

that will allow all its foster youth the same opportunity.

By strengthening collaboration between the Federal Government and States, ACF is helping transform outcomes for children and families while establishing a model for strategic Federal-State partnerships. I thank the foster families across Idaho and the country who provide the stability and love every child deserves. I commend ACF, participating State and Territorial leaders, and all those working to make this vision a reality.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF HOLLY GROVE, ARKANSAS

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the 150th anniversary of Holly Grove, AR, and to celebrate the rich history, resilience, and strong community that have defined this Delta town for generations.

Located in east-central Arkansas, Holly Grove derives its name from the native holly tree thickets that once covered the area. Since its incorporation in 1876, the town has been shaped by its agricultural roots, with the fertile soil supporting generations of farmers and helping establish Holly Grove as an important part of Arkansas' farming heritage. The arrival of an Arkansas Central Railway station further strengthened the local economy, connecting businesses and producers to new opportunities and contributing to the town's continued growth.

Like many communities across the Delta, Holly Grove has faced its share of hardships. Devastating fires, historic flooding, and economic challenges tested the town throughout its history, but its residents met each obstacle with determination and perseverance. Time and again, the people of Holly Grove came together to rebuild and restore the community they proudly call home.

Holly Grove also occupies an important place in Arkansas history. In 1897, members of the community organized a boycott to protest racial discrimination after an African-American woman was refused service at a local store. Led by ministers of the town's Black churches, their efforts reflected the courage and conviction of citizens working to advance fairness and equal treatment.

The town's heritage continues to be preserved through the Holly Grove Historic District, which was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1979. Its historic buildings stand as lasting reminders of the generations who built the community and the enduring legacy left behind.

As Holly Grove celebrates its sesquicentennial, I am pleased to recognize this important milestone and congratulate the residents who have helped build the vibrant community it is today. I wish the people of Holly

Grove continued success and many more years of growth and prosperity.●

RECOGNIZING 25 YEARS OF MACARTHUR MUSEUM OF ARKANSAS MILITARY HISTORY

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the 25th anniversary of the MacArthur Museum of Arkansas Military History, an institution dedicated to preserving our State's proud military heritage and honoring the Arkansans who have served our Nation.

Since opening its doors in 2001, the museum has welcomed more than 750,000 visitors from all 50 States and more than 60 countries. Located in the historic Tower Building at the Little Rock Arsenal, the birthplace of General Douglas MacArthur, the museum offers visitors a unique opportunity to learn about Arkansas' long tradition of military service and the men and women who have worn our Nation's uniform.

The Little Rock Arsenal has played an important role in our Nation's history for more than 175 years. Preserved as the home of the MacArthur Museum of Arkansas Military History, the site remains a lasting symbol of patriotism, sacrifice, and service. The museum shares the stories of Arkansans who served in conflicts from the Civil War through the Vietnam war, ensuring their contributions are remembered for generations to come.

For 25 years, the museum has educated visitors, honored veterans, and preserved the legacy of those who defended our freedoms. Its commitment to safeguarding The Natural State's military history has strengthened appreciation for the courage and sacrifice demonstrated by generations of servicemembers.

I congratulate the staff, volunteers, supporters, and community partners who have contributed to the museum's success over the past quarter century. As the MacArthur Museum of Arkansas Military History celebrates this milestone, I join Arkansans in wishing its leadership and entire team many more successful years of preserving our State's military history and sharing the stories of the servicemembers and veterans who have helped to defend our Nation.●

RECOGNIZING MID-STATES COMPANIES

• 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 Mid-States Companies of Story County, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Founded in 2001 by Kevin and Shelley Vier, Mid-States Companies is a group of businesses that provides premier grain handling, engineering, fabrica-

tion, crane, and trucking services. The Viers seized the opportunity to serve the agricultural market in the heart of the Grain Belt and have embodied their firm motto: "Delivering Results. Together."

The Vier family has been involved in the grain-handling industry in Nevada, IA, for three generations and has over 48 notable years in the agri-business industry. What started in a 7,000-square-foot millwright fabrication "mom-and-pop" shop, with only five employees, now operates in several States, with a more than 100,000-square-foot facility, and over 100 employees.

