

Sherry has left a lasting mark on our family, our office family, and the folks she has served. She will be missed, and I am grateful to her beyond words.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### DEERFIELD'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

• Ms. AYOTTE. Mr. President, today I wish to honor Deerfield, NH—a town in Rockingham County that is celebrating the 250th anniversary of its founding. I am proud to join citizens across the Granite State in recognizing this special milestone.

Deerfield was originally part of the town of Nottingham until residents petitioned to become a separate town by requesting the Colonial Governor “set us off a distinct parish.” Permission was granted, and Deerfield was incorporated in 1766 by Colonial Governor Benning Wentworth. Major John Simpson, a native of Deerfield, is notoriously known for firing the first shot at the Battle of Bunker Hill without permission from his commanding officers.

Founded with a strong background in agriculture, the town was once cleared of most of its forest in order to farm the land and is home to the oldest family fair in New England—the annual Deerfield Fair. Deerfield was also shaped by a steadfast commitment to education, and by the mid-19th century, the town had 13 school buildings, one within walking distance of almost every child in town. The town became a prosperous center as it lay on the road between larger hubs such as Portsmouth, Exeter, and Concord. In the 20th century, as the agricultural economy began to fade, Deerfield's forests slowly returned, and the population began to decrease.

Today Deerfield has a population of over 4,000 residents and is proud of its 250-year history. The residents have created a vibrant civic and social community, which serves our State and Nation well. The town exemplifies the motto, “Deerfield, a place to call home since 1766.” Deerfield has greatly contributed to the life and spirit of New Hampshire. I am pleased to extend my warm wishes to the people of Deerfield as they celebrate this very special occasion.●

##### TRIBUTE TO UTAH'S VIETNAM VETERANS AND THEIR SPOUSES

• Mr. LEE. Mr. President, on this special occasion, I would like to thank each and every one of Utah's more than 47,000 Vietnam veterans, as well as their spouses, for their service to our great State and this exceptional Nation. You answered the call of duty at a time of national need, and your courage is an inspiration to us all.

Over the next several weeks, friends, neighbors, and families will gather in communities across our great State to hold special commemorative cere-

monies in honor of the men and women who served in the Vietnam war. But the people of Utah understand that our veterans deserve our gratitude and support, not just on special occasions, but every day.

Utah's communities, businesses, and public institutions are committed to ensuring that Utah is a place where veterans have the resources and support they need to lead fulfilling lives and achieve a high standard of living, whether they have just returned to civilian life or have been out of the service for 50 years.

In Salt Lake City, Provo, and St. George, the Beehive State has three of the best veterans centers in the Nation that provide critical mental health and counseling services to veterans and their families. And the people at the Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs, the host of today's commemorative ceremony, are faithful, tireless advocates of Utah's veterans. The work of Utah's VMA and the brave veterans they represent is one of the reasons why I am so proud to call Utah home.

May God bless the veterans of Utah, and may God bless these United States of America.●

##### RECOGNIZING SIMMONS-PINCKNEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

• Mr. SCOTT. Mr. President, I congratulate Simmons-Pinckney Middle School in Charleston on a successful first year and thank everyone who has helped make the school a part of our community.

Simmons-Pinckney's significance lies in its name. It was designed to honor State senator and civil rights leader, Reverend Clementa Pinckney, and a legendary blacksmith from Daniel Island, Mr. Philip Simmons. Reverend Pinckney was a servant of the people in the truest sense of the word and pastor at Mother Emanuel AME Church—where he lost his life while serving his ministry last June.

Mr. Philip Simmons's beautiful ironwork is not only displayed throughout Charleston, but in the South Carolina State Museum, Smithsonian Museum, and all around the world. These two men symbolize what I believe schools should promote, dedication and a commitment to leading our State and country to a brighter future.

Last year, Simmons-Pinckney Middle School opened to serve two purposes, and that is to remember the lives and legacies of these two amazing men and to ensure that each student receives the education they deserve. I am proud to welcome Simmons-Pinckney to the community as the newest middle school of the Charleston County School District.

Congratulations again to Simmons-Pinckney Middle School on a successful first year, and I wish the students and teachers more productive years to come.●

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-4910. A communication from the Chief of the Planning and Regulatory Affairs Branch, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP): Employment and Training Program Monitoring, Oversight and Reporting Measures” (RIN0584-AE33) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 30, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4911. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notice of the continuation of the national emergency with respect to Somalia that was declared in Executive Order 13536 of April 12, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4912. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Council's 2015 Annual Report to Congress; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4913. A communication from the Assistant Director for Legislative Affairs, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Consumer Response Annual Report”; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4914. A communication from the Assistant Director for Legislative Affairs, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's Office of Minority and Women Inclusion Annual Report to Congress”; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4915. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Armourdale and Central Industrial District Levee Units at Kansas City, Missouri and Kansas, for the purpose of flood risk management; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4916. A communication from the Attorney, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Modification of Regulations Regarding Price Adjustments in Antidumping Duty Proceedings” (RIN0625-AB02) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 30, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4917. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 15-128); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4918. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's fiscal year 2015 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4919. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 21-334, “Military Installation Public Charter School Amendment Act of 2016”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.