

necessary to prepare for climate change.

I am grateful for the opportunity to showcase the exceptional efforts of one particular Marylander and honor her by pursuing climate and environmental justice policies. Harriet Tubman held steadfast to her convictions, daring to envision a nation where freedom was truly universal. Her unwavering bravery led her to risk her life for the betterment of our Nation. Her courage, conviction, and determination serve as a profound source of inspiration for us all.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING DANIEL NOLAN

• Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Daniel “Dan” Nolan, a courageous firefighter and dedicated public servant, inspiring community leader, and dear friend to so many—including myself. Reflecting the enormous loyalty and love felt for him across the community—indeed, our State—thousands of mourners attended calling hours last Friday in Wethersfield, where I joined in thanking his beautiful family for sharing him with us.

Born in Hartford, CT, on July 29, 1962, Dan joined the military upon graduating from Windsor High School in 1980 and served in the Army National Guard for 38 years. Dan quickly rose to the rank of captain and was deployed three times—to Kuwait, Iraq, and Afghanistan. In Iraq, Dan was detached to the 130th Combat Engineer Battalion from Puerto Rico, where he performed route clearance missions to clear improvised explosive devices—IEDs—from the streets of Baghdad. While in Afghanistan, Dan served as commander of the 246th Fire Fighting Detachment at Forward Operating Base—FOB—in Zabul. Dan led over 300 outside the wire missions and was the recipient of many commendations including the Combat Action Badge and the Bronze Star. Always looking to help others, Dan also developed his own community outreach programs in Afghanistan to provide food, clothing, shoes, and toys to needy local villagers.

Dan was a second-generation firefighter, first joining the Hartford Fire Department in 1984. He rose to become deputy chief of training and was one of the many Hartford firefighters who served at Ground Zero following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. Dan is remembered with deep affection by his fellow firefighters for his leadership, bravery, and encyclopedic knowledge and expertise in the firefighting profession.

Dan was a longstanding active member of his local community. He was a lifelong member of the Irish American Home Society in Glastonbury and was a prominent leader of the Irish History Committee and the annual Hartford St.

Patrick’s Day Parade. He was also involved in countless charitable organizations, most notably Amy’s Angels, as well as Lea’s Foundation for Leukemia Research, where he served on the board of directors since its inception in 1998.

So many of the remembrances offered by people close to Dan reflect a common theme: “He was always trying to help people.” One friend recalls working as a server at a local restaurant where Dan was a regular and always asked to put someone else’s bill on his tab. A barber who cut Dan’s hair every few months shared that he always arrived with advice about scholarships or access to veteran benefits. A neighbor remembered Dan helping her move into her new house amid frigid temperatures and snowfall.

My friendship with Dan deepened when I worked closely with him during his years-long effort to bring his translator Mohammad and his Afghanistan family to the United States. Dan showed boundless, tireless compassion and persistence in this endeavor. Every week, or even more often, Dan would check on Mohammad’s case. Dan refused to relent, and Mohammad and his family arrived in Connecticut at the end of last Veterans’ Day weekend. Dan’s determination and resolve are an enduring tribute to the difference that one person can make in the lives of others.

Dan was truly an extraordinary man who touched so many lives so positively and enduringly. He was also a deeply humble man, who delighted in crediting others for his own contributions. His good deeds speak more eloquently than my words. I treasured my friendship with Dan and will forever admire his incomparable compassion and courage. My wife Cynthia and I extend our deepest sympathies to his family during this difficult time, particularly to his wife Jill, his stepdaughter Raven, his siblings and aunt, as well as his many nieces, nephews, cousins, and loyal friends. I hope my colleagues will join me in honoring Dan’s life and legacy, both large and lasting.●

RECOGNIZING LACLEDE COUNTY, MISSOURI, AND THE CITY OF LEBANON, MISSOURI, ON 175TH ANNIVERSARY

• Mr. SCHMITT. Madam President, I rise today to honor the 175th anniversary of the organization of Laclede County, MO, and its county seat, Lebanon.

As America expanded westward in the 1800s, Laclede County and Lebanon served as a crossroads. On February 24, 1849, the city and county were established. Pierre Laclede, a French fur trader and the founder of St. Louis, MO, is the county’s namesake. The region witnessed the rapid change ushered by innovated modes of transportation like the railroad and later the highway system, including the famous Route 66 in the 1920s. Today, I-44 traces

a similar route in this area and Laclede County continues as an intersection between time periods of history.

The citizens in Laclede County, which include the cities and villages of Conway, Lebanon, Richland, Evergreen, Phillipsburg, and Stoutland, maintain their commitment to preserve the community’s history for future generations. The county is proud to be the hometown of prominent figures like Jim Bohannon, a renowned radio news and talk show host, Michael S. Hopkins, an esteemed NASA astronaut and Air Force colonel, and Betty Wagoner, a professional baseball player for the South Bend Blue Sox. Today, Laclede County is home to more than 36,000 proud Missourians, and more than 14,000 of that number reside in the city of Lebanon.

Both Laclede County and Lebanon hold great significance to the State of Missouri, and I hope the region continues to thrive for many years to come.●

RECOGNIZING EMBRY-RIDDLE AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY, THE EAGLECAM CUBESAT CAMERA SYSTEM, AND THE STUDENTS AND FACULTY

• Mr. SCOTT of Florida. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, the EagleCam CubeSat Camera System, and the students and faculty who are tirelessly working on this project. EagleCam is a camera attached to the Odysseus Lunar Lander with the goal of capturing the world’s first third-person views of a spacecraft landing on the Moon and is the first university-built payload on the Moon.

The Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University EagleCam Roster includes:

Shania Melton, Vikas Patel, Emelia Kelly, Sam Horine, Daniel Posada, Daniel Lopez, Roberto Cuellar, Chris Hays, Alex Sholl, Bella Ruiz, Adrian Moraga, Taylor Yow, Joe Nicolich, Andrew Ankeny, Mohammed Etfendi, Jarred Jordan.

Jayaprakash Shivakumar, Grace Robertson, Hudson Merrick, Arysylan Malik, Madhur Tiwari, Tim Cole, David Zuehlke, Dalton Korczyk, Noemi Miguez, Kevin Pepin, Justin Parkhurst, Sabrina Yepez, Dr. Troy Henderson, Dr. Eduardo Rojas, Dr. Ilhan Akbas, Dr. Jennifer Smith.

I congratulate everyone involved in this project and encourage them to continue building on their success as the United States continues its mission to once again put men on the Moon.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:58 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, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 766. An act to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 respecting the scoring of preventive health savings.