

INAUGURAL COSI SCIENCE FESTIVAL

• Mr. PORTMAN. Madam President, today I wish to acknowledge the inaugural COSI Science Festival that took place in Columbus during the first 4 days of May. COSI is a statewide science center that has been engaging, inspiring, and transforming Ohio's young citizens since 1964 and directly impacts over 1 million people annually. This festival event serves as a conduit to involve students, educators, policy-makers, and families in STEM. COSI hosted the culminating event, the Big Science Celebration, where thousands of individuals gathered to experience hands-on learning around critical industry sectors for Ohio, such as agriculture, aerospace, and advanced manufacturing.

COSI's Science Festival partnered with NASA, DOT, and several state agencies to provide hands-on learning opportunities. Local mayors from 10 partner-cities were also featured to demonstrate the value of STEM in our communities. Pioneers in STEM of all ages from central Ohio were appointed as STEM Stars to serve as liaisons between community and industry.

Visitors to the science festival experienced hands-on scientific demonstrations, interactive exhibits, workshops, and much more. Ohioans had the opportunity to take part in an event that will undoubtedly leave a lasting impact in the STEM field.

I am honored to recognize the COSI Science Festival on this important event highlighting the impact of STEM throughout our nation.

Congratulations to all who were involved in making it a success.●

TRIBUTE TO PAUL CLOUD

• Mr. RUBIO. Madam President, today I recognize Paul Vincent Cloud of Niceville, FL, who served his nation in the U.S. Army during World War II and will turn 100 years old on June 8, 2019.

Paul enlisted with the U.S. Army on March 1, 1941, in Huntington, WV. He was assigned as a supply clerk in Company D, 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, and trained at Fort Lewis, WA.

On October 24, 1942, Paul was deployed as part of Task Force 34 for Operation Torch, landing at Fedala in French Morocco as part of the Battle of Casablanca. After its surrender, Paul's unit was temporarily assigned in Rabat, French Morocco's capital city before moving to Algiers, Algeria. As a part of the 3rd Infantry Division, he was sent to reinforce the 1st Infantry Division at the Kasserine Pass, Tunisia.

In July 1943, Paul left Bizerte, Tunisia, and landed in Sicily near Gela, moving to Palermo and Messina as his division was ordered to Salerno and then Naples, Italy. In late spring 1944, Paul landed at Anzio and advanced with his unit to Rome to seize control of the city after the German retreat.

He was later selected to return to the United States due to his service points, leaving Naples on July 16, 1944. Paul was honorably discharged at Fort Meade, MD, and received the Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Service Medal, and European African Middle Eastern Service Ribbon.

After he was discharged, Paul married Dorothy Anderson in 1947 and graduated from Ben Franklin University in 1951. He worked for the Veterans Administration and the Internal Revenue Service, retiring in January 1976. Together they have two daughters and five grandchildren.

I extend my best wishes to Paul in celebration of his upcoming 100th birthday and for his service to our Nation. I hope the coming year brings him much happiness, joy, and good health.●

TRIBUTE TO SAMUEL LOMBARDO

• Mr. RUBIO. Madam President, today I recognize Samuel Lombardo of Fort Walton Beach, FL, who served his nation in the U.S. Army during World War II and the Korean war. He will turn 100 years old on July 13, 2019.

Born in Italy, Samuel immigrated as a young boy to the United States. He enlisted with the U.S. Army in November 1939 in Pennsylvania. He served as the battalion topographical sergeant in the 11th Infantry, 28th Infantry Division and graduated from officer candidate school at Fort Benning as an infantry officer in July 1942.

After serving as an infantry basic training Instructor at Camp Fannin, TX, he was deployed to Europe as a platoon leader and company executive officer in Company I, 394th Infantry Regiment, 99th Division during the Battle of the Bulge. Following the battle, he made an American Flag for his platoon to carry across the Danube River from red pillows, blue curtains, and white surrender cloths. He served in the U.S. Army occupation in Germany and was the building officer in charge of the Palace of Justice in Nuremberg and as the officer in charge of a POW camp in Hammelburg with 350 Political POWs.

