

with a dedicated staff committed to providing customers with the best locally grown plants in Baton Rouge. Amidst the devastating thousand-year flood disaster that has plagued our State in recent weeks, Clegg's has led by example and embodied the true spirit of service, specifically through its aid to Naylor's Hardware and Garden Center, another local hardware and garden store in the area. Following the storm, Naylor's was left completely and irreparably destroyed. Clegg's offered immediate help to its fellow company by giving jobs to several of Naylor's employees, including its owner, Johnny Naylor, and now is merging with the successful Naylor establishment to continue to supply the Baton Rouge community with the same great products and customer service all under one roof. Despite the tragic circumstances, Naylor's has found new life through Clegg's, which is a prime example of service, unity, and true community support.

I would like to extend my deepest condolences to the friends and families of Naylor's for the loss of their business, while expressing profound admiration toward Clegg's for its remarkable display of true Louisiana strength and helping others in the community during this time of need. I am honored to name Clegg's Nursery and Naylor's Hardware and Garden Center as Small Business of the Week. I wish them all the best during this time of recovery and look forward to seeing their new growth and success as they embark on a new business venture together.●

RECOGNIZING GREAT RAFT BREWING CO.

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, over the past several years, small locally owned breweries have exploded in popularity across the country, and Louisiana is no exception to this trend and is home to a number of small breweries that have gained regional and national success. As such, I would like to recognize Great Raft Brewing Co. of Shreveport, LA, as this week's Small Business of the Week.

In 2013, Andrew and Lindsay Nations opened Great Raft Brewing in Shreveport's historic Highland neighborhood with the mission of creating fresh craft beer that complemented the lifestyle and cultures of northwest Louisiana. Having fallen in love with craft beer while living in Washington, DC, the Nations set out to share their passion with their native northern Louisiana. In October 2013, Great Raft Brewing Co. made history by selling the first locally made beer in Shreveport since Prohibition and quickly cemented themselves as a new pillar of their community.

Named for the "Great Raft" logjam that once prevented travel along the Red River, Great Raft Brewing remains committed to their community, hosting numerous charity and festival events each year and representing

northwest Louisiana culture at events around the county. In late 2013, Great Raft Brewing Co. opened their tasting room, originally serving their three flagship brews before expanding to offer a number of limited release and seasonal beers. In a span of 3 years, Great Raft Brewing Co. has been able to expand to a level that allows them to distribute their beer all around the State of Louisiana, as well as garnering regional and national success, including being recognized as one of the South's Best Breweries by Southern Living Magazine, a Best American Lager by Food & Wine Magazine, a Best Coffee Beers in the World by Men's Journal, and numerous other recognitions in State, local, and national publications.

Congratulations to Great Raft Brewing for being named this week's Small Business of the Week. I have no doubt that this local brewery will continue to thrive and provide great beer for the people of Louisiana in the years to come.●

RECOGNIZING HAIR FACTORY

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, in Louisiana, football is a way of life, with the players often competing to be seen as role models to the young folks in our community. The Louisiana State University Fighting Tigers, arguably one of the best college football teams in the country, is a prime example of this and boasts many outstanding players that influence and inspire their community, State, and Nation. This week, I would like to recognize the ventures of one such student athlete as Small Business of the Week. For his commitment to serving the Baton Rouge community and inspiring entrepreneurship among young folks across Louisiana, I am very proud to honor Lewis Neal and Hair Factory of Baton Rouge, LA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

North Carolina native Lewis Neal isn't your typical entrepreneur. A senior at LSU this year, Neal began his entrepreneurial endeavors in high school when he participated in day trading on the Foreign Exchange market, something he continues to do. Neal's entrepreneurial talent led to him and a friend creating a smartphone app, and his love for the city of Baton Rouge inspired him to recently become co-owner of Hair Factory, joining Joan Campbell, whose family opened the local salon in 1986. After the police shooting in July rocked the Baton Rouge community, Neal and Campbell showed their commitment to their community by offering free Hair Factory haircuts to local members of the military, along with first responders and their families.

Congratulations to Lewis Neal, Joan Campbell, and the entire Hair Factory team for being selected as the Small Business of the Week, and I thank them for their commitment to the Baton Rouge community and providing for those who serve us daily.●

RECOGNIZING HAYES MANUFACTURING

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, for over 60 years, one small business based out of Pineville, LA, has played a major role in building central Louisiana and creating hundreds of jobs along the way. This week, I would like to recognize Hayes Manufacturing as Small Business of the Week.

