

After returning home, Mr. Labelle's commitment to serving others did not waver. While his career was diverse, his work remained rooted in his desire to connect with and serve others. From caring for patients as a respiratory therapist, to working as an assistant manager of warehouse operations and even owning a bowling alley, Mr. Labelle's professional life reflected his tireless work ethic. Throughout these endeavors, he remained a steadfast advocate for his fellow veterans.

For more than 20 years, Mr. Labelle was a dedicated leader of the Disabled American Veterans DAV, at the local, State, and national levels. He joined the DAV in 2005, becoming a life member of Chapter 57 in Marshfield. He held numerous leadership positions, including benefits protection team leader and chairman of the national interim legislation committee. His advocacy often brought him to our Nation's Capital, where he fought to ensure that our country's veterans received the support and services they earned.

His lifetime of advocacy for veterans was nationally recognized when he received the DAV Outstanding Performance in Advocacy Award for 7 consecutive years. Mr. Labelle's determination to fight for veterans was easy to see, and his impact will be felt by veterans and their families for years to come. I was fortunate to see Mr. Labelle's dedication firsthand through my work with him, and I know Wisconsin's veterans were fortunate to have a champion like him in their corner.

Veterans in Wisconsin and across the country have benefited from Mr. Labelle's devoted advocacy, and I am grateful for his lifetime of service. His legacy will live on through the veterans and families he helped and the countless people he inspired throughout his life.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN YINGLING

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, today I rise to honor John Yingling on his retirement after his distinguished service as chair of the Wisconsin State Fair Park Board. During his tenure, Mr. Yingling helped lead one of the most transformative periods in Wisconsin State Fair history, helping create lasting memories for millions of fairgoers.

In 2011, then-Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker appointed Mr. Yingling to serve on the Wisconsin State Fair Park Board. During his time as chair, the State fair expanded year-round operations, hosted the largest Clydesdale horse show in North America, and welcomed INDYCAR racing back to the historic Milwaukee Mile. These accomplishments, along with many others, have strengthened the State fair and helped spur investment in the greater Milwaukee community.

When Mr. Yingling became chair, the State fair faced significant financial challenges. He was instrumental in helping move the fair from the red into the black, and under his leadership,

those gains were reinvested in the fair and the community.

Mr. Yingling also helped foster innovation and creativity that have become hallmarks of the Wisconsin State Fair. Through the annual Sporkies and Drinkies competitions, State Fair vendors compete to create unique foods and drinks that attract visitors from across Wisconsin and beyond.

As we celebrate the 175th anniversary of the Wisconsin State Fair, I am pleased to recognize Mr. Yingling's distinguished service and his many contributions to the people of Wisconsin. His leadership has helped ensure that the State fair remains a treasured Wisconsin tradition for generations to come.

I congratulate Mr. Yingling on his retirement and wish him all the best.

RECOGNIZING THE WILLIAM S. MIDDLETON MEMORIAL VETERANS HOSPITAL

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, today I rise to honor the 75th anniversary of the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital in Madison, WI. I am pleased to celebrate this hospital and to commemorate this historic milestone.

Since 1951, the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital has served Wisconsin veterans with care and compassion. When the hospital was first opened, it was the first of the VA's designated tuberculosis hospitals. After years of providing tuberculosis care, in 1960, the facility was redesignated to provide general medical and surgical care.

In 1976, the U.S. Congress renamed the hospital after Dr. William Shainline Middleton, an accomplished veteran, physician, and academic. Dr. Middleton served as an Army captain during World War I and served with distinction in the Office of the Chief Surgeon during World War II.

Following his military service, Dr. Middleton returned to the University of Wisconsin Medical School, where he taught generations of future physicians and served for 20 years as its dean. In 1955, Dr. Middleton was appointed as the Chief Medical Director for the Veterans Administration. Throughout his career, he was a tireless advocate for the advancement of veterans' healthcare and was a champion for medical research.

Over the past 75 years, the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital has continued to grow and evolve to meet the needs of the veterans it serves. Its longstanding partnership with the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health supports medical education, research, and innovation that help advance the care available to veterans. Today, it is a state-of-the-art teaching hospital with many accreditations and achievements that allow the hospital to provide world-class healthcare to our Nation's veterans.

As we honor this significant milestone, I am particularly grateful for the doctors, nurses, and staff who are committed to serving our veterans every day. I look forward to the continued success of the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital and its important work on behalf of Wisconsin veterans for generations to come.

RECOGNIZING TODD FAMILY FARM

Mr. YOUNG. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize a living Hoosier landmark, Todd Family Farm.

For 150 years, seven generations of a single family have stewarded the same soil in Carroll County, IN. The Todd family first came to Carroll County as Baptist ministers and, in 1876, established their farm on what grew to be 4,500 acres of land. Subsequent generations of the family founded the Todd Hybrid Seed Company. From their homestead in Indiana, the Todds developed and distributed seed corn across America, strengthening the Nation's food supply and playing a key role in Indiana's agricultural economy.

It is very rare for family-run farms to endure for a century, let alone 150 years. This reflects the incredible and often difficult work of the Todd family across generations. Over that century and a half, the Todd family farm has survived transfers from one generation to the next, economic panics, a Great Depression, revolutions in agricultural technology, and, of course, fluctuations in commodity prices. Across those generations, members of the Todd family have also demonstrated a deep commitment to service, making sacrifices for their community, State, and country.

