

I am grateful for her dedication to the people of Nevada. She exemplifies the highest standards of leadership and service and should be proud of her long and meaningful career. Today, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Cripps on her retirement, and I give my deepest appreciation for all that she has done to make Nevada a better place. I offer her my best wishes for many fulfilling years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO JOE LOMBARDO

● Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, it is an honor today to personally recognize Mr. Joe Lombardo, who will soon retire from Gulfstream Aerospace in Savannah, GA for his significant contributions to the aviation industry. His forethought, leadership, and commitment to improving the industry are evidenced in his 40 years of hard work.

Beginning in 1975, Mr. Lombardo helped pave the way for the future of flight. He started at Douglas Aircraft, a division of McDonnell Douglas Corporation, working on the DC-10/MD-11 Trijet program Mr. Lombardo was later responsible for the MD-88/MD-90 Twinjet production operation.

In 1996, after 20 years at Douglas Aircraft, Mr. Lombardo joined Gulfstream Aerospace in Savannah. There he held positions as the vice president of co-production and the chief operating officer. He also served as president from 2007 to 2011 and as the executive vice president of the Aerospace Group for General Dynamics, Gulfstream's parent company.

During his tenure at Gulfstream, Mr. Lombardo was instrumental in the co-production of the Gulfstream IV-SP and Gulfstream GV and the development of the Gulfstream G650 and the Gulfstream G280.

Mr. Lombardo's contributions extend to his community where he served on the Corporate Angel Network's board of directors and as the chairman of the Board of Governors of Ocean Exchange. He is the recipient of the National Management Association's Silver Knight Award and was awarded the Cliff Henderson Trophy by the National Aeronautic Association in 2012 for his aviation leadership.

It is my pleasure to join Mr. Lombardo's colleagues, family, and friends in celebrating his dedicated career and his many contributions to the aerospace industry and community.●

REMEMBERING BOBBY ANDREW

● Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I wish to recognize a man who was well known across my State, and in many circles across our Nation. Bobby Andrew, an Alaska Native Yupik leader, passed away on May 12 at the age of 73 near Aleknagik in southwest Alaska.

Aleknagik is 16 miles northwest of its hub community of Dillingham, a small town of about 2,500 residents, which sits at the confluence of the

Nushagak River, an inlet of Alaska's Bristol Bay.

Bobby was seen as a leader by many Native and non-Native Alaskans. At a young age Bobby attended territorial and BIA schools in Southwest Alaska and then went off to Ohio to earn an accounting degree from Dyke Spencian Business College, now known as Chancellor University in Cleveland. He then returned home to bring his education back to Alaska.

Bobby was a lifelong subsistence hunter and fisherman who was respected by many across the State. He taught many of the importance of traditional knowledge and passing along important Alaska Native values.

Bobby was a known advocate for land and water protection in Alaska. As a writer and public speaker Bobby took his advocacy across the State, Nation, and overseas. He often visited places like Juneau, Washington, DC, and London when asked to speak about Alaska. It was said about Bobby that "anywhere he was needed, he would go . . ."

Bobby was once quoted saying, "I find myself fighting for the future of our renewable fish and wildlife resources. They are the central part of my culture," he said. "We need to let the rest of the world know so we can all work together to protect the environment, air, water and lands that produce subsistence resources on which we depend."

Bobby loved Alaska, loved his family—especially his grandchildren—and he was an important voice for Alaska. He passed naturally at his cabin, a place he loved, where he went to rest after fishing. He will be missed.●

RECOGNIZING COLONEL KEVIN KENNEDY

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Colonel Kevin Kennedy, commander of the 28th Bomb Wing, Ellsworth Air Force Base, near Rapid City, SD. Colonel Kennedy has been the commander at Ellsworth for the past 2 years, and has served in his position admirably.

Colonel Kennedy began his career at the Air Force Academy in Colorado. He is a B-1 pilot who went on to serve at Ellsworth on multiple occasions, including as deputy commander of the 28th Operations Group as recently as 2010. During his career he also served as the vice commander of the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing in South West Asia and as the director of the Air Force Strategic Study Group at the Pentagon here in DC.

