

true American hero—in his everyday life as a police officer, as a member of the U.S. Air Force, a son and friend to so many—and in his final call to duty. Let us always remember and treasure the memory of this stalwart, brave man and honor him for his selfless commitment to serving his fellow citizens. May God welcome him home and give comfort to his family and friends.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

MOUNT CHASE MAINE SESQUI-CENTENNIAL

• Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President. Today I commemorate the 150th anniversary of the town of Mount Chase, ME. Mount Chase was built with a spirit of determination and resiliency that still guides the community today, and this is a time to celebrate the generations of hard-working and caring people who have made it such a wonderful place to live, work, and raise families.

While this sesquicentennial marks Mount Chase's incorporation, the year 1864 was but one milestone in a long journey of progress. For thousands of years, the land surrounding Mt. Katahdin, Maine's highest peak, was the hunting and fishing grounds of the Penobscot and Maliseet tribes. In the 1830s, the first white settlers were drawn by the fertile soil, vast stands of timber, and fast-moving streams, and the young village became a center of the Maine North Woods lumber industry. The wealth produced by the forests and saw mills was invested in schools and churches to create a true community. The incorporated town that followed was named for the prominent mountain peak, Mt. Chase, which towers more than a half-mile above the farms and forests below.

The arrival of the railroads in the aftermath of the Civil War further secured Mount Chase's prominence in the lumber industry, and the town was home to the largest cold-storage plant on the line for wild game and other perishable food products. By the end of the 19th century, modern transportation and the region's spectacular scenery and abundant wildlife combined to create a new economic opportunity—great sporting camps and lodges that drew outdoor enthusiasts from around the world. Today, the people of Mount Chase continue to honor the strong land use traditions and love of the outdoors that have helped make such places as Shin Pond a favorite recreation destination for residents and visitors.

In the early 20th century, the history, industry, and beauty of the Mount Chase region were made immortal by the great Swedish-born artist Carl Sprinchorn, who spent many years at Shin Pond. From his paintings of the strenuous daily life of lumberjacks to his evocative landscapes, the artist recorded a very special time in Maine history and a place that remains special today.

This 150th anniversary is not just about something that is measured in calendar years, it is about human accomplishment, an occasion to celebrate the people who for generations have pulled together, cared for one another, and built a community. Thanks to those who came before, Mount Chase has a wonderful history. Thanks to those who are there today, it has a bright future.●

HONORING DR. ROBERT COPE

• Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, my colleague Senator JIM RISCH joins me today in honoring Lemhi County commissioner Dr. Robert Cope, who is retiring from the Lemhi County Commission after 14 years of exemplary service.

Cope is not one to shy away from challenges; he faces them head on. He recognizes a problem and works diligently to fix it. This characteristic has been instrumental in his ability to address critical natural resources and environmental challenges. The common sense, wisdom, and humor he brings often to contentious issues have been invaluable in achieving solutions. He is truly a pleasure to work with and know. Throughout his time as commissioner, we have greatly valued his input and approach. Through his efforts with the Idaho Roadless Rule, addressing noxious weed control and many other land management concerns, he has helped bring about solutions important both locally and nationally. He is well-respected as a problem solver and consensus builder.

His public service is shaped by his deep personal knowledge and influenced by his distinguished career. Cope, a U.S. Presidential Scholar and Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine graduate, thankfully fell in love with Idaho and made Salmon, Idaho, home. He has spent nearly 40 years in veterinary practice, a critical part of the community, working with Lemhi cattle ranchers. He has been counted on to work cattle at all hours of the day and night, often in difficult conditions. The respect many have for his work and understanding of natural resources issues has inevitably led to his service in leadership roles on numerous boards and commissions, including the National Association of Counties, the U.S. Forest Service's National Planning Rule Implementation Committee and the Idaho Roadless Commission.

We have greatly valued your insight, Dr. Cope, and thank you for your hard work and outstanding service. We are fortunate that you chose to be an Idahoan. Congratulations on your retirement from the commission. We hope it provides you with more time to spend with your many friends and family, including your wife, Terrie. We wish you all the best.●

TRIBUTE TO JAMES R. COOPER

• Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, my colleague Senator JIM RISCH joins me today in honoring James R. Cooper, who is retiring from the U.S. Department of Energy, DOE, where he was a great asset to Idaho during his tenure with the Idaho Operations Office.

