

California, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Korea. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted nay.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 178, motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar No. 763, George Holding, of North Carolina, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted nay.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 179, motion to discharge S. Res. 616, a resolution requesting information on Honduras's human rights practices pursuant to section 502B(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted yea.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 180, motion to invoke cloture on the motion to concur in the House Message to accompany H.R. 6644, 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act, with further amendment (No. 5823). Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted yea.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 181, confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 763, George Holding, of North Carolina, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted nay.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 182, motion to concur in the House Message accompanying H.R. 6644, 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted yea.

RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA'S SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Mr. WARNOCK. Mr. President, today, I rise to pay tribute to the University of Georgia's School of Public and International Affairs on its landmark 25th anniversary. I also want to recognize its leadership, including founding dean Thomas P. Lauth, who served from 2001 to 2013; dean Stefanie Lindquist, from 2013 to 2016; interim dean Robert Grafstein, from 2016 to 2017; and current dean Matthew Auer, who has led the school since 2017. For a quarter-century, the School of Public and International Affairs has stood as a beacon of academic excellence, fostering rigorous scholarship and cultivating the next generation of leaders dedicated to public service.

The school has advanced the University of Georgia's core mission of teaching, research, and service by preparing students to shape policy and strengthen communities both locally and globally. Founded in 2001, the school has distinguished itself through an unwavering commitment to academic rigor, public impact, and global engagement. By offering highly regarded programs in political science, international af-

fairs, public administration and policy, and criminal justice, it equips students with the critical skills needed to address complex challenges at every level of government and within the private sector.

The University of Georgia's School of Public and International Affairs faculty comprises nationally and internationally recognized scholars whose research directly informs public policy and strengthens democratic institutions. Since its inception, the school has grown from 32 full-time faculty members and 1,000 students to more than 75 full-time faculty and over 2,000 students today. Demonstrating this profound commitment to academic excellence, alumni include 8 Truman Scholars, 7 Rhodes Scholars, 3 Schwarzman Scholars, 3 Pickering Fellows, and 36 Boren Scholars.

Furthermore, the school's global impact continues to earn well-deserved recognition. The Academic Ranking of World Universities placed it among the top 10 graduate schools worldwide for the public administration category. Additionally, U.S. News & World Report ranks the school fifth for Best Public Affairs Programs, third in Public Finance and Budgeting, third in Public Management and Leadership, fourth in Local Government Management, and 12th in Nonprofit Management.

On this 25th anniversary of the University of Georgia's School of Public and International Affairs, I want to congratulate and thank its faculty, staff, students, and alumni for their enduring contributions to public service, scholarship, and leadership.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF JEFFERSON COUNTY

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the 80th anniversary of the Boys & Girls Club of Jefferson County in Pine Bluff, AR.

For eight decades, the Boys & Girls Club of Jefferson County has been a cornerstone of opportunity, mentorship, and hope for generations of young Arkansans. Since its founding, the organization has remained steadfast in its mission to inspire young people—especially those who need it most—to reach their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens.

The Boys & Girls Club provides far more than an afterschool program. It offers a safe and supportive environment where youth can learn, grow, build confidence, and develop the skills necessary for success. Through programs focused on academic achievement, healthy lifestyles, and character development, the club helps shape future leaders while strengthening the broader community.

Today, the Boys & Girls Club of Jefferson County serves hundreds of fami-

lies in and around Pine Bluff, many of whom face significant economic and educational challenges. Under the leadership of CEO Tavante Calhoun, the organization continues to adapt to meet the evolving local needs. Through innovative partnerships with educational institutions, community groups, and area leaders, the club actively enhances lives and fills a key need.

Its vital works allows young people to discover new possibilities for their futures while connecting them with caring adults who provide guidance, encouragement, and support. Whether through tutoring programs that strengthen reading skills, hands-on STEM experiences that spark curiosity and creativity, or exposure to higher education and career pathways, the Boys & Girls Club of Jefferson County is investing in the next generation of Arkansans.

As the organization marks this important milestone, we also recognize the countless staff members, volunteers, community partners, parents, and alumni whose dedication has sustained its mission for 80 years. Their commitment has positively impacted thousands of young lives and helped ensure that children throughout Jefferson County have the opportunity to succeed.

On behalf of the people of Arkansas, I congratulate the Boys & Girls Club of Jefferson County on its 80th anniversary and wish them continued success in the years ahead.●

TRIBUTE TO MICHELLE JOHNSON

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, today I have the honor to recognize Michelle Johnson as Montanan of the Month.

Michelle Johnson is a resident of Great Falls, MT, and has made tremendous impacts to the community over the years. Michelle serves as a counselor and PCMHI specialist in Great Falls. Prior to her career as a mental health specialist, Michelle served as a medical logistician helping veterans at the VA beginning in 2006 and rose to the role of noncommissioned officer-in-charge of medical contracting. While advancing her roles with the VA, Michelle simultaneously completed a master's degree in clinical health counseling.

Michelle has dedicated selfless hours of work to the veterans community in Montana. She has assisted hundreds of veterans with mental health recovery. She also established the VA's only Low Energy Neurofeedback System (LENS) Clinic, that has significantly contributed to improving PTSD and mental health recovery for veterans seeking treatment.

Michelle Johnson's service, innovation, compassion, and unwavering support to the veterans community is outstanding, and I commend her for her selfless contributions. Michelle embodies the meaning of service and the very best of Montana. It is my distinct honor to recognize Michelle Johnson as Montanan of the Month.●

TRIBUTE TO FRANCIES POULOS

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, today I have the honor to recognize Francies Poulos as Montanan of the Month.

Francies Poulos is a veteran from Billings who exemplifies the spirit of America through service and sacrifice.

