

In 1978, she became the first Native American to run for secretary of State in Wisconsin, and in 1992 she was the first Native American woman to run for Congress in Wisconsin. In 1993, Ada became the first Native American woman to head the Bureau of Indian Affairs. She subsequently served as Chair of the National Indian Gaming Commission.

I am proud to call Ada a friend, and I am grateful for her lifelong leadership and commitment to social justice. Her vital work continues today, focused on efforts to reduce the prison recidivism rate and create a reentry program for American Indians. Her lifetime of work, coupled with an enduring passion to instill in young people the drive to change their society through education and social engagement, shows what a determined person will continue to do—even when they have stated that they are “retired.”

I wish Ada good health and happiness for many years to come.

TRIBUTE TO BRYCE LUCHTERHAND

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, today I honor Bryce Luchterhand on his retirement from Federal and public service. He has dedicated his career to improving the quality of life and the vitality of communities throughout the State of Wisconsin. The occasion of his retirement presents a special opportunity to celebrate his dedication to public service and social justice.

Bryce was born in Colby, WI, and raised on the Luchterhand family farm—a fixture in the local rural community since 1902. He graduated from Colby High School and earned his bachelor's degree in secondary education broadfield social studies from Northland College in Ashland, WI. Growing up on a Wisconsin farm, Bryce was instilled with the values of hard work, love of the land, Central Wisconsin optimism, and a sense for social justice that would serve him well throughout his career and life.

In 1970 he started his lifelong path in public service as teacher of social studies on the Navajo Indian Reservation at Many Farms High School in Many Farms, AZ, where he inspired and mentored the youth of the Navajo reservation. Working with the impoverished youth of the Navajo reservation sparked within Bryce his passion for equal opportunity, creating bonds and lifelong friendships that became a foundation for his life of service.

Throughout his public service career, Bryce has been guided by his love of the land. In 1973, Bryce took an opportunity to return to Colby, WI, to buy a dairy farm next to the Luchterhand family farm. And with the same drive and determination that have become his trademark, he and his wife, Max, milked dairy cows and raised beef cows for the past 42 years, even developing a new breed of cow called a Gloucester Lineback. As a farmer, Bryce greets

every season with the same grit and resolve he learned as a child in rural Wisconsin. However, the time of year he holds most dear is the maple syrup season each spring. Bryce and Max spend many early mornings and late nights tending to the taps, boiling down the sap, and bottling one of Wisconsin's treasures—Wisconsin maple syrup. Each bottle of Luchterhand maple syrup is a labor of love, and I have been honored to be among the select individuals to receive this special gift.

Bryce's years of public service are comprised of distinguished service on various boards, committees, and associations, often in roles as chairman or advisor. He is most proud of his roles as instructor for the Presidential Classroom in Washington, DC, executive council member of Wisconsin Rural Partners, member of the Board of Directors for Wisconsin Farm Progress/Technology Days, as well as a founding and current member of 1000 Friends of Wisconsin, an organization dedicated to giving citizens a voice in land use planning.

Bryce's career in public service has also included serving the President of the United States, the Governor of Wisconsin and two U.S. Senators. He served as President Clinton's Director of Rural Development for the State of Wisconsin for 8 years, helping to make critical economic and agricultural development investments in rural Wisconsin. He served as the director of Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle's northern office, serving residents of 40 counties for 8 years, and as Senator Herb Kohl's area representative for 2 years in 14 counties. As my Deputy State Director of Outreach for the past 2 years, it was not uncommon for Bryce to travel in excess of 1,000 miles a week representing me at meetings and events in northern Wisconsin. Of course, these trips were made easier if you knew the “Luchterhand shortcuts” that often took Bryce snaking along the back county roads of northern Wisconsin, inevitably getting him to his destination quicker. In all of these capacities, Bryce served the people of Wisconsin with distinction and honor.

I am proud to call Bryce a friend and I am grateful that in choosing the path of public service, he has impacted countless people's lives, changed communities for the better, and strengthened rural communities of Wisconsin. In retirement, I wish Bryce and his wife Max all the best, including good health and happiness, for many years to come.