Upon returning to the U.S., he attended school in Los Angeles, CA, becoming a Japanese linguist. He served as the operations officer, commanding officer, and assistant special agent-in-charge of the 441st CIC Aomori, Japan, and was a field operations intelligence officer in both South Korea and Japan after a tour as inspector general and deputy chief of staff at Fort Ord, CA. Samuel then served as an intelligence officer in Saigon, Republic of Vietnam, before the U.S. formally entered the conflict. He returned to Fort Ord after becoming ill with typhoid and retired as a lieutenant colonel in March 1, 1962.

After his service, Samuel wrote a book, "O'er the Land of the Free," about his World War II experiences. He has received several awards and decorations for his service to our country.

I extend my best wishes to Samuel in celebration of his upcoming 100th birthday and for his service to our Nation. It is my hope that the coming year is filled with good health and happiness.●

TRIBUTE TO CYNTHIA BARRINGTON

• Mr. RUBIO. Madam President, today I recognize Cynthia Barrington, the Jefferson County Teacher of the Year from Jefferson-Somerset Elementary School in Monticello, FL.

From a young age, Cynthia's grandmother instilled in her the importance of education. In the years that followed, Cynthia became passionate about being a part of the educational system. Cynthia's favorite aspect of teaching is working with students in order to have a better understanding of how to best teach them.

Cynthia began her career as a Jefferson County teacher and taught at Jefferson Elementary School for 27 years. When Somerset Charter took over the county's schools, she was included in the school transfer of teachers. She now teaches second grade at Jefferson-Somerset Elementary School.

I extend my sincere gratitude and best wishes to Cynthia for her dedication to teaching and look forward to learning of her continued success in the years ahead.●

TRIBUTE TO DAVID COCHRANE

• Mr. RUBIO. Madam President, today I honor David Cochrane, the Franklin County Teacher of the Year from Franklin County Middle and High School in Eastpoint, FL.

At his award ceremony, David addressed the crowd to thank his colleagues and students for supporting him. He is excited to help make the school the best it can be and holds high expectations and standards for his students.

David believes that all students deserve a quality education. He encourages his students to think about life after high school and emphasizes that they should work with all of their teachers.

David is a former U.S. Air Force Desert Storm veteran with 14 years of teaching experience. He joined the Franklin County Seahawks in 2015 and teaches algebra and physics. He also serves as the mathematics coach, department chair, and is the sponsor of the Mu Alpha Theta Club.

I offer my sincere gratitude to David for his service to our Nation and extend my best wishes on his continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO SANDRA McMILLAN

• Mr. RUBIO. Madam President, today I recognize Sandra McMillan, the Gadsden County Teacher of the Year from Greensboro Elementary School in Quincy, FL.

Sandra considers this important recognition a new motivation for her and has inspired her to do more for her students. She describes her passion for teaching and learning as the key to developing a curriculum that sets the best example for students to take with them after they graduate.

Sandra provides her students with a template for hard work and dedication to success through her time teaching at the college level. Sandra's students describe her class as a great learning environment that inspires them to achieve success.

Sandra has been a teacher for 11 years, with the last 5 in the Gadsden County School District. She has taught exceptional students education at Greensboro Elementary School for the past 2 years and previously taught at the college level for 6 years.

I extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to Sandra for her dedication to teaching her students and look forward to hearing of her continued success in the years to come.●

RECOGNIZING RISING TIDE CAR WASH

● Mr. RUBIO. Madam President, this week the U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship joins more than 30 million small businesses across our Nation in celebration of National Small Business Week. Small businesses drive our Nation's economic expansion, generate lasting job growth, and encourage community development. It is important that we recognize the vital contributions of small businesses. In celebration of National Small Business Week, it is my honor name Rising Tide Car Wash of Parkland and Margate, FL, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Founded in November 2012 by John D'Eri and his son, Tom, Rising Tide is a full-service car wash with the mission of employing adults with autism. Andrew D'Eri, John's other son, is autistic. As Andrew neared the end of his academic career, John brainstormed ways to help him find a dignified job. Noting his son's embrace of structure, process, and attention to detail, John landed on the idea of buying a car wash. Since purchasing the struggling car wash 9 years ago, John and Tom have grown the business to include a second location, going from washing 35,000 cars per year to more than 150,000 annually.