As a young woman, Francies joined the Women's Army Corps during World War II, demonstrating an extraordinary love of country and commitment to duty as part of the generation that trailblazed new roles for women in the armed forces. During her time in service, she met the love of her life Nick, whom she married in 1945.

Later on, Francies earned college degrees in accounting and in law. After moving back to Montana in the 1990s, she and her husband dedicated their time to helping turn neglected Billings homes into spaces that renters could afford. Outside of her work life, Francies is an artist, poet, photographer, and author.

This June, Francies celebrated her 107th birthday, an incredible milestone achievement. I commend her for her service, her civic-minded attitude, and selfless contributions to Montana. It is my distinct honor to recognize Francies Poulos as Montanan of the Month.●

RECOGNIZING KENDRICK FOREST PRODUCTS

• 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 Kendrick Forest Products of Delaware County, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Founded in 1983 by Tim and Rhonda Kendrick, Kendrick Forest Products is a family-owned forestry business that has grown from a small logging operation to become Iowa's largest sawmill. What began as a modest venture has expanded into a fully integrated operation supporting the entire forestry process, from harvesting and milling to kiln drying and exporting products worldwide. Today, their products reach over 18 countries.

Building on that success, the Kendrick family has continued to grow their business from the ground up, expanding into cabinetry, mulch production, and local retail stores showcasing products crafted from their own materials. These endeavors encompass the family's brands, proving that America's ambitious entrepreneurial spirit can flourish from a small shop to an astounding, diversified enterprise. Together, these ventures reflect a strong foundation of hard work and entrepreneurial vision.

Today, Kendrick Forest Products operates as a full-service forestry business, offering a wide range of wood products sourced primarily within a

150-mile radius of their facility in northeast Iowa. Using walnut and red oak to maple, hickory, and basswood, their work highlights the natural resources and craftsmanship rooted in Iowa's landscape.

Beyond its forestry operations and diversified business portfolio, Kendrick Forest Products is deeply woven into the fabric of the Edgewood community. The Kendrick family has remained actively engaged in local leadership and service, including involvement with the local chambers of commerce and the Edgewood Historical Society, where they have helped support local economic growth and strengthen the small business community. Their leadership extends beyond the local level through participation in national industry organizations, including the Hardwood Manufacturers Association, American Hardwood Export Council, and the American Walnut Manufacturers Association, further underscoring their commitment to excellence and deep engagement in the forestry business.

For over 40 years, the Kendrick family has remained a steadfast presence in the forestry industry, building a business rooted in hard work, integrity, and community. Supported by a team of 150 employees—many of whom have dedicated more than three decades to the company—Kendrick Forest Products has created local jobs and strengthened the surrounding community.

I am pleased to recognize Tim and Rhonda Kendrick, along with the entire team at Kendrick Forest Products, for their dedication to Edgewood and Delaware County. I look forward to their continued success and wish them the very best in the years ahead.●

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF CAMP DOGWOOD SUMMER ACADEMY

• Mr. KAINÉ. Mr. President, I rise today to honor and recognize the 30th anniversary of Camp Dogwood Summer Academy and its commitment to the children of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

I have seen firsthand how instrumental the Welters have been in improving the lives of children across Virginia. Since its foundation in 1996 by the AnBryce Foundation and its leaders, Mr. Anthony Welters and Mrs. Beatrice Welters, Camp Dogwood Summer Academy has supported learning experiences, educational enrichment, mentorship, and character development for more than 2,000 children throughout the Commonwealth.

Camp Dogwood embodies the belief that every child—regardless of ZIP code, background, or circumstance—deserves the support necessary to thrive. That is a belief worth uplifting, and those who put it into practice deserve commendation.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the three decades of contributions Camp Dogwood has made to the

children of the Commonwealth and to express sincere appreciation for its continued dedication to building brighter futures for decades to come.●

TRIBUTE TO DOUGLAS PHILIPPONE

• Mrs. MOODY. Mr. President, today I ask the Senate to recognize Douglas Philippone upon his induction into the U.S. Army Ranger Hall of Fame. Few earn the Ranger Tab, and even fewer are selected for the Hall of Fame. This distinction is reserved for those whom the Ranger community chooses to place among its most revered leaders and warriors. It is an honor bestowed not by outside observers, but by fellow Rangers—the men and women best qualified to judge a lifetime of service to the Nation.

Over more than a decade of sustained combat operations, Mr. Philippone served the 75th Ranger Regiment with extraordinary distinction. He commanded multiple Joint Special Operations Command outstations in support of the Global War on Terror. In 2005, he led the foreign fighter campaign along the Syrian border, disrupting the flow of suicide bombers into Baghdad and helping secure the conditions for a successful Iraqi election. For his valor and leadership, he earned three Bronze Star Medals, including two with the Valor Device, the Joint Service Commendation Medal with valor, and numerous additional commendations. He did not simply recite the Ranger Creed; he lived it.

Equally remarkable is the impact he has made since leaving Active service. In the years since, he has worked to place advanced capabilities directly into the hands of American warfighters and our allies, transforming how missions are planned, how intelligence is integrated, and how rapidly forces can act in real time.

His service has extended well beyond the battlefield. Quietly and without recognition, he has devoted himself to supporting Rangers wounded in combat, their families, and those navigating the difficult transition to civilian life. The Ranger Creed is not a commitment that ends with military service. It is a lifelong obligation, and Mr. Philippone has honored it faithfully.

On behalf of a grateful nation, I congratulate Douglas Philippone and his family on this incredible achievement. His induction into the Ranger Hall of Fame reflects a career of exceptional leadership, courage, and service. This tremendous honor places him among the most distinguished Rangers our Nation has produced.●

TRIBUTE TO MARCIA SINK

• Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Marcia "Marty" Sink and recognize her decades of advocacy on behalf of Granite State children. Marty will retire at the