

In the 17 years since David became CEO, OhioHealth has tripled in size. David spearheaded initiatives like the OhioHealth Research & Innovation Institute, which makes significant contributions to the field of research around new drugs, medical devices, and procedures. His focus on installing new technology has helped to drastically reduce errors in medication and patient identification across the OhioHealth system.

During David's tenure as CEO, OhioHealth has been named one of the top 100 places to work by Fortune Magazine for 12 consecutive years. In 2016, David was honored with the Columbus Award, and in 2009, he was inducted into the Central Ohio Business Hall of Fame. He currently serves on the boards of the Columbus Foundation, Columbus Downtown Development Commission, Columbus Partnership, Vizient, and Healthy Roster. But beyond all that, it is David's commitment to the communities OhioHealth serves that truly sets him apart as a leader.

David was instrumental in establishing Wellness on Wheels Women's Health, a mobile health clinic which provides prenatal care to women in high-risk communities. This program has been invaluable in saving the lives of the most vulnerable among us.

In 2015, David was selected as one of 15 members to serve on the Veterans Affairs Commission on Care, a task force that developed critical reforms to veterans' healthcare. Out of this came the VA MISSION Act, which aims to improve veterans' access to effective and timely health care. These reforms would not have been possible without David's expertise and sense of service.

We are fortunate to be able to count David among the ranks of great Ohioans. His innovative leadership has touched lives in my State and across the Nation. I wish David all the best in his retirement and thank him for his years of service in central Ohio.●

● Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the career and accomplishments of David Blom, retiring CEO of OhioHealth.

David began his career with OhioHealth in 1983. Working through various roles in the health care system, he was named CEO of OhioHealth in 2002.

In his first year as CEO, after several tough years with losses, David led OhioHealth to report a \$23 million profit. Over the last 17 years at the helm, he has presided over expansion in and beyond central Ohio. OhioHealth has nearly tripled system revenue and has grown its central Ohio market share while working to unite the culture of multiple hospitals, outpatient sites, and physician practices.

Today, OhioHealth is a \$4 billion system of 12 hospitals and more than 200 outpatient sites. The organization has 29,000 associates, 3,600 physicians, and 3,000 volunteers across 48 counties in Ohio.

Under David's leadership, OhioHealth has become a major central Ohio employer and economic driver.

David also cares deeply about the central Ohio community that he has called home for so many years. He has served on the boards of the Columbus Partnership, the Columbus Downtown Development Corporation, and the Columbus Foundation. He was also instrumental in creating Columbus 2020, the economic development arm for central Ohio.

Under David's leadership, OhioHealth has had a substantial positive impact in Ohio, and I want to thank him for his service and leadership.

I wish David the best in the next chapter of his life.●

#### TRIBUTE TO COLONEL JOEL WARHURST

● Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, today, I wish to honor COL Joel Warhurst as he relinquishes command of the Anniston Army Depot, effective on July 25, 2019. In July 2017, Colonel Warhurst became the 35th commander of the depot. His command tenure oversaw an annual \$850 million operating revenue and led a workforce consisting of 2,800 people. He has devoted over 20 years of loyal service to our country and has acquired important leadership positions and notable recognitions along the way.

Colonel Warhurst is a graduate of the Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy at Fort McNair, VA. He holds a bachelor of science degree in industrial technology from the Technical University in Cookeville, TN, and a master of science degree in logistics management from the Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne, FL. He is decorated with a Bronze Star Medal, which is the fourth highest individual military award.

Thank you, Colonel Warhurst, for your dedication to our Nation and for a job well done serving at the Anniston Army Depot. Your tenure as commander will be remembered by your remarkable leadership. The commitment you have shown during your time in Alabama is inspiring, and your command serves as an example for Alabamians, as well as Americans, from all across the country.

I join Colonel Warhurst's friends, family, and colleagues in wishing him the best of luck as he transitions into a new chapter of his life, and I thank him for his commitment to Alabama and to the United States.●

#### RECOGNIZING THE DAKOTA ALLIANCE SOCCER CLUB'S 14U GIRLS SOCCER TEAM

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the Dakota Alliance Soccer Club's 14U Girls soccer team.

On July 14, 2019, the Dakota Alliance Soccer Club, DASC, 14U Girls won the U.S. Youth Soccer, USYS—National Presidents Cup in Murfreesboro, TN.

Their 1-0 overtime win over Century V East 05 from Pennsylvania-West secured South Dakota's first ever USYS national championship at any level or age group.

The DASC 14U Girls went undefeated during the 2019 National Presidents Cup, with wins over teams from Pennsylvania, Texas, and California. Impressively, the team did not surrender a single goal throughout the tournament, while tallying 13 goals in just four games.

For their outstanding play throughout the tournament, DASC players Tessa Van Overbeke, Elsie Odney, Mia Mullenmeister, and Hailee Christensen were given Best 11 honors. Additionally, Cambell Fisher received the Golden Glove award as outstanding goalkeeper, and midfielder Hailee Christensen received the Golden Boot as the competition's top goal scorer.

The DASC 14U Girls earned their spot at the National Presidents Cup by winning the Midwest Presidents Cup, attaining wins over teams from Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, and Wisconsin. In May, they won the South Dakota Youth Soccer State Cup, with a pair of wins over the Black Hills Rapids Soccer Club.

While a perfect postseason record of 11-0 is certainly notable, it is also important to highlight this team's entire 42-member roster. As a group, these ladies spent considerable hours together for practice sessions, community service projects, and competitive tournaments throughout their successful 2018-2019 season.

DASC 14U Girls Championship Team: Hailee Christensen, Chloe Dondlinger, Addison Fawcett, Cambell Fischer, Torre Gulseth, Cassidy Jennings, Ashlyn Kelliher, Mia Mullenmeister, Elsie Odney, Ella Ready, Taite Scheafer, Anni Sjovald.

Alternates: Lainey Bream, Alexa Brockmueller, Isabella Moe.

Team Members: Madison Baatz, Avalon Brenner, Sophie Ernster, Laura Gruhn, Chloe Hansen, Kiera Heinz, Charity LeMier, Kyra McIntyre, Hadley Meier, Reyna Moss, Ella Parks, Stella Peterson, Lily Raysby, Arianna Schlekeway.

Head Coach: James Oppenheimer.

Assistant Coach: Makayla Grady.

Team Manager: Trecia Gulseth.●

#### 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 which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)