

TRIBUTE TO LARRY CUDMORE

• Mr. RISCH. Madam President, the Gem State is made strong by the hard-working, dedicated, and selfless actions of Idahoans. Across our State, hundreds of thousands of veterans, first responders, volunteers, and public servants go above and beyond for the communities they call home. These people are pillars of our State and are essential to keeping Idaho the best place to live, work, and raise a family. Through my Idaho Service Spotlight, I recognize these exceptional Idahoans whose service and leadership have made a lasting impact on the Gem State. Today, I am pleased to recognize Larry Cudmore as an Idaho Service Spotlight recipient for the Month of August 2026.

Larry Cudmore has devoted his life to serving others and bringing hope. For nearly four decades, Larry served as a pastor in several churches across north Idaho before moving to Idaho Falls in 2002. There, Larry spent the next 16 years practicing ministry at First Evangelical Lutheran Church until an aggressive cancer diagnosis forced him to retire. While Larry was declared in remission in 2018, he was unable to return to full-time pastoral work.

Larry still felt called to do more for his community. Drawing on his love for horses and childhood memories on the farm, Larry started Champs Heart in 2019. The nonprofit serves children with special needs, veterans, and their families, helping them reconnect and offering opportunities for healing through horse encounters.

Larry was inspired to start Champs Heart after interacting with patients at Primary Children's Hospital while he was undergoing treatment. Among them was Emily Baum, an 18-year-old from Ashton facing a severe cancer diagnosis. Larry spoke with Emily many times during his treatment, sharing stories about his horse Champ to lift her spirits.

Emily passed away at the age of 19 in December 2017, just 2 months before Larry was declared cancer-free. To honor her memory, Larry decided to create a place where children with cancer and special needs could get a break from the stress of doctor appointments and feel joy. His goal was simple: bring a smile to these children's faces without putting a financial burden on their families. Today, on the Champs Heart property is a facility called Emily's House, and the organization's volunteers are called Emily's Angels.

Champs Heart now serves around 500 participants each month and has expanded its services to include survivors of domestic violence, police and first responders, foster children, and at-risk youth. From providing a child who experienced abuse a judgment-free space to build confidence to helping a teenager with disabilities find the balance to ride on a horse, Larry is proud of every Champs Heart success story.

On behalf of the people of Idaho, I thank and congratulate Larry for being

selected as an Idaho Service Spotlight recipient for the month of August 2026. You reflect the very best of our State, and Idaho is stronger because of your actions.●

RECOGNIZING GROOVEBERRIES

• Mr. RISCH. Madam President, as a member and former chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each month I recognize and celebrate the American entrepreneurial spirit by highlighting the success of a small business in my home State of Idaho. Today, I am proud to honor Grooveberries in Coeur d'Alene as the Idaho Small Business of the Month for August 2026.

Since opening its doors in 2012, Grooveberries has become a favorite place for families in the Coeur d'Alene community seeking delicious frozen yogurt. Chase and Sarah Gibson purchased the company in the fall of 2021 when they moved to north Idaho and have continued building on its success.

After taking ownership, the Gibsons expanded Grooveberries' menu to include more than 80 rotating frozen yogurt flavors, 70 toppings, and added a full espresso bar. Locals have especially enjoyed the shop's coffee offerings, including their Original Tart flavor and signature Yoguccino, a blend of frozen yogurt and espresso. Chase and Sarah also developed a homemade eggless cookie dough, which has become a well-loved addition to the topping bar.

Committed to serving their community through more than just fro-yo, the Gibsons regularly open their doors by hosting monthly worship nights, bringing together local bands, customers, staff, and neighbors.

Following the death of Charlie Kirk last fall, Chase and Sarah decided to honor his memory by placing stickers bearing Charlie's image on each cup. The overwhelming response from the Coeur d'Alene community led Grooveberries to continue the initiative, which now offers customers their choice of Turning Point USA and Bible verse stickers. Grooveberries also partners with Turning Point USA by donating 5 percent of related sales to local Club America and TPUSA chapters.

Congratulations to the Gibsons and the Grooveberries team on being recognized as the Idaho Small Business of the Month for August 2026. Your dedication to excellence makes Idaho proud, and I look forward to your continued growth and success.●

TRIBUTE TO KELLEN EDWARD

• Mr. SHEEHY. Madam President, I would like to take a moment to express my appreciation to Kellen Edward for his hard work as an intern in my Washington, DC, office this summer.

Kellen is a native of Billings, MT. He will be attending the University of Chicago in the fall, where he will be studying to obtain a degree in global studies

and public policy. Kellen has demonstrated a strong work ethic, and his efforts have been key to our mission to serve the people of Montana here in our Nation's Capital.

I want to thank Kellen for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It has been a pleasure having him as part of our team this summer, and I wish him all the best as he continues to build a bright future for himself.●

TRIBUTE TO SEAN FRANKE

• Mr. SHEEHY. Madam President, I would like to take a moment to express my appreciation to Sean Franke for his hard work as an intern in my Washington, DC, office this summer.

Sean is a native of Baltimore, MD. He attends the University of Delaware, where he is studying to obtain a degree in political science. Sean has demonstrated a strong work ethic, and his efforts have been key to our mission to serve the people of Montana here in our Nation's Capital.

I want to thank Sean for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It has been a pleasure having him as part of our team this summer, and I wish him all the best as he continues to build a bright future for himself.●

TRIBUTE TO DEREK FYKSEN

• Mr. SHEEHY. Madam President, I would like to take a moment to express my appreciation to Derek Fyksen for his hard work as a fellow in my Washington, DC, office this summer.

