

unable to do so. The U.S. Department of Transportation has been working on this issue for several years and many companies have adopted these technologies. It is far past time that these lifesaving devices were required in all new trucks.

This legislation also updates the minimum liability insurance for trucking companies in order to ensure victims of crashes are able to fully recover the cost of their damages. In a report to Congress, the Department of Transportation found compelling evidence to reevaluate the current minimums. In some crashes, the costs to the victims far exceed the current minimum of \$750,000. This can leave the victim uncompensated for damages. Minimum insurance levels have not been raised since the 1980s, so my legislation requires an immediate increase to the trucking minimum insurance level, requires annual adjustment for inflation, and requires the Department of Transportation to evaluate whether minimum insurance levels need to be increased further.

Another provision in this legislation would allow the Secretary to require trucking employers to compensate drivers for time spent on duty but not driving. Currently, drivers are compensated for miles driven, not hours worked. This sets up an unsafe incentive structure in which drivers are penalized for taking the rest they need in order to drive safely. Drivers in this country play a critical role in ensuring Americans get the products they rely on for everyday life. They should not be forced to choose between resting to ensure their safety and feeding their families at home.

The Truck Safety Act is an important step to protect our truck drivers, individuals, and families traveling on our Nation's highways. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation that will improve the lives of New Jerseyans and individuals across the country.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO SHAYNE PIERRE

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, I wish to recognize Shayne Pierre of Polson, MT as Montanan of the Week. This week, Mr. Pierre was given the rare honor of receiving the Colonel's Meritorious Service Award from the Lake County Sheriff's Office and the Montana Highway Patrol for his selfless acts to assist all victims of a drunk driving accident that occurred this past May.

Shayne was riding the school bus home when the accident occurred. A speeding drunk driver caused a collision with the school bus, injuring both Shayne and his fellow students on the bus. Upon noticing a gas leak on the pavement, Shayne quickly instructed all students to exit the bus. He also acted heroically when he ran to help the driver who caused the accident, despite the injuries Shayne himself had sustained.

Shayne's quick actions and selflessness deserve many thanks and for that, I want to recognize him. Through this incident, Shayne acted as a role model not only to the students on the bus, but to his classmates, peers and community. I am proud that he is a citizen of the great State of Montana and an example to all.●

##### REMEMBERING ROY KIDDER

• Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today, we honor the life and legacy of an upstanding Nevadan, Roy Kidder, whose passing signifies a great loss to the State. I send my condolences and prayers to his wife Cookie and all of Mr. Kidder's family in this time of mourning. He was a man truly committed to his family and his community. Although he will be sorely missed, his great influence in Nevada will be felt for years to come.

Mr. Kidder was born on July 31, 1937, in Tonopah. His first 3 months were spent in Manhattan, NV, where his father worked on the dredge. His family then moved to Honey Lake for 5 months and later to Hawthorne, where he was raised. Throughout his youth, Mr. Kidder was recognized for his incredible athletic ability, excelling in baseball, basketball, and track at Mineral County High School. He also contributed to the school's football team as a manager. Along with sports, he exceeded expectations in the academic world. Mr. Kidder participated in Mineral County High School's Honor Society and Block H, as well as attending American Legion Boys State, which is a highly respected educational program. After graduating high school, he attended the University of Nevada, Reno, UNR, where his drive in sports continued. From 1957 to 1959, Mr. Kidder played on the university's baseball team for Wolf Pack Coach Jake Lawlor. He graduated from UNR in 1959.

Shortly after, Mr. Kidder was recruited by Al Seeliger to teach and coach in Carson City. Throughout his tenure, he taught physical education, social studies, and Nevada history, and he served as department head for six different departments. He also coached golf, softball, basketball, and baseball and helped with the track team. His excellent teaching and coaching skills touched the lives of generations of Nevada students, including me. He was truly a role model as my physical education teacher. His tremendous involvement in Carson City will never be forgotten.

Mr. Kidder maintained only the highest level of excellence for himself and for the local community throughout his career. Carson City remains better because of his outstanding contributions. Today, I join citizens across the Silver State in celebrating the life of a truly dedicated and inspirational Nevadan, Roy Kidder.●

##### TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN CHRISTY WISE

• Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today, I wish to recognize Capt. Christy Wise for her unwavering dedication to both the U.S. Air Force and to overcoming great adversity. It gives me great pleasure to recognize this young woman's incredible strength. She embodies the true Battle Born spirit of determination, fearlessness, confidence, and resilience.

Captain Wise was raised in Reno with her twin sister and younger brother. She was accepted into the Air Force Academy, where she discovered her passion for flying. Shortly after, she was accepted into flight school. Captain Wise flies HC-130 search and rescue planes supporting pararescue jumpers and helicopters at her squadron base in Valdosta, GA. She flew in six rescue missions in Afghanistan in 2012 and is scheduled to redeploy this December. I extend my deepest gratitude to her for her service and wish her a safe deployment.

Recently, Captain Wise competed in the 2015 Department of Defense Wounded Warrior Games after sustaining serious injuries in a boating accident. Immediately after recovering from her injuries, which included the loss of her right leg above the knee, Captain Wise began her rehabilitation. She had heard about the Department of Defense Wounded Warrior Games through a fellow amputee patient at the gym and decided to compete. Less than 3 months after the accident, Captain Wise competed in track and field, swimming, and cycling events, earning 11 medals total. It was only 2 days before the games that she was cleared to participate in the swimming events, leaving her little time to practice for the five events in which she would compete. She received silver medals in both hand cycling and field competitions and received a bronze medal in the 100-meter wheelchair race. Her insatiable drive to excel is truly inspirational.

