McKenna has been a key member of my team since my first year in the Senate, joining my office as part of our first intern class and then returning to work for me in a full-time role after she graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno. Over time, she proved herself to be an incredibly dedicated and talented staffer, rising quickly from staff assistant to legislative correspondent to legislative correspondence manager to legislative aide to legislative assistant and finally becoming our lead policy adviser for all energy, environment, public lands, water, agriculture, and Tribal issues.

In this role, McKenna has led my office's work on numerous public lands bills, multi-year legislative efforts that are critical to the landscape, economic development, safety, preservation, and accessibility of the land in our State. She has shepherded the Truckee Meadows Public Lands Management Act through Congress, one of the most significant pieces of legislation directly impacting northern Nevada in recent history. In introducing, negotiating, and working to amend this bill, McKenna has taken many hundreds of meetings and put in thousands of hours of work, collaborating with county and city officials, Tribes, the State of Nevada, conservationists, sportsmen, recreationalists, ranchers, landholders, housing developers, utilities, and others. She has taken public feedback, working parcel-by-parcel on changes and working across the aisle and with members of both the House and Senate and with committee staff to move this bill forward. Its future success in this Chamber will be due in very large part to her, and I am confident that we will get the Truckee Meadows Public Lands Management Act across the finish line thanks to her hard work on it these past many years.

She has also played a leading role in working with my national security team to obtain fair compensation for ranchers impacted by the modernization of Naval Air Station Fallon, helped draft and introduce dozens of bills and amendments, secured millions of dollars in critical funding for Nevada through appropriations, and taken what can conservatively be estimated to be over a thousand meetings with Nevadans. Whenever McKenna wasn't at her desk, we knew it meant she was in a meeting talking with Nevadans about how we could help them. It is her personal touch in these interactions that sets her apart, not only coming prepared with policy knowledge and ready to answer any question that comes her way, but also listening with empathy and fully adopting the challenges of her fellow Nevadans as her own.

As a colleague, McKenna is beloved, someone whom everyone on my team in both Nevada and DC considers a person they can trust. She has been there for people when they need her, just as she has been there for the State of Nevada. McKenna has a steady hand and an analytical mind, but also a heart of gold.

McKenna, I thank you for your service to Nevada and the country, and I look forward to seeing you grow and excel as you move back home to Reno and begin a new life with Ken. We will miss you, but your impact will be felt forever.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING ROBIN COGAN

● Mr. BOOKER. Mr. President, today, we honor the selfless life of Robin Cogan, a New Jersey resident who passed away on June 11, 2026, at the age of 65. Robin was a beloved nurse, grandmother, friend, and outstanding member of her community in Cherry Hill, NJ. She will be remembered as a ''relentless'' advocate for nurses, our community's children, and for working tirelessly to prevent gun violence in our schools.

Robin was the New Jersey director for the National Association of School Nurses and a teacher in the school nurse certification program at Rutgers University in Camden, NJ. As a voice of her profession, Robin authored the ''Relentless School Nurse'' blog, as well as a monthly column in ''My American Nurse,'' the official journal of the American Nurses Association. Her service to the profession was recognized through multiple major professional awards, including the 2019 and 2020 National Association of School Nurses President's Award, the 2018 NCSN School Nurse of the Year, the 2017 Johnson & Johnson School Nurse of the Year, and the New Jersey Department of Health 2017 Population Health Hero Award.

One of Robin's guiding principles was that ''voice is our most renewable resource,'' a principle she not only espoused but which she lived out every day. Through programs like her ''No More Empty Desks'' art campaign at Charles Brimm Medical Arts High School in Camden, Robin's life is proof that ripples make waves if we are relentlessly brave in standing up for our communities. My staff and I had the great pleasure of meeting Robin during the ''Hill Days'' she coordinated while serving as the legislative cochair for the New Jersey State School Nurses Association. We were left humbled by her story, inspired by her message, and proud to honor all she has done for the great State of New Jersey.

Amidst the pandemic of gun violence that has gripped our American communities, Robin's legacy is one of hope. I encourage members of this Chamber to reflect on Robin's life as testament to what we can accomplish if we are relentless in our compassion for others and for the well-being of our communities.●

TRIBUTE TO A.J. GARY

● Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize A.J. Gary upon his retirement as director of the Arkansas Division of Emergency Management, ADEM, and State Homeland Security adviser.

For more than four decades, Gary has dedicated his career to serving others and protecting the people of Arkansas. Since being appointed to manage ADEM in 2016, he has provided steady leadership through some of the most challenging situations our State has faced.

His experience has been integral to ADEM's response and recovery efforts across 49 State and federally declared disasters. In every instance, he demonstrated an understanding that emergency management is ultimately about helping people and worked tirelessly to make sure Natural State communities had the resources and support they needed after disaster struck.

He also sought to improve Arkansas' ability to prepare for and recover from future emergencies. From expanding ADEM's field operations to modernizing the State's emergency coordination system, Gary has helped ensure we are better equipped to protect Arkansans.

But Gary's commitment to public service did not begin with ADEM. He spent more than 28 years with the Conway Police Department, where he retired as police chief, and later served as chief security administrator for Air Transport International. Throughout each chapter of his career, he answered the call to serve and took on the responsibility of protecting others.

His impact has also extended beyond Arkansas, having earned the respect of emergency management professionals across the country. In 2025, he was appointed president of the National Emergency Management Association, reflecting the expertise and dedication he has brought to the field.

On behalf of the people of Arkansas, I congratulate A.J. Gary on his retirement and thank him for his more than 40 years of public service. I wish him and his family all the best in this well-deserved next chapter.●

REMEMBERING CHARLES ANDERSON

● Mrs. BRITT. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the impactful and inspirational life of an Alabama legend, Charles Anderson. An entrepreneur, philanthropist, husband, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Charles will be remembered by his relentless drive, extreme generosity, and unwavering humility.

From a young age, Charles learned the values of faith, persistence, and hard work. Born in Florence, AL, Charles was the first of Clyde W. and Ruth Keenum's three children. He developed his entrepreneurial spirit by helping at his father's local newsstand, eventually picking up his own newspaper route. By age 11, Charles had started his own business, a roadside fireworks stand, and by age 14, he was