

1952, and also wrote for *Jet* and *Ebony* magazines. Mr. Booker was witness to the rise of the great civil rights leaders of that time—Martin Luther King, Jr., the Kennedy brothers, Whitney Young, and many others. He wrote about Martin Luther King's nonviolent movement for civil rights, and covered the 1963 March on Washington.

Mr. Booker has received recognition from his peers, having been awarded both the Newspaper Guild Award and the Wilkie Award. As a journalist, he became the first African-American to win the National Press Club's Fourth Estate Award in 1982. He most recently authored "Shocking the Conscience: A Reporter's account of the Civil Rights Movement," an account of a half-century of American history. Earlier this year, he was inducted into the National Association of Black Journalists Hall of Fame.

I would like to honor Simeon Booker for his lifetime contributions to our country in the fields of journalism and civil rights and congratulate him on his recognition at Youngstown State University.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING JOEL DEFEBAGH

• Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Joel Defebaugh for his hard work as an intern in my Washington, DC Office. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Joel is a native of Casper, WY and a graduate of Natrona County High School. He is also a recent graduate of the University of Wyoming, where he earned a degree in political science. He has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Joel for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It was a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all of his future endeavors. I wish him all my best on his next journey.●

RECOGNIZING ABBIE GOLDEN

• Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Abbie Golden for her hard work as an intern in the Senate Republican Policy Committee office. I recognize her efforts and contributions to my office.

Abbie is a native of Little Rock, AR and a graduate of Episcopal High School. She is also a recent graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, where she earned a degree in political science. She has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made her an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of

her work is reflected in her great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Abbie for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It was a pleasure to have her as part of our team. I know she will have continued success with all of her future endeavors. I wish her all my best on her next journey.●

RECOGNIZING AMANDA JONES

• Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Amanda Jones for her hard work as an intern in my Riverton, WY office. I recognize her efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Amanda is a graduate of Lander Valley High School. She is from Riverton, WY and currently attends the University of Wyoming, where she is majoring in criminal justice. She has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made her an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of her work is reflected in her great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Amanda for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It was a pleasure to have her as part of our team. I know she will have continued success with all of her future endeavors. I wish her all my best on her next journey.●

RECOGNIZING NATASHA JOHN

• Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Natasha John for her hard work as an intern in the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. I recognize her efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Natasha is a native of Oklahoma and a graduate of Concordia College. She is also a candidate for a masters of arts in global studies and international relations from the University of Central Oklahoma. She has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made her an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of her work is reflected in her great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Natasha for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It was a pleasure to have her as part of our team. I know she will have continued success with all of her future endeavors. I wish her all my best on her next journey.●

RECOGNIZING AMY LEE

• Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Amy Lee for her hard work as an intern in my Washington, DC office. I recognize her efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Amy is a native of Cheyenne, WY. She is a recent graduate of Marquette

University where she earned a bachelor of arts in political science. She has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made her an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of her work is reflected in her great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Amy for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It was a pleasure to have her as part of our team. I know she will have continued success with all of her future endeavors. I wish her all my best on her next journey.●

RECOGNIZING RYAN LOJO

• Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Ryan Lojo for his hard work as an intern in my Washington, DC office. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Ryan is a native of Casper, WY and a graduate of Kelly Walsh High School. He is also a recent graduate of Gonzaga University, where he earned a degree in business administration-economics. He has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Ryan for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It was a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all of his future endeavors. I wish him all my best on his next journey.●

RECOGNIZING MATTHEW SPENNY

• Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Matthew Spenny for his hard work as an intern in my Cheyenne, WY office. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Matthew lives in Laramie, WY and is a graduate of the University of Wyoming, where he earned a degree in communication and journalism. He has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Matthew for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It was a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all of his future endeavors. I wish him all my best on his next journey.●

RECOGNIZING JENNIFER TRABING

• Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Jennifer Trabling for her hard work as an intern in my Cheyenne, WY office. I recognize her efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Jennifer is a native of Buffalo, WY where she graduated from Buffalo High School. She is also a graduate of the University of Wyoming where she earned a bachelor of arts in international studies. She has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made her an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of her work is reflected in her great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Jennifer for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It was a pleasure to have her as part of our team. I know she will have continued success with all of her future endeavors. I wish her all my best on her next journey.●

AETNA HOSE HOOK & LADDER COMPANY

● Mr. COONS. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator TOM CARPER, Congressman JOHN CARNEY and myself, I rise today to recognize the Aetna Hose Hook & Ladder Company and its many volunteers and leadership who, on December 17, 2013, will celebrate the 125th anniversary of the company's founding in 1888.

