

Cal. No. 417, S. 2, To provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of S. Con. Res 33. If I were present, I would have voted nay.

TRIBUTE TO JULIE LEDDY

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Julie Leddy after an incredible 29 years of dedicated service as the executive director of the Coventry Housing Authority in Rhode Island.

Julie has been a tireless champion and a respected leader. At the Coventry Housing Authority, she operated nearly 200 public housing units for elderly and disabled Rhode Islanders, oversaw another 260 Housing Choice Vouchers for other low-income individuals and families, and developed and attained an additional 121 affordable units in Coventry alone. Under Julie's leadership, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, HUD, designated the Coventry Housing Authority as a "High Performer," a status reserved for Public Housing Authorities that meet stringent physical, financial, and service requirements. "High Performer" is exactly the best way to describe Julie.

Julie didn't just master the nuts-and-bolts of public housing work; she implemented innovative ideas that expanded affordable housing opportunities in Rhode Island beyond standard programs. During Julie's tenure as executive director, Coventry Housing Authority became the first housing authority in Rhode Island to successfully implement the Housing Choice Voucher Homeownership Program, which helps first-time homebuyers use a Federal housing voucher to purchase a home. Julie also found creative ways to expand Rhode Island's affordable housing stock. She worked hard to connect two of Coventry's public housing developments to the municipal sewer system, which freed up land for 34 units of new affordable housing, and she partnered with the Smithfield Housing Authority—a separate Rhode Island public housing authority—to remediate and replace an old brownfield site with a new 42-unit community. This development, Georgiaville Village Green, was one of the first affordable housing developments for families in Smithfield.

Julie's passion for expanding housing opportunities extended beyond her role in Coventry. She served as co-president of the Public Housing Association of Rhode Island, PHARI, where she advised Rhode Island's State and local leaders on how best to protect and expand affordable housing. Indeed, I have long relied on Julie's deep well of housing expertise while crafting policy in the Senate. She was particularly instrumental to my efforts to expand the Family Self-Sufficiency, FSS, program, which helps HUD-assisted households increase savings and become more financially independent. Julie's insights helped shape my Family Self-

Sufficiency Act, which became law in 2018 and expanded FSS opportunities to more Americans, as well as my Helping More Families Save Act, which has passed both the House and Senate this Congress.

While Julie's retirement is well deserved, she will be missed. Julie, thank you for decades of hard work for Coventry and Rhode Island. You have left an enduring mark on our State. I wish you and your husband Kevin the very best as you begin your next chapter and enjoy more time with your daughters Paige, Alicia, and Elizabeth, as well as your grandchildren. Congratulations on a well-earned retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS LOCAL 159

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, today I rise to recognize the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, IBEW, Local 159 in Madison, WI, on their 125th anniversary. I am pleased to honor this organization and to commemorate this historic milestone.

Chartered in 1900, IBEW Local 159 began with only 25 members. These members all recognized that their union was crucial to improving the pay and working conditions for electrical workers in their community. At the time, many were experiencing 7-day work weeks with 12-hour workdays and pay as low as \$8 a week. Additionally, the work was difficult and dangerous with a fatality rate of 50 percent, twice the national average death rate for all other industries.

Today, IBEW Local 159 includes active members and retirees who work across many different fields, including construction, telecommunications, broadcasting, utilities, manufacturing, railroads, government, and coffee shops. Union members bargain collectively with employers for fair wages, benefits, rights, and legal protections. IBEW Local 159 members are also deeply involved in greater Madison community. Some of the projects members have volunteered for include Holiday Fantasy in Lights, Habitat for Humanity, Vilas Park Zoo Annual Fundraising programs, Ronald McDonald House, Halloween Tunnel of Terror, and Fishing Has No Boundaries.

As IBEW Local 159 celebrates its 125th anniversary, they hope to continue the successes of four previous generations by protecting their craft and geographic jurisdiction, continuing to organize contractors, and developing their apprenticeship and training programs. This will allow them to build solidarity among their members and protect quality work into the future.

As we honor this significant milestone for IBEW Local 159, I am grateful for their continued support of skilled trade workers, and I look forward to their continued success and impact in the years to come.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF MALVERN, ARKANSAS

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the 150th anniversary of the city of Malvern, AR.

Located in central Arkansas, Malvern has built a proud heritage rooted in hard work, innovation, and community. Since its incorporation in 1876, generations of residents have helped shape a city known for its resilience, strong local economy, and commitment to preserving its unique character.

Established along the Cairo and Fulton Railroad, Malvern quickly emerged as a center for commerce, agriculture, and industry. Its designation as the Hot Spring County seat in 1878 further strengthened its importance to the region and helped lay the foundation for decades of growth.

The area's rich clay deposits made Malvern an ideal location for brick production. Following devastating downtown fires in 1896 and 1897, residents rebuilt with brick, helping establish an industry that would become closely associated with the community. The presence of Acme Brick Company further cemented Malvern's reputation as a manufacturing center and contributed an identity it proudly adopted as the "Brick Capital of the World."

Wartime needs spurred further industrial activity in the region in the 1940s, including extensive barium mining as well as the construction of an aluminum reduction factory and the Lake Catherine Steam Generating Plant within Hot Spring County. These industries, along with the presence of the Reynolds Metals Company, supported economic growth and helped draw in new residents and opportunities to the area.

Today, the community is home to Arkansas State University Three Rivers and the Ouachita River Whitewater Park, which invites visitors from across Arkansas and neighboring States. The area's many attractions also include the widely renowned Garvan Woodland Gardens, a botanical estate on Lake Hamilton developed by Malvern's Verna Garvan and bequeathed to the University of Arkansas Department of Landscape Architecture.

