

wrote: “We are a family military. The very freedoms that we sometimes take for granted are what our sons and daughters fight for every day.” She continued: “When we lost our son, my perspective changed. The sacrifices these servicemembers and their families make every day are deserving of respect and honor. This monument allows us to pay tribute to the family members who lost loved ones. It is a place where we can come, feel peace, and hopefully recognize their sacrifice will never be forgotten.”

Gold Star Mother Bronwyn Mount, mother of the late Sgt. Bryan Cooper Mount, recently shared: “I am constantly surprised by the realization that so many people all over the country are remembering and honoring Cooper. To have so many people working towards this dedication, for the last 20 months, has been humbling to our family. To have multiple friends and families be willing to donate to the cost of the memorial has touched us deeply. We are so grateful to be able to visit the memorial and think of Cooper’s, and others’, sacrifices. We are grateful for a community that cares about the sacrifice.”

Mayor Michele Randall shared: “On August 6th, 2020, Sgt. Cooper Mount’s flag-draped casket arrived at the St. George airport. Moved by the emotion and patriotism of the procession from the airport to the mortuary, the City of St. George chose to be the second city in Utah to install a Gold Star Families Memorial Monument in the heart of the city at historic Town Square. Saturday, March 26th, 2022, will be the dedication of the memorial and the culmination of many hours of work and over \$100,000 dollars raised by our residents. I cannot wait for our community to see this breathtaking monument in remembrance of our Gold Star families.”

I am honored to have the opportunity to highlight the great work that so many people freely participated in to make this memorial, which recognizes and remembers the sacrifices of Utah’s Gold Star families, possible. These monuments are not the last of their kind in Utah or in the United States. More monuments are being discussed, planned, and constructed. The movement to honor Gold Star families across America has taken hold of many communities throughout the country.

Let us not allow this movement to rise in relevance for a moment and then fade. Let us recognize and remember, forever, the sacrifices of our Nation’s Gold Star families.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING OUR BEST RESTAURANT

• Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, as ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding

Kentucky small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize the small business, Our Best Restaurant of Smithfield, KY, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

In 1990, the late Kenneth Way and his wife Kay embarked on a new adventure in the autumn of their lives. After retiring from a career in the retail industry, Kenneth bought an old wheat mill in Smithfield, KY, population 100. Joined by his wife Kay who had just retired from her career serving the Kentucky State government, the two opened Our Best Restaurant. Kenneth’s son Kenny Way will tell you himself that his father was not in the restaurant business; he was in the “people business.” Kenneth’s motto was that if you treat people well, your business will succeed no matter what you do. Clearly, Kenneth was on to something as his restaurant and legacy continue to thrive for the past 32 years.

Kenneth’s son Kenny Way now owns and operates the business, carrying on his father’s mission of providing top quality service to everyone who walks in the door. Though Our Best Restaurant consistently serves delicious country cooking, it is the warm and friendly atmosphere that keeps people coming back time and time again. With a population as small as Smithfield’s, the restaurant cannot depend on the typical walk-in customer that other Main Street businesses often see; their bread and butter are the locals—and even visitors, who keep coming back. A change in ownership never stopped their “regulars” from choosing Our Best Restaurant because Kenny learned from his late father that a loyal customer will only come back if you treat them right. That is why the staff of Our Best Restaurant put in such an effort to get to know their customers, to meet their families and their children, to ask them about their day, and to show that they care about the customer’s experience beyond just the meal.

Such high-quality customer service and food have allowed Our Best Restaurant to grow and expand. Since 1990, they have expanded their dining space and have branched out to offer catering services besides from their dine-in operations. The catering business became a crucial stream of revenue for the restaurant as the COVID-19 pandemic put a temporary end to in-person dining. Local energy and utility companies turned to Our Best Restaurant to safely serve meals to their employees during the height of the pandemic. Our Best Restaurant has consistently proved to be a steadfast member of the small community of Smithfield. The restaurant maintains great relationships with the local high school, looking out for the local students and always feeding them a hearty meal of Kentucky country cooking.

The reputation of the feel-good-food and friendly atmosphere of Our Best Restaurant has allowed them to be a

destination in themselves. They often have folks drive in from Jefferson County and Franklin County to enjoy their famous cooking. And of course, any and all visitors receive the same smalltown welcome as any Smithfield local would. Our Best Restaurant is the entrepreneurial embodiment of the late Kenneth and Kay’s dream come true and a wonderful example of a father’s mission carried on by his son. All across the country are little towns like Smithfield, areas that contain little more than a post office and a church, and it is businesses like Our Best Restaurant that keep those small communities thriving. Congratulations to Kenny, his son Aric, and the entire Our Best Restaurant team. I wish them the best of luck and look forward to watching their continued growth and success in Kentucky.●

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 4373. An act making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 6968. An act to prohibit the importation of energy products of the Russian Federation, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7108. An act to suspend normal trade relations treatment for the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus, and for other purposes.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. CANTWELL, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 3580. A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, with respect to prohibited acts by ocean common carriers or marine terminal operators, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. REED for the Committee on Armed Services.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. (lh) Paul J. Schlise, to be Rear Admiral.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Maria B. Barrett, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. Thomas J. Tickner, to be Major General.

