

Thank you for your continued commitment to innovating DNA technologies to solve crimes and save lives right in the heart of Louisiana.●

RECOGNIZING HARING CATFISH

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, small businesses often set a high standard for quality and service across the United States. Commitment to reaching these high thresholds is most important in our agriculture and food industries. One small business that has continually held itself to the highest bar for quality and service is Haring Catfish, located in Wisner, LA—the Small Business of the Day for National Small Business Week.

Louisiana is known for its fresh, high-quality, and delicious seafood. Opened in the early 1960s by Walter Carl “Pete” Haring, Sr., Haring Catfish has since grown to processing over 300,000 pounds of catfish per week. Haring Catfish’s commitment to the highest quality catfish through healthy, high protein diets has elevated them to be one of the most-recognized catfish farms in the United States. Haring Catfish has received numerous distinguished awards, including the Louisiana Catfish Farmer of the Year Award, Catfish Farmers of America Award of Excellence, and the Small Business Person of the Year Award by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Congratulations again to Haring Catfish for being selected as a Small Business of the Day for National Small Business Week. Thank you for your continued commitment to providing the high-quality and delicious catfish in Louisiana.●

RECOGNIZING RAISING CANE’S CHICKEN FINGERS

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, just as important as it is to recognize our small businesses, it is often important to also recognize our small business success stories—especially those that make a substantial impact in their industries and in their communities. As a part of National Small Business Week, I am proud to recognize the Louisiana small business success story of Raising Cane’s Chicken Fingers.

In the early 1990s, Todd Graves was inspired to open a chicken finger restaurant. After the bank turned down the fresh-out-of-college graduate for a loan, Graves spent the next few years working various jobs to earn and save the money necessary to open Raising Cane’s in Baton Rouge, LA. in 1996. In the years since, Raising Cane’s Chicken Fingers has opened over 150 locations across the United States and has gained a fandom following. Raising Cane’s Chicken Fingers prides itself on their commitment to the absolute highest quality products and services—a model that has earned them numerous “Best Places to Work” awards from regions across the country. Never

forgetting its small business roots, Raising Cane’s Chicken Fingers stays true to Louisiana and regularly gives back to the communities their establishments serve. Todd Graves and the entire Raising Cane’s Chicken Fingers crew are an inspiring example of the hard work, courage, and dedication that go into running American small businesses.

Congratulations again to Raising Cane’s Chicken Fingers for being recognized as a small business success story during the 2015 National Small Business Week. Your commitment to giving back to your local communities and remembering your small business beginning is recognized and greatly appreciated.●

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL WILLIAM P. DAVIS

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, today I honor the career of one of Louisiana’s heroes and most accomplished residents, retired Marine Corps Col. William P. Davis. Colonel Davis was born at Camp Pendleton, CA, the son of a career marine, and spent his youth following his father’s military postings. He is a combat veteran of Operation Desert Storm, and subsequently assigned as the supply, fiscal, and contracting officer for Landing Force Training Command Atlantic. In 1997, he was assigned to his first tour at the Marines Forces Reserve in New Orleans, LA. During that period, he was a parent volunteer for the Young Marines chapter in Slidell, LA, where he organized training events and tours to units and bases. In addition, he provided classes for the annual regimental encampment as well as at recruit training events.

Colonel Davis was operations officer for Joint Task Force Civil Support, a military organization under the U.S. Northern Command at Fort Monroe, VA, where he led a team of technical experts in planning post-incident recovery from chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear incidents. He supported planning for the 2006 Winter Olympics, 2006 Southeast Asian Games, and other exercises across the world. During Hurricane Katrina’s aftermath in 2005, he worked with Federal, military, State, and local authorities in support of response operations.

Colonel Davis returned to New Orleans in 2006, becoming assistant chief of Staff at Marine Forces Reserve. He led a staff of 80 people charged with overseeing construction, maintenance, and repairs of 187 reserve sites nationwide, including the construction of the 29-acre Marine Corps Support Facility in New Orleans. From 2011 until recently, Colonel Davis was the inaugural commandant of the New Orleans Military and Maritime Academy, a charter high school where all students are cadets of the Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps Program and are focused on college preparation with an emphasis on science, technology, engi-

neering, and math. In his job as commandant, Colonel Davis has helped positively shape the lives of several hundred cadets from the region. After 4 years of operation, the academy has test results and student performance improvement ranked well above averages by more established schools. Beginning in 2016, Colonel Davis will leave Louisiana to become the next national executive director and CEO of the Young Marines.

Colonel Davis is an accomplished executive whose commitment to young people has always been fundamental during his career. He is highly regarded for strategic thinking, sound financial management, marketing expertise, and exceptional project management skills. He is a distinguished leader who will bring military expertise and business experience to the Young Marines.

I am pleased to join with the Senate in honoring the career of retired Col. William P. Davis. We thank him for his service to our country and congratulate him as he begins the next chapter of his career.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 9:49 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, without amendment:

S. 178. An act to provide justice for the victims of trafficking.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2250. An act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2353. An act to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

At 11:06 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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 874. An act to amend the Department of Energy High-End Computing Revitalization Act of 2004 to improve the high-end computing research and development program of the Department of Energy, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1119. An act to improve the efficiency of Federal research and development, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1156. An act to authorize the establishment or designation of a working group under the National Science and Technology Council to identify and coordinate international science and technology cooperation opportunities.

H.R. 1158. An act to improve management of the National Laboratories, enhance technology commercialization, facilitate public-private partnerships, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1162. An act to make technical changes to provisions authorizing prize competitions under the Stevenson-Wylder Technology Innovation Act of 1980.