

the Cadet Corps at the Tuskegee Institute in Tuskegee, AL. He soon became a fighter pilot and joined the Army Air Corps 99th Pursuit Squadron. In World War II, Lane flew 26 combat missions, flying P-51 Mustang fighter planes. Following the war, Lieutenant Colonel Lane continued his service in the U.S. Air Force for 27 years, until his retirement in 1970. His last station was at Strategic Air Command, Offutt Air Base, near Bellevue, NE. Following his service, Lane and his family remained in the area.

In 2007, Lane was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal by President George W. Bush in recognition of his bravery, courage and sacrifice during World War II. Along with his fellow Tuskegee Airmen, he bravely rose above the racial divisions of the time to serve our country with honor and valor. In addition to their courageous service, the Tuskegee Airman provided inspiration to our country, paving the way towards greater equality for all Americans.

As a civilian, Lieutenant Colonel Lane continued to serve his community. As Executive Director of the Greater Omaha Community Action Inc.—GOCA, he fought poverty on a number of fronts by addressing hunger, substance abuse, mental health and others. Spanning his tenure of more than two decades at the agency, he was known as being determined efforts to help the impoverished achieve self-sufficiency.

Demonstrating Lieutenant Colonel Lane's tireless passion for service, upon retirement he continued to volunteer his time, talent and resources to a number of important causes in the Omaha area. He founded the 99th Pursuit Cadet Squadron of the Nebraska Wing of the Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the United States Air Force. As the Squadron's first Commander and later its Commander Emeritus, he mentored countless youth and promoted aviation throughout Nebraska. He also served as a national representative of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.

May Lieutenant Colonel Lane's lifelong commitment to our great Nation and serving others is truly commendable. I ask my colleagues and the citizens of the United States to join me in honoring his service on this day.●

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

● Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. President, each November we recognize National Native American Heritage Month to honor the tradition, culture, contributions, achievements, and sacrifices of those that originally inhabited this great Nation. With over 5 million individuals of Native American descent in the United States, it is important to celebrate the instrumental impact Native American culture has had on American history. National Native American Heritage Month is an oppor-

tunity to focus our attention on tribal sovereignty by ensuring trust responsibilities are upheld and government-to-government relationships with tribes across the Nation are strengthened.

This month has added significance to me, as I represent a state with nine treaty tribes. I would like to personally acknowledge and honor South Dakota's nine treaty tribes: the Cheyenne River Sioux, the Crow Creek Sioux, the Flandreau Santee Sioux, the Lower Brule Sioux, the Oglala Sioux, the Rosebud Sioux, the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate, the Standing Rock Sioux, and the Yankton Sioux. Each tribe brings rich cultures and histories that greatly benefit all South Dakotans, not just in November, but throughout the year.

American Indians across the United States have served and continue to serve in our Armed Forces at rates higher than any other ethnic group, and their dedication and commitment to the United States is unwavering. This month, the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, Oglala Sioux Tribe, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate and Yankton Sioux Tribe were honored with Congressional Gold Medals for the contributions of their code talkers during World Wars I and II. The use of tribal languages equipped our Armed Forces with a system of communication that was not decoded. The valiant contributions of tribal code talkers to the United States are unparalleled and to be commended.

It is also important to reflect on the numerous contributions Native Americans across the country have made in our society this November. Countless dedicated individuals continue to work on the ground in Indian Country to improve tribal communities for future generations. However, the Federal government must also uphold its trust responsibility with tribes and continue to improve access to healthcare, education, and adequate housing. Thoughtful communication and collaboration between tribal and federal leaders on these issues is necessary to advance the quality of life for American Indians.

This November, I urge Americans to participate in the celebration of Native American Heritage Month by taking a moment to learn more about the heritage, culture, and various contributions Native Americans have made to the United States throughout our shared history. I would like to acknowledge and praise the more than 70,000 American Indians in South Dakota who enrich our communities on a daily basis. Education and awareness of tribal histories will enable us to move forward as a Nation which embraces the diversity of all.●

TRIBUTE TO CHARLIE E. WILLIAMS, JR.

● Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, today I recognize and pay tribute to Charlie E.

Williams, Jr., who will retire as director of the Defense Contract Management Agency—DCMA—on November 25, 2013, after more than 30 years of service to our Nation.

Director Williams began his public service career in 1982 through the Air Force Logistics Command at Kelly Air Force Base in Texas. Over the following years, his career included a series of appointments with ever-increasing responsibility. He was the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Contracting, in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, a U.S. member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's Airborne Early Warning and Control Program Board of Directors, the team lead of Program Executive Officer and Designated Acquisition Commander programs, and finally, Director of DCMA.

