

I ask unanimous consent that a list of the 2015 Stennis Congressional Interns and the offices in which they work be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

David Banta, attending Brigham Young University, interning in the office of U.S. Representative Mia Love; Darius I. Baxter, attending Georgetown University, interning in the office of U.S. Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton; Melissa Borom, attending Valparaiso Law School, interning on the House Committee on Appropriations; John Bartley Boykin, attending the University of Mississippi, interning in the office of U.S. Senator Thad Cochran; Erika Byun, attending Brown University, interning on the House Committee on Education and the Workforce Minority Staff.

Dushani De Silva, attending the University of California Santa Cruz, interning in the office of U.S. Representative Sam Farr; Bethel Domfeh, attending George Mason University, interning in the office of U.S. Representative C.A. “Dutch” Ruppersberger; Luke Drachenberg, attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison, interning on the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry; Autumn Duguay, attending the University of Southern Maine, interning in the office of U.S. Senator Angus King; Alison Galetti, attending the University of Miami, interning in the office of U.S. Representative Derek Kilmer; Greta Gormley, attending Loyola University of Maryland, interning in the office of U.S. Representative Thomas Rooney.

Adam Gould, attending the University of Oregon, interning in the office of U.S. Representative Ted Lieu; Connor Hillard, attending Baylor University, interning in the office of U.S. Representative Rodney Davis; Sarah Hochman, attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, interning on the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry; Elise Johnson, attending the University of Rochester, interning in the office of U.S. Senator Orrin Hatch; Garrett Kays, attending Kansas State University, interning on the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry; Iyesha Key, attending George Mason University, interning on the House Committee on Education and the Workforce Minority Staff; Carmel Mitchell, attending the University of California, Irvine, interning in the office of U.S. Representative Janice Hahn.

Andrew Morley, attending St. John’s University, interning in the office of U.S. Representative Erik Paulsen; Kevin O’Regan, attending the University College Dublin, interning in the office of U.S. Representative Brendan Boyle; Anna Pham, attending the University of California, Hastings College of the Law, interning in the office of U.S. Representative Alan Lowenthal; Perez Pickney, attending Southern University A & M College, interning in the office of U.S. Representative Ralph Abraham; Gabrielle Rosenfeld, attending Middlebury College, interning in the office of U.S. Representative Ted Lieu; Grant Schauer, attending Texas A & M University, interning in the office of U.S. Senator Ted Cruz.

Patrick Sheehy, attending the University of Mary Washington, interning in the office of U.S. Representative John Shimkus; Colin Snider, attending Brigham Young University, interning in the office of U.S. Representative Adrian Smith; Edwin Torres, attending Saint John’s University, interning in the office of U.S. Representative Janice Hahn; Alexandra Vangrow, attending Colgate University, interning in the office of U.S. Representative Alan Lowenthal;

Katelyn Walker, attending George Washington University Law School, interning in the office of U.S. Representative Marcia Fudge; and Mai Tong Yang, attending the College of St. Benedict, interning in the office of U.S. Senator Al Franken.●

#### TRIBUTE TO CALEY CLARK

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, I wish to recognize Caley Clark, an educator from White Sulphur Springs, MT. Ms. Clark has recently been chosen from among more than 300 other applicants to participate this week in the Library of Congress’ Teaching with Primary Sources Summer Teacher Institute.

Every year, the Library of Congress hosts five teacher institutes in Washington, DC for a select number of K-12 educators from across the Nation. During the Library’s Teaching with Primary Sources Summer Teacher Institute, Ms. Clark will work with education specialists and subject-matter experts about how to best utilize primary sources in the classroom. In doing so, she will explore the world’s largest online collection of historical artifacts, and will be able to access millions of unique primary source documents for her work as an educator.

Teaching with primary source documents is an effective way of educating students not just about the history that these firsthand sources give us, but also helps students to develop important skills like critical thinking. Ms. Clark will have the opportunity to bring what she has learned at the Library of Congress back to her students and colleagues at White Sulphur Springs School. I am proud to call Ms. Clark a fellow Montanan, and to recognize her achievement and her contribution to the students of our great State.●

#### TRIBUTE TO KATIE DECKER

• Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today, I wish to recognize Principal Katie Decker for her unwavering dedication to the Clark County School District and to the Las Vegas community. Her contributions to the local school district have had tremendous positive impacts, which will be felt by future generations of Clark County students for years to come.

