2001, Bob has served as the executive director for the Nevada Agency for Nuclear Projects, where his watchful eye and his inexhaustible passion for protecting our State has been an invaluable resource.

On numerous occasions, Bob has stood before the State and the U.S. Congress to share his expertise on the subjects of nuclear waste, radioactive materials, and nuclear waste transportation.

We owe Bob Halstead a debt of gratitude for the crucial work he has done to protect Nevadans and the State itself from becoming the Nation's nuclear dumping ground.

Bob also has defended the state beyond the Yucca Mountain fight. Two years ago, when it came to light that the Department of Energy had secretly shipped a half ton of weapons-grade plutonium to the Nevada National Security Site, Bob led the charge to right this incredible wrong committed against our State.

I am deeply grateful for Bob's tireless work to protect the health and safety of our community and our environment. He has been a source of great support for me and my staff, offering his unmatched knowledge of the complex history of Yucca Mountain and our State's fight against the ill-advised proposal, to which Nevadans have never consented.

Even though Bob is taking a step back from his work and is beginning a well-deserved retirement, I know that he will remain a continued source of inspiration, knowledge, and passion as we continue in our fight to defend Nevada. I thank Bob Halstead for a lifetime of service, and I wish him and his family all the best in this new chapter of life.●

RECOGNIZING JWR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC.

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, as chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize a small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit at the heart of our country. It is my privilege to recognize a family-owned small business that builds high-quality projects and is actively involved in several community organizations. This week, it is my pleasure to honor JWR Construction Services, Inc., of Deerfield Beach, FL, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

In 1985, Jerry DuBois and William Gallo founded JWR Construction Services in Deerfield Beach, FL. Recognizing a need for well-built commercial buildings, they combined Jerry's project management expertise and William's architectural skill to start their general contracting and construction management firm. From the beginning, Jerry and William established passion, respect, ownership, service, and safety as the core values of their company. They prioritized customer service and community involvement.

Over the next 35 years, JWR Construction finished construction projects throughout Florida. They have built affordable multi-family housing, healthcare facilities, and senior living centers, along with commercial and industrial facilities. Notably, JWR Construction has completed projects for the University of Miami, Johnson & Wales University, Nova Southeastern University, and Florida Atlantic University.

JWR Construction creates dignified work for their employees and contractors, ensuring social mobility and supporting the skilled trades. They emphasize hiring veterans including Jerry's son, Dustin, who is a U.S. Navy veteran. Dustin served for 5 years as a machinist mate and special warfare combatant-craft crewman. He joined the family business in 2009 and currently serves as its chief operating officer.

Through their leadership and service, JWR Construction has advocated for the contracting industry and south Florida community. In addition to earning several local industry awards, JWR Construction is active in the Associated Builders and Contractors Florida East Coast chapter, with two members serving on the local 2020 board of directors. JWR Construction has partnered with dozens of community organizations, including the Boys and Girls Club, the Deerfield Beach Little League team, and the Broward Navy Days. Jerry serves on the board of Rebuilding Together Broward, which revitalizes homes for low-income individuals, especially veterans.

Like many Floridian small businesses, JWR Construction Services stepped up to support its community during the coronavirus pandemic. When the Deerfield Beach Housing Authority hosted its seventh Annual Destination Graduation for local low-income high school seniors, JWR Construction helped organize a drive-through graduation celebration. They provided a laptop for each graduating student, donating a total of $14,000 in graduation gifts.

When the U.S. Small Business Administration launched the Paycheck Protection Program, Jerry and William applied immediately. The PPP provides forgivable loans to impacted small businesses and nonprofits who maintain their payroll during the COVID–19 pandemic. In April 2019, JWR Construction received a PPP loan, which enabled them to keep 37 employees paid and allowed them to safely continue their essential work in south Florida.

JWR Construction Services is an incredible example of how hard work and strong values can create a business that is both successful and beneficial to the community that it serves. I commend their important work. Congratulations to Jerry, William, Dustin, and the entire team at JWR Construction Services. I look forward to watching your continued growth and investment in the south Florida community.●

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF VIRGINIA ORGANIZING

● Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I wish to commemorate the 25th anniversary of Virginia Organizing, a nonpartisan grassroots group committed to challenging injustice by empowering people in local communities across the Commonwealth to work together, democratically and nonviolently, for change.

For a quarter century, Virginia Organizing has led the debate on the most important issues of our time, including economic security for families, equal opportunity in education, a sustainable environment, access to healthcare, and the guarantee that every person is entitled to have their voice heard.

Virginia Organizing and I share a common goal, one that I have spoken about many times, that all Virginians and all Americans should have a fair shot at success. We share the belief that all people should be treated fairly and with dignity in all aspects of life, regardless of race, class, gender, religion, sexual orientation, age, ability, or country of origin.

Now more than ever, I am proud to serve alongside a group that embraces and celebrates diversity. This year, to celebrate their 25th anniversary, I would like to again recognize and thank the leaders, members, and staff of Virginia Organizing, who continue to work tirelessly to provide children, low-income residents, immigrants, veterans, retirees, people with disabilities, and other underrepresented groups with the resources that they need to have a fair shot. I am so grateful for their work for the people of the Commonwealth and wish them well as they embark on their next quarter-century.●

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 6395. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2021 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 4461. A bill to provide for a period of continuing appropriations in the event of a lapse in appropriations under the normal appropriations process, and establish procedures and consequences in the event of a failure to enact appropriations.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. CRAPO for the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.