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#### CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. SCHUMER. I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

#### CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 30, H.R. 815, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements relating to the eligibility of veterans to receive reimbursement for emergency treatment furnished through the Veterans Community Care program, and for other purposes.

Charles E. Schumer, Patty Murray, Jeanne Shaheen, Debbie Stabenow, Tim Kaine, Benjamin L. Cardin, Sheldon Whitehouse, Brian Schatz, Christopher Murphy, Mark R. Warner, Richard J. Durbin, Martin Heinrich, Christopher A. Coons, Jack Reed, Richard Blumenthal, Tammy Baldwin, Margaret Wood Hassan.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum calls for the cloture motions filed today, December 4, be waived.

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

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, to explain to the Senators and our colleagues what we have just done, a few moments ago, I filed cloture on a motion to proceed on a shell bill for a national security supplemental.

The step I am taking tonight will ensure the process for the supplemental moves forward and that, hopefully, disagreements on immigration do not prevent us from doing what we must do to protect America's security.

I urge every single Senator to think where we are at this moment in history. America's national security is on the line around the world—in Europe, in the Middle East, and in the Indo-Pacific. Autocrats and dictators are waging war against democracy, against our values, against our way of life. That is why passing this supplemental is so important. It could determine the trajectory of democracy for years to come. We are at a moment in history.

Tonight, I would like to announce that the administration has invited President Zelenskyy to address Senators via secure video as part of our classified briefing tomorrow so we can hear directly from him precisely what is at stake in this vote. I ask that all Senators—all Senators—attend this important briefing.

In the coming days, I urge my colleagues to do the right thing and sup-

port moving forward on the supplemental package. We can't ever put a price on defending democracy in its hour of need, because if Ukraine falls, Putin will keep on going. Autocrats around the world will be emboldened. Democracy, this grand and noble experiment, will enter an era of decline. History will render harsh judgment on those who abandon democracy.

I urge all Senators to work with us to move forward on a national security supplemental.

#### CONGRESSIONAL AWARD PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2023

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be discharged from further consideration of S. 2087 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2087) to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act.

There being no objection, the committee was discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the Lummis substitute amendment, which is at the desk, be considered and agreed to; the bill, as amended, be considered read a third time and passed; and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The amendment (No. 1370) in the nature of a substitute was agreed to as follows:

(Purpose: In the nature of a substitute)

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Congressional Award Program Reauthorization Act of 2023".

#### SEC. 2. TERMINATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 108 of the Congressional Award Act (2 U.S.C. 808) is amended by striking "October 1, 2023" and inserting "October 1, 2028".

(b) RETROACTIVE EFFECTIVE DATE.—If this Act is enacted after October 1, 2023, the amendment made by subsection (a) shall take effect as if enacted on October 1, 2023.

#### SEC. 3. OTHER AMENDMENTS.

Section 102 of the Congressional Award Act (2 U.S.C. 802) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking "Each medal shall consist of gold-plate over bronze, rhodium over bronze, or bronze and shall be struck in accordance with subsection (f)."; and

(2) in subsection (f)(1), in the second sentence, by striking "Subject to subsection (a), the" and inserting "The".

The bill (S. 2087), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

#### COMMENDING THE OFFICERS OF THE COMMISSIONED CORPS OF THE UNITED STATES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 483, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 483) commending the officers of the Commissioned Corps of the United States Public Health Service for 225 years of work protecting, promoting, and advancing the health and safety of the United States.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 483) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

#### MORNING BUSINESS

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

#### RECOGNIZING THOMPSON SHOES

● Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, as ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Iowa small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week it is my privilege to recognize Thompson Shoes of Manchester, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Thompson Shoes in Manchester was founded by Gary and Keith Thompson in 1958 as the first of nine shoe stores owned by the Thompson brothers. Keith ran the Manchester location until 1990 when the location was purchased by Tracy Bessey. The current owners, husband and wife duo Todd and Shelly Schrader, purchased the Manchester Thompson Shoes location from Tracy Bessey on January 1, 2011. Under the Schrader's ownership, Shelly serves as president, with Todd serving as vice president. The store offers a variety of athletic shoes, dress shoes, and boots. In addition to shoes, they also carry socks and offer shoe sizing services to customers at the store. The Schraders have also built a special bond with Keith Thompson and Tracy Bessey over the years. Both former owners have paid regular visits to the store's events since 2011.

Small businesses are often successful because of the hard work and dedication of their team. Dianne

Oberbroeckling has spent 38 years at the Thompson Shoes Manchester location, working for all three owners and serving three decades of customers. Gary and Keith Thompson passed away in 1993 and 2023 respectively, leaving behind a legacy of community service, hard work, and dedication to customer service.

Thompson Shoes in Manchester is actively involved in both the Manchester and Delaware County communities and has been recognized for its hard work. They are involved in the Maquoketa Valley, West Delaware, and Edgewood-Colesburg school districts by supporting both students and athletics programs. Since 2018, they have hosted the Move for Mimosas races. The races are free of charge and allow participants to try out new shoes from various vendors while enjoying a mimosa. They also sponsor the Hero Hustle, an annual triathlon and duathlon supporting the police, fire, and ambulance departments of Delaware County. In 2022, they won the Manchester Chamber of Commerce's Business of the Year award for their continued dedication to the community. Thompson Shoes in Manchester celebrated its 65th business anniversary in 2023.