Throughout her 25 years in the district, Principal Decker has worked tirelessly to give students the best opportunity for success. She currently serves as principal of two different elementary schools, Walter Bracken STEAM Academy, Bracken, and Long Elementary School, splitting her days to spend time at each individual institution. Her work at Bracken has been recognized nationally, as Bracken has been named a 2015 Merit School of Excellence. Along with this outstanding achievement, Principal Decker was awarded the Magnet Schools of America Principal of the Year in 2013, the Terrel Bell Award for Outstanding Leadership, and locally by United Way

Women’s Leadership for commitment to financial stability in 2015. April 15 has also been named “Katie Decker Day” by the city of Las Vegas. No amount of recognition could adequately thank Principal Decker for all that she has done.

When Principal Decker initially began at Bracken, the elementary school was one of the lowest performing schools in the district. She worked to improve the climate and academics of the school, spearheading the development of unique magnet programs. Bracken is now a five-star Blue Ribbon magnet school and is one of the top schools offered in the Nation. Recently, a local initiative began to incorporate techniques from highly performing schools, also referred to as franchise schools, into poorly performing schools. Principals from franchise schools were selected to lead poorly performing schools, ultimately introducing successful programs into the curriculum. Principal Decker was one of two principals chosen to participate in the initiative and has been assigned to Long Elementary School, where she is working to bring consistency to the schools she leads and greater opportunity to all of her students. It is because of her consistent academic success with her students that the franchise initiative began. Her Piggy Bank Program was utilized at Bracken and will be expanded to her Franchise School Walter Long STEAM Academy in the fall. Principal Decker has also worked to bring improvement to schools across the district by providing mentoring and administrative help. She teaches student climate classes to administrators, counselors, and teachers and has shared her leadership experience at the State of Nevada Mega Conference. She has also presented her ideas on innovative programs to schools across the country for over 10 years. Her great list of accomplishments is legendary in the Clark County community and remains invaluable to local students.

As a father of four children who attended Nevada’s public schools and as the husband of a life long teacher, I understand the important role that educational institutions 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 Principal Decker, whose mission is to prepare our children for their futures.

I ask my colleagues and all Nevadans to join me in thanking Principal Decker for her dedication to enriching the lives of Nevada’s students and congratulating her on her many achievements.●

#### CONGRATULATING KEN FURLONG

• Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today, I wish to congratulate Carson City sheriff Ken Furlong on being named the

D.A.R.E Law Enforcement Executive of the Year. It gives me great pleasure to see him receive this prestigious award after years of hard work within the local community.

Sheriff Furlong was born and raised in Carson City. In 1975, he graduated from Carson High School and enlisted into the U.S. Air Force in 1978. Throughout his service, Sheriff Furlong earned associate degrees in political science and criminal justice, as well as a bachelor's degree in criminal justice administration. He retired from the U.S. Air Force, Office of Special Investigation in 1998 and began work with the Nevada Department of Public Safety, Investigations Division and Parole Probation. In 2003, he was elected to the Office of Sheriff and has continued to serve the local community in this role ever since.

The D.A.R.E Law Enforcement Executive of the Year is awarded each year by D.A.R.E America and the Drug Enforcement Agency to recognize law enforcement officers who go above and beyond in drug prevention and enforcement. Sheriff Furlong reinstated the D.A.R.E Program during his first term in office and has consistently worked to improve the initiative throughout his tenure, heavily involving local schools and the community. He has expanded the program to cover several topics pertaining to positive decisions in addition to substance abuse. His dedication and commitment to shaping positive futures for Carson City students is undeniable. The efforts made by Sheriff Furlong and the Carson City Sheriff's Office are truly admirable, standing as an example to neighboring communities. Along with the award, Sheriff Furlong will receive \$1,000 that he has decided to put back towards the D.A.R.E America Program.

I also commend each contributing organization that has made this important program possible, including Grocery Outlet, the Emblem Club, Northern Nevada Coin, the Elks, the Eagles, and the Downtown Business Association, as well as the local schools that have facilitated the D.A.R.E Program. Through the help of local funding, students learn about peer pressure, resistance strategies, internet use, safety, bullying, violence prevention, and the value in making wise choices. The Carson City Sheriff's Office provides numerous activities and educational opportunities throughout the year to compliment the curriculum and further inform students. This initiative is truly a reflection of Carson City's strong and dedicated community.

