

(A) gaps in, and opportunities for, coordination among such programs;

(B) opportunities to inform global efforts to prevent, diagnose, treat, and cure epilepsy, as appropriate;

(C) near- and long-term goals of such programs to improve research, prevention, early identification, diagnosis, and treatment of epilepsy; and

(D) the level of Federal investment in preventing, diagnosing, treating, and curing epilepsy;

(3) consideration of opportunities to—
(A) improve collaboration between Federal agencies and relevant stakeholders to address gaps in programs, research, and services;

(B) eliminate knowledge gaps in research on epilepsy, including a review of the impact of epilepsy on the health and well-being of individuals with epilepsy and their caregivers;

(C) improve early diagnosis and coordination of the care and treatment of individuals with epilepsy;

(D) better prevent sudden unexpected death in epilepsy and other epilepsy-related mortalities;

(E) improve surveillance of epilepsy; and

(F) support the development of new treatments, strategies, and other approaches to prevent, diagnose, treat, and cure epilepsy or to enhance functioning and improve quality of life for individuals with epilepsy and their caregivers; and

(4) a review of current public health strategies, and consideration of additional evidence-based strategies, related to epilepsy.

(c) **EXTERNAL INPUT.**—To inform the review under subsection (a), the Secretary shall regularly convene and solicit input from other Federal agencies, as appropriate, and relevant stakeholders, including patient advocates and non-Federal subject matter experts.

(d) **REPORT.**—Not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives a report on the findings of the review conducted under subsection (a), including—

(1) a description of steps the Secretary took to solicit stakeholder input pursuant to subsection (c) and a summary of feedback received from, and needs identified by, such stakeholders;

(2) recommendations to improve coordination and support of Federal programs in order to better support people with epilepsy, epilepsy research, and data collection, and proposals for implementation of such recommendations, as appropriate; and

(3) any changes to Federal programs, activities, or strategic plans recommended by the Secretary based on the review, and any statutory or other barriers that impede implementation of such changes.

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the committee-reported substitute amendment be agreed to; that the bill, as amended, 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. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The committee-reported amendment, in the nature of a substitute, was agreed to.

The bill (S. 494), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—S.J. Res. 187

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that notwith-

standing rule XXII, Senator WHITEHOUSE or his designee be authorized to return the Senate to legislative session for the purposes of making a motion to proceed to Calendar No. 532, S.J. Res. 187, during Wednesday's session of the Senate.

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

MORNING BUSINESS

COMMEMORATING NATIONAL POW/ MIA RECOGNITION DAY

Mr. CRAPO. Madam President, I join the POW/MIA Awareness Rally Corp. of Pocatello, ID, in acknowledging National POW/MIA Recognition Day this September 18, 2026.

I am grateful for the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency's, DPAA, steady and often challenging work to meet its responsibility of recovering America's servicemembers. Each year, the DPAA leads the creation of a poster commemorating National POW/MIA Recognition Day, as ceremonies are held across the country to honor those who were held captive and returned, as well as those who remain missing. The year's poster reads, "Warrior Ethos: 'I will always place the mission first . . . I will never leave a fallen comrade.'"

Second Lieutenant Charles Atteberry, a World War II servicemember from Parma who had been missing and unidentified for 80 years, is one of the Idaho servicemembers most recently returned home. Through the U.S. military's use of DNA testing, Lt. Atteberry was identified from a mass grave in Taiwan and returned to Idaho in 2025. Lt. Atteberry's brother Lloyd also served in the military as a pilot during World War II and is still considered missing in action since he was reportedly shot down in 1943.

On June 10, 2026, the DPAA also accounted for U.S. Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. Harold T. Thompson, 24, who was killed during World War II. The DPAA reported, "In the winter of 1944, Thompson was assigned to the 718th Bombardment Squadron, 449th Bombardment Group, in Italy. On Jan. 30, he was serving as a gunner aboard a B-24 Liberator bomber on a mission to Udine, Italy. The plane was shot down while returning from its mission and was last sighted north of the Isle of Morgo off the Italian coast near the town of Grado. Three crew members made it out of the plane before the crash, but only one survived. The other seven members, including Thompson, were believed to have still been in the aircraft when it crashed."