Director Williams was stationed at Fort Lee, VA for his final mission. As Director of DCMA he oversees the delivery of all products and services, from water to weapons systems, to our troops around the world. He leads nearly 11,000 personnel, both civilian and military, who execute contracts worldwide, covering more than 19,900 contractors and more than \$223 billion in obligations. Recently, Director Williams and DCMA oversaw more than 300 critical theater support contracts valued at more than \$20 billion, delivering logistics, security, transportation, maintenance and critical life-support services to 230,000 International Security Assistance Force personnel at over 180 forward operating bases. Under Director Williams' leadership, DCMA professionals provided mentorship and guidance to more than 60,000 deployed contractor personnel throughout Afghanistan, executing more than 5,000 missions, despite significant danger. Their efforts ensured service of more than 240 million meals to coalition force personnel, production of more than 10 billion gallons of water, and delivery of 48 million bags of laundry and 900 million gallons of fuel.

I commend Director Williams' commitment to duty and cause, as well as his passion for public service. In every role in which he served, he contributed to the success of the mission, demonstrated high standards of conduct, and served with honesty, loyalty, and integrity. His long career of service will leave a lasting impact on our Nation. Director Williams is a devoted husband to his wife, Tujuanna, and dedicated father to his two daughters, Chloe and Charity.

I extend my gratitude and that of the entire Nation to Director Williams for his service to our country. The Commonwealth of Virginia and the United States are fortunate to have had Director Williams among our ranks. I wish him the best of luck in the months and years ahead.●

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT DEPOE III

• Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, today I wish to honor Robert DePoe III on recently becoming the new president of Salish Kootenai College in Pablo, MT. Robert was born in Polson, MT and was 2-years-old when Salish Kootenai College was founded in 1977. Robert spent his entire childhood on the Flathead Reservation in Montana's Mission Valley, graduating from high school in Ronan in 1993.

After attending North Idaho College, Robert returned home and worked at a local mill before going on a church mission that led him to Southern Utah University. At Southern Utah, Robert earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice before becoming a social worker with the Paiute Tribe of Utah. At 27, Robert became education director and served as an advisor and chairman of the Coalition of Minorities to the Utah State Board of Education. From there, Robert's ascent continued, and he went on to earn his master's degree in professional communication.

Now, at 38, Robert is returning home again to lead Salish Kootenai College. Robert will take over a job recently vacated by Luana Ross. Prior to Luana, the position was held exclusively by the founding president of over 30 years, Joe McDonald. Joe is a legend in higher education. Under his leadership, Salish Kootenai College became one of the premier tribal colleges in the Nation.

During Joe's 38-year tenure, Salish Kootenai transformed from a campus extension for a local community college to educating over 1,000 Native students. While Robert has big shoes to fill, I know he is ready for the challenge. And he has a capable faculty and eager students to make his task a little easier.

I wish good luck to Robert and to Salish Kootenai College as they continue to honor the heritage of the Salish and Kootenai while preparing our future leaders of Montana. •

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:01 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, an-

nounced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1965. An act to streamline and ensure onshore energy permitting, provide for onshore leasing certainty, and give certainty to oil shale development for American energy security, economic development, and job creation, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2728. An act to recognize States' authority to regulate oil and gas operations and promote American energy security, development, and job creation.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 1752. A bill to reform procedures for determinations to proceed to trial by court-martial for certain offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 1965. An act to streamline and ensure onshore energy permitting, provide for onshore leasing certainty, and give certainty to oil shale development for American energy security, economic development, and job creation, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2728. An act to recognize States' authority to regulate oil and gas operations and promote American energy security, development, and job creation.

S. 1774. A bill to reauthorize the Undetectable Firearms Act of 1988 for 1 year.

S. 1775. A bill to improve the sexual assault prevention and response programs and activities of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, November 21, 2013, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 252. An act to reduce preterm labor and delivery and the risk of pregnancy-related and complications due to pregnancy, and to reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity, and for other purposes.

S. 1545. An act to extend authorities related to global HIV/AIDS and to promote oversight of United States programs.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3658. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2012 Superfund Five-Year Review Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3659. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Material Control and Accounting Regulations" (RIN3150-AI61) received during

adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 8, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3660. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Species; Delisting of the Eastern District Population Segment of Steller Sea Lion Under the Endangered Species Act; Amendment to Special Protection Measures for Endangered Marine Mammals" (RIN0648-BB41) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3661. A communication from the Chief of the Recovery and Delisting Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Removal of the Magazine Mountain Shagreen from the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife" (RIN1018-AX59) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 15, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3662. A communication from the Chief of the Foreign Species Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Listing Five Foreign Bird Species in Colombia and Ecuador, South America, as Endangered Throughout Their Range" (RIN1018-AV75) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 15, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3663. A communication from the Chief of the Endangered Species Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Determination of Endangered Species Status for the Mount Charleston Blue Butterfly" (RIN1018-AY52) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 15, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3664. A communication from the Chief of the Permits and Regulations Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "General Provisions; Revised List of Migratory Birds" (RIN1018-AX48) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 15, 2013; and Environment and Public Works.

EC-3665. A communication from the Chief of the Permits and Regulations Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting; Application for Approval of Copper-Clad Iron Shot and Fluoropolymer Shot Coatings as Nontoxic for Waterfowl Hunting" (RIN1018-AY61, RIN1018-AY66) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 15, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3666. A communication from the Chief of the Permits and Regulations Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Permits; Depredation Order for Migratory Birds in California" (RIN1018-AY65) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 15, 2013; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.