Throughout his tenure, Sheriff Furlong has demonstrated professionalism, commitment to excellence, and dedication to the highest standards of the Carson City Sheriff's Department. This program could not have achieved its success without Sheriff Furlong's hard work. I am honored by his service and am proud to call him a fellow Nevadan. Today, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in congratulating Sheriff Fur-

long on receiving this award, and I give my deepest appreciation for all that he has done to educate our local students on these important topics. I offer him my best wishes on the D.A.R.E Program and in his role to keep Carson City safe for years to come.●

#### CONGRATULATING CARRIE HAIR AND JAN HRINDO

• Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to congratulate Carrie Hair and Jan Hrindo on receiving the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. These awards are truly prestigious, attained by only the most influential educators across the country. The Silver State is fortunate to have both of these successful teachers working at local schools.

The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching are considered the Nation's highest honor for kindergarten through high school mathematics and science educators. These teachers stand as role models to their colleagues and are dedicated to the success of Nevada's future generations, particularly in encouraging students to pursue science, technology, engineering, and math. The first teachers to receive these awards were selected in 1983, with 108 recognized annually. These educators go above and beyond in their local schools to implement unique, high-quality curriculum to help students excel in their learning. I am thankful to both Ms. Hair and Mrs. Hrindo for their invaluable educational contributions.

Mrs. Hrindo has been very influential in the lives of students, teaching for a total of 20 years. She has spent the last 15 years at Incline Elementary and Incline Middle School, teaching a variety of different science classes. She also taught at Sierra Nevada College for several years, serving as a mentor to preservice teachers. Mrs. Hrindo currently teaches sixth grade earth science, seventh grade life science, and eighth grade Spanish. Her vast range of knowledge is truly inspirational. She is most recognized for her hands-on labs and activities that provide students with a unique learning experience and for incorporating science into her students' lives outside the walls of the classroom. She has also administrated community science events and science fair workshops. Mrs. Hrindo's work is truly commendable.

Ms. Hair has been a mathematics teacher for 15 years. Her past 4 years have been spent teaching seventh and eighth grade students in Reno at Darrell C. Swope Middle School, a highly successful magnet school. Ms. Hair was a key contributor in developing the curriculum incorporated at several middle magnet schools in Washoe County School District, which aims to enrich student knowledge at an accelerated pace. Ms. Hair is also an active member in the Nevada Math Council

and the Northern Nevada Math Council and presents workshops at regional conferences. Her work is greatly appreciated.

As a father of four children who attended Nevada's public schools, and as the husband of a life-long 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 educators like Ms. Hair and Mrs. Hrindo.

I ask my colleagues and all Nevadans to join me in thanking Ms. Hair and Mrs. Hrindo for their dedication to enriching the lives of Nevada's students and in congratulating them on receiving this incredible award. I wish them well in all of their future endeavors and in creating success for all students who enter their classrooms.●

#### RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S LAW CENTER

• Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I wish to recognize the National Women's Law Center for its longtime leadership and tireless commitment to expanding opportunities for women, girls, and families. The law center's advocacy has made a difference in countless lives for more than 40 years, and I have been proud to work with its members on many issues during my time in the Senate.

On July 30, the Coalition on Human Needs will honor the law center as its 2015 Human Needs Hero, recognizing years of research, analysis, advocacy, and litigation on a wide range of issues at the State and Federal levels. Since its inception in 1972, the law center has been a tireless advocate for women, children, families, and those Americans most in need. It has been at the forefront of many important policy initiatives and a source of insightful information that is essential to promoting and enacting good public policy.

Over the years, I have been proud to work with the law center on important programs and policies—from affordable childcare to expanding tax credits for low- and moderate-income families, increasing the minimum wage, and narrowing the wage gap. The law center's outreach and hard work have educated grassroots advocates and helped convey their views to policymakers for over 40 years—it is truly an invaluable resource.

As a determined and committed defender of the needs of women and families, the law center has earned the admiration of fellow advocacy organizations, the respect of its ideological opponents, and the trust of members of this body, including myself. I congratulate the National Women's Law Center for receiving this important award recognizing its hard work and commitment to social justice. I look forward to continuing to work together for years to come.●