

led him to the historic King Ranch near Cheyenne. This is where he first worked as an employee before acquiring the historic ranch.

Today, Mark and his wife Trudy, along with their three children, raise Red and Black Angus cow/calf pairs and retained yearlings through branded beef programs. The family also manages a custom haying operation and harvests alfalfa and native grass hay.

Throughout his career, Mark has valued maintaining healthy rangelands. He has long believed that a healthy rangeland is the foundation of a successful cattle operation. Through Mark's leadership, the King Ranch has partnered with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Research Service Rangeland Resources and Systems Research Unit for over 20 years.

Mark has led the King Ranch to embrace research and innovation through projects on livestock production, economic efficiency, flexible stocking strategies for erratic and variable precipitation, adaptive grazing management for poisonous plants, targeted grazing for invasive cheatgrass, soil carbon responses to grazing management, and habitat conservation.

The Eisele family's stewardship efforts have earned widespread recognition. They received the Wyoming Stock Growers Association Environmental Stewardship Award and the Leopold Conservation Award in 2015.

More recently, the ranch received the 2023 Kurt Bucholz Conservation Award. This was followed by the 2025 Chuck Jarecki Rancher Land Stewardship Award presented by the International Society for Range Management.

Along with receiving many accolades, Mark has committed his career to serving the agriculture industry as an advocate. Mark has been a longtime member of the Wyoming Stock Growers Association and served as the president from 2011 to 2013. After years of committee work within the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, Mark was elected president for the 2024 to 2025 term. He has become one of the Nation's leading voices for beef producers.

Mark's dedication and service to Wyoming's agriculture industry makes him an outstanding choice for the Wyoming Agriculture Hall of Fame. It is a great honor to participate in Mark's induction. I congratulate Mark Eisele as a 2026 inductee into the Wyoming Agriculture Hall of Fame.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO KEN HAMILTON

• Ms. LUMMIS. Mr. President, the summer months—and August in particular—are always my favorite time of year. The Cowboy State shines all year, but August brings outdoor activities, family gatherings, and one of my favorite annual events: the Wyoming State Fair hosted in Douglas.

For more than 120 years, the Wyoming State Fair has drawn together the best of Wyoming's country fairs into one grand celebration. It is where you will find rodeo, good food, carnival games, and the finest of Wyoming agriculture on display. As a lifelong rancher, the State fair has always held a special place in my heart. It is a place to welcome the next generation of ranchers and honor those who have shaped agriculture in our State.

The high point of the fair is the induction ceremony for the Wyoming Agriculture Hall of Fame. Today, I have the distinct honor and privilege of recognizing Ken Hamilton as he joins this prestigious group.

The Hall of Fame is synonymous with excellence—not only in one's profession, but also in their character. Ken personifies that standard, and his induction is richly deserved.

Ken grew up on his family's ranch in the Big Horn Basin, raising sheep and cattle alongside his parents Merle and Eleanor and his brother Keith. He studied animal science at the University of Wyoming, then took his education abroad through the American Farm Bureau Federation's work exchange program, spending a year in Australia as a station hand and assistant overseer.

Ken's passion for agriculture continued to grow. For 41 years, he devoted his life to Wyoming's agricultural industry and its future through his hard work, loyalty, and leadership with the Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation. He began his career as a research and field assistant, before serving as director of field services, administrative assistant, and ultimately executive vice President in 2004—a position he held for 20 years until his retirement.

His influence reached far beyond the office. Ken used his knowledge and expertise to guide State and Federal agriculture policies to support local farmers and ranchers. During his time with the Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation, he served on numerous boards and committees. He was general manager of WFB, Inc; secretary for the Mountain West Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company; and a member of the 2006 State of Wyoming Brand Task Force, the Western Region Air Partnership Dust Forum, the Greater Yellowstone Coordinating Committee, the State of Wyoming Coal Bed Methane Working Group, American Farm Bureau Federation's General Counsel Advisory Committee, and the Legal Information and Networking Committee.

Ken has spent his life advocating for Wyoming agriculture, on transportation, water rights, grazing policy, and wildfire response. His steadfast advocacy earned him the trust and respect of people across Wyoming. Just as important, he has mentored the next generation, passing along his knowledge and passion to those who will carry Wyoming agriculture forward.

I could not be more pleased to see Ken inducted into the Wyoming Agri-

culture Hall of Fame this year. He joins a distinguished group of men and women who have made extraordinary contributions to agriculture in our State. The legacy he has built is truly remarkable and serves as an example for others to follow. I tip my hat to him.●

REMEMBERING RICHARD ALLEN "RICK" BALL

• Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. President, today we honor the life and legacy of Richard Allen "Rick" Ball of Great Bend, KS. Rick was a respected businessman, dedicated community leader, and devoted family man whose service left a lasting impact on those around him.

For decades, Rick served the Great Bend community as a trusted certified public accountant and partner at Adams, Brown, Beran & Ball. He helped local businesses and organizations succeed through his sound advice and steady guidance. His leadership earned him recognition as the 2012 Great Bend Citizen of the Year and the 2008 U.S. Small Business Administration Financial Services Champion of the Year.

However, Rick's dedication extended well beyond his professional career. He gave generously of his time through the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce, United Way, the Golden Belt Community Foundation, and many other local organizations. He also enjoyed hunting, gardening, and golfing, and he was known for his kindness and willingness to help others.

