

victims, we must set aside the divisive rhetoric that surrounded this debate. Of course, both sides—all of us—want to end discrimination and agree that shelters and similar grant recipients should provide services to everybody who needs them.

For anyone to suggest otherwise is not only disingenuous, but, more importantly, it is a waste of time. The millions of victims who depend on the services funded by VAWA deserve better from us; the American people we are here to serve deserve better from their representatives.

It is past time for the House and Senate and for the Democrats and Republicans to come together and approach this reauthorization as a reauthorization. It is not a major piece of legislation to overhaul the law as it exists but to reauthorize the programs that are currently in existence. We need to do so with a sense of urgency, of dedication to the cause, and a willingness to compromise.

If we do this, I am confident we can sort out the differences with respect to this bill and get it signed during this lameduck period. I stand ready to work with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle and on both sides of this building to accomplish exactly that. The American people, the victims of domestic violence, and the shelters and support organizations that care for those victims of violence deserve that.

Mr. President, I yield back the remainder of my time.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to a period of morning business, with Senators allowed to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL B. MCCALLISTER

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a good friend of mine and a distinguished citizen of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Mr. Michael B. McCallister, the highly respected chief executive officer of Humana, will retire from that position at the end of this month. He has served as Humana's CEO for the past 12 years.

Mike has spent his entire career with Humana, Kentucky's largest publicly traded company. After receiving his bachelor's degree from Louisiana Tech University in 1974, he went to work at

Humana as a finance specialist. He has steadily risen up the ranks ever since. In 2000, he was named president and CEO of the Louisville-based company.

Humana employs more than 11,000 in Kentucky; thousands of those jobs have been created under Mike's tenure. Mike led the company in innovations such as going all digital to eliminate the use of paper for transactions in 2001, well ahead of the rest of the industry; and in creating consumer-driven products that allowed customers to make more of their own decisions about their health care plans. Under Mike's leadership, in 2004 it was ranked by Business Week magazine as one of the top-performing companies in the United States.

Mike has also been very active in civic and philanthropic endeavors, to the benefit of Kentucky and Louisville, the city we both call home. He headed the most successful communitywide fund drive in the history of the Louisville Metro United Way, raising \$30 million in 2006. He was the communitywide chair of the Greater Louisville Fund for the Arts in 2003. He has also served on the board of the Committee Encouraging Corporate Philanthropy. He is the current chairman of the Workplace Wellness Alliance.

Mike's generous spirit of service has also influenced his company as a whole. Under his leadership, the Humana Foundation has donated more than \$50 million to education, health, and arts initiatives in Kentucky and across America.

I know my colleagues will join me in extending congratulations and best wishes to Mike as well as his family: he and his wife Charlene have a daughter Megan, and a son Ryan. I am sure they are very proud of him and look forward to seeing more of him. It is my understanding that Mike has promised he will not golf more than twice a week. Also, Mike will not step away from Humana entirely: He will retain a position as its nonexecutive chairman.

Mr. Michael B. McCallister has set a remarkable example of dedication and service to the people of Kentucky. I wish him every success in his next endeavors in life.

COMMEMORATING THE 84TH BIRTHDAY OF HIS MAJESTY KING BHUMIBOL ADULYADEJ

Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, on December 5, His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand celebrated his 85th birthday, and this year marks the 66th year of his reign. I would like to mark the occasion by sending warm wishes to King Bhumibol and to all the people of Thailand as they celebrate this happy event.

The United States and Thailand have a long, rich, and growing partnership that has brought tremendous benefits to the people of both nations. Our bilateral relationship dates back 179 years and Thailand is our longest-standing diplomatic partner in East

Asia. Over almost 60 years as modern treaty allies, the United States and Thailand have created flourishing business and cultural ties, underpinned by our shared values of democracy and rule of law. Our relationship has been cemented through our work together to face regional and global security challenges, often at great cost to our two peoples.

Overseeing and guiding this has been King Bhumibol Adulyadej. His support for the relationship between the United States and Thailand has been immeasurable, and the respect with which he is regarded in Washington is correspondingly great.

