

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, due to a family commitment, I was unable to cast a vote on Monday evening regarding the nomination of James Comey to be the next director of the Federal Bureau of Investigations, FBI. I would have voted yes because all Presidents are entitled to nominate whomever they want to key positions, and I believe Mr. Comey is well qualified to lead this important agency and the brave men and women who dedicate their lives to protecting our people and enforcing our laws domestically. In this new position, Mr. Comey should expect Congress to maintain its strong oversight role in ensuring that the FBI effectively executes its mission to keep Americans safe, while protecting the rule of law and our constitutional rights.

FRYEBURG, MAINE

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I rise today to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the Town of Fryeburg, ME, the first town established in the beautiful White Mountains of Maine and New Hampshire. The same spirit of determination and resiliency that carved a community out of the wilderness two and a half centuries ago still guides Fryeburg today.

In 1763, the Seven Years' War between France and Great Britain for control of North America ended with a resounding British victory. In recognition of his courageous service, GEN Joseph Frye, an American-born militia commander, was rewarded with a homestead grant in the White Mountains region. He chose the place where the great Saco River tumbles from the mountains on its journey to the sea, a place of vast forests and fertile farmland. That first settlement of seven lots soon grew into a thriving town, incorporated in 1777 and named in General Frye's honor.

That first settlement was built on the foundation laid a half century before by another early American hero, CPT John Lovewell. His valiant deeds to secure the colonies' northern frontier—including the legendary Battle of the Pond in 1725—were celebrated by such authors as Longfellow, Hawthorne, and Thoreau. From those long ago days to the present, the Veterans Honor Roll in Bradley Park memorializes the more than 1,200 patriots from Fryeburg who have served our Nation in times of peril.

As the town of Fryeburg became a bustling center of industry with lumber and grain mills, the townspeople invested their prosperity in education and in 1792 established Fryeburg Academy, one of America's oldest preparatory schools. Among the academy's first teachers was Daniel Webster, before he began his remarkable career as a statesman in the U.S. Senate and as America's Secretary of State. Fryeburg's connection to the

world of ideas was strengthened in 1997 when the International Musical Arts Institute was established, bringing world-class musicians and conservatory students together every summer for concerts that enrich the community.

The coming of the railroads in the mid-19th century made Fryeburg, with its spectacular scenery, mountain breezes, and pristine waters, a favorite destination for city dwellers escaping the summer heat. Among those who found their way to Fryeburg during that era was the legendary Arctic explorer Robert Peary, who sharpened his navigation skills while surveying the town as a young civil engineer. Today, visitors and residents alike enjoy Fryeburg's many quiet parks, beautifully maintained historic buildings, and exciting outdoor recreation opportunities. The annual Fryeburg Fair, Maine's largest agricultural exhibition, keeps the town's origins and traditions alive.

The celebration of Fryeburg's 250th anniversary is not merely about the passing of time. It is about human accomplishment. We celebrate the people who, for longer than America has been a nation, have pulled together, cared for one another, and built a great community. Thanks to those who came before, Fryeburg, ME, has a wonderful history. Thanks to those there today, it has a bright future.

RECOGNIZING DICK LOPER

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I wish to speak on behalf of Dick Loper, who will be inducted into the Wyoming Agriculture Hall of Fame at the 101st Wyoming State Fair in August. Since 1992, Wyoming has recognized individuals each year who have made substantial contributions to agriculture in our State. This year I have the honor of presenting this award to Dick with my colleague, Senator BARRASSO.

Dick Loper is known across Wyoming for his rangeland consulting, Federal agency cooperation, and community involvement. As a rangeland consultant, Dick has served Wyoming's farmers, ranchers, and agricultural organizations throughout his entire career. He has also worked as a range consultant to the Wyoming State Grazing Board and has been involved in the organization since its creation. Rawlins Rancher and 2011 Wyoming Agriculture Hall of Fame inductee Niels Hansen commented,

Since his time in the Reagan Administration, Dick has made his home in Wyoming working as a range consultant and helping and teaching many ranchers about the benefits of range monitoring and good range stewardship.

Dick is best known for his commitment to the health of Wyoming's rangelands. For over 30 years, he has worked with Bureau of Land Management, BLM, permittees and other parties to advance livestock management and oversee the implementation of

range improvements. As a member of the Committee on Rangeland Classification, his efforts were crucial in gaining national attention for rangeland health, which led to the establishment of standards of healthy rangelands. These standards now give public land users and managers clear goals for grazing.

Dick Loper is also active in a variety of community organizations important to Wyoming agriculture. He served on the Society for Range Management Select Task Force on Unity in Concepts and the Sustainable Rangelands Roundtable. For his service, Dick has been honored with the Guardian of the Grasslands Award.

On a personal note, it seems I can't go very long without visiting with Dick Loper in Washington. In addition to seeing him in Wyoming, Dick is regularly in DC for meetings with Federal agencies and other partners. It is always helpful receiving the latest on public lands during his visits. I am proud to have the opportunity to recognize Dick Loper's achievements with Senator BARRASSO as a 2013 inductee into the Wyoming Agriculture Hall of Fame. Wyoming and its public lands are well served by his lasting and continuing contributions to our State.

RECOGNIZING JW AND THEA NUCKOLLS

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I will soon be attending the 101st Wyoming State Fair. During the Ag Hall of Fame Picnic, Senator ENZI and I will have the honor of recognizing JW and Thea Nuckolls as they are inducted into the Wyoming Agriculture Hall of Fame for 2013. I cannot think of two people more deserving of this recognition.

The Nuckolls family came to Wyoming from Virginia in the early 1900s. JW's parents sold 100 horses in order to purchase the original ranch in 1917. In 1943, the family entered the sheep business by purchasing 500 head of sheep to stock the ranch. JW was only 12 years old when he began trailing ewes from Moorcroft, where the sheep were bought, to the family ranch 26 miles away.

JW returned to the ranch after graduating from the University of Wyoming. He was in the market for more sheep, when he met his future wife, Thea. He purchased part of her family's Corriedale flock. The future couple subsequently ran into each other again at the Wyoming State Fair in 1958 and were married the following year. How fitting it is for them to be honored together in the same place where their lives with one another began 55 years ago.

Over the past five decades, JW and Thea have built a strong, diversified ranching operation. Thea brought registered Angus cows into the family and together she and JW have built herds of high quality cattle and sheep. Their contributions to agriculture go far beyond their own operation, however. JW

and Thea helped to start the Mountain States Lamb Cooperative and Center of the Nation Wool Cooperative which serves 1,700 participants and markets approximately 5 million pounds of wool each year, resulting in gross sales of nearly \$10 million. JW continues to serve as a board member to this day. In addition to the cooperative, JW has also been active in Wyoming Stock Growers Association, Wyoming Farm Bureau, and the Wyoming Wool Growers Association. Thea has served many years as a 4-H club leader, serves on the Wyoming Cattle Women's Association, Wyoming Wool Growers Auxiliary, and Crook County Farm Bureau.

JW and Thea have been stalwart representatives of the agriculture industry in every way. Wyoming Stock Growers Association executive vice president Jim Magagna has said that the sheep industry is stronger because of JW and Thea's involvement. This couple embodies what Wyoming is all about. Honesty, integrity, and hard work are second nature to them. Their willingness to share their knowledge and experience with others ensures that the sheep industry and agriculture in general will continue to be strong in both Wyoming and America for years to come. I would like to extend my congratulations to JW and Thea and thank them for their dedication to the Wyoming way of life.

TRIBUTE TO BRIAN SCOTT GAMROTH

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, today I come to the floor to tell you about one of Wyoming's own, Brian Scott Gamroth. On the radio, television, or at any number of events, folks all over Wyoming are familiar with his deep, resonating voice. Brian is more than a radio personality; he is an enthusiastic advocate for Wyoming and her people.

Brian spent his youth first at a ranch near Medicine Bow and then at a ranch near Saratoga. His family finally settled in Casper in the mid-1970s. In the early 1980s, Brian had a chance to take on Chicago. He worked for CBS Records, PolyGram, and Geffen Records before the call of Wyoming brought him home to Casper. Brian took over the K2 Radio morning show almost 20 years ago. It remains one of the top rated morning shows anywhere.

Brian is always first to lend his voice to efforts raising awareness for veterans, children, and the needs of the community. No cause is too big or too small for him to show his support. Whether it is the Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation, the Wyoming Down Syndrome Association, Special Olympics, or many other organizations, Brian generously supports causes that make Wyoming a better place to call home.