Kevin believes this success would not have been possible without the help of his brother Randy and two sons Austin and Riley. Now, Mid-States' Material Handling and Fabrication Company has become the first ranked brock grain bin dealer in Iowa and third ranked worldwide.

Mid-States has continued to embrace innovation. By investing in robotic welding systems, the company is equipping its workforce—not replacing employees—so they can focus on the skilled craftsmanship and complex problem-solving that machines cannot replicate.

Kevin and Shelley have built a business rooted in excellence, earning the trust of their customers while demonstrating an unwavering commitment to strengthening their community. The business has made large donations to the Nevada area, supporting charitable organizations such as The Salt Company college ministry, Nevada Iowa Foundation, and the Boys and Girls Club of Story County. The company also provides resources for local vocational training programs.

The business is proud to be members of the Ames Regional Economic Alliance, the American Institute of Steel Construction, the Nevada Economic Development Council, the Grain Elevator and Processing Society, and the Associated General Contractors of America. Through their local engagement and contributions, Mid-States is a remarkable example for small businesses across the country.

It is with great enthusiasm that I recognize Kevin, Shelley, Randy, Austin, Riley, and the team at Mid-States Companies for their continuous dedication to Story County. I am excited to see everything they will accomplish and wish them success in the years ahead.●

RECOGNIZING SHINYTOP BREWING

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 ShinyTop Brewing of Webster County, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

With a vision of building a local craft brewing scene in north central Iowa,

brothers Nate and Todd McCubbin founded ShinyTop Brewing in 2016 after Nate, a military veteran, discovered a passion for homebrewing. The brothers' venture was born from a desire to create something their hometown could take pride in. What started with sharing their craft beer among friends and family soon revealed a deeper purpose: building community through brewing. A simple hobby quickly grew into a meaningful opportunity to bring people together, foster connections, and create a gathering place centered around great craft beer.

Over the years, ShinyTop experienced significant growth, expanding both its physical space and its menu offerings. More than a decade later, the brewery has become a fixture in Fort Dodge. The brewery has remained a beacon of opportunity for the city. Fostering a welcoming environment, the McCubbins have sought to build relationships and connect their visitors to the city's vast art, music, and philanthropic spheres. Yet for Nate and Todd, the true measure of success is not the brewery's growth, but the positive impact it has had on the area and the relationships it has helped foster along the way.

The brothers successfully turned a dilapidated building into what ShinyTop is today. Although the business physically resembles a brewery, the brothers say that it is representative of much more than that. ShinyTop is an instrument to cultivating community growth, while sharing family values. As a member of the Greater Fort Dodge Growth Alliance and the chamber of commerce, ShinyTop prioritizes economic and social development in the city. In addition to ShinyTop's engagement, the McCubbin brothers are also heavily involved in the community; Nate is on the board of the Fort Dodge Fine Arts Association, and Todd is a member of the city council. Through individual and group efforts, these entrepreneurs are looking to positively impact their community.

By partnering with local organizations, the brewery has fostered meaningful engagement while supporting local initiatives, strengthening neighborhood connections, and contributing to the overall growth and well-being of Fort Dodge. In the spirit of supporting the area, ShinyTop has partnered with the Fort Dodge Fine Arts Association, Serving our Servants, Fort Dodge Firefighter's Association, and has collaborated with other local organizations. More recently, the brewery has introduced its Giving Tuesday initiative in which 10 percent of its sales are donated to a partnering charity or organization. ShinyTop and the McCubbins continue to prove their generosity and enthusiasm to give back to the area.

I am pleased to recognize Nate and Todd McCubbin along with the entire team at ShinyTop Brewing for their dedication to the Fort Dodge community. I look forward to their continued success and wish them the very best in the years ahead.

REMEMBERING VERA BENESBY JORDAN

• Mrs. BRITT. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of an exceptional Alabamian, Ms. Vera Benesby Jordan. Vera was an incredible woman—a true steward of the Lord, a generous public servant, a deeply loving daughter, sister, aunt, and friend, and someone I was proud to know.