I send my congratulations to King Bhumibol Adulyadej and to all the people of Thailand.

TRIBUTE TO PAT GODFREY

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I appreciate this opportunity to pay tribute today to a wonderful staff member who is a true example of a dedicated public servant. Pat recently retired after 27 years of wonderful service to my office and the people of Utah.

Pat was the public face and voice of my office. She managed the front office and phones with kindness as she greeted literally thousands of people each year. No matter the issue or the anger, Pat would answer each constituent with grace and compassion.

She loved people, and it showed in her every day interactions. She always made the time to listen to visitors to our office, and she truly cared about the problems they were facing. She became the first-line advocate for many, many Utahns who were having problems with the Federal Government, and she would make sure that their calls were returned and their issues addressed.

At times the front desk phones would get extremely busy and many of the calls were from angry constituents. Yet you could always find Pat with a smile on her face and a calm demeanor. She was a strong advocate for the policies and issues I was fighting for on behalf of Utah in our Nation's Capital and always conveyed this in a down-to-earth manner. No matter the disagreement, most callers left a conversation with Pat feeling better about why they called.

Pat made friends with everyone and was well known throughout the Federal Building. Many employees from various agencies would look out for Pat and always inquired about her well-being. She had the building management staff and security guards on speed dial and was always able to get the needs of the office addressed in a timely, efficient manner.

Pat's talents were in evident display at the office, but perhaps her great achievements came as a loving mother and grandmother. She dearly loves her family and expresses it often. Her pride and care for her children and grandchildren is evident and central to her

life. I want to commend her children, and most especially Deanna, who are lovingly caring for their mother now in her time of need.

Pat has a strong belief in our Heavenly Father and his son our Savior Jesus Christ. She has made her testimony in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints an important component of her life and has spent countless hours serving others in various capacities.

Mr. President. I am truly grateful for the tremendous service Pat Godfrey rendered to me, to our community, and to the thousands of constituents whose lives she touched with her kindness and compassion. I want to wish Pat the very best in retirement and know that she will make many more wonderful memories in the loving strength of her family. May our Heavenly Father bless Pat for the person she is and the service she has rendered to so many.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO VICE ADMIRAL RAY RIUTTA

• Mr. BEGICH. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize an Alaskan for his extraordinary 34 years of service to the United States Coast Guard and our Nation as well as 10 years of leadership within the Alaska seafood industry where he had a tremendous positive impact for our fishermen.

Ray Riutta has held the position of executive director of the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute, ASMI, since August 2002. Since then, he has guided the organization through pivotal changes, including the implementation of the sustainability platform to showcase Alaska's commitment to responsibly managed fisheries. ASMI has worked diligently to increase the economic value of Alaska seafood resources through a collaborative partnership with the seafood industry. Since Mr. Riutta's arrival in 2002, the value of Alaska seafood exports increased nearly 23 percent from \$1.78 billion to \$2.2 billion in 2011.

Prior to joining ASMI, Mr. Riutta served in the United States Coast Guard for 34 years, retiring at the rank of vice admiral. During his career, he served on six ships, commanding four of them with over 12 years of sea service in the Bering Sea, Atlantic and Pacific Oceans as well as the Great Lakes and the Caribbean Sea. For 3 years he was assigned to the U.S. Embassy in London. While assigned to Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, DC, Mr. Riutta was deputy chief of the Office of Law Enforcement and Defense Operations and later chief of operations.

During his tenure as district commander for Alaska, Mr. Riutta served as a member of the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council. He worked closely with the Pacific Region Coast Guards, China, Japan, Korea, Canada and Russia, while in command of all

U.S. Coast Guard forces in the Pacific, a post he held on September 11, 2001. Mr. Riutta is originally from Astoria, OR, where many members of his family were involved in the fishing industry. Prior to entering the service, he worked part time commercial fishing on the Columbia River.

Mr. Riutta is a 1968 graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and a 1990 graduate of the National War College. He is married to Barbara Starr Kramer of Chester Springs, PA. They have two sons, Ian and Aaron.