Given his impressive resume of generous service, Brian has been selected by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Wyoming as the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award. Through his

talents as an entertainer, master of ceremonies, and a community leader, Brian has raised millions of dollars for local and State charities. Last year alone, he was the master of ceremonies at 38 events in four States. Brian has the reputation of being the first to donate his talents, time and treasure for causes that enhance the lives of folks in Wyoming and the region. He joins a distinguished group of alumni who have been recognized with this award, including former U.S. Senator Alan Simpson, Vice President Dick Cheney and his wife Lynne, former U.S. Ambassador to Guatemala Tom Stroock, and Governor Mike Sullivan.

This year marks the 15th annual Boys & Girls Clubs Recognition Breakfast event. For the last 12 years, Brian served as the master of ceremonies. It is fitting that Brian has been chosen to receive the prestigious award this year. On behalf of the children he has helped, the families he has embraced, and friends he has made, I offer my heartfelt congratulations. I am honored to know him and call him my friend. Casper and Wyoming is a better place to live and work because of Brian Scott Gamroth.

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES E. HARMAN, JR.

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a man who has been an invaluable member of my team for 6 unforgettable years, my friend and chief of staff, Charlie Harman.

Charlie first came to Washington in 1970. He took an internship with Senator Richard B. Russell of Georgia, to be near his then-girlfriend Carol, now his wife of 40 years.

This internship sparked a passion for public policy, politics, and the United States Senate Charlie could never extinguish.

After his internship with Senator Russell, the Atlanta, GA native graduated from my alma mater UGA, and took a job as a savings and loan officer with Fulton Federal Savings.

However by 1980, Charlie longed to return to politics and began working for Senator Sam Nunn in Georgia. He finally fulfilled his dream of returning to Washington, D.C. when he was asked to serve as Senator Nunn's chief of staff in 1987. He did so until 1992.

He then returned to the private sector as president of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce. In 1996, he left the Chamber and was named vice president of public affairs for Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Georgia.

Seven years later, after Senator Paul Coverdell died tragically and unexpectedly, Zell Miller was appointed to fill the unexpired seat. Charlie stepped in to be his chief of staff—organizing his office and hiring his staff.

Miller ran for the seat in November 2000 and was elected to serve the final 4 years of Coverdell's term. Charlie returned to Georgia and his job at Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

As you can see, Charlie has been an integral part of Georgia's U.S. Senate history, and his was a name that came up often when I found myself in need of a chief of staff in 2007.

When I interviewed Charlie, I remember asking him what his hobbies were. He replied, 'I don't have a hobby, I just like to work.' That turned out to be true.

I remember telling him my personal policy is to hire good people and then leave them alone to do their job.

In this respect, there are never days when I worry my chief of staff would not be in the office, or a task will not be done. He is passionate and dedicated, and I am better able to focus on my tasks knowing he is there.

Ralph Waldo Emerson once said that "Big jobs usually go to the men who prove their ability to outgrow small ones."

I do not see that in Charlie. He places emphasis on all aspects of the job—big and small.

He walks away from a room full of CEOs to answer the front office phones, so the staff assistants can have a break.

He makes constituent mail a number one priority, ensuring all Georgians receive a quality response by week's end.

And he is never too busy to talk to folks visiting from Georgia, or staffers who are having personal troubles.

Anyone would be amazed to see how he manages such a high-pressure environment with efficiency, focus, and vision. Charlie inspires confidence in the staff and he inspires loyalty.

In my 19 years in Congress, I have had the good fortune of having many talented staffers. You never forget the work they have done for you.

On August 5, Charlie will be leaving my office to join Emory University as its Vice President for Government Relations. I congratulate Charlie and wish him well in his new position.

Charlie has made a difference in thousands of lives around the Hill, around this town, and around Georgia. I will never forget all he has accomplished, and he will be sorely missed.

TRIBUTE TO GERALDINE "JERRIE" MOCK

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Newark, OH native Jerrie Mock, the first woman to fly solo around the world. On September 14, 2013, a bronze statue will be dedicated in honor of her accomplishments at The Works: Ohio Center for History, Art & Technology, a science and history museum for children in Newark, OH.

On March 19, 1964, at the age of 38, the Ohio native and self-described "flying housewife" set off from Columbus, OH on her solo flight around the world in a 1953 Cessna 180 single-engine monoplane named the "Spirit of Columbus." She made the flight in 29 days, including 21 stopovers, covering 22,860 miles.