When he came back to Ellsworth 2 years ago as base commander, my office was working with the Air Force on a 9-year project to expand the Powder River Training Complex, which is the primary training airspace for the B-1 bombers based at Ellsworth, as well as the B-52 bombers based in Minot Air Force Base, ND. When Colonel Kennedy arrived at Ellsworth as base commander, he made the completion of the

Powder River Training Complex one of his top priorities, and he assured me that this airspace expansion would be completed under his watch. This was not a pledge he took lightly. Be it emphasizing the need for this airspace within the Air Force hierarchy or driving out to Montana to meet with Native American tribal leaders, Colonel Kennedy was willing to go the extra mile to bring this airspace home.

As a result of his efforts, in January of this year the Air Force signed the Record of Decision for the Powder River Training Complex expansion, which was approved by the FAA a few months later. Once this airspace is charted and operational, Ellsworth Air Force Base will save up to \$23 million a year by being able to train closer to home. In addition, other aircraft from around the Nation can come to South Dakota to utilize this training space, improving overall readiness. The expanded Powder River Training Complex is a national treasure.

I want to thank Colonel Kennedy for his commitment to this project and for his service to our Nation. He really is a shining example of the dedication and leadership that makes America's Air Force the greatest in the world.●

RECOGNIZING INNOGENOMICS TECHNOLOGIES

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, small businesses often have the unique ability to pinpoint serious problems in their communities while working with local agencies and other small businesses to get things done. Sometimes these small businesses provide groundbreaking, innovative technological solutions to problems that have gone unsolved for decades. As we close out National Small Business Week, I am proud to recognize InnoGenomics Technologies of New Orleans, LA, as a Small Business of the Day for National Small Business Week.

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina's devastation, Dr. Sudhir Sinha, president and CEO of InnoGenomics Technologies, had the idea to develop a new DNA marker system to aid in identifying victims of natural disasters. Developed with the support of National Science Foundation Small Business Innovation Research, SBIR, grants, InnoGenomics Technologies' patented technology gives forensic scientists the ability to test the most challenging DNA submissions to solve crimes and save lives. Additionally, the InnoGenomics Technologies team is currently developing a new method to detect and monitor cancer—a liquid biopsy that can be conducted through a minimally invasive blood test. Combined, these two groundbreaking endeavors are advancing and revolutionizing healthcare and forensic investigations.

Congratulations again to InnoGenomics Technologies for being selected as a Small Business of the Day for National Small Business Week.

Thank you for your continued commitment to innovating DNA technologies to solve crimes and save lives right in the heart of Louisiana.●

RECOGNIZING HARING CATFISH

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, small businesses often set a high standard for quality and service across the United States. Commitment to reaching these high thresholds is most important in our agriculture and food industries. One small business that has continually held itself to the highest bar for quality and service is Haring Catfish, located in Wisner, LA—the Small Business of the Day for National Small Business Week.

Louisiana is known for its fresh, high-quality, and delicious seafood. Opened in the early 1960s by Walter Carl “Pete” Haring, Sr., Haring Catfish has since grown to processing over 300,000 pounds of catfish per week. Haring Catfish’s commitment to the highest quality catfish through healthy, high protein diets has elevated them to be one of the most-recognized catfish farms in the United States. Haring Catfish has received numerous distinguished awards, including the Louisiana Catfish Farmer of the Year Award, Catfish Farmers of America Award of Excellence, and the Small Business Person of the Year Award by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Congratulations again to Haring Catfish for being selected as a Small Business of the Day for National Small Business Week. Thank you for your continued commitment to providing the high-quality and delicious catfish in Louisiana.●

RECOGNIZING RAISING CANE’S CHICKEN FINGERS

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, just as important as it is to recognize our small businesses, it is often important to also recognize our small business success stories—especially those that make a substantial impact in their industries and in their communities. As a part of National Small Business Week, I am proud to recognize the Louisiana small business success story of Raising Cane’s Chicken Fingers.