For more than a century, Aetna has provided exemplary firefighting and lifesaving services for residents of Newark, DE. From its humble beginnings at the turn of the century, when the company consisted of a simple, hand-drawn hose cart, the Aetna Hose Hook & Ladder Company has grown to incorporate 5 stations, 17 trucks, and hundreds of members dedicated to "service for others."

Prior to 1888, residents were forced to combat fires on their own, until a fire in a woolen mill resulted in the loss of 800 jobs. The disaster prompted the town council to call for the creation of a town fire company. Founded on December 17, 1888 at a meeting of 30 town citizens, Aetna Hose Hook & Ladder Company's first leadership group included John A. Mullin as chairman, Isaac J. Moore as secretary, William H. Simpser as president, and Joseph T. Willis as foreman—the 19th century term for fire chief. Dues for active members began at \$1, while contributing members paid \$2 per year. The company was incorporated on December 13, 1889, with 57 charter members.

During its humble first years, Aetna's fire alarm system consisted of ringing Catholic Church, academy and college bells. In 1893, the company purchased its first hose carriage and in 1901, it received its first \$250 appropriation from the town of Newark, prompting a celebratory parade.

The fire company soon became an integral part of the Newark community, hosting banquets, carnivals, and bingo nights to raise money for equipment and firefighting gear. Formed in 1949, the Aetna Ladies Auxiliary has provided unwavering support for the company's members, from fundraising to providing hot meals for firefighters and their guests.

Today, Aetna is proud to be home to more than 20 highly decorated firefighters, EMS, and EMT members. Recent citations include Heroic EMT of the Year to Jeff Evans, Eric Barsky, Paul Testa, Steve Walls, and Garland Church, and Lt. John P. Murphy; EMT of the Year to Rob "Dusty" Sweetman, Joshua Rainey, Michael Shao, Kevin Eichinger, Theodorica Cenizal, Ann Gillespie, Arman Fardanesh, Laurel Petchel, and Melanie Patnaude; and Lifetime Achievement in EMS Awards to Diane Silverman, E. David Bailey, and Gene Niland. Aetna is also the home to 12 EMS Top Responders, including 4-time winner Eric B. Barsky.

The Delaware congressional delegation is proud to recognize the Aetna Hose Hook & Ladder Company and its team of first responders for 125 years of honorable service to the community of Newark, DE.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:06 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3627. An act to require the Attorney General to report on State law penalties for certain child abusers, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 1238(b)(3) of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2001 (22 U.S.C. 7002), amended by the division P of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (22 U.S.C. 6901), the Minority Leader re-appointed the following members to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission: Ms. Carolyn Bartholomew of Washington, DC and Mr. Jeffery L. Fiedler of Great Falls, Virginia.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3627. An act to require the Attorney General to report on State law penalties for certain child abusers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 1797. A bill to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes.

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-3742. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmit-

ting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fenpropathrin; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9902-44) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3743. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tebuconazole; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9902-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3744. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Etofenprox; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9902-39) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3745. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Quinclorac; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9902-15) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3746. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Metaldehyde; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9399-8) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 2, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3747. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Fresh Beans, Shelled or in Pods, From Jordan Into the Continental United States" ((RIN0579-AD69) (Docket No. APHIS-2012-0042)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 19, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3748. A communication from the Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Derivatives Clearing Organizations and International Standards" (RIN3038-AE06) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 20, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3749. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, the quarterly exception Selected Acquisition Reports (SARs) as of September 30, 2013 (DCN OSS 2013-1801); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3750. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Robert P. Lennox, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3751. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Darrell D. Jones, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.