

RECOGNIZING SHENANDOAH COUNTRY CLUB AND  
THE CHALDEAN COMMUNITY

Mr. President, I want to turn to one of my favorite things, honoring people back home in the State of Michigan. Michiganders deliver and show up for each other. We grow food for our families. We make the cars that power and drive America. We create products that brighten people's days. We achieve milestones that inspire our youngest minds. And when we see a problem or a neighbor in need, we step in to help.

So I want to focus today on a couple of stories from the State of Michigan that recognize the important contribution of some of our organizations and some of our companies.

Here on the Senate floor it is my honor to enter into the record these stories into the people's history of the United States. Today is officially our first "Michigan History Makers" in a series honoring Michiganders' contributions to our Nation. And by entering their names into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, their stories will be memorialized for good so that their great-grandchildren's great-grandchildren can see the contribution these organizations have made.

Today, I want to pay a tribute to Shenandoah Country Club. This is a country club owned and operated by the Chaldean community or Iraqi Christian community of Michigan. On March 12, it was a sunny, late winter day in Michigan at Temple Israel, a synagogue in West Bloomfield, MI. Young children were playing together and learning in a classroom painted orange and blue. A teacher had just placed babies as young as 15 months down for a nap and suddenly a gunman rammied his car through the temple.

His goal was to do massive harm on one of the largest synagogues in the country to target the youngest, most vulnerable of the Jewish community, innocent children. There were gunshots, crying babies, teachers running with children in their arms, and people fleeing for their lives.

The people of Temple Israel felt like they had nowhere to turn, but the Shenandoah Country Club is directly across the street, and that is where they went.

The staff and leadership at the country club did not hesitate to step up as a safe haven and open their doors as refuge for over 100 children and other Jewish community members.

It immediately became the reunification site where worried parents could hug their children again, and it became a place where everyone could sigh a breath of relief that no children or teachers were harmed.

The club provided shelter, blankets, and food for the families and then the next day transformed their ballroom to host a Shabbat gathering of over 1,000 Jewish worshippers, which I participated in.

What struck me most was the positivity in what was otherwise a very dark moment. The Chaldean commu-

nity didn't ask whether the families arriving at their doors looked like them, prayed like them, or came from the same background; they saw their neighbors in need, and they answered the call. Their kindness and hospitality were the silver lining in an otherwise terrible attack.

With profound gratitude for their extraordinary contributions to the people of Michigan, it is my honor to recognize the Shenandoah Country Club and the Chaldean community here in the Senate of the United States.

TRIBUTE TO NATIONAL CHERRY FESTIVAL  
VOLUNTEERS

Mr. President, today, I pay tribute to the National Cherry Festival volunteers. Michigan is proud to be the "Cherry Capital of the World," and Traverse City is home to most of our cherry industry.

Every year, the city puts on the National Cherry Festival, which attracts visitors from across the country and celebrates Michigan's cherry growers, processors, and retailers.

This year, the National Cherry Festival celebrates 100 years, and I want to recognize the more than 2,800 volunteers who bring that festival to life.

Early next month, more than half a million people are going to descend on Traverse City for the festival. They will sing along with concerts. They will watch the "Cherries Got Talent" competition, where performers show off their talents. They will watch Michiganders race one another in creatively decorated beds on wheels. There will be a dog-jumping competition. They will watch teams launch handcrafted boats—built entirely from recycled milk cartons—into West Grand Traverse Bay. And they will, of course, have a parade and name their National Cherry Queen. And that is not the end of it.

All of this is possible because of the hard-working, committed volunteers that put this thing on. Because of their service, Northern Michigan's economy will be boosted by more than \$40 million—money in the pockets of hard-working families. Hundreds of thousands of dollars will go to local charities that are working to build a better community for their neighbors.

With profound gratitude for the volunteers' extraordinary contributions to the people of Michigan, it is my honor to recognize their hard work here in the Senate of the United States.

RECOGNIZING VERNORS

Mr. President, I want to pay tribute to Vernors ginger ale. In other States, you may know Coke or Pepsi, but in Michigan, we know the answer is only a Vernors when we want to celebrate.

Vernors is an iconic ginger ale that Michiganders have enjoyed for generations. Created by pharmacist James Vernor in the 1860s, it is the oldest ginger ale brand in the United States. It is a proud Michigan original that was produced for more than 100 years in the city of Detroit.

Every Michigan family has a Vernors story. Some remember drinking it on a

hot summer afternoon. Others—myself included—remember being handed a glass of Vernors when they had a stomachache or were home sick from school. My dad actually, in his one break from working in the meat industry, worked for Vernors and traveled every day down from Holly, MI, to downtown Detroit. We were so proud that he worked for such an important Michigan brand.

To me and to all Michigan families, Vernors is a reminder of the generations of Michiganders who put in the work and built the brands that keep our State on the map. And this year, Vernors celebrated 160 years as a Michigan staple. Here is to 160 more.

With profound gratitude for its contributions to the people of Michigan, it is my honor to recognize Vernors in the Senate of the United States.

I yield the floor.

NOMINATION OF MICHAEL J. HENDERSHOT

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, today, the Senate will vote to confirm Michael Hendershot to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio.

Mr. Hendershot's record reflects his partisanship. In the Ohio Attorney General's Office, he defended the State's laws restricting abortion access. He continued to defend the State even after Ohio voters enshrined reproductive rights in the Ohio Constitution in 2023.

He also represented Ohio officials against challenges to the State's gerrymandered State legislative and congressional maps as they were struck down five times by the Ohio Supreme Court for violating the Ohio Constitution.

