

recover debts he owed. He approached Judge Chadwick of Lawrence, KS, to plead for protection from any law enforcement or bounty hunters that might have tried to capture his wife and children. Moved by Colonel Pope's struggle, Judge Chadwick granted the very first emancipation in Kansas 3 years before President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, ending slavery nationwide.

As free citizens, the Pope family became one of the five original families to settle in the town of Quindaro, KS. Before the Emancipation Proclamation was signed, the entire community banded together to ensure the Pope family was safe from harm and to help other escaped slaves who entered Kansas through an Underground Railroad route from Missouri. Although the town is no longer inhabited, the ruins of Quindaro still stand today as a monument to the abolition of slavery.

Though he died well over 100 years ago, Colonel Pope's descendants continue to carry on his legacy. His fifth granddaughter Lisa King serves as president of the Charles E. Pope Foundation, a nonprofit that seeks to empower people and businesses to thrive by rediscovering the love and bonds that encouraged their ancestors to seek freedom and build their community.

I now ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Colonel Wiley M. Pope, a man who overcame countless obstacles in search of freedom for his family.●

TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT ALVIN LYNCH

● Mr. TUBERVILLE. Mr. President, this month, I am proud to recognize U.S. Army Sergeant Alvin Lynch of Muscle Shoals. Born in Hamilton, AL, Alvin was drafted for the Vietnam War at age 21. He was deployed as part of the 82nd Airborne Division, participating in some of the most intense combat operations in Vietnam. Alvin was wounded in action, and had multiple brushes with death.

On one particular night, he decided to sleep on the small air mattress provided to him, instead of sleeping on the ground as he normally did. This decision to sleep on an air mattress would save his life. The mattress absorbed the blow of a piece of shrapnel from a nearby explosion, keeping it from hitting him instead. Another time, he escaped a battle in the jungle with a shoulder wound that left him in the hospital for 3 weeks. He was one of the few men in his platoon to survive the encounter.

Alvin credits the prayers of his wife and local church members for bringing him home safely. He received several awards for his heroism, including a Purple Heart and Bronze Star. For more than 40 years, he has been providing heating and cooling services to The Shoals region.

In 1981, he began working at C & H Cooling and Heating. He bought the business in 2006 with a friend and still

runs it today. Alvin credits the military for teaching him discipline and how to deal with stressful situations that businessowners often experience. But the most important thing Alvin took away from his time in the military is his faith, and he does not shy away from sharing his testimony with others.

Alvin is now actively involved in Grace Life Church in Muscle Shoals, where he serves as an elder. Alabama is thankful for Alvin, and it is my honor to recognize him as the June Veteran of the Month.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Kelly, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:19 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Allie, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1098. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 50 East Derry Road in East Derry, New Hampshire, as the "Chief Edward B. Garone Post Office".

H.R. 1555. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2300 Sylvan Avenue in Modesto, California, as the "Corporal Michael D. Anderson Jr. Post Office Building".

H.R. 1687. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6444 San Fernando Road in Glendale, California, as the "Paul Ignatius Post Office".

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H.R. 5476. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1077 River Road, Suite 1, in Washington Crossing, Pennsylvania, as the "Susan C. Barnhart Post Office".

H.R. 5640. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 12804 Chillicothe Road in Chesterland,

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H.R. 6810. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 518 North Ridgewood Drive in Sebring, Florida, as the "U.S. Army Air Corps Major Thomas B. McGuire Post Office Building".

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MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 4445. A bill to protect and expand nationwide access to fertility treatment, including in vitro fertilization.

H.R. 192. An act to prohibit individuals who are not citizens of the United States from voting in elections in the District of Columbia and to repeal the Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2022.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 4447. A bill to allow women greater access to safe and effective oral contraceptive drugs intended for routine use, and to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on Federal funding of contraceptive methods.

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-4840. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Office of Manufacturing and Energy Supply Chains, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Loan Guarantees for Clean Energy Projects” (RIN1901-AB59) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2024; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4841. A communication from the Principal Deputy Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Ten-Day Notices and Corrective Action for State Regulatory Program Issues” (RIN1029-AC81) (Docket ID OSM-2022-0009) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 14, 2024; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4842. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting legislative proposals that the Department of Defense requests be enacted during the second session of the 118th Congress; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4843. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Air-Cooled, Evaporatively-Cooled, and Water-Cooled Commercial Package Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps” (RIN1904-AD93) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 23, 2024; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4844. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Applications for Permits to Site Interstate Electric Transmission Facilities” ((RIN1902-AG08) (Docket No. RM22-7-000)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 23, 2024; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4845. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Air-Cooled Commercial Package Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps” (RIN1904-AF34) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 23, 2024; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4846. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Circulator Pumps” (RIN1904-AD61) received