

read: "Overture Center, my gift to Madison, continues the tradition of civic pride and responsibility that my family has honored since 1867. It is given in appreciation of the good life Madison has given us."

I join Jerry's family and friends in celebration and remembrance of his remarkable life and impact. His philanthropy had a truly transformative impact on his hometown of Madison, and throughout Wisconsin, and will continue to live on as an enduring legacy.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN McCLAUGHRY

Mr. WELCH. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize John McLaughry, who will serve as the town moderator of Kirby, VT, for the 60th time this town meeting day.

John's journey toward this milestone began in 1963, when he first moved to Vermont. In 1965, John built a log cabin in Kirby, a small town with about 500 residents tucked away in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom. He quickly became an important member of the community. Though he lived just part of the year in Kirby—he spent the rest of the year in Washington—he was elected town moderator in 1966. As town moderator, John is responsible for facilitating Kirby's annual town meeting. He ensures that voters' voices are heard, and he shapes compromises that keep the town running.

John moved permanently to Vermont in 1970, on the same plot of land where he built his log cabin, and has lived there since. John was elected to represent Kirby in the Vermont House of Representatives from 1969–1973, where he advocated for his constituents and every Vermonter in the Northeast Kingdom.

After working on President Reagan's 1980 Presidential campaign, John joined the President's team at the White House Office of Policy Development. Despite his busy schedule in Washington, John always made it back to Kirby for town meeting day in March.

In 1989, John would return to the Vermont General Assembly, this time in the State senate representing Caledonia County. John later established the Ethan Allen Institute, a think tank named for Vermont's own hero of the American Revolution. Here, John advocated for limited government and free markets. In 2023, he stepped down from the Ethan Allen Institute to allow for a new generation of leadership, but John has undoubtedly left a mark on Vermont.

From the moment I met John in the 1970s, I admired him. John represents much of what makes Vermont's political culture unique: a devotion to localism; a belief in strong Vermont values; and a "live and let live" approach to governing. John's commitment to local governance and democracy runs through his life's work. From a life that has ranged from hitching rides on railcars, to serving in Vermont's State

House and the White House, it is commendable that John has, for 60 years in a row, served as town moderator for Kirby, the beloved home of John and his wife Anne.

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL CHESLEY L. DYCUS

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a great American and an exceptional member of the U.S. Air Force, Col. Chesley Dycus.

As the chief of the Air Force Senate Legislative Liaison Division from July 2024 to July 2025, Chesley performed his duties well and without reservation supporting the 118th and 119th U.S. Congresses. Hailing from Waverly, TN, and a graduate from the U.S. Air Force Academy, where he also played baseball, Chesley has served in the Air Force for over 25 years. He is a command pilot with over 3,800 hours of flight time in a variety of aircraft. Throughout his career, he has demonstrated exceptional and unrivaled officership in a myriad of positions from wing command to Acting Deputy National Security Advisor to the Vice President of the United States, all critical to U.S. defense and national security world-wide.

Chesley distinguished himself through his professional character and dedication by serving this Nation in uniform as chief of the Air Force Legislative Liaison Division to the Senate. In this role, he advised Department of the Air Force senior leaders and helped develop strategic engagement opportunities to advance U.S. Air Force and U.S. Space Force priorities. His leadership facilitated seamless collaboration on behalf of the Department of the Air Force across 63 congressional offices. He supported numerous engagements and delegations for 150 Senators, Congressmen, and staffers to showcase Department equities in the United States and abroad. Most notably, Chesley's advice shaped support for the Department of the Air Force's efforts to optimize for near-peer conflict and drove hearing engagements with 27 Senate Armed Service Committee members in support of Department leaders. These briefings effectively communicated the Department's modernization and resource requirements to address pacing challenges abroad. His efforts helped ensure the Department of the Air Force's support of the National Defense Strategy in the return to Great Power Competition.

With steadfast dedication, Chesley connected Members of Congress with key decision-makers, including the Secretary of the Air Force, leading to significant progress on critical Department of the Air Force initiatives. He secured critical funding for Air Force and Space Force birthday celebrations and the Secretary of the Air Force's Capitol Hill Holiday Reception, successfully executing all three events. These initiatives fostered strategic engagements between 32 Members of Con-

gress and 24 Department of the Air Force senior leaders, strengthening congressional support for crucial national security priorities.

