

them. For those who age out of the system, 20 percent become homeless. Only half are employed by age 24. Seventy percent of young women who age out of the system are pregnant by age 21. Less than 3 percent complete a college degree. Foster youth are also at higher risk of being victims of child sex-trafficking.

We can do better. Our children deserve better. Every child is meant to be in a family. In America, families come in all sorts of wonderful shapes and sizes, and every foster child waiting to be adopted deserves the love, safety, and support that only a permanent family can provide. No child is unadoptable.

During the month of November, our Nation celebrates National Adoption Month, and recognizes the families that have opened their hearts and homes to children in need of a family and the joy that adoption brings. I encourage anyone interested in building their family through adoption to visit www.adoptuskids.org.

It is also important to recognize the efforts of the volunteers and mentors who provide a positive, stable relationship for a child whose entire world is changing. In addition, programs that provide comprehensive resources—from mental health services to tutoring—help foster kids succeed. There may not be a simple solution, but we do know what gets us closer. There are programs in California and across the Nation that have shown improved permanency rates, nearly universal high school graduation rates, and success in college and employment. There is hope and not a second to waste.

As National Adoption Month comes to a close, we must remember our foster youth year-round and strive to ensure that each one is connected with a permanent, loving home. I look forward to working with my colleagues to ensure a better future for foster youth in our Nation.

Thank you.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO PETE SELLECK

• Mr. SCOTT. Mr. President, I would like to recognize and congratulate Mr. Pete Selleck, chairman and president of Michelin North America, who is retiring next month. Mr. Selleck is concluding a 6-year tenure in the role. After 26 years of Active and Reserve U.S. Army service, Selleck started his career with Michelin in 1982 as an industrial engineer at Michelin's first U.S. plant. Selleck's career included various roles in North America and Europe, before accepting his final assignment as chairman and president of Michelin North America. As chairman and president for Michelin Group's largest global operating unit, Selleck was responsible for coordinating Michelin North America's business activities across the United States, Can-

ada, and Mexico, which together comprise more than 22,000 employees.

Outside the company, Selleck has been recognized broadly by leaders in the community, in business and in industry, across the local, State, and national levels. In recent years, Selleck played a key role advocating for road improvements across South Carolina; advocating for fiscal reform in the Federal Government; promoting dialogue and understanding on matters of diversity and inclusion; developing technical education to support industrial careers in South Carolina; and active support for the community of West Point alumni, the Boy Scouts of America, and the United Way. Congratulations, Mr. Selleck.●

REMEMBERING TJ MCGARVEY

• Mr. TOOMEY. Mr. President, I wish to honor the life of Vietnam veteran TJ McGarvey of Upper St. Clair, PA. Mr. McGarvey passed away at age 74 on November 13, 2017. He is survived by his loving family and the countless friends and neighbors whose lives he touched during a lifetime of service and commitment to his country and community.

As a member of "The Walking Dead," 1st battalion, 9th Marines, Cpl TJ McGarvey served in Vietnam from March 1967 to April 1968. Only a month after deploying to Vietnam, Corporal McGarvey was wounded. However, he refused to accept the Purple Heart medal he earned because he did not want to upset his mother with the news.

For many, having served their country in war fulfilled a selfless act of duty—not so for Corporal McGarvey. His service to his country and fellow vets would remain a constant for his entire life. TJ was cofounder of the Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program, a member of the Friends of Danang, and a fierce advocate for soldiers exposed to Agent Orange, and their families.

Just days before his death, his hometown of Upper St. Clair held a Veterans Day ceremony at the town's Veterans Monument Park. Much of the ceremony would honor TJ, whom a fellow veteran called "the ultimate Marine." The park was the brainchild of TJ, who served as its president and key fundraiser. It honors every branch of the military and serves as both a monument to veterans and an educational instrument for visitors and local students.

TJ was known as a man of deep faith, committed to his family, and a leader in his community. As a longtime football coach at St. Louise de Marillac, generations of students looked to TJ as a mentor.

Ultimately, TJ's legacy will be forever linked to his efforts to ensure that veterans of the U.S. military will never be forgotten. In the 1980s, TJ tirelessly fought to erect a Vietnam veterans monument in Pittsburgh. The monu-

ment was dedicated on Veterans Day 1987.

The beautiful dedication to the soldiers who fought, died, and went missing in America's war with Vietnam lies peacefully along the banks of the Allegheny River on Pittsburgh's north side. A fitting tribute to the heroes of southwestern Pennsylvania ploughed by a man who lived a life quiet and humble, yet loud enough to help spark a change in the hearts of many. Here, at the confluence of three rivers which defines a community, TJ's poem defines the ethos of the monument—a tribute, but more so a fulfillment of a commitment to ensure our soldiers will never again be denied these two words: "Welcome Home."

It is with these words, etched in brass for all to see, that TJ adopted the voice of a remorseful community to right a wrong and fittingly honor a generation of heroes:

Welcome home to proud men and women

We begin now to fulfill promises

To remember the past

To look to the future

We begin now to complete the final process

Not to make political statements

Not to offer explanations

Not to debate realities

Monuments are erected so that the future might remember the past

Warriors die and live and die

Let the Historians answer the political questions

Those who served—served

Those who gave all—live in our hearts

Those who are left—continue to give

As long as we remember—

There is still some love left.

TJ McGarvey's lasting legacy will not die, fade away, or be forgotten. As a small token of a grateful nation, I ask that the U.S. Senate stand with me to salute Cpl TJ McGarvey for a life dedicated to God, family, and his brothers in arms, reflecting great credit upon himself and the U.S. Marines.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 4 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to section 4(b) of the World War I Centennial Commission Act (Public Law 112-272), the Minority Leader appoints Ms. Maria Zoe Dunning, of San Francisco, California, to the World War I Centennial Commission; Ms. Maria Zoe Dunning to replace Mr. Robert Dalessandro appointed in 2013 who resigned from the Commission.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

H.R. 1. An act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to titles II and V of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2018.