In the early 1950s, James Hayes, Sr., worked in a local fabrication shop and quickly realized that he could produce a better product on his own. Working out of his garage with a welding machine mounted on a Model-T Ford, Hayes, Sr., established his namesake manufacturing small business in 1954. Over the next two decades, Hayes, Sr., acquired a small machine shop and successfully provided steel manufacturing products for central Louisiana. In 1972, his son James Hayes, Jr., joined the family business, and was shortly followed by his brother Cliff. Under their combined leadership and vision, Hayes Manufacturing has grown to become one of the highest regarded steel fabrication shops in the south.

Today Hayes Manufacturing is one of three divisions under the Hayes Companies, which is operated out of a 13-acre property in Pineville. Hayes Manufacturing regularly partners with the local community to give back. Following the deadly, historic flooding in south Louisiana this August, Hayes Manufacturing organized volunteers to help Baton Rouge families repair their flooded homes. Hayes Manufacturing has also worked with the State and local governments in public-private partnerships that build Louisiana's infrastructure and grow hundreds of direct and indirect jobs. In 2011, as the CEO of the Hayes Companies, James Hayes, Jr., was awarded Small Business Person of the Year by the Central Louisiana Chamber of Commerce.

Congratulations to the entire team at Hayes Manufacturing for being selected as Small Business of the Week, and I look forward to your continued growth and success.●

RECOGNIZING HOOK & BOIL

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, with the recovery of the south Louisiana community underway, I would like to recognize Hook & Boil of Broussard, LA, as Senate Small Business of the Week. The folks at Hook & Boil played a significant role in serving its neighbors during the recent devastating floods and its selfless action in the midst of such widespread devastation is a shining example of the commitment to community and service among all Louisianians.

Mark Alleman, a third-generation crawfish famer and chef, began his culinary career by starting his own catering company, Cravin' Cajun Seafood. His skillful combination of Cajun flair with a wide range of local ingredients caught on quickly, and its tremendous

success led Mark to expand his operations into Hook & Boil, the full-scale restaurant and catering business we know today. The new Hook & Boil strives to provide the ultimate Cajun experience. This experience, however, would be incomplete without a strong bond and commitment to the greater Broussard community.

This commitment was on full display during the recent fallout from the tragic flooding of southern Louisiana. Despite waters rising to over an inch in his own house, Alleman and his team at Hook & Boil served over 2,000 meals to those in need. With a crew of three Hook & Boil employees and a few locals with high vehicles, the team delivered food to affected neighborhoods throughout the community. Although the Hook & Boil team was small, its impact was wide-ranging and felt throughout the entire city.

This generosity and service is deserving of the deepest gratitude and respect, and I would again like to give my sincerest thanks to Hook & Boil for its remarkable service and action during such a tragedy. This showcase of service has not only bolstered community pride but shines as a light and tremendous example of unity, compassion, and human spirit. I look forward to your continued growth and success.●

RECOGNIZING KELLY PLUMBING

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, family-owned small businesses are essential to keeping our homes and businesses running and providing much needed jobs in our local communities. The skill set and level of service from these small businesses drive our communities to succeed and are the backbone for our economic success. This week, I would like to recognize Kelly Plumbing, Inc., of Monroe, LA, as Small Business of the Week for their commitment to customers and exceptional service in northeast Louisiana.

Kelly Plumbing was founded in 1928 by Ernest and Vivian Kelly in their hometown of Monroe. Since 1928, the company's focus on customer satisfaction not only makes them a premier plumbing service but has allowed them to survive the economic downturns and recessions that our Nation has faced since the Great Depression. After 88 years, the Kelly family continues to provide exceptional plumbing and home repair services to members of their community, building a successful business that offers its expertise to countless costumers in the Monroe and West Monroe communities. This success has allowed the owners to pass down their business for three generations and is now currently operated by Bobby Kelly, Jr.