Jim is retiring as deputy manager for the Idaho Cleanup Project. His responsibilities have included management of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste and the exhumation and disposal of cold-war era buried transuranic waste. His work advancing the environmental cleanup mission at the site has helped reduce risk to workers, the public, and the environment. It has also continued protection of the Snake River Plain Aquifer. Through his leadership, environmental cleanup projects have been finished ahead of schedule and under cost, which has enabled resources to be reinvested into furthering the cleanup efforts. Jim's commitment to timely and cost-effective management is commendable.

Prior to his position with the Idaho Cleanup Project, Jim worked as the facility and material disposition program manager and was responsible for ensuring the safe and compliant deactivation and decommissioning of nuclear test reactors and other retired nuclear facilities at the Idaho National Laboratory. During this time, he helped lead the cleanup team in successful deactivation and decommissioning projects at the Idaho Site. This included a visionary change in the approach of cleanup at the site.

Under Jim's management Idaho crews decontaminated and decommissioned more than 200 facilities. Recognizing this hard work, the Idaho contamination and decommissioning project was awarded the 2013 Secretary's Excellence and Achievement Award for completion of the project's work scope ahead of schedule and under budget. Jim is well respected for his strong leadership and ability to develop relationships and communications that are instrumental in advancing cleanup.

Thank you, Jim, for your more than 30 years of service, including 22 years of project management within DOE. You made great progress in the critical effort of cleanup. As you retire, you are truly leaving our State and Nation in better condition. Current and future generations will benefit from your hard work. You have much to be proud of for a job well done. Congratulations on your retirement. We thank you for your outstanding service and wish you all the best.●

REMEMBERING MOON WHEELER

• Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the life and legacy of former Idaho State Senator Ralph Merrill "Moon" Wheeler, Jr. His nearly 40 years of service to the people of Idaho will not be forgotten.

With close to 40 years in elected office, Moon was dedicated to improving his community and his State. His public service included time as an Idaho State Senator, a member of the Idaho State House of Representatives, Power County commissioner, and American Falls City councilman and mayor. He was part of numerous Idaho State Senate committees, including on the Health and Welfare and Local Government and Taxation Committees, and interim committees. He also served as chairman of the Indian Affairs Council. Additionally, during his time as Power County commissioner, he was the legislative chair for the Idaho Association of Counties.

He had numerous other leadership roles, and he has been widely recognized for his outstanding leadership. This includes his tenure as the president of the Idaho Cities Association. Moon also served on the Idaho State University Alumni Board and on the Dean's Advisory Board for the College of Pharmacy. He earned the College of Pharmacy's 1999 Professional Achievement Award. In 1998, he was recognized with American Falls High School Education Foundation's first Outstanding Alumna Award, and Moon and his wife Ann were honored with the school's Heritage Award in 2009. These are just a few of his many achievements throughout his well-respected career and community involvement.

His considerable personal experience helped shape his public service. His family homesteaded in Idaho. He attended the University of Idaho and earned a pharmacy degree from Idaho State University. He utilized his degree as manager and owner of Rockland Pharmacy for more than 30 years. He was also a farmer, retaining the family farm until 2008. He was also an avid fly fisherman, camper, and gardener.

I extend my deep condolences to Ann, their children, grandchildren, great-grandson, and many friends and other family members. Moon built a legacy of dedicated service. He left a lasting mark in our communities through the many projects he spearheaded and supported and the countless lives he touched. His commitment to family and community and his exceptional work for Idahoans are central to his remarkable legacy of service.●

REMEMBERING BRYCE J. WINTERBOTTOM

• Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I wish today to honor the life of Bryce Winterbottom, who left a legacy of kindness, care for others, hard work and warmth in his too few years of life.

