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S. RES. 733

Honoring the life and legacy of Patrick Gottsch.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 13, 2024

Mrs. HYDE-SMITH (for herself, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. DAINES, Ms. LUMMIS, and Mr. BARRASSO) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

DECEMBER 12, 2024

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Honoring the life and legacy of Patrick Gottsch.

Whereas Patrick Gene Gottsch was born on June 3, 1953, in Elkhorn, Nebraska;

Whereas Mr. Gottsch was raised on his family's farm and cattle operation, which instilled in him the values of rural America;

Whereas Mr. Gottsch obtained a wide array of career experiences that enabled him to be a trailblazer in the rural and agricultural programming space;

Whereas Mr. Gottsch worked as a commodity broker on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, in the home satellite dish

industry, and as Director of Sales for the Superior Livestock Auction in the Fort Worth Stockyards;

Whereas Mr. Gottsch launched Rural Free Delivery Television (RFD-TV) in 2002;

Whereas Mr. Gottsch was the founder and president of Rural Media Group, Inc., which, in addition to RFD-TV, grew to consist of RFD-TV The Magazine, RFD HD, RURAL TV, RURAL RADIO, and The Cowboy Channel;

Whereas millions of individuals in the United States have benefitted from Mr. Gottsch's innovative approach to educating the populace on rural and agricultural issues through the use of television and other mediums; and

Whereas Mr. Gottsch's work to represent farmers, ranchers, and rural America through television was unprecedented and has left an indelible mark on the hearts of millions of individuals in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) honors the life and legacy of Patrick
3 Gottsch, particularly the devotion of Mr. Gottsch—

4 (A) to rural America;

5 (B) to espousing the values of rural Amer-
6 ica through agricultural and rural program-
7 ming; and

8 (C) to advocating for a greater under-
9 standing of the importance of rural America to
10 the economy, culture, and progress of the na-
11 tion;

1 (2) extends its gratitude to Mr. Gottsch for a
2 life well-lived, and will continue to remember his leg-
3 acy; and

4 (3) respectfully requests that the Secretary of
5 the Senate transmit an enrolled copy of this resolu-
6 tion to the family of Mr. Gottsch.

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