Captain Wise has demonstrated unwavering commitment and dedication to the highest standards of the U.S. Air Force. I am proud to call her a fellow Nevadan, and today, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Captain Wise and her great achievements. I wish her well in all of her future endeavors and in her time in the U.S. Air Force for years to come.●

##### RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT GENERAL JOHN D. JOHNSON

• Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I wish to recognize the service of LTG John D. Johnson, the director of the Department of Defense's newest combat support agency, the Joint Improvised-Threat Defeat Agency, JIDA, who will retire on September 1, 2015, after 38 years of active service.

Lieutenant General Johnson honorably served his country for more than

three decades. After graduating from the Virginia Military Institute in 1977 as an infantry officer, he commanded troops at every level and is a veteran of multiple deployments to Iraq. As a young officer, he served in Germany, Georgia, California, and the Pentagon. He attained the rank of brigadier general in 2006 and was assigned as the assistant division commander for maneuver of the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea. Upon returning, he was assigned to the U.S. Army Installation Management Command. From there, he became the deputy commanding general, operations, for I Corps and Fort Lewis, WA. He deployed to Iraq serving in that role to the Headquarters for Multi-National Corps—Iraq, where he learned first-hand the atrocities inflicted by improvised explosive devices, foreshadowing his rise to his final position. In his penultimate position, he was the commanding general, Eighth U.S. Army; and Chief of Staff for United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command, and U.S. Forces Korea, preserving readiness for coalition forces across the Korean Peninsula.

As the director of JIDA, Lieutenant General Johnson set the conditions for the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization, JIEDDO, to become JIDA, a permanent defense agency that will enhance our Nation's capabilities to fight improvised weapons and those who employ them. He has fostered countless cooperative relationships with government agencies, coalition partners, academia, and industry supporters in an effort to find innovative solutions to these pervasive improvised threats. During this challenging transition period for JIEDDO, he led an extensive effort to right-size the workforce and streamline processes while still bestowing a high level of support to the warfighter.

I had the pleasure of personally working with Lieutenant General Johnson during his tenure at JIEDDO. He is an inspiring leader, an admirable mentor, and a fine example for his fellow servicemembers. I am proud to share in the celebration of Lieutenant General Johnson's career, his extraordinary leadership, his distinguished military service and his unwavering dedication to this great Nation. I wish him, his wife Cheryl, and their daughter Elizabeth all the best in their future endeavors.●

#### RECOGNIZING REACTWELL

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, every business starts out with an entrepreneur willing to put in the hard work and take risks in order to turn an idea into reality. I am delighted to name ReactWell of New Orleans, LA, as Small Business of the Week. ReactWell is on the forefront of developing cutting edge technological advancements with the potential to revolutionize the energy, chemical, and petrochemical industries.

In 2010 after seeing the devastation from the British Petroleum, BP, oil-spill in the Gulf of Mexico, Baton Rouge native Brandon Iglesias founded ReactWell—a company that focuses on recycling existing carbon dioxide into useful oils and chemicals. Primarily, ReactWell develops technology that creates cleaner synthetic crude oil by using underground geothermal reactors and algae. Iglesias' technological invention relies on the natural forces and gravitational pressure to convert algae and chemicals into usable crude oil, while also reusing the waste produced from the reaction to feed the algae strains back into the system.

After years of hands-on research in the oil field, Brandon Iglesias took his research to a local entrepreneurial start-up competition, ultimately receiving crucial start-up capital and attention from interested investors across the country. Today, ReactWell continues to grow both its synthetic synthesizing programs, while additionally expanding their reach into a robust catalog of service and product applications spanning technoeconomic modeling, carbon sequestration, green chemistry, water treatment, and thermochemical conversions. Additionally, ReactWell maintains a laboratory with capabilities that include air sampling, cryogenic milling, and distillation, and process simulation capabilities in bio-physical modeling SIM Finite Element Analysis, FEA, 3D studio animation, and fusion and alias design. Congratulations again to ReactWell for being selected as Small Business of the Week. I look forward to seeing the long-term impact ReactWell's innovative technologies will have in aiding Louisiana and the Nation.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, 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 9:52 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 971. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an increase in the limit on the length of an agreement under the Medicare independence at home medical practice demonstration program.

S. 984. An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide Medicare beneficiary access to eye tracking accessories for speech generating devices and to remove the rental cap for durable medical equipment under the Medicare Program with respect to speech generating devices.

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

H.R. 2722. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition of the fight against breast cancer.

H.R. 3038. 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.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2722. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition of the fight against breast cancer; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 3038. 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.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MORAN, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 1800. An original bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-82).

By Mr. BURR, from the Select Committee on Intelligence:

Report to accompany S. 1705, An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-83).

By Mr. INHOFE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1140. A bill to require the Secretary of the Army and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to propose a regulation revising the definition of the term "waters of the United States", and for other purposes (Rept. No. 114-84).

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1599. A bill to provide anti-retaliation protections for antitrust whistleblowers.