

earned him the Combat Infantryman Badge, Mr. McIntosh stood shoulder-to-shoulder with the elite of our Armed Forces.

For decades, the formal recognition of this service remained elusive. It was not until March 2026, following a review of his personnel records, that the Army retroactively awarded Mr. McIntosh the Special Forces tab—a long-overdue acknowledgment of his status as a Green Beret.

Mr. McIntosh's story is a testament to the quiet professionalism of the soldiers who did the job without the need for fanfare or special recognition. As he noted, he sought this recognition not for himself, but so his children would know the nature of his service to this Nation.

It is my privilege to recognize Mr. McIntosh today. His dedication at such a young age is an inspiration to all who value the courage of those who wear the uniform. We honor his service, we celebrate his official recognition as a Green Beret, and we thank him for his enduring commitment to this country.●

TRIBUTE TO OFFICER JOSH MCKINLEY

● Mr. PAUL. Madam President, I rise today to recognize Officer Josh McKinley for an extraordinary act of courage, compassion, and public service that saved a life and exemplifies the very best of law enforcement.

On March 21, 2026, Officer McKinley responded to a critical incident on the Big Four Walking Bridge in Louisville, KY, involving an individual who had climbed over the bridge railing, was seated on the outside ledge, and was threatening to end his life. The situation demanded extraordinary judgment, patience, and calm under immense pressure.

Officer McKinley immediately took the lead in communicating with the individual. Rather than relying on force or haste, he relied on empathy, respect, and genuine human connection. For nearly an hour, Officer McKinley remained engaged in conversation, patiently building trust while demonstrating unwavering professionalism and compassion. Through his calm demeanor and steadfast commitment, he persuaded the individual to safely climb back over the railing, preventing what could have been a tragic loss of life.

Officer McKinley's service did not end once the immediate danger had passed. He offered a meal and continued emotional support before ensuring he was transported to a hospital where he could receive the medical treatment and assistance he needed.

The actions displayed by Officer McKinley reflect the highest ideals of law enforcement. His courage was measured not only in his willingness to face danger but also in his patience, compassion, and determination to preserve life. His professionalism serves as

an example for officers across the Commonwealth of Kentucky and our Nation.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Officer Josh McKinley for his extraordinary service. His selfless actions on March 21, 2026, undoubtedly saved a life, brought hope to a person in despair, and remind us all of the difference one dedicated public servant can make.●

RECOGNIZING CRUME DRUG STORE

● Mr. PAUL. Madam President, as a member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, I rise today to recognize Crume Drug Store of Bardstown, KY, as my Senate Small Business of the Week.

Crume Drug Store has served Nelson County continuously since 1852. For more than 170 years, the business has adapted to changes in medicine, technology, and the retail pharmacy industry while remaining a trusted presence in downtown Bardstown.

In 2019, Derrick Greenwell and Ashley Coomes purchased Crume Drug Store as equal partners. Derrick is a Doctor of Pharmacy and serves as co-owner and pharmacist. Ashley is a certified pharmacy technician and co-owner. Together, they have preserved the store's historic identity while operating it as a modern, locally owned community pharmacy.

Derrick and Ashley strive to ensure that every customer feels comfortable being served at their store. This personal attention reflects the best tradition of independent community pharmacies.

Crume also helps prepare the next generation of healthcare professionals. The pharmacy has employed students through local cooperative education programs and has provided pharmacy interns with practical experience serving patients and working in a community pharmacy.

Derrick, Ashley, and the Crume Drug Store team regularly support local schools, athletic programs, churches, and community fundraisers. Much of Crume's community service is performed quietly and without seeking recognition. Derrick and Ashley prefer to let their work speak for itself. They focus on serving their customers well, remaining approachable, supporting their employees, and helping their neighbors whenever possible.

Congratulations to Derrick Greenwell, Ashley Coomes, and the entire Crume Drug Store team. I commend them for their service to Bardstown and Nelson County and wish them continued success in Kentucky.●

RECOGNIZING MORGAN SMITH INDUSTRIES, LLC

● Mr. PAUL. Madam President, as a member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, I would like to recognize an outstanding Kentucky small business that exempli-

fies the American entrepreneurial spirit. It is my privilege to recognize Morgan Smith Industries, LLC of Columbia, KY, as my Senate Small Business of the Week.

Morgan Smith Industries, LLC is a family-owned architectural millwork, custom cabinetry, casework, furniture, and interior construction manufacturer whose roots in Kentucky craftsmanship span nearly eight decades. The company's history began in 1948 when Willis D. McCammish and his son Doug McCammish established a small cabinet and countertop business in Winchester, KY. Through hard work, quality craftsmanship, and a commitment to serving their customers, the business expanded into commercial architectural millwork, institutional cabinetry, and contract furniture, earning a reputation for excellence throughout the Commonwealth. In 2012, the company entered a new chapter when J. Andrew "Andy" Keith and his nephew Jonathan Keith acquired the business and continued its tradition of family ownership while building upon its legacy of quality and service.

