruby moved to Las Vegas in

1952, where she worked in the city's booming hotel and casino industries. Ruby was injured while working as a cook and found herself relying on social welfare programs to support her growing family. Ruby was met with a disjointed State welfare system.

At that time, race, gender, and public attitudes determined an individual's access to the resources that they needed to thrive. For Ruby, this inspired a lifetime devoted to breaking down those barriers for others.

Recognizing that Black women were especially vulnerable to inequities in the welfare system, Ruby mobilized with other Black mothers to create the Clark County Welfare Rights Organization and, eventually, the Nevada Welfare Rights Organization.

Under Ruby's leadership, the groups engaged with State legislators, organized sit-ins, eat-ins, and marched down the Las Vegas Strip to protest for better treatment for Nevada's families in need. Those efforts did not go unnoticed, prompting Nevada to reverse a 75-percent cut to welfare for women with children and participate in Federal nutrition assistance programs.

Ruby's work also sparked community developments that continue to provide support and resources to families in West Las Vegas to this day. In 1972, she founded Operation Life, an organization tasked with bringing robust childcare, education, career, healthcare, and prevention services to a historically underserved neighborhood.

Operation Life brought the first library, a medical clinic for children, a childcare center, low-income housing, drug and violence prevention programs, and job training to the Westside. Today, these initiatives fuel a community made stronger because of Ruby and her relentless drive.

I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Ruby Duncan's life and the lasting impact of her dedication and sacrifice.

Ruby loved Nevada and made life better for everyone who lives there. As she once said, "If you want your life to get better, you got to fight for it."

And through her tireless fight, the community supports that Ruby built will endure for the women, children, and families of the future.

And as a friend of mine, as someone whom I got to know as a young girl and then later was able to work with, I extend my deep condolences to Ruby's children, her family, her friends, and the countless lives that she touched. She will be dearly missed.

I yield the floor.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY,
MAY 18, 2026, AT 3 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 3 p.m. on Monday, May 18, 2026.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 2:45 p.m., adjourned until Monday, May 18, 2026, at 3 p.m.