Bryce lived life to the fullest, and had a strong grasp on the things that mattered most. He is remembered as usually having at least one of his children—Caleb, Maryanne, Henry, and Timothy—by his side as he worked on a variety of projects that included building rockets and cars, stargazing and landscaping. He is known as some-

one who worked hard and enjoyed the outdoors, spending time with family and friends, hiking, gold panning, camping and flying. Bryce encouraged those around him, he was uplifting and liked to help others. Bryce was an Eagle Scout who mentored Boy Scouts and helped advise in the Lewiston High School Skills USA program. He was also a member of the Nez Perce County Sheriff's Air Posse.

Bryce is greatly missed in his hometown of Lewiston, where he was part of the heart of the community. He attended elementary, junior, and senior high school in Lewiston, and went on to serve a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Colorado Springs, CO, before obtaining bachelor's and master's degrees in mechanical engineering from the University of Idaho and then working for Schweitzer Engineering. He married his high school sweetheart Amanda, and they built a wonderful family together.

May Bryce's love of life, service to others, enthusiasm, warmth and devotion to family live on in his children. I extend my deepest condolences to Amanda, Caleb, Maryanne, Henry, and Timothy; his parents Ed and Chris, his brothers and sisters, and his many other loved ones and friends. Bryce's light will burn bright in this world through the hearts of those who had the good fortune of being part of his beautiful life.●

CONGRATULATING ALLYSON LAMMIMAN

• Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize and congratulate Ms. Lammiman for being awarded the National Association of Agricultural Educators Agriscience Teacher of the Year award. Ms. Lammiman will receive her award at the NAAE convention in Las Vegas on December 5, along with a grant to purchase supplies and equipment for her classes. I am humbled and honored to congratulate her on being presented this prestigious award.

The National Association of Agricultural Educators named only six educators throughout the United States this year, and Ms. Lammiman, who is a teacher at Douglas High School in Minden, NV, is among the select few chosen. The National Agriscience Teacher of the Year award recognizes teachers who have inspired and enlightened their students through engaging and interactive lessons in the science of agriculture. Ms. Lammiman, who has taught at Douglas High School for the past 9 years, exemplifies these qualities. During her tenure, she has created several hands-on courses that allow students to apply in-class lessons to real-life situations in agricultural science.

Her mission to teach her students to think, rather than what to think, is displayed in the courses that she has available for students. Ms. Lammiman's students are truly receiv-

ing a hands-on education through her classes in floriculture, where children learn to operate a self-sufficient floriculture business; equine science, where they aided in the training and care of an adopted, orphaned foal named "Flash;" and natural resources, where the students create trails, raise Lahontan Cutthroat trout, and collect data on Nevada's wild horse population. Ms. Lammiman is not only an advocate for agriculture in the classroom, but is also a co-advisor for the local Future Farmers of America chapter. Through her role as a co-advisor, she recruits volunteers from the community to coach FFA teams, teaches the students to train horses, provides placements for the individualized work experience internship courses, and helps the students to raise livestock. The FFA serves to provide students the opportunity to become well-educated, skilled, and productive citizens through agricultural education.

It is no secret that teaching is one of the hardest jobs in the world and one of the most important. As a father of four children who attended Nevada's public schools, and as the husband of a lifelong teacher, I understand the important role that teachers play in enriching the lives of Nevada's students. Ensuring that America's youth are prepared to compete in the 21st century is critical for the future of our country. The State of Nevada is fortunate to be home to an educator like Ms. Lammiman, whose mission to educate children extends far beyond the walls of the classroom.

I ask my colleagues and all Nevadans to join me in thanking Ms. Lammiman for dedication to enriching the lives of Nevada's students and congratulating her on this great achievement.●

DAVIS COUNTY, IOWA

• Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, the strength of my State of Iowa lies in its vibrant local communities, where citizens come together to foster economic development, make smart investments to expand opportunity, and take the initiative to improve the health and well-being of residents. Over the decades, I have witnessed the growth and revitalization of so many communities across my State. It has been deeply gratifying to see how my work in Congress has supported these local efforts.

I have always believed in accountability for public officials, and this, my final year in the Senate, is an appropriate time to give an accounting of my work across four decades representing Iowa in Congress. I take pride in accomplishments that have been national in scope—for instance, passing the Americans with Disabilities Act and spearheading successful farm bills. But I take a very special pride in projects that have made a big difference in local communities across my State.

Today I would like to give an accounting of my work with leaders and