Thompson Shoes' commitment to providing quality shoes at a great price in Manchester, IA, is clear. I want to congratulate Shelly and Todd Schrader, and the entire team at Thompson Shoes for their continued dedication to Iowans. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success.●

#### RECOGNIZING MISSOURI SPORTS HALL OF FAME—CLASS OF 2023

● Mr. SCHMITT. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a group of exceptional individuals—and teams—who have greatly impacted the world of sports in Missouri and beyond. The Missouri Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2023 is a testament to the rich athletic heritage of my home State and the remarkable dedication and accomplishments of its members and teams. Each inductee has not only achieved personal excellence, but has also inspired and uplifted others through their commitment to sportsmanship, leadership, and public service. It is with great pride that I present these impressive inductees, whose contributions have forever enriched the sports history of Missouri.

Adam Wainwright—a St. Louis Cardinals icon, Adam Wainwright's 18-season Major League Baseball career is marked by 200 wins, two World Series titles, multiple Gold Glove Awards, and consistent excellence commanding the bump as the Cardinals' Ace. He is one of the alltime greats to have worn the birds on the bat and is celebrated not only for his on-field achievements, but also for his community contributions, notably founding the nonprofit Big League Impact.

Greg Vitello—with a 46-year tenure, Greg Vitello's coaching career in soccer and baseball at De Smet Jesuit

High School includes multiple State championships and a legacy of developing collegiate athletes. His soccer teams won five State titles while his baseball squad also captured a State crown. During my varsity baseball years under Coach Vitello, he not only honed my athletic skills but also taught me invaluable lessons in sportsmanship and integrity. I am honored to have known and played for him and pleased to witness his recognition for not only nurturing athletes but also shaping upstanding members of society.

Bernie Miklasz—a revered sports journalist and broadcaster, Bernie Miklasz's work with the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and various media outlets has provided insightful coverage of major sports for over three decades. He has earned numerous national awards during his 30-year tenure at the Post-Dispatch, including the Eppy Award for Best Sports Blog.

Todd Lyght—an outstanding National Football League cornerback, Todd Lyght's 12-season career, primarily with the St. Louis Rams, included 37 interceptions, a Super Bowl win, and Pro Bowl and All-Pro honors in 1999. Demonstrating consistency and skill with 835 combined tackles in 175 career games, he has extended his football legacy beyond his athletic achievements by enriching the community as a dedicated high school coach and college assistant coach.

Barret Jackman—Barret Jackman, a stalwart defenseman in the National Hockey League, spent 16 seasons with the St. Louis Blues, earning the Calder Memorial Trophy in 2003 as the NHL's Rookie of the Year. He was respected for his physical play and leadership throughout his illustrious career.

Kenny Wallace—a NASCAR legend from St. Louis, Kenny Wallace's racing career spanned an impressive 905 races with 9 wins and numerous top finishes, afterwards being known for his contributions as a broadcaster. Even after his remarkable NASCAR career, he continues to race on local dirt tracks across the country.

Jay Delsing—with over 700 PGA TOUR events under his belt, Jay Delsing notched seven professional wins during his golf career, including making the cut on the PGA TOUR 276 times. Following his athletic career, Delsing has made significant contributions to the sport as a broadcaster for FOX Sports.

Tony Van Zant—a high school football star, Tony Van Zant's record-setting performance at Hazelwood Central High School led to his recognition as the National Player of the Year in 1985 and a State championship for the Hawks. He played for the University of Missouri where he rushed for 2,376 yards and 36 touchdowns.

Kelly Mulvihill Stahlhuth—a tennis powerhouse, Kelly Mulvihill Stahlhuth's achievements include three high school State championships, four All-Big Ten honors at Indiana Uni-

versity, three Big Ten Conference wins, and a successful coaching career at Washington University. She won 215 matches, secured 12 trips to the NCAA Tournament and was selected as the 2015 NCAA Division III Coach of the Year.

The 1959–1974 Saint Louis University Men's Soccer Era—this era of Saint Louis University men's soccer is distinguished by 10 national titles and numerous All-American selections, showcasing dominant collegiate play. Three players combined to win five Herman Trophy awards, the Nation's highest individual honor for collegiate soccer.

Linda Wells—an accomplished softball coach, Linda Wells' career includes over 900 wins, leading teams at the University of Minnesota and Arizona State University to national prominence. She guided teams to 12 NCAA Tournament appearances, including two Women's College World Series berths while at Arizona State.

St. Joseph's Academy Girls Tennis Program—this program's unparalleled success includes 18 State championships and numerous individual and doubles titles, reflecting sustained excellence in high school tennis. As of recent, the team has captured an astounding 12 State titles in only the last 15 years.

Doug Smith—a former singles and doubles champion in the South Dakota Intercollegiate Conference, Doug Smith has made a significant mark as the longtime coach of the St. Joseph's Academy Girls Tennis Program by leading them to 12 State championships, the most in State history. His tennis journey includes contributions to multiple State titles and honors such as induction into Aberdeen Central High School's Hall of Fame and the Missouri Valley Tennis Association's Distinguished Service Award.

Lindsay Kennedy-Eversmeyer—a trailblazer in soccer, Lindsay Kennedy-Eversmeyer's career includes both professional athletic and coaching success, notably leading a women's semi-pro team to a national championship. She became the first female to play men's professional indoor soccer with the St. Louis Steamers in Major League Soccer and coached the Fire & Ice squad to the 2017 Women's Premier Soccer League national title.

Dave Loos—the most successful men's basketball coach in the Ohio Valley Conference, Dave Loos' career includes over 500 wins and multiple NCAA Tournament appearances with Austin Peay State University. His teams won nine conference championships, and he is the program's alltime wins leader with 420 victories.

Crystal City High School Girls Track & Field Era, 1984–1989—under Coach Dick Cook, this era of Crystal City High School Girls Track & Field is marked by six consecutive State championships and numerous individual titles, demonstrating a phenomenal period of dominance. The team captured these State crowns behind 16 combined individual and relay gold medals.