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PN108 MARINE CORPS nominations (5) beginning MICHAEL GASPERINI, and ending TIMOTHY W. WILLIAMS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 23, 2013.

PN109 MARINE CORPS nominations (6) beginning STEPHEN R. BYRNES, and ending JAMES N. TIMMER, JR., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 23, 2013.

PN110 MARINE CORPS nominations (7) beginning PETER K. BASABE, JR., and ending MICHAEL A. YOUNG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 23, 2013.

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PN115 NAVY nomination of Harry E. Hayes, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 23, 2013.

PN116 NAVY nomination of Shemeya L. Grant, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 23, 2013.

PN117 NAVY nominations (2) beginning CHRISTOPHER J. KANE, and ending LUKE C. SUBER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 23, 2013.

PN118 NAVY nominations (29) beginning JEANINE F. BENJAMIN, and ending BENJAMIN F. VISGER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 23, 2013.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate resumes legislative session.

MORNING BUSINESS

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

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

TRIBUTE TO SPENCER STOKES

Mr. LEE. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a special class of people who are critical to the success of any U.S. Senator.

During the recent Super Bowl game, one advertisement stood out among all the others. It was an advertisement based on a tribute taken from the great American Paul Harvey. It was entitled "So God Made a Farmer." While I respect and admire farmers greatly, especially those I know from Utah, I am

also certain that my colleagues in this Chamber will agree that when it comes to this institution, we can rightly change that statement ever so slightly to say, "So God Made a Chief of Staff."

My first chief of staff Spencer Stokes is returning to Utah. He is also returning to his family and to private life after 2 extraordinary years serving me in my office. I offer this in tribute to him and to all great chiefs of staff who labor here on Capitol Hill.

When God looked down on the Senate, He realized that Senators alone could never keep things running and He said, I need a caretaker. So God made a chief of staff. He needed someone whose first thought in the morning and last thought at night would be about helping and serving a Senator; who would rise before dawn and organize the day, set the strategy, deal with the thick and thin of things, and steer the Senator away from bad meetings, bad policy, and bad people; someone who would work all day in and out of the office, would skip holidays, birthdays, and parties in pursuit of their service, who would stay past midnight waiting for a vote, and then be willing to get up at the crack of dawn the next morning to do it all again. So God made a chief of staff.

He needed someone with thick skin, strong will, and at the same time a soft touch; strong enough to herd cats, yet gentle enough to comfort a grieving constituent or staff member; someone to call BS, tame the cantankerous bureaucracy of government, creatively solve problems big and small, and patiently listen to a hostile constituent with an axe to grind, and then tell that same constituent to come back again real soon—and mean it. So God made a chief of staff.

God said, I need someone who can shape a staff, shine shoes, horse trade for furniture and office space, navigate a litany of ethics and rules requirements, and play the role of cruise director for countless constituent tours of Washington, DC; someone who will put in a full 40 hours by Tuesday at noon, and then put in another 72 hours on top of that by the end of the week. So God made a chief of staff.

He had to have someone willing to sprint at double speed to stay ahead of a news story, and yet stop on a dime and pivot to help the real people of this country, no matter the consequences, no matter the circumstances, and regardless of what the press might be doing at the moment. He needed someone who, when the Senator becomes surrounded by "yes" men is willing to say humbly yet firmly and resolutely, "No, sir." So God made a chief of staff.

He said, I need somebody strong enough to catch arrows, take heat, endure withering criticism, and patiently listen to angry voices; somebody who is just fine with little prominence, praise, prestige, or perks, and who above all is fiercely loyal and forever has the Senator's back. So God made a chief of staff.

I am fairly certain that when God looked down on a newly elected Senator from Utah during the final months of 2010, He knew that any old chief of staff wouldn't do. So, in my case, he actually chose a farmer—a turkey farmer, to be specific—from Bothwell, UT, named Spencer Stokes.

Spencer has been a truly outstanding chief of staff. Doing the heavy lifting and providing the Herculean effort required to set up an office and build a staff from scratch proved to be Spencer's forte. It proved to be easy for him—or at least he made it look easy. He has an eye for detail like no other, though we occasionally need to remind him to "zoom out." Straight chairs in the conference room, straight desks, and even straight ties all set the stage for straight talk about issues and policy and serving constituents.