This endurance reflects a spirit of hard work and resourcefulness, as well as a commitment to community. This tradition began when the Todds first reached Carroll County and continues to the present day. Their contributions to Indiana, our Nation, and future generations represent a legacy worthy of recognition. Congratulations to the Todd family for earning the Hoosier Homestead Program's Sesquicentennial Award.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO JENNIFER ANDERSON

• Ms. DUCKWORTH. Mr. President, along with my colleague Senator Mike Crapo, we join in honoring Jennifer Anderson, registered dietitian, for her commitment to children's health. We thank her for sharing about her work with the Senate Moms group.

As the founder of Kids Eat in Color and the CEO of BetterBites, Jennifer Anderson supports parents navigating the challenges of feeding their children well by sharing education, strategies, and resources focused on nutrition and eating. She also works with healthcare providers by offering resources and an

accredited continuing education workshop to prevent and treat Avoidant/Restrictive Food Intake Disorder and extreme picky eating in patients.

Jennifer's career of over 20 years has focused on nutrition and public health. She earned a master of science in public health from the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health and worked as a nutritionist information specialist and consultant at the U.S. Department of Agriculture. After utilizing her experience to navigate her own children's growth struggles and extreme picky eating, she dedicated her expertise to supporting other parents.

Our staff lead the Senate Moms group, a bipartisan group of more than 200 moms employed by the U.S. Senate. The group's regular meetings and internal resources in the Senate help working moms feel united and supported in navigating the Senate workplace and raising children in the Washington, DC, area.

Thank you, Jennifer, for your inspiring work that empowers families and healthcare professionals to advance children's health and nutrition. You have encouraged the many moms who help keep the U.S. Senate functioning day-to-day. We wish you the best in all the future offers you.●

RECOGNIZING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT JAMES THE GREATER CATHOLIC CHURCH

● Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina. Mr. President, as the senior Senator from the great State of South Carolina, it is my pleasure to recognize and congratulate Saint James the Greater Catholic Church as they celebrate their 200th anniversary as a faithful parish in the Lowcountry.

Founded in 1826, Saint James the Greater Catholic Church has served as a beacon of faith, worship, and fellowship. Since its founding, the parish has been a steadfast presence in the community, offering spiritual guidance and contributing to the cultural and historical heritage of the Palmetto State.

South Carolina is blessed by the service, stewardship, and resilience of Saint James the Greater Catholic Church. Standing as one of the oldest historically Black Catholic churches in the South, they continue to build a legacy that embodies faith, hope, and love.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Saint James the Greater Catholic Church on celebrating 200 years of faith and service to the Lowcountry and all of South Carolina. The parish's passion to spread the good news and serve others in the community deserves our sincerest gratitude. I look forward to their next 200 years and the positive impact that they will continue to make in the lives of countless South Carolinians.●

TRIBUTE TO ASHLIE COMBS

● Mr. TUBERVILLE. Mr. President, veterans' mental health is one of the

most unspoken struggles our brave men and women in uniform endure after serving our country. Many struggle silently and alone, which is why suicide has become a leading cause of death among our veterans. Combating the mental health crisis for Alabama veterans has become the No. 1 mission of U.S. Army SPC Ashlie Combs of Rainbow City.

Ashlie enlisted in the Army in 2003 after graduating from Bay Minette High School. She grew up in a military family, so she knew the hardships of military life. But the September 11 attacks made Ashlie want to do her part to protect our great country. She deployed to Iraq in 2007, where her team carried out multiple search and rescue missions in order to make sure no soldier was left behind as the war was winding down.

Ashlie and her husband eventually relocated back to Alabama, where she realized there was a lot to be done in making sure veterans aren't left behind when it comes to their mental health. She got involved in various veterans' organizations from the American Legion to her local VFW post, where she connected with vets from all different walks of life. Along the way, she got involved in the local veterans treatment court, where she has spent countless hours helping set vets up for success. Ashlie goes to great lengths to see veterans through their treatment from start to finish.

She recently received her graduate degree in counseling from Auburn University so that she can do this kind of work full-time. Her goal is to bridge the gap between mental health care and affordability to receive care for those who truly need it. September is Suicide Prevention Month, and we are fortunate to have veterans like Ashlie who use their experience to help veterans struggling with their mental health. It is my honor to recognize Ashlie Combs as the September Veteran of the Month.●

MESSAGE 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 and a treaty which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL,

The White House, September 14, 2026.

To the Senate of the United States:

With a view to receiving the advice and consent of the Senate to ratification, I transmit herewith the Convention between the Government of the

United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Croatia for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Tax Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, with Protocol, done at Washington on December 7, 2022, and the Protocol between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Croatia Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Croatia for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Tax Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, done at Dubrovnik on April 28, 2026 (collectively, the "proposed Treaty"). I also transmit, for the information of the Senate, the report of the Department of State, which includes an Overview of the proposed Treaty.

The proposed Treaty would be the first bilateral income tax treaty between the United States and Croatia. The proposed Treaty follows the current United States Model Income Tax Convention, with only a few divergencies that reflect particular aspects of Croatian law and treaty policy. The proposed Treaty significantly reduces (and, in some cases, eliminates) withholding taxes on investment income and provides benefits to individuals engaged in cross-border activities between the United States and Croatia. The proposed Treaty contains comprehensive provisions designed to address "treaty shopping," which is the inappropriate use of a tax treaty by residents of a third country. The proposed Treaty contains robust mechanisms for the resolution of disputes between the United States and Croatian tax authorities as well as rules that allow the tax authorities to provide assistance to each other through the exchange of information to facilitate the administration of each country's tax laws.

I recommend that the Senate give early and favorable consideration to the proposed Treaty and give its advice and consent to ratification.

DONALD J. TRUMP.

THE WHITE HOUSE, September 14, 2026.

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

REPORT OF THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13224 OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2001, WITH RESPECT TO PERSONS WHO COMMIT, THREATEN TO COMMIT, OR SUPPORT TERRORISM—PM 66

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States: