ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF MOTOWN

Mr. PETERS. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the 60th anniversary of Motown and a remarkable life of Berry Gordy, Jr. Gordy was one of the most significant musical accomplishments of the 20th century. Motown is the sound that changed America; it broke barriers between people and united fans of every race and color.

Mr. Gordy was born in 1929 to a middle-class family on the east side of Detroit. At first, Mr. Gordy pursued his dreams to become a professional boxer and boxed until 1950 when he was drafted to serve his country in the Korean war. After returning from Korea in 1953, Mr. Gordy began to pursue his passion for music by opening a record store, and then went on to work at the Ford Lincoln-Mercury Plant.

In 1959, Mr. Gordy founded Tamla Records that would go on to become Motown after he received an $800 loan and moved to 2648 W. Grand Blvd, also known as Hitsville U.S.A. Due to Detroit being known as the Motor City, Mr. Gordy, in tribute to what he felt was a city of warm, soulful people and Detroit being his hometown, decided the perfect name for his company and new label would be “Motown.”

Smokey Robinson and Berry Gordy formed an early partnership and co-wrote Motown Records’ first smash-hit “Shop Around,” recorded by The Miracles, who would go on to be Motown’s first million-record selling record. Soon, other acts would follow, including legendary artists such as the Supremes, the Four Tops, Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder, and the Temptations, all discovered by Mr. Gordy.

In the 1960s alone, Motown Records had over 75 records in the top 10 of the Billboard charts. In the 1970s, Mr. Gordy moved to California and continued to create hits with a Detroit sound by groups such as the Jackson 5 and the Commodores. With so many music legends, Motown has often been considered one of the greatest labels of all time.

In 1998, Mr. Gordy was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame as founder and helmsman of the Motown music empire.

In addition to music, Mr. Gordy produced films such as the Oscar-nominated, “Lady Day Sings the Blues” and “Mahogany,” both starring Motown icon Diana Ross. In 2013, Mr. Gordy went on to write and produce “Motown: the Musical,” to tell his story and the story of Motown Records. “Motown: the Musical” went on to play 738 Broadway performances, and has massively successful national tours and international productions.

Mr. Gordy founded an American music institution that exemplifies the unity that must exist in our country and created a sound that still moves the Motor City today. Motown’s music has become a genre all its own and has grown to be beloved all over the world. Motown music helped break barriers, and it is my hope that the legacy of Barry Gordy, Jr., and Motown will inspire the next generation of leaders to follow their passion and change the world.

RECOGNIZING MELAO BAKERY

Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, as chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I highlight a small business that displays the unique entreprenurial spirit found throughout our country. It is my privilege to recognize a Florida small business that demonstrates consistent hard work, a commitment to excellent customer service, and a desire to give back to the Florida community. Today, it is my honor to name Melao Bakery as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Founded in 2009, Melao Bakery is a family-owned and operated restaurant run by Eduardo Colon and Denisse Torres. Originally from Puerto Rico, Eduardo and Denisse have created a place where families can enjoy traditional Puerto Rican cuisine in Kissimmee, FL, a city many Puerto Ricans call home. Melao has grown from a small bakery in central Florida with seven employees into a full-menu restaurant employing more than 150 people at its two locations in Kissimmee and Orlando. Melao Bakery is known for its commitment to exemplary customer service and for providing an authentic, traditional experience for its customers.

Eduardo and Denisse arrived in Florida 17 years ago from Vega Baja, PR. In Vega Baja, the couple owned a bakery but made the decision to move to Florida, with their 1-year-old son, in search of new opportunities. When Eduardo and Denisse settled in Kissimmee, they did not move to open the bakery immediately; Eduardo studied to pass truck driving exams, and through hard work, he was able to establish his own heavy transport company.

Melao Bakery not only provides delicious pastries and cuisine, but it also serves as a meeting place for local Hispanics. They have since expanded their vision through the acquisition of the shopping center where Melao Bakery is located. This business has been honored for maintaining a strong sense of Hispanic heritage by the grassroots organization, the Libre Initiative. In 2012, Melao Bakery was also recognized by the Kissimmee Chamber of Commerce as the first Hispanic business to win its annual Small Business of the Year award. In 2014, Melao Bakery was presented with the Governor’s Business Ambassador Award for its leadership in creating employment opportunities in central Florida. Additionally, Melao Bakery has won awards for the quality of its food, such as Best Latin Restaurant in the Osceola community.

Eduardo and Denisse have made significant efforts to better the lives of those in their community, both in Florida and in Puerto Rico. After Hurricane Irma hit Puerto Rico in 2017, Eduardo and Denisse donated dozens of generators to help survivors get their businesses back up and running. Their dedication to preserving the culture and heritage of Puerto Rico in central Florida has created a loyal customer base and has made Melao Bakery a community staple. Melao Bakery is an example of how hard work can lead to grassroots engagement and successful business expansion. As we celebrate Hispanic Heritage month, I am proud to highlight Melao Bakery for their dedication to Florida’s Hispanic community.

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF UNIVISION ARIZONA

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. President, today I recognize the 40th anniversary of Univision Arizona. As one of Arizona’s leading television networks, Univision Arizona has been on the front lines of delivering important news to our State, earning nationwide recognition by winning 23 Emmy Awards this year. Throughout its 40-year history, Univision Arizona has evolved and adapted to the needs of its viewers by crafting engaging content and shedding light on important stories that deserve to be heard.

As the leading source of Spanish-language news and media in our State, Univision Arizona serves all Arizonans, especially the Hispanic community, which has richly contributed to our State. I am proud to recognize Univision Arizona’s 40th anniversary milestone, while celebrating the contributions of Arizona’s Hispanic community during Hispanic Heritage Month. Univision Arizona’s mission, its grassroots organization, the Libre Initiative.

Univision Arizona serves all Arizonans through two television stations, four radio stations, and other digital and social platforms. With the fast-changing pace of news and technology, Univision Arizona has grown into an innovative news source, while maintaining and staying true to its original mission.

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MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2019, the Secretary of the Senate, on September 20, 2019, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bills: