

work ethic and his dedication. It didn't take long before he was promoted and took on additional responsibilities, working on some of the most difficult and complex issues that in which we have been involved.

He was really the heart of my staff working on finance issues. He spent a lot of time with retirees who lost their pensions when our auto companies went through bankruptcy, and he talked with them all the time to keep them updated on what we were doing to help. He took the lead on housing issues, working with families whose dreams were shattered when their homes were lost to foreclosure. He spent his final days working on an amendment that I cosponsored to help retired pilots who lost their pensions when the airline they worked for went bankrupt. He was so proud that we were able to include that amendment in the Federal Aviation Administration bill.

During our work last year on the Small Business Jobs Act, Sean's help was absolutely invaluable. He put together information for small business owners letting them know how to take advantage of the new law. He grew up in Farmington Hills, MI, and he was a very important part of our team working on issues related to the automobile industry, so critical for Michigan's future and for our economy.

He took great pride in his work for our great State. Through hard work and service, he achieved the rank of Eagle Scout—the highest rank in scouting. When he applied for a job in our office he wrote, "At a young age, I was volunteering to do community . . . service in Metro Detroit to better the community and that work shaped my desire to serve Michigan." And he served Michigan well.

In college, he secured a coveted internship in the office of the Governor, working in constituent services. After graduation, he worked on a congressional campaign and for Senator LEVIN's campaign, always willing to lend a hand and make a difference.

What really stands out about Sean is how good he was with people. On Capitol Hill, patience is sometimes a rare commodity, but Sean had more than enough to go around. When everyone was running a mile a minute, Sean was a beacon of calm. When his coworkers were stressed to the point of breaking, Sean could diffuse it with a wonderful one-liner that brought everything back into context.

He was also an amazing friend and had a quiet, charming sense of humor. His favorite day of the week was when the cafeteria served chicken wings. He would get a group together and go down to lunch on "wing day"—he looked forward to that day all week long.

Sean McGee was a young man who brightened so many of our days, and he will be terribly missed.

I offer my sincerest condolences to his parents Tom and Sharon, to his

brother Tom, and to his girlfriend of many years, Katie Kulpa, whom Sean loved so much. Sean was a gift to all of us, and we will always be thankful for the precious time we had with him.

Next Tuesday would have been Sean's 27th birthday. It is hard to believe we won't be able to celebrate with him. But we can honor him by living our lives as he did.

William Penn, one of the founders of our great Nation, said, "I expect to pass through life but once. If therefore, there be any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do to any fellow being, let me do it now, and not defer or neglect it, as I shall not pass this way again."

That is how Sean lived his life, and that was the gift that he gave to all of us who knew him.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO VICTORIA MALOCH

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, today I recognize Victoria Maloch from Magnolia, AR, for being selected for participation in the annual United States Senate Youth Program.

Created in 1962, the United States Senate Youth was organized to encourage an understanding of our government with an emphasis of how its three branches work and how elected officials work for their constituents and create policies that impact our Nation and the world. The weeklong visit to Washington, DC, allows students to meet and interact with lawmakers, appointed officials and staff who are involved in crafting legislation and making decisions that influence our laws.

This program brings together some of our Nations top youth leaders, like Victoria, who show a commitment to public service. An outstanding student at Emerson High School, Victoria excels both in and out of the classroom.

She serves as president of the 4-H Club and Future Farmers of America; vice president of Arkansas Junior Brangus Breeders Association; secretary of the Science Club and captain of Quiz Bowl. Victoria is a member of the Beta club, Future Business Leaders of America, and Family Career and Community Leaders of America. She was a People-to-People ambassador and volunteers in her community with the Youth Advisory Council and Today's Youth Tomorrow's Leaders program. Victoria plans to attend the University of Arkansas and continue her education in law school.

Victoria is very deserving of this honor. I congratulate her for her determination, dedication, and service and encourage her growth as a leader.●

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF MARIN AGRICULTURAL LAND TRUST

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I take this opportunity to recognize the 30th anniversary of Marin Agricultural

Land Trust, MALT. Located in Marin County, CA, MALT was the first land trust in the United States to focus explicitly on farmland preservation. Since its founding in 1980, MALT has successfully protected more than 41,800 acres of California's land on 66 family ranches and farms.

Thirty years ago, in response to a changing economy and increasing urban expansion, biologist Phyllis Faber and dairywoman Ellen Straus recognized that in order to preserve Marin's 150-year-old tradition of family farming and protect the county's tremendous natural resources, ranchers and environmentalists would need to work together. Phyllis and Ellen co-founded MALT, bringing together a diverse coalition of ranchers and environmentalists who came together to pursue their vision for conserving Marin's pristine farmlands. By providing an alternative to the sale of farmland, MALT has protected thousands of acres of open grasslands, fertile floodplains, oak woodlands, and mixed evergreen forests that would otherwise have been sold or developed.

Working in areas stretching from the salt marshes of Tomales Bay to the Douglas-fir forest crowning Hicks Mountain, MALT continues to be an environmental and community leader. In addition to establishing easements, MALT runs a variety of stewardship and educational programs, including its Farm Field Studies Program in which more than 1,700 students from 35 schools recently participated. MALT also coordinates hikes and tours, giving residents opportunities to explore and experience Marin's stunning agricultural landscapes first hand.

MALT is also doing its part to reduce greenhouse gases and integrate the agriculture industry into the fight against climate change. As a founding member of the Marin Carbon Project, MALT is working with project partners in an attempt to sequester carbon in Marin's rangeland soil using agricultural management strategies.

Due to the dedicated efforts of its 5,000 members, staff, volunteers, funders, and partner agencies, MALT has helped revitalize local agriculture while preserving the ecological value of the land. Each year, Marin County produces millions of dollars in livestock, livestock products, feed, and crops, without diminishing the county's biological vitality.

Over the past year, despite difficult economic times, MALT achieved permanent protection for a goat dairy, a small-scale sheep ranch, and a grade A Holstein dairy that has been in operation since 1933. These crucial projects were funded through a combination of grants from public agencies and donations from private individuals.

The Marin Agricultural Land Trust's vision and commitment to protecting California's ecological, environmental, and agricultural endowment should be commended. Please join me in congratulating MALT for its three decades

of hard work and wishing MALT much more success in the years to come. I look forward to future generations having the opportunity to enjoy Marin County's rich agricultural tradition and natural beauty.●

REMEMBERING FRED HILL

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I take this opportunity to honor the memory of a very special man, Frederick "Fred" Hill of Sonoma County, who died on February 9, 2011. He was 75 years old.

Fred Hill was a man of many talents and will be fondly remembered for his diverse work in the literary world. Born in Philadelphia, PA, Fred went on to attend Brown University. Following graduation, Fred served in the Army before getting a job as a travelling textbook salesman with Knopf. He later worked for Little, Brown as a Western States salesman and then as head of the company's international division. Throughout this transformative time of travel and networking, Fred realized his gift: he loved writers, he loved publishers, and he was uniquely gifted in his ability to interact with and explain one to the other.

Fred relocated to the San Francisco Bay area in the late 1970s. In 1979, after 5 years as general manager at Sierra Club Books, he rented an office on Union Street and opened his own agency, which is now run by his business partner, Bonnie Nadell. Fred remained on Union Street, in one office or another, until he decided to move his business to Glen Ellen, where he resided with his partner, Peter Gilliam.

The job of a literary agent is all encompassing, as their success depends on their client's success. Authors bestow a great deal of trust to their agents, and I know personally that Fred Hill was an outstanding agent. He was able to be encouraging and yet be critical where warranted.

Fred worked diligently to advance the products and interests of his clients, and could always be counted on to excite virtually anyone about a client's book. Fred's clients ranged from best-selling novelist Richard North Patterson to nonfiction writer Michael Murphy. He also worked with an extensive list of food writers, including Carol Field, Hubert Keller, David Lebovitz, and Gerald Hirigoyen.

Those who knew Fred Hill recognized him as a uniquely innovative and brilliant man. His work in the literary world will be remembered fondly by all those whose lives he touched. He will be deeply missed.

Fred is survived by his partner of 31 years, Peter Gilliam.●

TRIBUTE TO SUE ROUST

● Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. President, today I recognize a devoted and dedicated public servant in my home State of South Dakota. Sue Roust has served as Minnehaha County auditor for five terms and is retiring.

During her tenure of public service in Minnehaha County, the number of registered voters in the county has grown from 75,000 to over 108,000. She has effectively managed 24 county elections as well as Sioux Falls city and school elections. In total, she has overseen the counting of over 1.3 million ballots.

Additionally, Sue manages the accounting functions for the county. During her 20 years of service, the county budget has quadrupled. She has provided oversight and counsel on a number of important issues impacting the county. She has also utilized her position as county auditor to educate the general public on numerous issues. She has maintained a high level of professionalism and commitment to community service during her two decades of service.

In addition to her elected service, Sue has served in various leadership capacities for many community organizations, including the PTA, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, United Way, the Sioux Falls Washington High School Booster Club, the Dow Rummel Village board of trustees, the Sioux Falls Business and Professional Women, and the First Congregational Church. She currently serves on the board of Here4Youth, an organization which provides day care and out-of-school care to children ages 3-21 with a special emphasis on children with special needs.

I commend Sue for her great dedication and commitment to the people of Minnehaha County and the State of South Dakota. She can take great pride in her service. I want to wish Sue and her family all the best in retirement and good luck in all future endeavors.●

TRIBUTE TO THE DOLAN-JUSTICE FAMILY

● Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to the Dolan-Justice family on the 100th anniversary of owning the Grant County Review of Milbank, SD. This occasion highlights the Dolan-Justice family commitment to the newspaper industry and to the Grant County community.

On February 11, 1911, 24-year-old William S. Dolan acquired the Grant County Review. This started a 46-year adventure as editor of the small town weekly newspaper. In a time with virtually no access to television or radio, the local newspaper was the only source of news for small town South Dakota. With no experience in news media, William quickly learned the ropes. The Grant County Review became a family affair. William's wife, Christine Olson, was a trusted adviser to the paper, and his sister-in-law, Victoria Olson, even set the type on the linograph machine by hand. While other surrounding newspapers folded, William's accounting background and hard work enabled the Grant County Review to continue through the 20th

century. A fierce rivalry began between the Grant County Review and the Herald Review, pitting each paper against each other for advertisers and breaking news stories. Often Dolan and the editor of the Herald Review would trade blows in the editorial section of their papers.

Sticking with the family tradition for journalism, William's daughter Phyllis pursued a journalism degree at South Dakota State University and the University of Minnesota. She then came back to write for the paper and help her father run the day-to-day activities. The family paper soon hired a printer, Clarence Justice. Clarence worked for many papers before coming to the Grant County Review, including the Miller Gazette, the Interlakes Daily, and the Miller Press. After William S. Dolan passed away, his family took over operation of the Grant County Review, with his wife Christine served as the new publisher, and his daughter Phyllis as the new editor.

William always fought for small business and rural farmers, and served as the president for the Board of Regents, overseeing South Dakota's public universities. In 1962, William S. Dolan was elected to the South Dakota Newspaper Hall of Fame. In 1982, Phyllis was elected as the first female president of the South Dakota Press Association, and in 1988 she joined her father in the South Dakota Newspaper Hall of Fame. Phyllis' boundary breaking honors serve as an inspiration to women in journalism. Clarence and Phyllis both received distinguished service awards for their work in journalism for the South Dakota Newspaper Association. In 1997, the Grant County Review received the distinguished Bishop Dudley award from the Diocese of Sioux Falls, for Clarence and Phyllis' dedication to integrity and religious values. The Grant County Review has the largest readership of any weekly newspaper in the State. This achievement highlights the incredible devotion this family and the paper's employees have to the responsibility of disseminating the news. I am proud to honor the Dolan-Justice family on reaching this hallmark, and on being reliable, responsible members of the journalism community.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:40 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that that House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 347. An act to correct and simplify the drafting of section 1752 (relating to restricted buildings or grounds) of title 18, United States Code.

H.R. 368. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify and improve certain provisions relating to the removal of litigation against Federal officers or agencies to Federal courts, and for other purposes.

H.R. 386. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide penalties for aiming laser pointers at airplanes, and for other purposes.