

hospital was founded after James, Harold, and his wife Alana's son, sustained a serious spinal cord injury on a beach trip. James spent six months at a rehabilitation hospital in Colorado, where he ultimately regained his ability to walk. When James returned home to Atlanta, he and his parents grew frustrated with the lack of rehabilitation care options in the Southeast and developed a plan to open the Shepherd Center.

What started as a six-bed rehabilitation unit is now a world-renowned, 152-bed research and rehabilitation facility spread across three campuses. Until his passing earlier this month, Harold spent nearly every day volunteering at the hospital and developed a reputation for being an incredible storyteller and historian. He was beloved by the staff at the Shepherd Center, and dedicated his life to them, his family, and the disabled community in Georgia.

Harold is survived by his wife, Alana Smith Shepherd; his sons James H. Shepherd, Jr. and Thomas C. Shepherd; and his grandchildren Julie Shepherd, James H. Shepherd III (Sarah), and Thomas C. Shepherd, Jr. He is also survived by four great grandchildren, James Harold Shepherd IV, Josephine Shepherd, Virginia Shepherd, and Annie Shepherd.

Mr. Shepherd will be greatly missed, and I thank him for his service to our community.●

RECOGNIZING BAILEY'S GENERAL STORE

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I wish to highlight the hard work and unique entrepreneurial spirit found in small businesses across my home State of Florida. Each week I recognize a small business that exemplifies perseverance and dedication to the local community. Today, as chairman of the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, it is my distinct pleasure to name Bailey's General Store in Sanibel, FL, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Bailey's General Store has a long history of providing essential goods to the people of Sanibel Island. Founded in 1899 by Frank P. Bailey, the Sanibel Packing Company provided groceries and other general supplies to both locals and visitors before there was a bridge to the island. Three generations of the Bailey family have continued to expand the business, one of the oldest in Lee County, while still honoring their roots. In a nod to its heritage, the original 1926 Model-T that was used as a delivery vehicle in Bailey's early days is still displayed in the store today.

Today Bailey's General Store has two locations on Sanibel Island and serves as a one-stop shopping solution, providing their customers with a plethora of supplies, from groceries and hardware to delivery and catering services. Bailey's is now owned by Richard and Mary Bailey Johnson, who continue

the high standard of service to which Sanibel Island residents and visitors have grown accustomed. In addition to the general store, the Bailey Johnsons' team operates Bailey's Coffee Bar. Located just inside the entrance to the store, the coffee bar serves as a gathering place for tourists and locals alike to enjoy all types of drinks, including their unique "Bailey's Blend," in the store's historic atmosphere. In September 2018, as part of their annual Best of the Islands banquet, the Island Reporter and Sanibel-Captiva Islander recognized Bailey's for the best chocolate shop, coffee bar, grocery store, general store, and wine selection on Sanibel and Captiva Islands.

Bailey's General Store is not only a great place for those on Sanibel Island to shop and relax, it is an integral part of the community. In addition to his role as owner, Richard also works to make Sanibel Island a better place for both residents and tourists. He currently serves as the chair of the capital campaign committee for the renovation of the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum. The museum held a ground-breaking ceremony earlier this month and is on track to open to the public in early 2020. The family-owned business is committed to giving back to their community. Bailey's holds an annual fundraiser for the local FISH food pantry, supports the local Kiwanis Club, and sponsors a hole at the annual miniature golf event to raise money for the Community House on Sanibel. Additionally, Bailey's has been recognized by the Lee County Economic Development Council for their contributions to the local economy.

Like many Floridian small businesses, Bailey's General Store is an outstanding example of resiliency. Bailey's has overcome a number of disasters outside of their control, from multiple hurricanes to the recent red tide bloom. Regardless of circumstance, the team at Bailey's has remained steadfast in times of adversity again and again. Their contributions to the Sanibel Island Community were especially noble in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma in 2017. Despite damage to the store, Bailey's reopened the day after the storm to provide island residents with much needed food and supplies. The store became a lifeline for residents and helped to reestablish normalcy in the midst of chaos, while Bailey's employees worked for 10 days to clear debris. Bailey's General Store's contributions to their community are an outstanding example of corporate citizenship, and I commend them for continuing to rise to the occasion when their community is in need of help.

Bailey's General Store serves as a model for any small business wishing to provide superior service to their customers, while serving as a gathering place and pillar of the community. The team at Bailey's routinely goes above and beyond to ensure their customers' needs are met, while also trying to improve their beachside community.

Again, I would like to congratulate Richard, Mary, and all of the employees at Bailey's for being named the Senate Small Business of the Week. I wish you continued success in your future endeavors.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As 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 11:11 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill and joint resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 648. An act making appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 28. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2019, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 31. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for fiscal year 2019, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

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The following joint resolutions were read the first time:

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EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication was laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and was referred as indicated:

EC-162. A communication from the Executive Director, Office of Congressional Workplace Rights, transmitting, pursuant to Section 201(b) of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 Reform Act, a report relative to amounts previously paid with public funds in connection with violations of sections 201(a) or 207 of the Congressional Accountability Act, received in the office of the