Derek is a native of Minneapolis, MN. He attends Harvard University and the Kennedy School, where he is studying to obtain a degree in foreign relations and public policy. Derek has demonstrated a strong work ethic, and his efforts have been key to our mission to serve the people of Montana here in our Nation's Capital.

I want to thank Derek for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It has been a pleasure having him as part of our team this summer, and I wish him all the best as he continues to build a bright future for himself.●

TRIBUTE TO GAIGE HOMER

• Mr. SHEEHY. Madam President, I would like to take a moment to express my appreciation to Gaige Homer for his hard work as an intern in my Washington, DC, office this summer.

Gaige is a native of Truckee, CA. He attends Montana State University, where he is studying to obtain a degree in political science. Gaige has demonstrated a strong work ethic, and his efforts have been key to our mission to serve the people of Montana here in our Nation's Capital.

I want to thank Gaige for the dedication he has shown while working for

me and my staff. It has been a pleasure having him as part of our team this summer, and I wish him all the best as he continues to build a bright future for himself.●

TRIBUTE TO MAXWELL LERAY

● Mr. SHEEHY. Madam President, I would like to take a moment to express my appreciation to Maxwell Leray for his hard work as an intern in my Great Falls office this summer.

Maxwell is a native of Great Falls, MT. He recently graduated from Grand Canyon University, where he obtained a degree in political science. Maxwell has demonstrated a strong work ethic, and his efforts have been key to our mission to serve the people of Montana here in our Nation's Capital.

I want to thank Maxwell for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It has been a pleasure having him as part of our team this summer, and I wish him all the best as he continues to build a bright future for himself.●

TRIBUTE TO CHLOE McCULLOCH

● Mr. SHEEHY. Madam President, I would like to take a moment to express my appreciation to Chloe McCulloch for her hard work as an intern in my Washington, DC, office this summer.

Chloe is a native of Missoula, MT. She attends Vanderbilt University, where she is studying to obtain a degree in medicine, health, and society (MHS) and law, history, and society (LHS). Chloe has demonstrated a strong work ethic, and her efforts have been key to our mission to serve the people of Montana here in our Nation's Capital.

I want to thank Chloe for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It has been a pleasure having her as part of our team this summer, and I wish her all the best as she continues to build a bright future for herself.●

TRIBUTE TO BRYNN NOTBOHM

● Mr. SHEEHY. Madam President, I would like to take a moment to express my appreciation to Brynn Notbohm for her hard work as an intern in my Billings office this summer.

Jane is a native of Miles City, MT. She attends Carrol College, where she is studying to obtain a degree in political science. Brynn has demonstrated a strong work ethic, and her efforts have been key to our mission to serve the people of Montana here in our Nation's Capital.

I want to thank Brynn for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It has been a pleasure having her as part of our team this summer, and I wish her all the best as she continues to build a bright future for herself.●

TRIBUTE TO KIRA RENNE

● Mr. SHEEHY. Madam President, I would like to take a moment to express my appreciation to Kira Renne for her hard work as an intern in my Helena office this summer.

Jane is a native of Pony, MT. She attends Virginia Military Institute, where she is studying to obtain a degree in mechanical engineering. Kira has demonstrated a strong work ethic, and her efforts have been key to our mission to serve the people of Montana here in our Nation's Capital.

I want to thank Kira for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It has been a pleasure having her as part of our team this summer, and I wish her all the best as she continues to build a bright future for herself.●

TRIBUTE TO ISABELLA ROSA

● Mr. SHEEHY. Madam President, I would like to take a moment to express my appreciation to Isabella Rosa for her hard work as an intern in my Bozeman office this summer.

Jane is a native of Bozeman, MT. She attends University of Greenwich, where she is studying to obtain a degree in politics and international relations. Isabella has demonstrated a strong work ethic, and her efforts have been key to our mission to serve the people of Montana here in our Nation's Capital.

I want to thank Isabella for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It has been a pleasure having her as part of our team this summer, and I wish her all the best as she continues to build a bright future for herself.●

TRIBUTE TO MORGAN SITES

● Mr. SHEEHY. Madam President, I would like to take a moment to express my appreciation to Morgan Sites for his hard work as an intern in my Bozeman office this summer.

Morgan is a native of Livingston, MT. He attends Hillsdale College, where he is studying to obtain a degree in political science and theology. Morgan has demonstrated a strong work ethic, and his efforts have been key to our mission to serve the people of Montana here in our Nation's Capital.

I want to thank Morgan for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It has been a pleasure having him as part of our team this summer, and I wish him all the best as he continues to build a bright future for himself.●

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

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 appropriate committees.

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

MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following concurrent resolutions were discharged from the Committee on the Budget pursuant to Section 300 of the Congressional Budget Act and placed on the calendar:

S. Con. Res. 38. Concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2027 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2028 through 2036.

S. Con. Res. 39. Concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2027 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2028 through 2036.

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-4361. 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 26-0B) (OSS-2026-0285)); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4362. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(b)(1) and 36(c)(2) of the Arms Export Control Act, the Memorandum of Justification to authorize the immediate transfer and licensing of U.S.-origin defense articles to the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, and Jordan (OSS-2026-0236); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4363. A communication from the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, transmitting, a letter expressing support for the reauthorization of section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) (OSS-2026-0299); to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-4364. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Visas: Visa Bond Program" (RIN1400-AG33) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 5, 2026; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4365. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of the Comptroller's 2025 Office of Minority and Women Inclusion Annual Report to Congress; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4366. 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 "Alaska: Final Authorization