

In Hawaii, a large part of our economy is hospitality and tourism. Many workers earn the tipped minimum wage, which is lower than the regular wage. I have met restaurant workers who can't afford to eat at the restaurant where they work. I heard one mother say she had to choose between buying diapers for her kids or eating lunch that day. Women should not have to make that choice. Back in 2007, the last time Congress raised the minimum wage, the restaurant industry said it would cost their industry jobs. But in 2013, the restaurant industry forecast said, "Restaurants remain among the leaders in job creation." The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that between 2007 and 2013, restaurants added 724,000 jobs.

Raising the minimum wage also saves taxpayer money on social services. When companies pay a low minimum wage, workers in poverty can't afford to eat. Taxpayers are picking up the tab—we're subsidizing low-wage companies. If we raise the wage to \$10.10, we reduce taxpayer costs for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or food stamps, by \$4.6 billion a year. In Hawaii, over 15,000 workers would no longer need SNAP benefits.

In America, we believe that if you work hard and play by the rules, you can get ahead. Let's increase the minimum wage, to give all Americans a fair shot.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING NICHOLAS J. HALIAS

• Ms. AYOTTE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the exceptional public service of Nicholas J. "Nick" Halias who passed away on March 3, 2014. Nick most recently served as the chief of police of the University of New Hampshire Police Department and previously served as a major in the New Hampshire State Police. His law enforcement career extended for more than 42 years of dedicated service to our State and nation.

Nick began his law enforcement career with the New Hampshire State Police in 1969. Through hard work, dedication, and an innate leadership ability, Nick advanced through the ranks of the New Hampshire State Police culminating in his promotion to major. Major Halias was a graduate of the FBI National Academy, earned a master's degree from Fitchburg State University, and graduated from the New England Institute of Law Enforcement Management at Babson College.

Following his retirement from the New Hampshire State Police, Nick continued his law enforcement career serving as the chief of police for the University of New Hampshire Police Department from 2000 to 2012. Nick led that agency to accreditation by the Commission on Law Enforcement Accreditation and became an accredita-

tion mentor and assessor for police organizations across the United States.

It was my privilege during my service as New Hampshire's attorney general to work directly with Nick on many law enforcement initiatives. Nick earned the respect and admiration of his peers in law enforcement. He was also highly regarded by members of other disciplines including advocates for reducing domestic and sexual violence, victim witness advocates, and many others across New Hampshire. Nick was a thoughtful and effective participant in efforts to improve the criminal justice system and public safety in New Hampshire. He also was a down-to-earth, kind man who regularly volunteered at annual multidisciplinary conferences conducted by the attorney general's office. He participated as an instructor, but also consistently helped set up and tear down. Nick was fun to work with. I will miss his wise counsel and his friendship.

As the New Hampshire law enforcement community gathers on April 10, 2014 to honor Nicholas J. Halias' extraordinary life of public service, I join all in commending Nick's exceptional contribution to law enforcement and public safety in New Hampshire. New Hampshire is safer and our quality of life is better because of the work done by Nicholas J. Halias. I extend heartfelt condolences to Nick's wife Linda and to his family.●

RECOGNIZING DR. ROBERT SPENCE

• Mr. BLUNT. Mr. President, I wish to honor Dr. Robert H. Spence, who is retiring as president of Evangel University after 40 years of dedicated service in that role—making him the longest tenured college president in the State of Missouri and one of the longest tenured college presidents in the United States.

Under his vision and leadership over the last 40 years, Evangel has been transformed from what was once a World War II-era Army hospital campus—complete with metal huts—into a modern institution with a dozen new facilities. Today, Evangel boasts an impressive campus with two residence halls, a 2,200 seat chapel, a state-of-the-art fitness center, dining hall, student union, fine arts center, two major classroom buildings and a 66,000-square-foot administration building. The expansion of facilities reflects the fact that Evangel's enrollment has doubled, and the school has added nine masters programs. With Dr. Spence at the helm, Evangel University has flourished.

Evangel is located in my hometown of Springfield, MO, so I have personally witnessed the growth and development of the university and can attest to Dr. Spence's dynamic leadership and commitment. He is active in the community, serving on numerous boards and institutions, dedicating his time and energy to Springfield's citizens on- and off-campus. In recognition of his com-

munity work, the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce, where Dr. Spence once served as chairman of the board, honored him for a "Career of Character," naming him Springfieldian of the Year in 2004. In 2012 he received the Springfield Business Journal's Lifetime Achievement in Business Award. These recognitions are well deserved.

I join many other community leaders in Springfield in thanking Dr. Spence for his lifetime of work as an inspirational minister, messenger, and educator. As a former university president, I applaud him for his commitment to Evangel University over the last four decades. I have always relied on Dr. Spence's sound counsel and judgment and wish him and his wife Ann a long and enjoyable retirement. They have certainly earned this time to relax.●

TRIBUTE TO CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER JOHN ALAN FISHER

• Mr. BLUNT. Mr. President, it is a pleasure to honor CW5 John Alan Fisher as he retires from a 30-year career with the Missouri Army National Guard. Chief Fisher has had an extraordinary career with the Guard and has made incredible contributions little-known outside his field. I am glad to be able to recognize him for his accomplishments today.

Chief Fisher began his career as a young Marine, earning the Vietnam Service Medal, the Navy Unit Commendation Medal and the Humanitarian Service Medal over the course of his 8 years of service. In 1980, after fulfilling his commitment to the Marines, Chief Fisher enlisted in the Army National Guard. In the three decades since, he and his team of professionals have helped supply and maintain mission-ready aircraft without a single aircraft accident or incident reported.