Though he will be greatly missed, Rick's legacy lives on through his wife Lois, his children and grandchildren, and the many people whose lives he touched. His example will continue to inspire the Great Bend community for years to come.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Richard Allen "Rick" Ball and in offering our prayers and sympathies to his family, friends, and the entire Great Bend community.●

TRIBUTE TO DAVID BEDFORD

• Mr. TUBERVILLE. Mr. President, when it comes to the military, there is no such thing as working 9 to 5. You are on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. For U.S. Army Chief Warrant Officer David Bedford of Wilmer, he still has this mentality about serving others.

A Mobile County native, David learned about military service from his father, who was a World War II veteran and Purple Heart recipient. In 1969, David followed his father's lead and enlisted to train as an Army pilot. After completing his training at Fort Rucker, David deployed to Vietnam in 1971, where he flew Huey helicopters more than 1,500 hours for resupply and transportation missions. He describes his most satisfying missions as those where he brought mail to troops on the frontlines, a small way to help put a

smile on their faces during a very dark time.

David attributes his safe return home to the many prayers of his wife, mother, family, and friends. He had a special gift waiting for him when he came back to Alabama: a baby girl who was born while he was deployed overseas. David and his wife Theresa had two more daughters and raised their family in Mobile County while he finished his degree at the University of South Alabama. After graduating, David began working in the county school system, eventually becoming a counselor and helping students navigate life's challenges.

David saw his job as more than just a 9 to 5, but as a way to invest in the lives of his students and help prepare them for the real world. Both David and Theresa have found a multitude of ways to partner together and serve the surrounding community. Through their involvement in the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program—otherwise known as RSVP—they frequently volunteer at community events and help seniors in the area prosper. David and Theresa are also members of the Christian Motorcycles Association, where they use their love of motorcycles to share their faith with other veterans. He also is a member of the Patriot Guard Riders, supporting Gold Star families and reminding them that they are not alone.

David's generosity of his time has truly made a difference that spans far beyond our State. It is my honor to recognize David Bedford as the August Veteran of the Month.●

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 5221. A bill to prohibit the purchase, sale, or exchange of nonpublic information, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-4269. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency with respect to Lebanon that was declared in Executive Order 13441 of August 1, 2007; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4270. A communication from the Chief Regulatory Officer, Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Affirmative Asylum Referrals Without Interview" (RIN1615-AD18) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 29, 2026; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4271. A communication from the Section Chief, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Relief for foreign participating member associations of FIFA from having to file a Form 990 for years in which their only US

source income is related to participation in the 2026 FIFA World Cup" (Rev. Proc. 2026-28) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 30, 2026; to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 2098. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Southcentral Foundation located in Anchorage, Alaska, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 119-131).

H.R. 3620. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Southcentral Foundation located in Anchorage, Alaska, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 119-132).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mrs. CAPITO (for herself and Mr. WELCH):

S. 5207. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to maintain the Rural Communities Opioid Response Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SHEEHY:

S. 5208. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide concealed carry privileges to qualified special operators; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. BRITT (for herself and Mr. TUBERVILLE):

S. 5209. A bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to limit bonuses to the Postmaster General, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 5210. A bill to allow Members of Congress to display works of art that are currently held in storage; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. ROUNDS (for himself and Ms. DUCKWORTH):

S. 5211. A bill to require the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to submit a strategy for cyber cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. SCHIFF):

S. 5212. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to reform executive clemency; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KING (for himself, Mr. WICKER, Ms. SMITH, and Mr. SCOTT of Florida):

S. 5213. A bill to support programs for mosquito-borne and other vector-borne disease surveillance and control; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. TILLIS (for himself and Mr. COONS):

S. 5214. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to punish criminal offenses targeting law enforcement officers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. BENNET, and Ms. ROSEN):

S. 5215. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and enhance certain tax credits for electric vehicles, and for

other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. ALSOBROOKS (for herself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 5216. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against tax for qualified accessible housing expenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. KAINE, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Ms. ALSOBROOKS):

S. 5217. A bill to amend the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017 to extend the availability of identity protection coverage to individuals whose personally identifiable information was compromised during recent data breaches at Federal agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MORAN:

S. 5218. A bill to amend the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a program under which the Secretary will award competitive grants to eligible entities for the purpose of establishing and enhancing farming and ranching opportunities for veterans; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL:

S. 5219. A bill to improve end-of-life care; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. BENNET, and Ms. ROSEN):

S. 5220. A bill to amend the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to reauthorize the battery processing and manufacturing program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. PADILLA (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. PETERS):

S. 5221. A bill to prohibit the purchase, sale, or exchange of nonpublic information, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. BENNET, Ms. HIRONO, and Ms. ROSEN):

S. 5222. A bill to establish the Cleaner Transportation at Recreational Areas to Improve our Landmarks and Sites (Cleaner TRAILS) Initiative to facilitate the installation of zero-emission vehicle fueling infrastructure on National Forest System land, National Park System land, and certain related land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WARNER:

S. 5223. A bill to prohibit the purchase or sale of securities while aware of nonpublic information contained in certain social media accounts controlled by Government officials, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCHIFF (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S.J. Res. 204. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration relating to "Rescinding the Definition of 'Harm' Under the Endangered Species Act"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 986

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) was added as a cosponsor of S.