A lifelong resident of Montgomery, Vera was born on December 13, 1971, to parents Richard S. Jordan, Jr., and Viola Howze Jordan. From an early age, Vera was an involved and gifted student, excelling both academically and in her extracurricular activities, later earning her induction into the Lee High School Hall of Fame.

Her enthusiasm for pouring her time and talents into her campus community continued at Spelman College, where she earned a bachelor of arts degree in history and minor in secondary education. There, she held no shortage of leadership positions in student government, Kappa Delta Epsilon, the Morehouse Maroon Tigers Cheer Team, Mortar Board, and several other campus clubs. Vera also served as the president of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Mu Pi Chapter and remained an active life member in the Beta Nu Omega Chapter. She furthered her higher education at both the University of Pennsylvania and Auburn University of Montgomery where she earned master's degrees. For Vera, education was a lifelong pursuit and she always embraced the opportunity to learn.

Her involvement at these universities was just the beginning of how she would positively impact those around her across the great State of Alabama. For 15 years, Vera served as a congressional field representative for U.S. Senator Richard Shelby. I had the privilege of working alongside Vera for several of those years, where we supported Senator Shelby in his efforts to strengthen both Alabama and our Nation. It was an honor to witness her incredible ability to connect with Alabamians, work through issues, and deliver for our State. By the time she retired in 2021, Vera was beloved and well-respected by her colleagues and the people of Alabama.

Beyond serving her State through her professional career, Vera was also an active volunteer throughout the Montgomery community. From her role as the president of the Montgomery (AL) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, to supporting Habitat for Humanity, to serving on the Metro YMCA Board and so much more, Vera devoted her free time to uplifting, strengthening, and advocating for those around her. She was a shining example of a true servant leader.

Vera's most important calling was to live a life of great faith. As a fifth-generation member of Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church, Vera's devotion to the Lord was the foundation of

her life. Every choice she made was rooted in her trust in God and in every action she took, she sought to spread His love. She touched countless lives through her deep faith in the Lord, and while her earthly journey has come to an end, I am encouraged that her Heavenly one has just begun.

While Vera's legacy of public service is unmistakably woven throughout the Montgomery community, her spirit will truly live on through her pride and joy; her family and friends. Vera treasured her relationships with her mother; sisters Sharon V. Jordan, LaFreeda M. Jordan, and Richele Jordan-Davis; nephews Richard Davis, Nyles Davis, and Bray Davis; and brother-in-law Daryl Davis. She loved her family deeply and offered them wisdom, and encouragement whenever possible. Vera also worked to cultivate lifelong friendships and will be remembered for her warmth, kindness, and support.

As we mourn this devastating loss to the Montgomery community, I pray that Vera's loved ones find peace in knowing how profoundly she impacted and bettered those around her. She was truly one of a kind, a leader with a servant's heart, steadfast faith in the Lord, and a remarkable ability to create meaningful change. Vera will be greatly missed. I am honored to share her story and help celebrate the memory of an extraordinary woman.●

TRIBUTE TO BARRY GOSNELL

• Mrs. BRITT. Mr. President, I am honored to recognize Mr. Barry Gosnell, an exceptional public servant, business leader, and innovator whose more than four decades of leadership in government and industry have strengthened our national defense, advanced technological innovation, and fostered economic growth throughout the Tennessee Valley and beyond.

A longtime leader at Redstone Arsenal, Mr. Gosnell devoted 28 years of civilian service to advancing engineering excellence, innovation, and mission effectiveness in support of the American warfighter. Most recently serving as deputy director of the Software Engineering Directorate, he helped lead one of the Army's most vital technical organizations through a period of remarkable growth and transformation. As a principal architect of that success, Mr. Gosnell played a central role in the directorate's 40-percent increase in business revenue, reaching \$1.1 billion in fiscal year 2012, while the organization expanded to more than 3,000 government and contract engineers supporting some of our Nation's most important defense programs.

Before serving as deputy director, Mr. Gosnell led the Acquisition and Technology Engineering Division for 14 years and earned a reputation as a trusted and highly capable executive leader. During his tenure, he oversaw the reassignment of engineers and technical personnel to establish two