As we celebrate Idahoans' return home, we maintain hope for the return of Idaho's other servicemembers, including the eight who remain unaccounted for from the Vietnam war. This includes Major William Ellsworth Lemmons, who was on a visual reconnaissance mission in South Vietnam on June 18, 1967, when the aircraft he pi-

loted failed to return from the mission for unknown reasons and was declared missing. Major Lemmons is memorialized on the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific and Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, DC.

I thank America's servicemembers, veterans, and their families for their extraordinary commitment to our country, as I remain deeply grateful to those who keep attention on bringing every American servicemember and the DPAA and its partners working steadily to provide the fullest possible accounting of missing U.S. personnel to their families and our country.

To support these efforts, I continue to use every opportunity to press for enactment of the Bring Our Heroes Home Act. This legislation would help eliminate obstacles preventing families and caseworkers from accessing the records needed for recovering America's POWs and MIA.

We honor America's missing servicemembers and those they served beside by never giving up in our pursuit of finding them and bringing them home.

TRIBUTE TO MATT LLOYD

Mr. DAINES. Madam President, today I have the distinct honor of recognizing Matt Lloyd for his decades of devotion to Montana and the Nation as he retires from 25 years of public service.

After graduating from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Matt began his journey in Washington, DC, as press secretary for U.S. Congressman Rick Hill and U.S. Congressman Kevin Brady. During the George W. Bush administration, Matt answered the call to serve and worked at the Department of Agriculture under Secretary Ann Veneman before returning to the U.S. House as communications director for Congressman Mike Pence, guiding the Congressman throughout his tenure in Congress and his campaign for Governor of Indiana.

During the first Trump administration, Matt once again served in the executive branch, first as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, then as Senior Advisor for Public Affairs at the U.S. Department of State, and finally as Principal Deputy Director for Public Affairs at the U.S. Department of Justice.

His last role before coming to my office was deputy chief of staff and communications director for U.S. Senator Rob Portman.

Matt started on Team Daines in January 2023. As my deputy chief of staff and communications director, he has provided principled and thoughtful counsel during a pivotal timespan in our Nation's history. He has a sharp eye, a keen sense of the political current, and has been an integral member of my staff.

Throughout it all, Matt has never lost sight of what matters most: being

a loyal husband to his wife Amy and a great father to his two children Emmett and Charlotte.

As Matt ends his time with Team Daines and his tenure in public service, I would like to congratulate him on his outstanding record and his devotion to both Montana and this Nation. Thank you for your service, Matt. "Montana proud!"

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING JAMES SPENCER

• Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. Madam President, today I rise to honor the memory of my friend James Thomas Spencer. Jim, as he was known amongst friends, served the great State of Nevada for nearly 35 years. Anyone who was lucky enough to encounter Jim would tell you the same thing: Jim was a loyal friend and a diligent professional who took extraordinary care in everything he did.

Jim was born on October 23, 1948, in Redlands, CA. Following his service in the Army and his legal education, Jim moved to Nevada. In 1982, Jim began working in the Nevada Attorney General's Office. Jim ultimately served under four State attorneys general. Jim's work in the office was marked by his extremely capable representation of the Governor, other State officials, and different departments and agencies of the State. He drafted numerous significant opinions issued by the office and rose through the ranks in office, retiring as chief of staff to the attorney general.

During my tenure as Nevada's attorney general, Jim served as my chief of staff and as special assistant attorney general. Jim always displayed a strong sense of humility about himself and a deep empathy for others. These admirable qualities coupled with his commonsense, diligent, and straightforward practice of law resulted in Jim being one of the most respected lawyers in Nevada. He was a highly rated attorney and an expert on all things pertaining to Nevada government and our State laws.

Outside of work, Jim was an avid athlete and outdoorsman. He ran marathons and competitively dived. Despite a couple of joint replacements, he would often organize adventures with his friends and coworkers that involved hikes up Jobs Peak, Mount Rose, and C-Hill in Carson City. Even after his retirement in 2014, Jim retained his passion for adventure. Jim successfully completed a tandem skydive, did gunsmith work for his friends, and was always with his rescue dogs, whom he loved dearly.