Chief Fisher's career has been in aviation maintenance, leading efforts to identify problems with the helicopter fleet that is serviced in my hometown of Springfield, MO. Early in his career, Chief Fisher recognized problems with wiring that compromised the Guard's ability to maintain combat-readiness in its helicopter fleet. While others thought the modules for the fleet were wearing out, it was Chief Fisher who recognized that the problem was in fact a failure of the wiring. Since that time, he and his team have developed the first protocol to rewire literally miles of wiring in helicopters. His efforts ensure the reliability of the fleet for 14 States.

Under Chief Fisher's leadership, these programs have grown into a world-class operation at the Missouri Theater Aviation Sustainment Maintenance Group, MO-TASMG, in Springfield. Today, Springfield remains the only National Guard site in the Nation that specializes in rewiring air frames for America's military helicopters. Officer Fisher has been an incredible asset to this mission, as has the team

of highly-skilled professionals he helped train. The crew at MO-TASMG are able to build and repair some of the most complex parts of virtually any aircraft in the Army inventory. Many of these components have been integral to the success of missions in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. In fact, in 2004 you could open nearly any avionics compartment in an aircraft in theater to find a repaired component label identifying Chief Fisher's team as the source of its repair.

With multiple deployments to both Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, these accomplishments only scratch the surface of Chief Fisher's many contributions throughout his nearly four decades of service. I am also pleased to note that Chief Fisher's legacy extends beyond his own service, as his son Shane Fisher also serves in the Missouri National Guard. I am thankful to both of them for their service. Congratulations again to Chief Fisher on his well-deserved retirement. He has certainly earned this time to relax with his family.●

PROJECT HOME

● Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I wish to recognize Project HOME on the occasion of their 25th anniversary. Founded in Philadelphia, PA, Project HOME is a national leader in combating homelessness and providing life-saving services to countless individuals. Project HOME has a mission that not only includes providing shelter to those in need, but also helping to break the cycle of chronic homelessness by examining the root causes.

Project HOME was co-founded in 1989 by Sister Mary Scullion and Joan Dawson McConnon. Their first shelter, the Mother Katherine Drexel Residence for chronically homeless men, was established shortly thereafter. Then, in the summer of 1990, Project HOME opened its first transitional house, the Diamond Street Residence, which provided a safe environment for up to 12 men.

Over the last 25 years Project HOME has grown dramatically, providing the care and support that is necessary to combat Philadelphia's battle with homelessness. The strong leadership of Sister Mary Scullion and Joan Dawson McConnon has allowed Project HOME to expand from a single winter shelter into an organization with 535 units of affordable housing.

The vision of Project HOME is simple: none of us are home until all of us are home. Sister Mary and Joan, along with their dedicated staff, strive to make this vision a reality every day. Project HOME has empowered countless individuals in Philadelphia to realize their full potential. Their commitment to promoting compassion and a community spirit has benefited the City of Philadelphia and served as a model within the Commonwealth and across the country. It is a privilege and an honor to recognize Project HOME

for its tremendous work as they celebrate 25 years of activism and advocacy.●

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL GREGORY A. SCHEIDHAUER

● Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I express deep gratitude to COL Gregory A. Scheidhauer for his past 2 years of exemplary dedication to duty and service as a congressional budget liaison for the Secretary of the Army. Greg was recently selected to serve the Army and Congress as the chief of Army Reserve Legislative Affairs. We wish him well in his new position.

A native of Bowie, MD, Colonel Scheidhauer earned a bachelor of science degree at West Virginia University and was commissioned a quartermaster officer in the Army in 1990. He has earned advanced degrees in public administration, public health education, and strategic studies.

Greg has served in a broad range of duty stations and assignments during his 23 years of service. As a lieutenant, he served as a transportation platoon leader and battalion logistics officer. As a captain, he served as a supply and services officer in Tennessee and as a training officer in Fort Buchanan, PR. Prior to his current assignment, Greg was the director J4, Joint Forces Special Operations Component Command, Iraq.

In 2009, following his assignment with the First Army Division East, Colonel Scheidhauer was selected as a military fellow in then-Representative JOE DONNELLY's personal office, serving the people of Indiana's Second Congressional District.

After this, he served as a legislative liaison in the Office of the Chief of Army Reserve, and then as a congressional budget liaison officer in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management and Comptroller. In this capacity, Greg was tasked with managing the Army's research, development, test and evaluation portfolio as well as its aviation portfolio. As a budget liaison officer, he worked directly with the Senate and House Appropriations Committees to educate and inform Senators, Representatives, and staff on critical Army issues.

Throughout his 23-year career, COL Gregory Scheidhauer has positively impacted his soldiers, peers, and superiors, and I am grateful that he has chosen to continue to serve as an Army leader. I join my colleagues today in honoring his dedication to our Nation and invaluable service to the U.S. Congress as an Army congressional budget liaison.

Greg is accustomed to working long hours in his congressional relations work. So let me also acknowledge Greg's wife Andrea, and their children Alexis, Brennan, and Christopher, thank them for their sacrifices and wish them all the best for continued success in the future.●

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.)

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13536 ON APRIL 12, 2010 WITH RESPECT TO SOMALIA—PM 39

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13536 of April 12, 2010, with respect to Somalia is to continue in effect beyond April 12, 2014.

On January 17, 2013, the United States Government announced its recognition of the Government of Somalia. The United States had not recognized a government in Somalia for the previous 22 years. Although the U.S. recognition underscores a strong commitment to Somalia's stabilization, it does not remove the importance of U.S. sanctions, especially against persons undermining the stability of Somalia. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency with respect to Somalia and to maintain in force the sanctions to respond to this threat.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, April 7, 2014.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:45 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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate: