

RECOGNIZING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF POLLOCK, SOUTH DAKOTA

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Pollock, SD. The town of Pollock will be celebrating its quasiquicentennial July 17–19, 2026. Pollock will host quasiquicentennial events, including live music, fishing tournaments, parades, class reunions, and much more.

Pollock is located in Campbell County, situated along the shores of Lake Oahe in north-central South Dakota. Like many communities in the area, Pollock originated from the Soo Line Railroad's southern extension and drew in farmers, ranchers, and settlers who were eager to build a life in the northern plains.

Pollock's early residents embodied perseverance and resilience by relocating the town to higher ground when the construction of the Oahe Dam threatened to flood the original town site in the 1950s. Pollock is a close-knit community known for its deep agricultural roots and strong ties to the land and the river. Since its founding 125 years ago, Pollock continues to embody the South Dakota values and traditions that make communities thrive.

I offer my congratulations to the citizens of Pollock on their town's quasiquicentennial and wish them continued prosperity in the years to come.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 185, motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar No. 780, John George Edward Marck, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted nay.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 186, confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 780, John George Edward Marck, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted nay.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 187, motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar No. 777, Michael J. Hendershot, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted nay.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 188, confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 777, Michael J. Hendershot, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted nay.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 189, motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar No. 778, Arthur Roberts Jones, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted nay.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 190, motion to proceed to Cal-

endar No. 432, S.J. Res. 196, A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to "Reimagining and Improving Student Education-Federal Student Loan Program Final Regulations". Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted yea.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 191, motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar No. 776, Matthew A. Schwartz, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted nay.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 192, motion to proceed to the consideration of S.J. Res. 185, a joint resolution to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities within or against the Islamic Republic of Iran that have not been authorized by Congress. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted yea.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. President, due to unforeseen circumstances on Wednesday, June 24, I was unable to be present for the following rollcall vote No. 185. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

1. Rollcall vote 185—Cloture motion John George Edward Marck to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Texas: Nay.

Due to unforeseen circumstances on Wednesday, June 24, I was unable to be present for the following rollcall vote No. 186. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

1. Rollcall vote 186—Confirmation John George Edward Marck to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Texas: Nay.

Due to unforeseen circumstances on Wednesday, June 24, I was unable to be present for the following rollcall vote No. 187. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

1. Rollcall vote 187—Cloture motion Michael J. Hendershot to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio: Nay.

Due to unforeseen circumstances on Wednesday, June 24, I was unable to be present for the following rollcall vote No. 188. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

1. Rollcall vote 188—Confirmation Michael J. Hendershot to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio: Nay.

Due to unforeseen circumstances on Wednesday, June 24, I was unable to be present for the following rollcall vote No. 189. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

1. Rollcall vote 189—Cloture motion Arthur Robert Jones to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Texas: Nay.

CONSTITUTION WEEK

Mr. SCHMITT. Mr. President, this July, we celebrated the 250th year of

the great American experiment. Yet 239 years ago this September, a similarly important moment in our Republic's history took place. Eleven years after our Nation's founding, 55 men met in Philadelphia to revise America's first governing charter. Recognizing that the Articles of Confederation were too deeply flawed to guarantee effective government and safeguard our homeland, the Convention crafted a new Constitution to guide our great Republic forward. Like the mortal men who shaped it, the Constitution made compromises that modern people may be critical of, but none should deny the revolutionary impact this great document has had in transforming the United States into the bastion of liberty we are blessed to live in today, spreading democratic ideals across the world, and making our country the envy of the free world.

As the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, I am happy to recognize Constitution Week this year, which runs from September 17 to 23. This celebration highlights the importance of the beating heart of our great Republic, which continues to guide our Nation forward today. May God bless the American people, and may God bless the United States of America.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING CORNER MARKET & GREENHOUSE

● 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 Corner Market & Greenhouse of Fayette County, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Founded in 1994 by Paul and Linda Manske, Corner Market & Greenhouse was established to provide families in Oelwein with a community-focused store to meet every gardening need. Carrying seasonal flowers, plants, and decor, Paul and Linda aspire to bring life to every Iowan's backyard.

The Manske family relocated to Oelwein in 1989 when Paul's job transferred him there. The family began the venture by waking up early in the morning and selling goods at farmers' markets. After countless early mornings bringing their products to people across the State, the Manske family decided to open their own storefront, drawing people to them. The family grew the business from a modest farm stand into the beloved local institution it is today.

For over 32 years, Paul and Linda have shown up, demonstrating the entrepreneurial drive rooted in Iowa values. Corner Market & Greenhouse is one of Paul and Linda's greatest passions, prompting the family to joke, it

is like one of their children. Since its establishment, the whole Manske family has contributed to the business, including their sons Byron and Travis, and now their grandchildren. The couple hopes their business will be passed down through their family for generations to come.

The family has demonstrated true grit and resilience during their time as small business owners, exemplified by their family motto "work smarter, not harder." A devastating fire in April of 2004 destroyed Corner Market & Greenhouse, but the family persevered. They rebuilt the business from the ground up and continue modernizing greenhouses by staying ahead of agricultural technology, allowing 55,000 plants to be transplanted daily. Unlike most establishments, Corner Market & Greenhouse's modernized facility is fully open to the public. Paul and Linda have grown their business through a successful collaboration with other Iowa businesses, while continuing to think of ways to expand their own.

Corner Market & Greenhouse is renowned for "small town hospitality and big city variety," with many customers praising the establishment for its fair prices, agricultural expertise, and welcoming customer service. The business strives to curate unique items for customers and has emerged as a must-visit destination, drawing in travelers from across the Midwest.