Along with his distinguished career and busy personal life, Jim was committed to helping everyone around him. Jim would give a stranger the shirt off his back. He organized an annual Thanksgiving fundraiser in the attorney general's office to donate tur-

keys to families in need. He was a mentor for all who came through his office door and made it a point to befriend all the staff members and their families. To brighten everyone's day, Jim made it a point to share humorous articles of news with his colleagues, a practice he continued into retirement. These news breaks were timely, unannounced, and always appreciated.

On July 21, 2026, Jim passed away at the age of 77 due to esophageal cancer. He faced his illness with courage, resilience, and heart. Jim is survived by his family members, including David, Karen, and Katherine. I know his family will miss him dearly.

I am deeply grateful for Jim's dedicated service and his years of friendship. The loss of Jim is felt by his friends, family, and colleagues. Jim leaves behind a remarkable legacy of kindness, generosity, professionalism, and loyalty.●

TRIBUTE TO BRIANNA D. ST. LAWRENCE-BRODY

• Mr. DAINES. Madam President, today I have the honor to recognize SSgt Brianna D. St. Lawrence-Brody as Montanan of the Month.

Brianna serves with the Montana Air National Guard in the 120th Airlift Wing in Great Falls and last week was awarded the Air Force's 2026 Total Force Outstanding Airmen of the Year, earning one of the Air Force's highest honors. As command post controller, she assists in helping share information and coordinate communication during emergencies and major events.

The award recognizes enlisted airmen who exemplify exceptional leadership, stellar job performance, self-improvement, and a sustained commitment to their communities.

Brianna not only serves as a part-time member of the Montana Air National Guard but is also a full-time school nurse in Great Falls, where she continues to serve others in her civilian career. She is a mom of four.

Brianna is a selfless, hard-working, and selfless-serving member, representing the best of Montana and the values of our great Nation.

I am thrilled to recognize Brianna for her selfless actions as part of the Montana Air National Guard, her extraordinary performance in her civilian career, and her dedication to caring for our communities. It is my distinct honor to recognize Brianna D. St. Lawrence-Brody as Montanan of the Month.●

TRIBUTE TO BRUCE VINCENT

• Mr. DAINES. Madam President, today I have the honor to recognize Bruce Vincent.

Bruce Vincent is from Libby, MT, and a third-generation logger. After completing college, Bruce moved back home and joined his father's family business Vincent Logging as a business manager.

In 1988, Bruce helped form the Communities For A Great Northwest, a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating groups about the use of natural resources. He also founded the community outreach firm Environomics, focusing on issues for resource-dependent rural communities and responsible environmental stewardship.

His dedication to the great outdoors speaks volumes as he has received various recognitions for his hard work over the years. Bruce has been awarded the National Timberman Industry Activist of the Year, Montana Timberman of the Year, and several other accolades that speak to his passion for protecting the Montana that we love.

Bruce Vincent has dedicated his life to finding ways to protect the Last Best Place. It is my honor to recognize Bruce for his contributions to environmentalism, the logging industry, and his passion for the great outdoors.●

RECOGNIZING PRESENT COMPANY

• Ms. ERNST. Madam 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 Present Company of Audubon County, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

In 1990, Present Company opened its doors as a home decor boutique. The business quickly became a destination for quality home furnishings and unique gifts for the Audubon community. After more than three decades serving southwest Iowa under three different owners, Present Company transitioned into the hands of Telia Carter in 2022. Telia spent 16 years working at a local bank and embraced the opportunity to head up the beloved boutique. Under her leadership, Present Company has remained true to its original mission while evolving alongside changing customer preferences to meet the needs and interests of Audubon and the surrounding communities.

Today, Present Company continues to offer carefully selected home decor along with a variety of gifts, apparel, jewelry, and specialty items. They also provide a tuxedo rental service for local school dances making the store a staple of Audubon's downtown business district. With a small but dedicated team of three employees, the boutique has earned a reputation as a place where customers can find unique items and personalized service that reflects the character of smalltown Iowa.

In hopes of expanding the offerings on Main Street, the business began to house The Nail Room by Lisset, a local nail salon founded by former National Guard Lisset Huerta. Beyond its retail offerings, the Present Company regularly donates to organizations that assist children in buying animals to show