Today, Rising Tide is one of the largest employers of individuals with autism in the United States. In fact, Rising Tide views autism as their competitive advantage, giving dignified work, structure, and hope to 90 individuals with autism. Their work has not stopped there. Rising Tide is also a leading advocate for autism awareness. In an effort to aid other entrepreneurs looking to build an autism social enterprise, Tom and John created Rising Tide U, an online course offered in partnership with the University of

Miami-Nova Southeastern University Center for Autism and Related Disabilities. Tom and John's innovative approach to advocacy has not only allowed for their business to grow, but has also allowed more small firms to hire individuals with autism.

Rising Tide's mission has sparked national attention. Tom has appeared before the United Nations on World Autism Awareness day, was selected to serve on the Young Entrepreneur Council, and was included in Forbes 30 Under 30 for social entrepreneurship. Additionally, Rising Tide and the D'Eri family have been featured on The Hero Effect, The Today Show, NBC News, TED Talks, Forbes, and People Magazine. Rising Tide has also been named Small Business of the Year by South Florida Business Connection and Employer of the Year by the Autism Society.

Rising Tide is more than just a successful business; they are an inspiration. John and Tom have combined the principles of entrepreneurship and social engagement to create a revolutionary program. Running a successful small business is difficult enough; yet John and Tom D'Eri have found a way to simultaneously engage and encourage truly deserving individuals. Their employees have found a community, friends, and gained valuable experience that will serve them for the rest of their lives.

Starting out with a simple mission of helping a family member find an engaging job, John and Tom have grown Rising Tide into a business that provides both a valuable community service and dignified work. I am honored to recognize the D'Eri family and the entire team at Rising Tide Car Wash as the Senate Small Business of the Week. You make Florida proud, and I look forward to watching your continued growth and success.●

RECOGNIZING VETFRIENDS

● Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina. Madam President, as a member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, it is my privilege to honor a South Carolina small business during the U.S. Small Business Administration's National Small Business Week. In my State, small business owners work hard to contribute to our local economy and serve South Carolina communities. Today, it is my honor to recognize VetFriends of Mount Pleasant, SC, as the Senate Small Business of the Day.

Dale Sutcliffe, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of Desert Storm, founded VetFriends nearly 20 years ago with the mission of reuniting veterans. Following his service, Dale realized the benefit that a national registry of veterans could have and quickly set up a platform where veterans can reconnect with their fellow servicemembers during their time serving our country. The VetFriends platform has over 2.5 million members and has brought together

thousands of veterans with their former associates. In the process, the platform has helped veterans share stories and photos, as well as stay informed about upcoming reunions and events. Currently, the business employs over 25 South Carolinians, and almost all have a close relative or partner who is enlisted or has served.

The team at VetFriends has a longstanding tradition of supporting the veteran community and are regularly seen volunteering at the Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center. Additionally, the business has taken an active role working with the Wounded Warrior Project and the Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum in Charleston. It is clear that VetFriends' values and goals not only enhance their business plan but also improve the community that they belong to.

As we highlight the role that small businesses play throughout this week, it is my pleasure to honor the hard work that VetFriends is doing in the great State of South Carolina. They are a tremendous example of the way small businesses create innovative solutions, as well as give back to the community; I wish them nothing but success in their future endeavors.●

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

S. 1332. A bill to set forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2020 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2021 through 2029.

H.R. 9. An act to direct the President to develop a plan for the United States to meet its nationally determined contribution under the Paris Agreement, and for other purposes.

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-1176. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Streamlined Reauthorization Procedures for Assigned or Transferred Television Satellite Stations; Modernization of Media Regulation Initiative" (FCC 19-17) (MB Docket Nos. 18-63 and 17-105)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 15, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1177. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Channel Lineup Requirements - Sections 76.1705 and 76.1700(a) (4); Modernization of Media Regulation Initiative" (FCC 19-33) (MB Docket Nos. 18-92 and 17-105)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 29, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1178. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to