Finally, Chesley, as a master of relationship building, cultivated a service-oriented culture within the Department of the Air Force's Senate liaison team. His leadership ensured the delivery of strategic, prompt, and precise communications to Senators. Under his direction, the team facilitated 88 Department of the Air Force engagements on Capitol Hill and 12 congressional and staff delegation trips of great national security significance, including the Reagan National Defense Forum, bolstering the Department of the Air Force's 2025 National Defense Authorization Act priorities and 2026 budget request. These engagements helped U.S. Senators and their staffs understand defense equities and their impact on national security. Due to his direct involvement and stewardship, Members of Congress were able to make informed decisions and ensured the Department of the Air Force was properly resourced and funded.

After serving in this crucial role and becoming a fixture on Capitol Hill, Col. Chesley Dycus will continue to work in the Department of the Air Force Legislative Liaison as its deputy director. Chesley and his wife Jenna have instilled a legacy of service for their children Chesley and Lila. They have sacrificed much as a family in service to our Nation. I am thankful for Chesley's service and his work with my office and the Senate over the past year on issues of vital importance to the defense of the United States. I salute this American patriot whose selfless service has kept our country safe and strong.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING NOBLE-T ARBOR

● Mr. RISCH. Mr. 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 Noble-T Arbor of Lewiston as the Idaho Small Business of the Month for February 2026.

Founded in 2023 by U.S. Marine Corps veteran Tyler Wolff, Noble-T Arbor tackles tree trimming needs across the Lewis-Clark Valley. Named after Tyler's three sons, the business embodies strong family values and expert craftsmanship. Rooted in military discipline, character, and service, Noble-T has become a trusted name for local, high-quality, integrity-driven arbor services.

After 4 years of military service, including a deployment to Iraq and stationing in Okinawa, Tyler returned home to Lewiston to further his education. While exploring several trades,

he discovered a passion for forestry and arboriculture. Tyler went on to join the U.S. Forest Service and later worked in power-line clearance tree trimming, where he rose through the ranks to become a foreman. With more than a decade of forestry experience, Tyler and his business partner made the leap to start Noble-T.

As a Lewiston native, Tyler is deeply invested in giving back to the community. Through Noble-T, Tyler regularly offers discounted or no-cost services to families in need, elderly residents, churches, and individuals facing hardship. Noble-T also partners with Jackson's Pay It Forward Foundation to assist local children with health issues.

Congratulations to Tyler and the entire Noble-T Arbor team on being recognized as the Idaho Small Business of the Month for February 2026. Your dedication to excellence makes Idaho proud, and I look forward to your continued growth and success. ●

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-2822. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; PZL-Swidnik S.A. Helicopters; Amendment 39-23238" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2026-0012)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2823. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Take-off Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments" ((RIN2120-AA65) (Docket No. 31645)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2824. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations" ((DA 26-135) (MB Docket No. 25-298)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 11, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2825. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Leonardo S.p.A. Helicopters; Amendment 39-23241" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2026-0014)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2826. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; CFM International, S.A. En-

gines; Amendment 39-23240" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-1115)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2827. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters Deutschland GmbH Helicopters; Amendment 39-23237" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. 39-23237)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2828. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D and Class E4 Airspace Over Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2025-5147)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2829. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; New Lexington, Ohio" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2025-5108)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2830. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace; Ashland, Bucyrus, and Mansfield, Ohio" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2025-5107)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2831. A communication from the Branch Chief, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Fisheries; Closure of the General Category June Through August Fishery for 2023" ((RIN0648-XD222)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2832. A communication from the Branch Chief, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pacific Halibut Fisheries of the West Coast; Inseason Action for the 2023 Area 2A Pacific Halibut Directed Commercial Fishery" ((RIN0648-XD142)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2833. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Washburn, North Dakota" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2024-2305)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2834. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to

law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Driggs/Reed Memorial Airport, Driggs, Idaho" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2025-4543)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2835. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Newport Municipal Airport, Oregon" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2025-2282)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2836. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters Deutschland GmbH (AHD) Helicopters; Amendment 39-23248" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2026-0731)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2837. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters; Amendment 39-23249" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2026-0732)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2838. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters Deutschland GmbH (AHD) Helicopters; Amendment 39-23251" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2026-0733)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2839. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes; Amendment 39-23250" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-1120)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2840. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Embraer S.A. (Type Certificate Previously Held by Yabora Industria Aeronautica S.A.; Embraer S.A.) Airplanes; Amendment 39-23247" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2026-0729)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2841. A communication from the Manager of Legal Litigation and Support, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes; Amendment 39-23246" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2025-1103)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2026; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.