Today, Morgan Smith Industries employs approximately 30 skilled Kentuckians and continues to invest in the workforce and economy of Adair County. By combining experienced craftsmanship with modern manufacturing techniques, Morgan Smith Industries has become one of Kentucky's premier producers of architectural millwork and custom interior furnishings. The quality of Morgan Smith Industries' work can be found in some of Kentucky's most significant public and private facilities. The company has completed projects for universities, public schools, courthouses, healthcare facilities, government buildings, and commercial developments across the Commonwealth. Among its notable projects are the new Adair County Middle School, the Lexington Federal Courthouse, and the Kentucky State Capitol.

Congratulations to Andy Keith, Jonathan Keith, and the entire team at Morgan Smith Industries, LLC. I look forward to their continued growth and success in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.●

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA

● Mr. SCOTT of Florida. Madam President, I rise on behalf of all Floridians to recognize the 100th anniversary of the city of Miami Springs, FL, and to celebrate a century of its community. Since its incorporation on August 23, 1926, Miami Springs has grown from one of Florida's first communities, founded by aviation pioneer Glenn Hammond Curtiss, into a city with deep roots. For 100 years, Miami Springs has helped shape south Florida's aviation industry while preserving the history, landmarks, and strong community that make the city special. As Miami Springs celebrates

its centennial, I join my fellow Floridians in congratulating the city on this remarkable milestone and commend its residents for their contributions to the prosperity and history of the State of Florida and the United States.●

TRIBUTE TO JONATHAN BLANCHARD

● Mr. WICKER. Madam President, on the evening of May 6, 2026, Jonathan Blanchard heard tornado sirens blare through his hometown Bogue Chitto, MS. A volunteer firefighter accustomed to responding to emergencies, Blanchard gathered his family and found shelter. Once the storm passed, he set out to assess the damage. A walk that would typically take minutes turned into a 2-hour trek through uprooted trees and storm debris. When he arrived at his home, Blanchard found it had been virtually destroyed. Instead of being paralyzed by his loss, he reached out and helped others.

A short distance away, Blanchard heard cries for help. He sprang into action, followed the sound, and found a woman trapped beneath an overturned camper. He put his 30 years of emergency response experience to use. Blanchard and another neighbor carried the woman nearly a quarter mile to an ambulance, delivering her to safety. He continued his rescue efforts throughout the night.

Like Mississippians across the State affected by the tornadoes, Mr. Blanchard could not sit by as his community suffered. That spirit characterizes his whole life. When he is not on duty at the Hog Chain Volunteer Fire Department, Mr. Blanchard works as a welder at Wastequip in Brookhaven. He and his wife Rebecca Blanchard have three children.

Jonathan Blanchard's selfless service to his town is a true testament to his character and is an example to the State. I join my fellow Mississippians in saluting Jonathan Blanchard for his swift action and selflessness in the face of disaster.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Hanley, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

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-4272. A communication from the President of the United States of America, transmitting, pursuant to section 203(b) of the Trade Act of 1974, a report relative to the safeguard measures on imports of quartz surface products; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4273. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 898(c) Transition Rule for Allocating Foreign Taxes and Section 960(d) (4) Foreign Tax Credit Disallowance" (RIN1545-BR76) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2026; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4274. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Mexico and the United Kingdom in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 25-141); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4275. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad and the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Australia, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and the United Kingdom in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 25-031); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4276. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of firearms, parts, and components controlled under Category I of the U.S. Munitions List to Kuwait in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 26-040); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4277. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Australia, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and the United Kingdom in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 25-051); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4278. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(b)(5)(C) of the Arms Export Control Act, the notification of enhancements or upgrades from the level of sensitivity of technology or capability (RSAT Case 0C-23); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4279. A communication from the Director of Regulatory Oversight and Management, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled

"Rescission of Outdated Veterans Choice Program Regulations" (RIN2900-AS32) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2026; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-4280. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Financial Data Transparency Act Joint Data Standards" (RIN3133-AF70) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2026; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4281. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-375, "Education Code Adjustments Amendment Act of 2026"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4282. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-379, "Fiscal Year 2027 Local Budget Act of 2026"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4283. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-379, "Fiscal Year 2027 Local Budget Act of 2026"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4284. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, proposed legislation to expand the Secretary of Energy's authority to counter threatening unmanned aircraft systems for the protection of critical Department of Energy facilities and assets; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4285. A communication from the Acting Branch Chief of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Permethrin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 13395-01-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2026; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4286. A communication from the Acting Branch Chief of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Isometamid; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 13401-01-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2026; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4287. A communication from the Acting Branch Chief of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Rhode Island; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL No. 13485-01-R1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2026; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4288. A communication from the Acting Branch Chief of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Operating Permit Program Approval; New Hampshire; Revised Definitions" (FRL No. 13018-02-R1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 3, 2026; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4289. A communication from the Acting Branch Chief of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; California; San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 13058-02-R9) received in the Office of the President of the