Spencer's love of Utah and its people is unequaled. As a first order of business, he set out to make my office something of an embassy for my State. So when you walk into our office, you are actually walking quite literally into Utah. From the art on the walls to the naming of the conference rooms, from our legendary JELL-O Wednesday to the staff reading of the smalltown Utah newspapers each week—everything leads to an experience in our office, and everything in our office is an experience of Utah.

Spencer will long be remembered and appreciated for his handwritten notes, the best night tour in DC—a true story—bringing people together, confetti cannons, Utah fry sauce, lots of laughter, and a tireless commitment to make bad things good and good things even better.

From Spencer's perspective, there are no small players in this great institution that is the Senate. He did not just preach that philosophy, he lived it every single day he was here. As a testament to that, we noted that when we asked him to provide a list of all the people he wanted invited to his farewell party, at the top of Spencer's list there were people who were not necessarily of high status. No, the top of the list was reserved for the people who really make this place go: cashiers and cooks, security personnel, guides and junior staff from nearly every corner of this building.

I salute Spencer Stokes for his service to this Nation, to this institution, and to the people of Utah. I salute Spencer for his service to me and my family. I will forever be thankful that God made a chief of staff and especially thankful for a particularly extraordinary chief of staff, Spencer Stokes.

TRIBUTE TO U.S. MARSHAL DAVID DEMAG

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, one of the great privileges in serving in the U.S. Senate is the ability to make recommendations to the President with respect to important nominations for posts in our States. I was pleased 4

years ago to recommend to President Obama the nomination of David Demag to be Vermont's U.S. Marshal, and to help move his nomination through the Judiciary Committee and Senate confirmation. In fact, he was the first U.S. Marshal to be confirmed during the Obama administration.

Since his confirmation, Marshal Demag's tireless devotion to reducing crime rates in Vermont has helped make my home State a safe and comfortable home for its residents.

Marshal Demag began his career in 1971 as a patrol officer for the Burlington Police Department, where he rose through the ranks as corporal, detective, sergeant, lieutenant, and later, commander. I have known Marshal Demag throughout his career. He served as chief of police for both the Essex and St. Albans Police Departments. He also was a member of the Burlington Police Department. He has been a leader in Vermont in the fight against rural crime, and has spent his life and career devoted to public service.

As a U.S. Marshal for Vermont, Dave Demag has remained dedicated to arresting the State's most wanted fugitives and sex offenders and his work in establishing the Vermont Violent Offender Task Force has expanded the ability of the U.S. Marshal's office to catch violent and habitual sex offenders. The task force has not only served as a tool for bringing law enforcement officials throughout the State together, but has also improved Vermont's track record for fugitive arrests to 70 percent while reinvesting assets seized from criminals to address the needs of State and local law enforcement. These results are making a real difference in the lives of Vermonters across the State and should serve as a model for how Federal and State law enforcement can work together around the country.

One of Vermont's local news stations, WCAX, recently ran a story highlighting these accomplishments, and I ask unanimous consent that a copy of that story be printed in the RECORD at the conclusion of my remarks. I look forward to Marshal Demag's continued partnership with state and local law enforcement in Vermont.

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

(See exhibit 1.)

Mr. LEAHY. I look forward to Marshal Demag's continued partnership with State and local law enforcement in Vermont.

EXHIBIT 1

[WCAX—Vermont, January 28, 2013]

U.S. MARSHALS MAKING AN IMPACT IN
VERMONT

(By Jennifer Reading)

BURLINGTON, VT.—Five faces represent Vermont's most wanted. Two have been caught, but the remaining three fugitives are prime targets for the U.S. Marshals Service.

“It's a real good area to attack to make our communities safer here in Vermont,” said David Demag, who was appointed by

President Obama to head the U.S. Marshals Service's Vermont Division.

Three months ago he created the Vermont Violent Offender Task Force. The operation expanded the Marshals' mission to include tracking down violent and habitual sex offenders. Statistically—these criminals pose a greater risk to the public. “The ones who are out of compliance top that list and are more likely to re-offend,” Demag said.

Demag said dedicating a full time team to taking down non-compliant sex offenders—on top of its regular fugitive finding mission—meant adding a state trooper and a UVM police officer to the task force. But he said the plan is working. Since October they've arrested 39 federal and 40 state fugitives. In 2012 fugitive arrests for state of offenses jumped by 70 percent. “This is not a place where fugitives or sex offenders can come and hide,” said Chief Deputy U.S. Marshal Bill Gerke.

That's the message the task force sent to three high profile out-of-state fugitives on the run in Vermont. The Marshals found Philip Barr hiding out in Hardwick. He was wanted for a Florida murder. Robert Mulkern was arrested in Windsor for a Maryland sex assault and 149 counts of child pornography. And Clifford Moore was nabbed on his way to the airport, fleeing murder, sex assault and terrorism charges. Although the task force gives priority to federal fugitives identified as the “worst-of-the-worst,” they'll also adopt state and local cases if there's a violent component to the crime. The Marshals have the tools, expertise and time that their state counterparts lack. “We are here as a resource for them,” Demag said.

Two weeks ago they helped local authorities locate Shane Phillips, a Johnson man wanted for more than a decade for various violent crimes. He was hiding behind a false wall in his family's home. “The spirit and the actual cooperation has never been better than it is presently,” Gerke said. The life-long Deputy Marshal said interagency cooperation is the key to slowing down the state's ongoing violent crime and preventing out-of-state organized crime from getting a foothold in Vermont. “Vermont will not harbor that type of activity,” he added.

The task force is funded by the federal government. Assets seized from the criminals are then reinvested in state and local law enforcement—paying overtime if they help with compliance checks—as well as outfitting them with critical safety equipment and vehicles.

TRIBUTE TO PATTY STONESIFER

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, it is easy from our perch on Capitol Hill to sometimes forget about the city that surrounds us. Like so many communities across the country, urban and rural, Washington, D.C. wrestles with a population in poverty. Soon, those people will have a new advocate at the head of one of the Nation's capital's leading organizations focused on ending the cycle of poverty among local youth and adults. Starting in April, Patty Stonesifer will become the new C.E.O. and President of Martha's Table.

Patty devoted 9 years of her life to the work of the Gates Foundation. As its chief executive officer, she helped the foundation become the largest philanthropic institution in the world while taking no salary for herself. After her time at the Gates Founda-

tion, Patty's passion for change led her to become part of the U.S. delegation to the United Nations General Assembly Special Sessions on AIDS, and was later appointed by President Obama in 2010 to chair the White House Council for Community Solutions. We have become friends through our shared service on the Smithsonian Board of Regents, and she is active on the board of the Center for Global Development, and is a member of the Circle of Allies and Champions for the National Council of Youth Leaders.

Patty's dedication to philanthropy aligns perfectly with the mission of Martha's Table. This nonprofit is more than a food pantry. Not only does Martha's Table supply more than 1,000 meals each day to hungry Washingtonians, it also works to develop long-term solutions to hunger and nutrition issues, seeking an end to poverty. Martha's Table helps to break the cycle of poverty by providing education, nutrition, and family support services to hundreds of children and families. Martha's Table is lucky to have someone like Patty at the helm. I have no doubt she will successfully prepare the next generation of young people for a bright future. Patty's self sacrifice and dedication to ending poverty and hunger in our Nation's Capital is to be commended, and I wish her the best of luck in her new role.

I ask unanimous consent that an article from The Washington Post entitled, “Patty Stonesifer, former CEO of Gates Foundation, to lead D.C. food pantry,” be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[The Washington Post, January 29, 2013]

PATTY STONESIFER, FORMER CEO OF GATES FOUNDATION, TO LEAD D.C. FOOD PANTRY

(By Steve Hendrix)

It took about six months after moving to Washington for Patty Stonesifer to find her new job. As the former chief executive of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, she had a lot of corner-office options to sift through, including a university presidency and the top jobs at a national charity and an international development agency.

Her choice? She's going to run Martha's Table on 14th Street NW. Starting April 1, she will take over the well-regarded but decidedly local food pantry and family-services nonprofit organization.

Stonesifer, 56, who oversaw the Gates Foundation endowment of \$39 billion and a staff of more than 500 for nine years, will manage the D.C. charity's \$6 million budget, 81 paid employees, three vans and thrift shop.

Martha's Table plans an official announcement Wednesday. But as word of Stonesifer's unexpected career move began to circulate in recent days, it inspired twin reactions: “Wow!” and “Why?”

Overachievers usually work their way from small to big. Having Stonesifer come run a small local charity is like General Electric business titan Jack Welch showing up to manage the corner appliance store, or one of the Super Bowl-bound Harbaugh brothers deciding to coach high school football.

“If you just look at my résumé, I find that I have to explain this,” Stonesifer said last