Finally, Mr. Hendershot is yet another Trump judicial nominee who is an election denier. In November 2020, he joined an amicus brief to the U.S. Supreme Court asking the Court to grant cert and reverse the underlying decision of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court that allowed for the counting of absentee ballots received after election day.

I oppose Mr. Hendershot's nomination and ask my colleagues to join me.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Rhode Island.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the vote scheduled for 5:30 be allowed to begin immediately.

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

VOTE ON HENDERSHOT NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Hendershot nomination?

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant executive clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY), the

Senator from Kentucky (Mr. McCONNELL), and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. TUBERVILLE).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET), the Senator from New York (Mr. GILLIBRAND), and the Senator from California (Mr. SCHIFF) are necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 50, nays 44, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 188 Ex.]

YEAS—50

Armstrong	Fischer	Moran
Banks	Graham	Moreno
Barrasso	Grassley	Murkowski
Blackburn	Hagerty	Paul
Boozman	Hawley	Ricketts
Britt	Hoeven	Risch
Budd	Husted	Rounds
Capito	Hyde-Smith	Schmitt
Collins	Johnson	Scott (FL)
Cornyn	Justice	Scott (SC)
Cotton	Kennedy	Sheehy
Cramer	Lankford	Sullivan
Crapo	Lee	Thune
Cruz	Lummis	Tillis
Curtis	Marshall	Wicker
Daines	McCormick	Young
Ernst	Moody	

NAYS—44

Alsobrooks	Hirono	Rosen
Baldwin	Kaine	Sanders
Blumenthal	Kelly	Schatz
Blunt Rochester	Kim	Schumer
Booker	King	Shaheen
Cantwell	Klobuchar	Slotkin
Coons	Lujan	Smith
Cortez Masto	Markey	Van Hollen
Duckworth	Merkley	Warner
Durbin	Murphy	Warnock
Fetterman	Murray	Warren
Gallego	Ossoff	Welch
Hassan	Padilla	Whitehouse
Heinrich	Peters	Wyden
Hickenlooper	Reed	

NOT VOTING—6

Bennet	Gillibrand	Schiff
Cassidy	McConnell	Tuberville

The nomination was confirmed.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HUSTED). Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. JUSTICE). Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 778, Arthur Roberts Jones, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas.

John Thune, Tim Sheehy, John Barrasso, Ashley B. Moody, James Lankford, Todd Young, Ted Budd, Pete Ricketts, Jon A. Husted, Mike Crapo, Mike Rounds, Tim Scott of South Carolina, Bernie Moreno, John Cornyn, Chuck Grassley, James C. Justice, Eric Schmitt.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the mandatory

quorum call under rule XXII has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Arthur Roberts Jones, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. McCONNELL), and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. TUBERVILLE).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET), the Senator from California (Mr. SCHIFF), and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) are necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 50, nays 44, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 189 Ex.]

YEAS—50

Armstrong	Fischer	Moran
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Barrasso	Grassley	Murkowski
Blackburn	Hagerty	Paul
Boozman	Hawley	Ricketts
Britt	Hoeven	Risch
Budd	Husted	Rounds
Capito	Hyde-Smith	Schmitt
Collins	Johnson	Scott (FL)
Cornyn	Justice	Scott (SC)
Cotton	Kennedy	Sheehy
Cramer	Lankford	Sullivan
Crapo	Lee	Thune
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Cortez Masto	Lujan	Van Hollen
Duckworth	Markey	Warner
Durbin	Merkley	Warnock
Fetterman	Murphy	Warren
Gallego	Murray	Welch
Gillibrand	Ossoff	Whitehouse
Hassan	Padilla	Wyden
Heinrich	Peters	

NOT VOTING—6

Bennet	McConnell	Shaheen
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The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 50, the nays are 44. The motion is agreed to.

The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Arthur Roberts Jones, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Tennessee.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUESTS

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. President, as if in legislative session and notwith-

standing rule XXII, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged and the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. 4329. Further, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

The Senator from Wisconsin.

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, reserving the right to object, 4 years ago today, women in America lost the right to control their own bodies when an activist Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade. For 18 months, women in Wisconsin were forced to live under a law passed in 1849 and widely viewed as a criminal abortion ban.

Overturing Roe was just the beginning of the Republicans' war on women's reproductive rights. This bill is yet another example of their agenda to make it harder for women to access care by stripping away funding for family planning clinics.

Title X clinics serve millions of Americans and offer cancer screenings, birth control, and wellness exams. Republicans have already tried to rip this healthcare away. Their "Big Ugly Bill" last year defunded Planned Parenthood, leading to the closure of 60 clinics so far. And we expect that as a result of the "Big Ugly Bill," in total, over 200 clinics will ultimately close. That is 200 fewer places that women can get essential healthcare, exacerbating an already dire healthcare crisis that families are facing.

This administration has also withheld funding from title X clinics for months, threatening access to care for more than 800,000 people. They then delayed funding for the program again, causing even more confusion.

The administration's goals are clear: They want to sow chaos and end access to reproductive health care. There is no reason that we, the people's branch, should be adding to that and further making life harder for the people we work for. We should be focused on expanding access to healthcare and lowering the cost of it, not closing more clinics, jacking up costs, and eroding women's rights even further.

I will not stop fighting until every woman in this country has the freedom to make her own choices about her own body.

Therefore, I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

The Senator from Tennessee.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. President, you know, it is always so interesting to hear the objections of my colleagues when it comes to something that is considered a pro-life measure. And pushing this bill forward and listening to my colleague—it just shows me that once again, they are not standing with that right to life.

We are celebrating 250 years of our great Nation. What do we have? That