Army nominations beginning with Brig. Gen. Tina B. Boyd and ending with Col. Todd W. Traver, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 31, 2022. (minus 1 nominee: Col. Paul J. McCarthy)

Navy nomination of Capt. Jeffrey J. Kilian, to be Rear Admiral (lower half).

Navy nomination of Capt. Carey H. Cash, to be Rear Admiral (lower half).

Navy nomination of Capt. George E. Bresnihan, to be Rear Admiral (lower half).

Navy nominations beginning with Capt. Matthew Case and ending with Capt. Guido F. Valdes, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 31, 2022.

Navy nomination of Capt. Tracy L. Hines, to be Rear Admiral (lower half).

Navy nomination of Capt. Ryan M. Perry, to be Rear Admiral (lower half).

Navy nominations beginning with Capt. John E. Dougherty IV and ending with Capt. Douglas L. Williams, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 31, 2022.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Douglas F. Stitt, to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nominations beginning with Col. Margaret H. Blais and ending with Col. Mathew C. Wenthe, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 10, 2022. (minus 1 nominee: Col. Paul Drake IV)

Navy nomination of Capt. Michael L. Baker, to be Rear Admiral (lower half).

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. (lh) Gregory N. Todd, to be Rear Admiral.

Navy nominations beginning with Rear Adm. (lh) Jeffrey T. Anderson and ending with Rear Adm. (lh) Douglas C. Verissimo, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 8, 2022.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. (lh) John S. Lemmon, to be Rear Admiral.

Navy nominations beginning with Rear Adm. (lh) Nicholas M. Homan and ending with Rear Adm. (lh) Michael J. Vernazza, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 8, 2022.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. (lh) Thomas J. Moreau, to be Rear Admiral.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. James J. Mingus, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Col. Stephen R. Smith, to be Brigadier General.

Navy nominations beginning with Capt. Luke A. Frost and ending with Capt. Mark B. Sucato, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 15, 2022.

Mr. REED. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Air Force nominations beginning with Christopher L. Allam and ending with Curtis J. Wozniak, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 31, 2022.

Air Force nominations beginning with Justin L. Joffrion and ending with Beth L. Makros, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 10, 2022.

Air Force nominations beginning with Nealy P. Brown and ending with Richard Alton Steen, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 28, 2022.

Air Force nominations beginning with George A. Gonzalez and ending with Clayton L. Ricks, which nominations were received

by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 28, 2022.

Air Force nominations beginning with Rebecca A. Burbridge and ending with Brian A. Young, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 28, 2022.

Air Force nominations beginning with Darren Steele Beasley and ending with Jeffrey M. Young, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 28, 2022.

Air Force nominations beginning with Travis W. Gerlach and ending with Benjamin G. Romick, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 28, 2022.

Air Force nominations beginning with Jennifer J. Anderson and ending with Alexis K. Stucki, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 28, 2022.

Air Force nominations beginning with Michael M. Aflague and ending with James B. Mcmanus, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 28, 2022.

Air Force nominations beginning with Jared Robert Brandt and ending with Sarah R. Speth, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 28, 2022.

Air Force nominations beginning with Anthony S. Alexander and ending with Christopher P. Zorich, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 28, 2022.

Air Force nominations beginning with Heather D. Harris and ending with Timothy Daniel Ray, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 28, 2022.

Air Force nominations beginning with Cynthia L. Alvarado and ending with Shelley J. Wilson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 28, 2022.

Air Force nominations beginning with Thomas F. Albrecht and ending with William Stanley Young, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 28, 2022.

Air Force nominations beginning with Tricia L. Hill and ending with Donald T. Yap, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 28, 2022.

Air Force nomination of Christopher D. Corliss, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of James M. Blake, to be Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Antuan X. Aaron and ending with D016144, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 30, 2021.

Army nominations beginning with Amar J. Arias and ending with D015031, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 30, 2021.

Army nominations beginning with Andrew J. Allen and ending with D001903, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 30, 2021.

Army nominations beginning with April N. Abbott and ending with D015964, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 30, 2021.

Army nomination of Matthew L. Parker, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Shawn R. Jokinen, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Robert J. Rowe, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Manuel C. Ruiz, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Jeffrey M. Beeman and ending with Alexander M. Willard, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 10, 2022.

Army nominations beginning with Joseph V. Dasilva and ending with Jason R. Zuniga, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 10, 2022.

Army nomination of Shaker F. Y. Saad, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with William T. Freakley and ending with Mason W. Thornal, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 10, 2022.

Army nominations beginning with Brion J. Aderman and ending with Martin R. Yost, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 28, 2022.

Army nomination of Daniel C. Canchola, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Steven M. Wingo, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Nicholas S. Cavallaro, to be Major.

Army nomination of Ernestina Delapenaguba, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Gurdeep S. Buttar, to be Major.

Army nomination of Ashlee B. McKeon, to be Major.

