

Mayor Honaker opened Flowers by Reba, a small business she owned and operated until 2006. Her volunteerism spanned the community, from helping to start the very successful Coal Camp Creations Company, to volunteering with the McDowell County Chamber of Commerce at various festivals and events. Mayor Honaker truly wanted the very best for McDowell County, helping to recreate events that took place in other areas of the State. She assumed her role as mayor of Welch in 2011 and was able to put her vision for the community to even greater use. Whether working with the Welch Kiwanis Club or the American Legion Post 8 Ladies Auxiliary, she was able to make a tremendous impact on the lives of countless families in the area. Most recently, we celebrated the opening of the Jack Caffrey Arts Center, a project near and dear to Mayor Honaker's heart that serves as a hub for cultural programs in McDowell County.

Mayor Honaker represented the very best of West Virginia, which is saying quite a lot. In the Mountain State, if you are hungry, you will be fed. If you are lost, someone will not only give you directions but will offer to drive you to your destination. That is just who we are, and that is who Mayor Honaker was. We have lost a shining star in McDowell County, but her impact, vision, and her passion for this special community will last forever. It was an honor to have known her and to call her a friend.

What is most important is that she lived a full life, surrounded by dear friends and family. It is my hope that her family and friends are able to find peace, strength, and support in one another. I extend my condolences to Charles, her loving husband of 57 years; her children, Darren and Patty, and Joi and Jeremy; her grandchildren, Christopher, Erik, Mason, Wyatt, and Paige; and her numerous extended family members and dear friends with the city of Welch. Again, I extend to you my most sincere condolences for our loss of this wonderful person. The unwavering love she had for her family, friends, community, and our home State will live on forever in the hearts of all who knew her.●

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF HARPERS FERRY NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

● Mr. MANCHIN. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the 75th anniversary of Harpers Ferry National Historical Park as a part of the National Park Service.

It is no secret that my home State of West Virginia is one of the most naturally beautiful States in the Nation. As a native West Virginian and an outdoor enthusiast, I know just how important our wild and wonderful outdoor heritage is to our great State. Our sparkling rivers, sweeping valleys, and majestic mountains make our small State a true gem and beckon sports and outdoor enthusiasts from all over the world. It is vital to the Mountain State that the natural beauty of our home State is protected and that we consistently strive to promote our endless tourism opportunities.

For more than a century, the National Park Service has played a major role in this success by engaging communities through recreation, conserva-

tion, and historic preservation programs. To name just one significant contribution, the National Park Service has been working with the Fish and Wildlife Service and other experts and volunteers to help protect peregrine falcons and reintroduce them to the area. The use of DDT as a pesticide had all but caused the extinction of the species. Since the ban of DDT in the 1970s, the population of peregrine falcons have recovered significantly to due extensive conservation efforts. I am so deeply proud of what our citizens have accomplished and what they will continue to accomplish to preserve our forests, rivers, wildlife, and historic sites in the days and years ahead.

Harpers Ferry, itself, has been a location that has greatly influenced our Nation's history. This community saw the arrival of the first successful American railroad, was the site of John Brown's raid on the Harpers Ferry Armory, saw the largest surrender of Federal troops during the Civil War, and was among the first locations to support the education of former slaves in one of the earliest integrated schools in the United States. It was of such significance that it changed hands seven times during the Civil War.

Visiting this historic community is like stepping into the past. Whether visiting the park, strolling through the picturesque streets, visiting museums and battlefields, or hiking the trails, it reflects the West Virginia heritage and principles you just can't find anywhere else in the world. All of Harpers Ferry's features collectively make it one of West Virginia's most treasured destinations. Of course, even more special than our national historical monuments are the people who take such pride in maintaining the knowledge of our history and traditions and preserving the locations and commonsense values we hold dear.

Harpers Ferry National Historical Park is treasured in the hearts of all West Virginians as a statewide community and beyond, and it is a privilege to recognize its 75th year in the National Park Service.●

RECOGNIZING MOUNT ST. JOSEPH UNIVERSITY

● Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Mount St. Joseph University on its 100th anniversary of service to higher education.

Since 1920, Mount St. Joseph University has stood the test of time as an institution of higher education in Greater Cincinnati, grounded in the spiritual values and vision of its founders, the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati. As the Mount approaches its centennial in 2020, it remains on a mission—to educate students, build better communities, and to serve the common good.

Mount St. Joseph University enrolls 2,168 undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students. The majority of Mount graduates—i.e. more than 13,000 of the 16,600 living alumni—stay in the Cin-

cinnati region to pursue their careers and to raise their families, contributing to the overall success of this region.

The Mount also serves a diverse population. Over 31 percent of students are first generation, 23 percent represent minority populations, and 100 percent receive financial assistance through scholarships and financial aid. About 48 percent of Mount students are from families in the low or moderate income levels.

Students at the Mount pursue studies in 39 undergraduate degree programs, 6 master's degree programs, and 2 doctoral programs. As a result of the academic excellence and career focus of the university, more than 98 percent of Mount students are successful in starting their careers, securing significant volunteer opportunities and obtaining admission to graduate programs within 6 months of graduating.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Roberts, 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 and a withdrawal 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 10:03 a.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. 3401. An act making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 2(a) of the National Cultural Center Act (20 U.S.C. 76h(a)), as amended by Public Law 107-117, and the order of the House of January 3, 2019, the Speaker appoints the following Member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts: Mr. SMITH of Missouri.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2903, and the order of the House of January 3, 2019, the Speaker appoints the following Member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Japan-United States Friendship Commission: Mr. HILL of Arkansas.