On behalf of the State of Alaska, I ask my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing Vice Admiral Riutta's exceptional career. We owe him a debt of gratitude for his commitment to the Coast Guard, our Nation and Alaska's seafood industry. We wish him well in his retirement.●

ARKANSAS FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, today I wish to congratulate the DeSalvo family for earning the distinction of 2012's Arkansas Farm Family of the Year.

This honor reflects the dedication of Tony DeSalvo, his son Phillip, daughter-in-law Beth, and grandchildren Benjamin and Isabelle to ranching and the importance of agriculture as Arkansas's No. 1 industry.

As owners of Big D Ranch, the DeSalvos oversee a 350-head commercial cow-calf operation. It is one of the largest herd of registered Ultrablack cattle in the State, and includes a 150-head of registered Ultrablack cattle 30 to 40 of which are registered bulls. The DeSalvos also grow around 900 acres of wheat and sorghum-sudan silage and Bermuda hay on the ranch. The DeSalvo family settled near Center Ridge in the late 1800s, and the family continues to work on that same land today. Phillip is passing along his passion for ranching with Benjamin and Isabelle, and now they are learning the rewards of farm work.

The Arkansas Farm Bureau's program honors farm families across the State for their outstanding work both on their farms and in their communities. This recognition is a reflection of the contribution to agriculture at the community and State level and its implications for improved farm practices and management. The DeSalvos are well-deserving of this honor.

I congratulate Tony, Phillip, Beth, Benjamin, and Isabelle on their outstanding achievements in ranching and agriculture and ask my fellow colleagues to join me in honoring them for this accomplishment. I wish them continued success in their future endeavors and look forward to the contributions they will continue to offer Arkansas ranching and agriculture.●

TRIBUTE TO JOHN GRAY

• Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, today I wish to celebrate the life of John

Gray, a son of the great State of Oregon, and a true pioneering spirit whose legacy will live on through his contributions to communities throughout our State.

John Gray, born in the small town of Monroe, OR, to a family of modest means, achieved personal success most can only dream of.

It was once written about John Gray that one "might expect a man such as Gray, who has made it so big so quickly, to behave like the tycoon he is. Instead, he has the manner of a bashful lepidopterist making his first trip to the big city."

At the time of that profile, Salishan was a new community, Sunriver had yet to open, and Skamania was but a twinkle in John Gray's eye. More than 4 decades later, the man who has forever changed the landscape of Oregon remains humble.

John Gray's longstanding commitment to preserving and protecting Oregon's natural beauty is evident in the communities he's developed, such as Sunriver, which complement their surroundings with signature elegance.

That commitment was matched by his passion for strengthening urban communities. Over the last several years, John Gray gave \$2 million to Habitat for Humanity in Oregon. His cornerstone contribution of \$1 million to Habitat's "Block by Block" initiative laid the foundation for a \$10 million land-bank fund, which allowed Habitat to purchase large groups of home lots on Portland's east side. On these lots, Habitat will build entire blocks of new homes for low-income families, most of whom will be first-time homeowners.

Mr. Gray's generosity was expansive, extending beyond homeownership to a range of efforts to make Portland a better place. Twenty years ago, he established a fund at Reed College to make sure the school's students are able to enjoy "cultural, social, and recreational programs of excellent quality" outside the classroom. In 2011, he gave nearly half a million dollars to a private Portland-area school serving students from homeless and very low-income families to build a new classroom for its expanding roster of students. That same year, he pledged \$5 million to the Knight Cancer Institute at Oregon Health & Science University to create an endowed professorship and to fund research and clinical care.

Mr. Gray's professional and civic accomplishments are widely known. As a developer, he created several of Oregon's signature communities. As a businessman, he led Omark Industries and was a director of Tektronix, Precision Castparts and First Interstate Bank. As a philanthropist, he has given millions of dollars to make Portland a place that offers opportunity for all.

But, not many people know that he is also a decorated veteran. He served with the Army's 82nd Airborne Division during World War II, rising to the