

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING MOOREMART

• Ms. AYOTTE. Mr. President, today I recognize and commend MooreMart, an outstanding charitable organization based in Nashua, NH, that is devoted to supporting America's servicemen and women. For more than 10 years, MooreMart has shipped care packages to American soldiers in Afghanistan and Iraq—lifting the spirit of our brave military members serving in harm's way.

What began in February 2004 as a family project started by Paul Moore and Carole Moore Biggio to support their brother—New Hampshire Army National Guard SSG Brian Moore, who was deployed to Iraq—has developed into a major volunteer effort. Over the past decade, MooreMart has sent more than 63,000 care packages to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. Their effort came to be known as “MooreMart,” because the soldiers receiving the packages remarked that the boxes “carry more supplies than WalMart.” It's a clever nickname that is now well known in the Granite State.

Once word spread about MooreMart's wartime effort, hundreds of New Hampshire citizens, and dozens of organizations and businesses, gave their support to this very special organization. At packing events held several times throughout the year at the Nashua National Guard Armory, volunteers have assembled packages containing goods that make deployments a little easier—including candy, toothpaste, dental floss, energy bars, trail mix, lip balm, playing cards, puzzles, white tube socks, crackers, and notes of encouragement. At Christmas, MooreMart has sent Christmas stockings filled with candy canes, Christmas lights, and cookies. In addition to sending these goodies to our troops, they have also treated veterans in New Hampshire and remembered our wounded warriors at Walter Reed.

MooreMart's generosity has also extended to children in Iraq and Afghanistan, sending them school supplies and toys. Through these donations, Afghan and Iraqi children have seen the warmth and generosity of the American people.

The Moore family and all the MooreMart volunteers represent the very best of New Hampshire and our Nation: patriotic Americans coming together to support our troops. This exemplary organization has touched the lives of our brave soldiers serving on faraway battlefields—making sure they know they're not forgotten during tough deployments.

As MooreMart celebrates its 10th Anniversary, I join citizens across New Hampshire and the Nation in commending Paul Moore and Carole Moore Biggio, the Moore family, and all the tremendous MooreMart volunteers for the inspiring work they have done supporting our troops.●

RECOGNIZING STEWART'S 96 RANCH

• Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the 150th anniversary of the founding of Stewart's 96 Ranch in Paradise Valley, NV, which serves as an example of the rich and prosperous history that makes the Silver State so unique.

This year commemorates a very special year—not only for Stewart's 96 Ranch, but also in Nevada's history—during which we celebrate 150 years of statehood. From those days of bitter conflict, Nevada forged a State dedicated to preserving liberty and bettering America. Our dramatic entrance is why our State calls itself Battle Born and why Nevadans, over the past 150 years, have been entrepreneurial, fiercely independent, and as diverse as our terrain. It is an honor to recognize Stewart's 96 Ranch in conjunction with our great State's sesquicentennial here today.

Founded in 1864 by William Stock, a German immigrant, Stewart's 96 Ranch is one of Nevada's most iconic ranching operations. Over the past 15 decades, the ranch has faced many obstacles, from aiding our country in World War II efforts to constantly maintaining and modernizing the operation to keep up with the current demands. Due to the ranch's long and fascinating history, it was chosen as the subject of a 1980 Library of Congress project called “Buckaroos in Paradise.” It is considered to be one of the most iconic cattle ranches in the West and one of the last true “old time outfits” still in original family ownership. Over the years, the ranch has grown and changed, but the original love of Paradise Valley and commitment to agriculture has never wavered.

What started as a simple homestead has grown into a thriving ranch with a new cattle herd that has grown to nearly 800 mother cows and is continuing to flourish. Today, the ranch is still owned and operated by the fourth and fifth generations of William Stock's direct descendants. Fred Stewart, with the help of his wife Kris and daughter Patrice, currently manages the ranch. Fifth generation Patrice Stewart is now a young woman who owns and manages her own small herd of top commercial beef cattle on the ranch, actively helps her parents on the ranch and is involved in all ranch decisions. She also competes in youth and high school rodeo and takes a leadership role in her local Future Farmers of America. Patrice is the future of the ranch and one day aims to manage the same Paradise Valley ranch that her great-great-grandfather William Stock founded in 1864.

Stewart's 96 Ranch truly exemplifies what it means to be a Nevadan, and I am proud to recognize it and the generations of Stewarts that have worked to ensure the survival of one of Nevada's oldest and largest family-owned ranches. Today, I ask my colleagues and residents of the Silver State to

join me in recognizing Stewart's 96 Ranch for this great achievement and honor.●

REMEMBERING WAYMAN GRAY SHERRER

• Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, it is proper that we note the death of an American patriot who served the U.S. government with dedication for many years. The Nation lost Wayman Gray Sherrer, 86, on March 12, 2014. He graduated from the fine Howard College, now Samford University, where he was senior class president, and the University of Alabama School of Law in the class of 1956. Before college, he served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Following law school, he served 6 years with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, after which he was elected county solicitor (district attorney) for Blount County, AL. In 1969, he was appointed U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Alabama and served ably in that position for 8 years. During that time, I served as an assistant U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Alabama and came to know him. We maintained contact over the years and were able to talk over those special times. He served his county and country with distinction, was active in community and civic affairs, and as a member of the Lester Memorial United Methodist Church.

Wayman loved his country and served her with fidelity. I was proud to know him.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

(The message received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13441 WITH RESPECT TO LEBANON—PM 52

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To The Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides