

former congressional fellow in my office, Moira Shea, has Usher syndrome. She, with her guide dog by her side, took the Metro and came to work every day. In addition, she wore hearing aids, read lips, and overcame whatever adversity came her way. Today, Moira has lost her sight but not her vision—of finding treatments and cures for Usher syndrome so that no other generation has to go through what she and tens of thousands of other Americans have.

With the acceleration of research, it may be possible for Moira and the thousands of others afflicted by this genetic disease to regain sight. The technology is there. The Casey Eye Institute at Oregon Health & Science University has started the first human study of gene therapy for Usher syndrome. I am proud that the first clinical trial for Usher syndrome is being conducted in the state that I am privileged to represent.

I am committed to working with my colleagues to raise awareness about this devastating disease, and I applaud the hard work of the Usher Syndrome Coalition to make Usher syndrome research a higher priority at the National Institutes of Health.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF EDWARD “SANDY” DAVIS

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, along with my colleague, the ranking member of the Budget Committee, Senator SANDERS, we wish to honor and recognize Edward “Sandy” Davis on his retirement after 36 years of distinguished service to the Congress, including 20 years with the Congressional Budget Office and 16 years with the Congressional Research Service. Sandy is held in high esteem by both Republicans and Democrats for his insight, extensive knowledge of the legislative process, and unfailing graciousness in dealing with Members and staff over those many years.

Sandy started his career at CRS in 1979 and quickly became an expert in Federal budget procedures and practices. He prepared over 150 reports and memoranda on the budget process and on budget process reform proposals, analyzed and edited draft legislation, and prepared committee and conference report language on major budget process legislation in 1985, 1987, and 1990. A few of his key achievements involve the development of two reports that are still being published today: “Points of Order under the Congressional Budget Act” and a “Manual on the Federal Budget Process.” Sandy also coached CRS’s softball team—another key achievement of his time there.

In 1995, Sandy joined the Congressional Budget Office, quickly employing his expertise in budget laws and in the history of the congressional budget process. He first worked in the Special Studies Division, where he authored an excellent report on the Line Item Veto

Act. He then worked in the Projections Unit, where he helped prepare CBO’s budget projections and continued his work on budget process issues; for example, he wrote a section in CBO’s January 2003 Budget and Economic Outlook entitled “The Expiration of Budget Enforcement Procedures: Issues and Options,” which has often been cited in discussions on that topic.

Because of his extensive knowledge of the budget and his strong interpersonal skills, in 2003 Sandy was appointed CBO’s first associate director for legislative affairs, to serve as the agency’s key liaison with the Congress. In that capacity, he worked closely with many staff members of the House and Senate—fielding and clarifying questions, alerting them about a forthcoming CBO publication, keeping them apprised about CBO’s progress in responding to a particular request, responding to concerns about a CBO analysis, and identifying potential CBO products that would aid the legislative process.

Sandy’s professional accomplishments set him apart, but his personal ethic—his good cheer and thoughtful consideration of his colleagues at CBO and on congressional staffs—truly defines him. Whether giving someone a “heads-up” about a hot-button issue, helping Members or congressional staff track down a cost estimate, or just answering questions about the budget or CBO’s analyses, Sandy has always been gracious, straightforward, and generous with his time and efforts.

In short, over the past 36 years, Sandy exemplified the dedication and high-quality work that is so critical to the Senate’s deliberations. I know my colleagues join me in extending our thanks and appreciation to Sandy for his service to our Nation and our very best wishes for a happy and productive retirement.

I would like to now turn to my colleague, Senator SANDERS, for his remarks.

Mr. SANDERS. I thank Chairman ENZI and join him in commending Mr. DAVIS for his many years of dedicated and outstanding service to CBO, the Congress, and the American people. We wish him all the best.

We hope our colleagues will join us in thanking Mr. DAVIS—and really all of the hard-working employees at the Congressional Budget Office—for his and their service.

RECOGNIZING WAYNE AND KATHY TATMAN

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I wish to speak on behalf of Wayne and Kathy Tatman who will be inducted into the Wyoming Agriculture Hall of Fame at the 103rd Wyoming State Fair in August. Since 1992, Wyoming has recognized individuals each year who have made substantial contributions to agriculture in our State. This year I have the honor of presenting this award to Wayne and Kathy with my colleague Senator BARRASSO.

Wyoming natives, the Tatmans have each contributed greatly to the agriculture industry and their home community of Lingle. Both have served as educators for the University of Wyoming Extension, a statewide program helping Wyoming citizens and communities address a wide range of issues through education and leadership. Wayne’s career focused on production and economic issues while Kathy dedicated her efforts to consumers. Gary Stone, an extension educator for the University of Nebraska, nominated the couple, and said, “they truly are the ‘best of the best’ when it comes to Wyoming agriculture.”

For more than 30 years, Wayne contributed to the UW Extension program working on livestock and crop production, invasive plants, agricultural research, and water issues. He worked to promote agriculture to Wyoming’s youth through the 4-H leadership program.

Kathy joined the UW Extension Cent\$ible Nutrition program in 2000. She focused on nutrition, food safety, and food economics, and worked with low income families to provide nutrition and meal planning. Kathy was also vital in developing a nutrition curriculum for the State of Wyoming.

Former UW President Tom Buchanan commented, “Wayne and Kathy helped literally hundreds of Wyoming residents understand the impact of agriculture on so many facets of life.”

The Tatmans passed on their love of agriculture and way of life to their three sons, all of whom earned agricultural degrees from UW and are still involved in the industry. Their legacy extends beyond their family to their community, and the State as a whole.

I am proud to have the opportunity to recognize Wayne and Kathy’s achievements with Senator BARRASSO as 2015 inductees into the Wyoming Agriculture Hall of Fame. Wyoming is well served by their lasting and continuing contributions to agriculture and education in our State.

RECOGNIZING SHAUN AND LACEE SIMS

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, at the 103rd Wyoming State Fair, Senator ENZI and I will have the pleasure of introducing Shaun and Lacey Sims as 2015 inductees of the Wyoming Agriculture Hall of Fame. I am proud to say this dynamic husband and wife team exemplify the ideals of the Wyoming way of life and have made immense contributions to the State and national agricultural community.

The Sims family has demonstrated their deep-rooted commitment through five generations of involvement in stewardship of the land and production of high quality livestock. Shaun and Lacey have shared their passion for agriculture as parents, and now as grandparents, with their children and grandchildren.

Shaun and Lacee have shared their livelihood with countless local students who have toured their ranch and wind turbine facility. The students who visit their ranching operation gain valuable insight into the origin of their food and electricity. In addition to educating students, the Sims have also taught the teachers by hosting the Wyoming Ag in the Classroom Teacher Institute. As Amy Hendrickson, executive director of the Wyoming Wool Growers Association observed, "They have served as educators, mentors, and leaders on a variety of important issues affecting Wyoming's agriculture industry, and their example of true leadership serves as a model for others."

Shaun and Lacee have served in various capacities whenever they have been called upon. Shaun's service extends from his 14-year tenure with the Uinta County Conservation District Supervisors to his election on the National Association of Conservation Districts Executive Board. As president of the Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts, Shaun often sacrifices valuable time on his home ranch to attend all meetings for Uinta County and the State association. Shaun's dedication to the State and the industry has not gone unnoticed. He was recently appointed to a second term on the Wyoming Board of Agriculture.

Like her husband, Lacee has been an active agricultural advocate in Wyoming. Lacee received the Masters of Beef Advocacy certification through the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and was appointed by Wyoming Governor Matt Mead to serve on the statewide Wyoming Beef Council. Lacee has combined her passion for agriculture with her growing photography business to tell the story of agriculture through an artistic lens. By highlighting the beauty and importance of Wyoming agriculture, she is able to capture in photos what words often fail to convey. Patrick Zimmerer, with the Wyoming Board of Agriculture stated, "Lacee tells and advocates the story of Wyoming agriculture through her lens as a photographer and through social media, telling and highlighting the importance of Wyoming agriculture to a broad audience of followers."

Shaun and Lacee Sims represent every positive attribute of leaders in Wyoming agriculture. Together, side by side, they have represented Wyoming's interests with dedication and honor. It is because of people like them that the agricultural community in Wyoming has a bright and productive future. My wife, Bobbi, joins me in congratulating these outstanding individuals, Shaun and Lacee Sims, who are 2015 inductees into the Wyoming Agriculture Hall of Fame.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

DUNBARTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE 250TH ANNIVERSARY

• Ms. AYOTTE. Mr. President, I honor Dunbarton, NH—a town in Merrimack County that is celebrating the 250th anniversary of its founding. I am proud to join citizens across the Granite State in recognizing this special milestone.

Dunbarton, previously known by many names, including Starkstown, was incorporated in 1765 by Colonial Governor Benning Wentworth and was officially renamed Dunbarton.

The town's population has grown since then to over 2,700 residents. With more than 1,600 acres of protected land, Dunbarton is located on the Merrimack River watershed and is rich in natural beauty. Based upon its latitude and longitude, Dunbarton is known as the true center of New England.

The patriotism and commitment of the people of Dunbarton is reflected in part by their record of service in defense of our Nation. Revolutionary War General John Stark, his wife Molly and son Caleb, all lived in Dunbarton. Another Dunbarton native was Robert Roger, famed Commander of Roger's Rangers during the French and Indian War who was instrumental in developing military tactics still used to this day. Additionally, John Ordway, who helped lead the Lewis and Clark Expedition, made his way back home to Dunbarton after the expedition had finished.

The spirit of community and volunteerism is strong in Dunbarton as evidenced by the hard work and dedication of all involved with the planning and celebration of the annual Old Home Day festival, as well as this special sescentennial anniversary.

Dunbarton is a place that has greatly contributed to the life and spirit of New Hampshire. I am pleased to extend my warm regards to the people of Dunbarton as they celebrate this special day.●

TRIBUTE TO BRIAN MURPHY

• Ms. AYOTTE. Mr. President, I congratulate Brian Murphy of Dover, NH. On May, 29 2015, Brian reached an important career milestone by working his 250th National Hockey League play-off game as a linesman.

Born on December 13, 1964, Brian has been a lifelong resident of Dover. He graduated from Dover High School in 1982 and continued his education by attending the University of New Hampshire, where he earned a degree in business administration in 1986. Brian was then hired by the NHL in September 1988. His first game was on October 7, 1988 between the Pittsburgh Penguins and the Washington Capitals.

Linesmen have a difficult and often thankless job. While referees officiate the game and call penalties, linesmen break up fights between players, drop

the puck for face-offs and have to keep up with the pace of the game to make offside calls—all while avoiding interference. Brian has excelled in every aspect of his career and is one of only 13 U.S. born NHL officials. Most officials who work for the NHL are Canadian nationals who have relocated.

During Brian's 27 years as an on-ice official, he has worked 1713 regular season NHL games and the men's hockey games at the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics. More recently, Brian was selected for the 7th Stanley Cup Finals between the victorious Chicago Blackhawks and the Tampa Bay Lightning in June of this year.

As the former president of the National Hockey League Officials Association, Brian understands the sacrifices and hard work that are necessary to perform his job. I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating Brian's career as a linesman. I am delighted to congratulate him on reaching this important career milestone and I wish him many more years of success.●

RECOGNIZING THE ASSOCIATION FOR FACILITIES ENGINEERING

• Ms. AYOTTE. Mr. President, I wish to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Association for Facilities Engineering. The organization began in Framingham, MA when Henry "Harry" S. Dennison, president of the Factory Managers Association, saw a need for increased information-sharing within the engineering world. Because of this, Dennison invited a group of 25 mechanics and engineers from the greater Boston area to attend the organization's first informal meeting. On June 9, 1915, the organization's constitution was approved, their officers were elected and they began their history as a working, professional consortium for engineers and mechanics alike.

Years later in 1954, a group of engineering clubs associated with the organization came together and changed the organization's name to the American Institute of Plant Engineers, AIPE. AIPE became the hub for countless engineering societies in New England and elsewhere, including the New England Chapter of AIPE, comprised of New Hampshire and five other States. In May of 1996, AIPE's board of directors voted to change their name to the Association for Facilities Engineering or AFE, in an effort to include more than just plant engineers, and to focus on buildings and facilities as a whole.

Wayne Saya of Nashua serves among the leaders and board members of AFE. As AFE's executive director, Wayne is personally committed to furthering the message and continued success of the association. He believes that the chapters of AFE have the best tools for problem solving and often cites his motto during mediations: "Chapters may not always be right, they are just never wrong!" His continued advocacy is a vital tool for engineers, mechanics