In the early 1990s, Todd Graves was inspired to open a chicken finger restaurant. After the bank turned down the fresh-out-of-college graduate for a loan, Graves spent the next few years working various jobs to earn and save the money necessary to open Raising Cane’s in Baton Rouge, LA, in 1996. In the years since, Raising Cane’s Chicken Fingers has opened over 150 locations across the United States and has gained a fandom following. Raising Cane’s Chicken Fingers prides itself on their commitment to the absolute highest quality products and services—a model that has earned them numerous “Best Places to Work” awards from regions across the country. Never

forgetting its small business roots, Raising Cane’s Chicken Fingers stays true to Louisiana and regularly gives back to the communities their establishments serve. Todd Graves and the entire Raising Cane’s Chicken Fingers crew are an inspiring example of the hard work, courage, and dedication that go into running American small businesses.

Congratulations again to Raising Cane’s Chicken Fingers for being recognized as a small business success story during the 2015 National Small Business Week. Your commitment to giving back to your local communities and remembering your small business beginning is recognized and greatly appreciated.●

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL WILLIAM P. DAVIS

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, today I honor the career of one of Louisiana’s heroes and most accomplished residents, retired Marine Corps Col. William P. Davis. Colonel Davis was born at Camp Pendleton, CA, the son of a career marine, and spent his youth following his father’s military postings. He is a combat veteran of Operation Desert Storm, and subsequently assigned as the supply, fiscal, and contracting officer for Landing Force Training Command Atlantic. In 1997, he was assigned to his first tour at the Marines Forces Reserve in New Orleans, LA. During that period, he was a parent volunteer for the Young Marines chapter in Slidell, LA, where he organized training events and tours to units and bases. In addition, he provided classes for the annual regimental encampment as well as at recruit training events.

Colonel Davis was operations officer for Joint Task Force Civil Support, a military organization under the U.S. Northern Command at Fort Monroe, VA, where he led a team of technical experts in planning post-incident recovery from chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear incidents. He supported planning for the 2006 Winter Olympics, 2006 Southeast Asian Games, and other exercises across the world. During Hurricane Katrina’s aftermath in 2005, he worked with Federal, military, State, and local authorities in support of response operations.

Colonel Davis returned to New Orleans in 2006, becoming assistant chief of Staff at Marine Forces Reserve. He led a staff of 80 people charged with overseeing construction, maintenance, and repairs of 187 reserve sites nationwide, including the construction of the 29-acre Marine Corps Support Facility in New Orleans. From 2011 until recently, Colonel Davis was the inaugural commandant of the New Orleans Military and Maritime Academy, a charter high school where all students are cadets of the Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps Program and are focused on college preparation with an emphasis on science, technology, engi-

neering, and math. In his job as commandant, Colonel Davis has helped positively shape the lives of several hundred cadets from the region. After 4 years of operation, the academy has test results and student performance improvement ranked well above averages by more established schools. Beginning in 2016, Colonel Davis will leave Louisiana to become the next national executive director and CEO of the Young Marines.

Colonel Davis is an accomplished executive whose commitment to young people has always been fundamental during his career. He is highly regarded for strategic thinking, sound financial management, marketing expertise, and exceptional project management skills. He is a distinguished leader who will bring military expertise and business experience to the Young Marines.

I am pleased to join with the Senate in honoring the career of retired Col. William P. Davis. We thank him for his service to our country and congratulate him as he begins the next chapter of his career.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 9:49 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 178. An act to provide justice for the victims of trafficking.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2250. An act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2353. An act to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

At 11:06 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 874. An act to amend the Department of Energy High-End Computing Revitalization Act of 2004 to improve the high-end computing research and development program of the Department of Energy, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1119. An act to improve the efficiency of Federal research and development, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1156. An act to authorize the establishment or designation of a working group under the National Science and Technology Council to identify and coordinate international science and technology cooperation opportunities.

H.R. 1158. An act to improve management of the National Laboratories, enhance technology commercialization, facilitate public-private partnerships, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1162. An act to make technical changes to provisions authorizing prize competitions under the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980.