The Manskes have built a business that generously serves the community by hosting student groups for greenhouse tours. Moreover, the establishment donated flowers for storefronts in downtown Oelwein when the local municipality discontinued supplying decorative plants for the town. The establishment is also a longstanding member of the Oelwein Chamber and Area Development, OCAD. Over the past three decades, the Manske family has continued to better Oelwein and Iowa through their innovative approach to their business.

It is my pleasure to recognize Paul, Linda, Byron, and Travis Manske at Corner Market & Greenhouse for their enduring commitment to Fayette County. I look forward to their ongoing success and wish them the very best in the years ahead.●

REMEMBERING STEVE HOLLEY

● Mr. SCHMITT. Mr. President, today I rise to recognize Steve Holley, an outstanding Missourian who over the course of his life went above and beyond to support the Show-Me-State's brave first responders. One of the founding members of St. Louis Guns 'N Hoses, where firefighters and police officers square off in boxing, MMA, and other athletic matches for charity, Steve served for many years as the organization's executive director. A lifelong advocate for BackStoppers and other first responder support networks, over the course of his life, Steve helped raise millions of dollars to support the families of fallen and injured officers.

Steve was also a dedicated family man and was a proud husband, father, and grandfather. I am also proud to have been able to call him a personal friend. Although he tragically passed away this June, he leaves behind a legacy of selfless service that few can match, and his dedicated lifetime of work will continue to help countless families for years to come. Steve was truly one of the Gateway City's greatest, and he will be deeply missed. May God watch over his family in the coming months.●

TRIBUTE TO JACOB CROWLEY

● Mr. SCHMITT. Mr. President, today I want to honor Jacob Crowley, a park ranger at Ozark National Scenic Riverways. On a bitterly cold spring morning earlier this year, Jacob and his coworker Daniel responded to a call where an individual suffered a medical emergency in Missouri's Current River. Working closely with the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Carter County Sheriff's Office, and West Carter Ambulance District, these rangers braved near-freezing temperatures and dense fog in the pre-dawn hours to search the riverbank and waters for the person in crisis. Before long, these two brave men were able to help find and rescue the woman in distress and safely deliver her to emergency medical staff. Jacob's bold and selfless efforts played a key role in saving her life.

Park ranger Jacob Crowley is a shining example of what a public servant should be, going above and beyond to protect our fellow Americans. He exemplifies the very best of our Nation's first responders and has more than proven himself to be a Champion of Missouri. I deeply appreciate his life-saving work and continued dedication to our great State and to our great Republic. May God bless Jacob and his family.●

TRIBUTE TO DANIEL NEWBERRY

● Mr. SCHMITT. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Daniel Newberry, who serves as a park ranger with Ozark National Scenic Riverways. Earlier this spring, Daniel and his colleague Jacob were dispatched in part of a joint operation between the National Park Service, Carter County Sheriff's Office, Missouri State Highway Patrol, and West Carter Ambulance District. In the pre-dawn hours, a woman suffered a medical crisis and waded into Missouri's Current River, not resurfacing for several minutes. Despite the cold temperatures and dense fog that morning, Daniel and Jacob searched the area around the river until they located and rescued the woman from the frigid waters and ensured that she could receive the needed medical attention to survive.

Daniel Newberry and many other park rangers across our great Republic go above and beyond every day to protect our fellow Americans from harm

as they enjoy our Nation's natural beauty, but their work responding to crises such as this often go unnoticed. I sincerely appreciate Daniel's selfless work every single day. He is truly a Champion of Missouri, and I wish him all the best as he continues serving the people of Missouri.●

TRIBUTE TO WENDY SULLIVAN

● Mr. SCHMITT. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Wendy Sullivan, one of the Show-Me-State's leading disability advocates. Since beginning her career, she has spearheaded the transformation of disability services across the Midwest and helped equip countless families with the resources needed to thrive. For the last 30 years, Wendy has served as CEO of Easterseals Midwest, and under her stewardship, Easterseals has expanded from a relatively small support organization helping a few hundred individuals to supporting over 25,000 across Missouri, Kansas, and Illinois and now employs well over a thousand dedicated workers who endeavor to provide aid close to home. She has also helped Easterseals Midwest expand the services it offers, merging with the Center for Hearing and Speech to provide needed audiology and communication assistance to countless families.

Wendy's spirit of service shines outside of the workplace as well. Over the years, she has served in leadership roles with the Missouri Association of Rehabilitation Facilities, the St. Louis Disabled Advisory Board, and the Governor's Mental Health Taskforce, just to name a few of her roles. This December, she will finally begin her well-earned retirement. She has gone above and beyond in supporting households with disabled family members, and as a fellow disability advocate, I am deeply grateful for her decades of service. She is truly one of the Gateway City's greatest and am proud to represent outstanding individuals such as herself in the U.S. Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT FIRST CLASS LEO FINN

● Mr. TUBERVILLE. Mr. President, the Book of Proverbs tells us that "without a vision, people perish." For SGT Leo Finn of Cullman, AL, he has had a clear vision for his life from day one. Leo feels he was "born to serve in the military" and spent 36 years serving our country in the Army and Army National Guard. Leo's conviction to serve has been an asset to our country during some of the most troubling times, including the Vietnam war and War on Terror.

Shortly after finishing college in Cullman, Leo enlisted in the Army. He quickly deployed to Vietnam, where he spent the next 2 years in the fight against communism in Southeast Asia. Upon returning home, he married his wife of 54 years, Sandra, and relocated back to Cullman where they have spent the last five decades working and raising their family. Leo remained in the