

in-law Danielle, grandson Emerson, sister Michelle, nieces, friends, and others to as many events as possible.

Bill worked tirelessly to increase awareness about kidney disease in Delaware, spending time volunteering at local events, helping with community health screenings, and organizing support for World Kidney Day. True to character, even in his death, he helped those in need by being a deceased donor for patients waiting for organ transplants. As my family, staff, and I extend our deepest sympathies to all those who had the privilege of knowing Bill, I take comfort in knowing that his impact, passion, and determination will continue to bring hope to the kidney disease community for years to come.●

RECOGNIZING HOG TECHNOLOGIES

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, as chairman of the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize a small business that exemplifies the value of hard work and the storied American entrepreneurial spirit. It is my privilege to honor a Florida small business that exemplifies what it means to overcome adversity and to succeed as both a company and as a community leader. Today, I recognize Hog Technologies, of Stuart, FL, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Previously known as Waterblasting Technologies until a rebranding effort last year, Hog Technologies has grown significantly since its founding in 1988. Founder and chief executive officer, James P. Crocker, bought a single pressure washer from a friend and began knocking on doors to find work. Since then, Hog Technologies has been a one-of-a-kind entrepreneurial success story that has revolutionized an entire industry.

After discovering the niche industry of paint removal, James took a leap of faith and bought a 10,000-psi water-blasting machine. Soon, Hog Technologies was being awarded major contracts for their services. After years of success in this field, Hog Technologies expanded to create fully functioning models of a makeshift water-blasting vehicle. In 1997, the Original Stripe Hog was developed, effectively changing the landscape of the hydroblasting industry.

Today, Hog Technologies holds more than 20 patents, has products operating in 56 countries worldwide, and is a world leader in marking removal and pavement maintenance. Through strong investments in research and development, Hog has a diverse line of products, ranging from rubber and paint removal, to pavement marking equipment and machines, to industrial vacuums and hydro-excavators. In 2012, the team at Hog Technologies calculated that, over a period of 13 years, they have placed more units worldwide than their five largest competitors combined. With international success, they continue to expand by looking to

hire 130 new employees over the next 3 years. Hog Technologies is an incredible American industrial success story. Having remained local, Hog Technologies constructs their machines in the United States and continues to support Florida's economy.

In addition to supporting the local Stuart community, Hog Technologies has financed a large portion of the construction of a home for underprivileged children in India. In 2017, James was awarded the Stuart/Martin County Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year. Mr. Crocker has also recently followed his creative passion and began authoring children's books that aim to teach children leadership skills. Hog Technologies and their employees are very involved in their community and pride themselves on charitable endeavors. Annually, they participate in the Toys for Tots holiday gift drive and in local parades where they drive their machines through the streets of Stuart.

Hog Technologies is an outstanding example of a Florida manufacturing success story. In true American fashion, James and the team at Hog saw a problem and created a solution. They have seen incredible success, while remaining committed to supporting Stuart and its surrounding communities. I would like to congratulate Mr. James Crocker and the entire team at Hog Technologies on being named the Senate Small Business of the Week. I wish them good luck and look forward to watching their continued growth and success.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1112. An act to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to strengthen the background check procedures to be followed before a Federal firearms licensee may transfer a firearm to a person who is not such a licensee.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

S. 617. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, to provide disaster tax relief, and for other purposes.

H.R. 8. An act to require a background check for every firearm sale.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 1112. An act to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to strengthen the background check procedures to be followed before a Federal firearms licensee may transfer a firearm to a person who is not such a licensee.

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-462. A communication from the Air Force Federal Register Public Liaison Officer, Department of the Air Force, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sale to the Public" (RIN0701-AA83) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 28, 2019; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-463. A communication from the Air Force Federal Register Public Liaison Officer, Department of the Air Force, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Delivery of Personnel to United States Civilian Authorities for Trial" (RIN0701-AA85) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 28, 2019; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-464. A communication from the Air Force Federal Register Public Liaison Officer, Department of the Air Force, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Visual Information Documentation Program" (RIN0701-AA86) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 28, 2019; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-465. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on appropriations legislation within seven days of enactment; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-466. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Kentucky River Locks and Dams 1, 2, 3, and 4, Disposition Study and Integrated Environmental Assessment; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-467. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, four (4) reports relative to vacancies Department of Education, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 28, 2019; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-468. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Inspector General, Department of Education, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 28, 2019; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-469. A communication from the Chairman of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Buy American Act Report for fiscal year 2018; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-470. A communication from the Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's Fiscal Year 2018 Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA) and Privacy Management Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-471. A communication from the Director of the Office of Financial Reporting and Internal Controls, Office of the Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "FY 2018 Agency Financial Report"; to