Army nomination of D013344, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Ram A. Parekh, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Zane N. Beegle and ending with Cody D. Workman, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 7, 2022.

Army nomination of Matthew B. Young, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of William M. Yund, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Alex V. Funicello, to be Major.

Marine Corps nomination of Arlie L. Miller, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Navy nomination of Mulugeta D. Temesgen, to be Lieutenant Commander.

Navy nomination of John M. Rosati, Jr., to be Lieutenant Commander.

Space Force nominations beginning with Kyle S. Allen and ending with Neal R. Roach, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 7, 2022.

Space Force nominations beginning with Matthew P. Bruno and ending with Sol R. Snedeker, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 7, 2022.

Space Force nominations beginning with Kelly S. Anderson and ending with Jeffrey E. Weisler, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 7, 2022.

Space Force nominations beginning with James P. Banta and ending with Scott M. Wright, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 7, 2022.

Space Force nominations beginning with Artem S. Agoulnik and ending with Donald W. Zeck, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 7, 2022.

Space Force nominations beginning with Christopher Alan Albright and ending with Victor J. Zimmer, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 7, 2022.

Space Force nominations beginning with Robert J. Alleman and ending with Edward Seunglee Wood, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 7, 2022.

Space Force nominations beginning with Rachel T. Alessi and ending with Heather L. Young, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 7, 2022.

Space Force nominations beginning with Luke M. Sauter and ending with Zachary W. Fields, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 10, 2022.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. RISCH (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. SCOTT of Florida):

S. 3912. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act and the Labor Management Relations Act, 1947 to deter labor slowdowns and prohibit labor organizations from blocking modernization efforts at ports of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KAINE (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. SMITH, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 3913. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to public health data accessibility, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ROUNDS:

S. 3914. A bill to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise the definition of a qualifying investment, for purposes of the exemption from registration for venture capital fund advisers under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, to include an equity security issued by a qualifying portfolio company and to include an investment in another venture capital fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 3915. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to provide technology grants to strengthen domestic mining education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ROUNDS:

S. 3916. A bill to permit the Securities and Exchange Commission to increase regulatory exemption thresholds, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. BRAUN, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. PAUL, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. 3917. A bill to apply the Medicaid asset verification program to all applicants for, and recipients of, medical assistance in all States and territories, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 3918. A bill to establish programs to improve family economic security by breaking the cycle of multigenerational poverty, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. TILLIS:

S. 3919. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to provide that an issuer that is required to file certain quarterly reports may elect to file those reports semi-annually; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. DUCKWORTH:

S. 3920. A bill to protect consumers from price-gouging of gasoline and other fuels, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. TILLIS (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina):

S. 3921. A bill to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to expand the definition of a qualifying accredited investor, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CRAMER:

S. 3922. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to create a safe harbor for finders and private placement brokers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CRAMER (for himself and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 3923. A bill to amend the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act to repeal certain provisions requiring non-material disclosure, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. COTTON, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. LANKFORD, and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. 3924. A bill to amend the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act to extend the sunset for sanctions with respect to human rights violations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. RUBIO:

S. 3925. A bill to impose sanctions with respect to foreign persons responsible for the negligent creation of space debris, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself and Mr. BRAUN):

S. 3926. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to address the issuance of securities by Chinese entities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. PETERS (for Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. CRAMER)):

S. 3927. A bill to establish the Mental Health Excellence in Schools Program to increase the recruitment and retention of school-based mental health services providers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PADILLA (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 3928. A bill to establish a program so that small business concerns owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals may achieve proficiency to compete, on an equal basis, for contracts and subcontracts in Department of Transportation projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. PADILLA (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. WARNOCK):

S. 3929. A bill to provide for disadvantaged business enterprise supportive services programs at modal administrations of the Department of Transportation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. LUMMIS (for herself and Mr. HAGERTY):

S. 3930. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to permit certain defendants to remove administrative proceedings to Federal court; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. LUMMIS:

S. 3931. A bill to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to extend exemptions for securities offered as part of employee pay to other individuals providing goods for sale,

labor, or services for remuneration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. WARNOCK:

S. Res. 556. A resolution commemorating the 90th birthday of former Mayor of Atlanta, ambassador, and congressional representative Andrew Jackson Young and recognizing the contributions of Andrew Jackson Young to civil and human rights and his work to uplift Georgia; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. Res. 557. A resolution recognizing the week of March 20 through March 26, 2022 as "National Poison Prevention Week" and encouraging communities across the United States to raise awareness of the dangers of poisoning and promote poison prevention; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 98

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) were added as cosponsors of S. 98, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against tax for neighborhood revitalization, and for other purposes.

S. 805

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 805, a bill to repeal the wage requirements of the Davis-Bacon Act.

S. 916

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 916, a bill to provide adequate funding for water and sewer infrastructure, and for other purposes.

S. 1158

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the names of the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1158, a bill to provide paid family and medical leave to Federal employees, and for other purposes.

S. 1302

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1302, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 1856

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1856, a bill to enhance the security operations of the Transportation Security Administration and