Kelly Plumbing's focus on customer and quality service has not gone unnoticed, as they were awarded DeltaStyle Magazine's "Best Plumbing Company" of 2016. This is further proof of the strength and success a small business can have in conjunction with hard

work and maintaining strong family values. I once again would like to congratulate Kelly Plumbing, Inc., for their perseverance and am proud to honor them as Small Business of the Week. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success.●

RECOGNIZING LAMULLE CONSTRUCTION, LLC

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, the success and stability of the Bayou State's economy works largely in conjunction with the abundance of natural resources at our fingertips. Considering the variety of industries that work in and around Louisiana's vast coastline, it is important to have a solid water infrastructure system in place. A veteran-owned small business based in Slidell, LA, has been building that water infrastructure for the citizens of south Louisiana for nearly 70 years. I would like to recognize Lamulle Construction, LLC, as Small Business of the Week.

It was during World War II when E.J. Lamulle served in the U.S. Army and learned the skill of pile driving. Lamulle's regiment was responsible for building docks off islands in the Pacific Ocean so Allied ships could drop off supplies. After the war, Lamulle returned to Louisiana in 1947 to find his home devastated by a hurricane. When rebuilding his home, Lamulle used his pile driving skills to protect it from future storms, and when his neighbors took notice of his work, Lamulle inadvertently started his namesake construction company.

Over the next several decades, Lamulle Construction grew to specialize in constructing residential and commercial waterfront projects, including bulkheads, docks, piers, and bridges. Today, E.J. Lamulle's son David manages the family-owned small business, which has grown to employ 25 crewmembers and 8 administrators who maintain the high level of service and attention to detail that the company has become known for.

Congratulations to the great team at Lamulle Construction for being selected as this week's Small Business of the Week, and I look forward to your continued growth and success.●

RECOGNIZING LASYONE'S MEAT PIE RESTAURANT

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, down in the Bayou State, our generations-old recipes are well regarded and in high demand. This week I would like to recognize Lasyone's Meat Pie Restaurant of Natchitoches, LA, as Small Business of the Week, for their commitment to supporting the local economy and keeping the tradition of southern cooking alive and well.

In the 1950s, James Lasyone was the butcher for the Live Oak Grocery and began experimenting with a meat pie recipe. In the years that followed, Lasyone's recipe became a local favor-

ite, which led to the 1967 opening of Lasyone's Meat Pie Restaurant in historic downtown Natchitoches. A few years later, the editor of House Beautiful Magazine dropped in, and Lasyone's Meat Pie Restaurant soon began receiving national recognition.

Today Lasyone's original recipe is a well-kept secret, but Chefs Angela Lasyone and Tina Lasyone Smith continue to share meat pies with the community, along with several other staples of Southern cuisine, including crawfish pie, red beans and sausage, dirty rice, southern fried catfish, bread pudding with rum sauce, and chicken and dumplings. In their nearly 50 years of operation, Lasyone's Meat Pie Restaurant has been praised in national newspapers, including the Chicago Tribune and the New York Times, major television shows On the Road with Charles Kuralt and Good Morning America, and even in international publications from France, Italy, and Spain.

Congratulations again to the Lasyone's Meat Pie Restaurant for being selected as Small Business of the Week. I look forward to my next visit to Natchitoches to have another one of your delicious meat pies and wish the entire team at Lasyone's continued growth and success.●

RECOGNIZING MAGGIO GROCERY AND DELI

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, small businesses in Louisiana play a major role in their local communities and economy, and far more often than not, they support and showcase the values and livelihood of the people around them. In that spirit, I would to recognize Maggio Grocery and Deli of Bossier City, LA, as Small Business of the Week.

In 1923, Sam and Mary Maggio opened Maggio Grocery along the Red River in Bossier City, LA. An Italian immigrant and World War I veteran, Sam built the grocery store with the goal of providing his Bossier City neighbors with the highest quality groceries, meats, seafood, and service-with-a-smile one could find in the community. Even with a friendly rival grocery store across the street, Sam found success with Maggio Grocery and eventually passed the business along to his two sons, Joe and Charlie. These days Maggio Grocery is run by Charlie's son, Vince, and his wife, Sharon, who work to make sure the family's namesake grocery store maintains the same traditions that have lasted three generations. Even with the prolific growth of supermarkets, 93 years later, Maggio Grocery continues to thrive in northwest Louisiana and remains in its original location on Thompson Street.

I would like to congratulate Maggio Grocery and Deli for being recognized as Small Business of the Week, and I look forward to their continued growth and success.●