Congratulations to the entire community on this sesquicentennial celebration. The city's rich history and continued growth are a testament to the strength of its people and their commitment to building a bright future. I am pleased to recognize this milestone and join Arkansans in celebrating 150 years of achievement, service, and community in Malvern.●

RECOGNIZING FAIRFIELD DENTAL CLINIC

• 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 Fairfield Dental Clinic of Jefferson County, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Established as a trusted provider of dental care in southeast Iowa in the mid-1980s, Fairfield Dental Clinic has built a strong reputation through professionalism, quality care, and a deep commitment to the Fairfield community. Dr. Pat Jones, an Iowa native, is a graduate of the University of Iowa College of Dentistry. In 2015, he became co-owner of the practice after buying half of the business from Dr. Van Tasell. Dr. Matt Holt graduated from Creighton University School of Dentistry and has served the Fairfield community as a dentist since 2013. In 2022, he joined Fairfield Dental Clinic as co-owner after acquiring the other half of the business from Dr. Gleason. Together, Dr. Jones and Dr. Holt have continued to grow the practice while maintaining a patient-centered approach rooted in quality care and community connection.

Today, Fairfield Dental Clinic employs seven staff members who work together to serve patients throughout Jefferson County and the surrounding region, seeing approximately 80 patients per day. The practice focuses on cosmetic and preventative dentistry as well as oral surgery. Remaining at the same location throughout its history, the clinic has invested in renovations, updated technology, and focused on building improvements to better serve patients and strengthen the practice for generations to come. Through these efforts, the business has remained a dependable and respected part of the local healthcare community.

Beyond their work in dentistry, the leadership and staff of Fairfield Dental Clinic remain deeply involved in community service and civic engagement across Jefferson County. Their involvement includes participation in organizations such as Main Street Iowa, the Jefferson County Foundation, the Rotary Club, and youth sports programs. Additionally, both doctors are members of the American Dental Association, the Iowa Dental Association, and the Southeast Iowa District Dental Society. Their willingness to support local initiatives and community organizations reflects the strong sense of service that defines many Iowa small businesses. Their appreciation for both their team and the Fairfield community reflects the lasting relationships and trust that remain central to small business success in Iowa.

I am pleased to recognize Dr. Pat Jones and Dr. Matt Holt, along with the entire team at Fairfield Dental Clinic, for their dedication to Fairfield and Jefferson County. I look forward to their continued success and wish them the very best in the years ahead.●

TRIBUTE TO HANNAH HARPER

● Mr. SCHMITT. Mr. President, today, I rise to honor Hannah Harper of Willow Springs, MO. Since she was a child, the Harper family has been firmly immersed in the American staples of bluegrass and folk music, and this background has helped mold her into a truly remarkable vocalist. A lifelong Missourian with deep roots in the Ozarks, she has balanced raising a family with her rapidly growing musical career. Her ability to address real life topics through her art, such as the challenges and blessing of parenthood through her heartfelt song “String Cheese,” is truly inspiring.

Recently, Hannah won the 24th season of American Idol. I have no doubt that she has a bright future ahead of her and will continue to bring our home State’s unique musical heritage to the national stage. Hannah Harper has represented the Show-Me-State very well, and I am proud to call her a fellow Missourian and parent to three wonderful children. I wish her all the best, both in her family life, as well as in her career.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:36 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, 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. 41. An act to provide for the recognition of certain Alaska Native communities and the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1687. An act to amend the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 to increase the frequency of lease sales, to require replacement sales, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2768. An act to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Benton MacKaye Trail as a national scenic trail.

H.R. 3831. An act to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to prohibit feeding sharks in the exclusive economic zone off the State of Florida.

H.R. 3922. An act to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on existing programs, rules, and authorities that enable or inhibit wildfire mitigation across land ownership boundaries on Federal and non-Federal land, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4463. An act to amend the Catawba Indian Tribe of South Carolina Land Claims Settlement Act of 1993.

H.R. 5631. An act to promote responsible geothermal energy development on public lands, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5682. An act to take certain land in the State of California into trust for the benefit of the Pechanga Band of Indians, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5911. An act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the City of Ouray, Colorado, certain land managed by the Forest Service, together with a reservoir.

H.R. 6162. An act to transfer certain Federal land into trust for certain Indian Pueblos in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7250. An act to reauthorize the Fort Peck Reservation Rural Water System Act of 2000.

H.R. 7831. An act to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to extend the period of time during which the Secretary of the Interior is required to collect a fee for each new application for a permit to drill, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1687. An act to amend the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 to increase the frequency of lease sales, to require replacement sales, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3831. An act to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to prohibit feeding sharks in the exclusive economic zone off the State of Florida; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 4463. An act to amend the Catawba Indian Tribe of South Carolina Land Claims Settlement Act of 1993; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

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MEASURES DISCHARGED PETITIONS

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, hereby direct that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary be discharged of further consideration of S.J. Res. 190, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Executive Office for Immigration Review relating to “Appellate Procedures for the Board of Immigration Appeals” and, further, that the joint resolution be immediately placed upon the Legislative Calendar under General Orders.

Tim Kaine, Angus S. King, Jr., Elizabeth Warren, Jeff Merkley, Andy Kim, Elissa Slotkin, Alex Padilla, Mark R. Warner, John W. Hickenlooper, Mazie Hirono, Tammy Baldwin, Chris Van Hollen, Christopher A. Coons, Jeanne Shaheen, Peter Welch, Raphael G. Warnock, Lisa Blunt Rochester, Ron Wyden, Edward J. Markey, Angela D. Alsobrooks, Martin Heinrich, Mark Kelly, Jack Reed, Margaret Wood Hassan, Tina Smith, Sheldon Whitehouse,