TRIBUTE TO MARTY BEIL

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, today I recognize and honor Marty Beil of Madison, WI, for his 30 years of leadership as executive director of AFSCME Council 24. I have known Marty for many years, and have been proud to stand in solidarity with him. Marty has been a leader in the labor community, and his passion for the rights of

working persons will be missed by all who have worked alongside him and who have benefited from his strong leadership.

Marty began his professional life in service to his union as a member of the WSEU Professional Services Bargaining team in 1973. He continued his service as a member, leader and activist in Council 24 until 1985, when he was appointed executive director. Throughout that time, Marty has been passionate in his advocacy for the rights of working people, to the honor and value of public service, and to insuring that working people have a level playing field on which to compete. Marty has dedicated his career to protecting and serving his members in the collective bargaining and political process, always with a sense of fairness and compassion.

Marty's work is exemplified by his long-term efforts in support of American workers, the American labor movement, and those fighting for civil rights for all Americans. Among many other important priorities, he supported the expansion of antidiscrimination laws to protect the LGBT community, and defended workers from discrimination and retaliation for political activities. He was a staunch defender of labor's right to back candidates who made a commitment to support the goals and activities of union members regardless of partisan affiliation. His 30 years of service at the helm of Council 24 has inspired a new generation of workers to lead the union into the 21st century.

I am proud to call Marty a friend, and I am grateful for his important contributions to our State and the labor community. I know that his passion and dedication, in the model of his forebears such as Roy Kubista and John Lawton will serve as a lasting example for generations of future labor leaders. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING THE NEW JERSEY-INDIA RELATIONSHIP

• Mr. BOOKER. Mr. President, I am honored to serve a State with one of the largest Indian American diasporas in the country.

The Indian diaspora community in New Jersey is an active, vocal and engaged constituency whose contributions to the State reach across all sectors. When given the opportunity, the very first caucus I joined in the Senate was the U.S.-India caucus. Soon after I joined the caucus, I had the opportunity to meet Prime Minister Modi during his visit to the United States. His visit signaled a meaningful moment in the relations between the United States and India. It became clearer that the oldest and newest democracies can forge a transformational relationship to leverage the historic opportunities before us.

Together, the United States and India represent over one-fifth of the world's population and share long-term strategic imperatives in the areas of energy efficiency and environmental sustainability, social and economic development, and regional and global security that are rooted in our shared commitment to democratic ideals. President Obama has aptly referred to this relationship as the "defining partnership of the 21st century." As the United States pursues greater clean energy production and sustainable manufacturing here at home, we can and should take advantage of opportunities to further collaborate on technologically advanced clean energy solutions.

Together, we can leverage both American and Indian assets to address the challenges both our countries face in job creation, social mobility, and clean energy. Prime Minister Modi has also emphasized the importance of sustainable growth and ensuring that diversified, environmentally conscious energy sources are made accessible to all Indians. I am encouraged by Prime Minister Modi's commitment to economic and social policies that not only invest in infrastructure but that also develop India's human capacity. With half of its population under the age of 25 and a recent election that saw a 66-percent voter turnout, it is clear that India is set to harness the potential of its most valuable resource—its young people.

In order to compete in a global economy, the United States and India must both expand opportunities for youth education and employment. By engaging private sector actors in our mutual development goals, I believe together we can address these challenges and turn them into opportunities for cooperation.

As this partnership continues to grow, so will the benefits for both of our countries and for New Jersey. The Indian American population in New Jersey has grown by 73 percent in the past decade, and many Indian Americans serve our state as industry and community leaders. New Jersey is the No. 1 benefactor of Indian investment in job creation, with approximately 9,278 jobs and over \$1 billion in investment in a variety of sectors from telecom and technology to healthcare and manufacturing.

As the Senate adjourns for the summer recess, I do not want to miss the opportunity to highlight India Day, which will be observed next week. India Day celebrates the rich history and legacy of India's contributions to communities across the United States.

On August 10, I will have the distinct honor and privilege to welcome Ambassador Singh to New Jersey. I look forward to working with Ambassador Singh as we partner together to foster investment opportunities, create collaborations between our world-renowned higher education institutions, and cultivate platforms to facilitate

volunteerism and giving. I look forward to fostering the continued growth of the strong relationship between New Jersey and India. •

REMEMBERING SARAH ANDERSON

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, it is with great sadness that I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the extraordinary life of Sarah Anderson, a beloved mother, wife, daughter, sister, friend, colleague, and passionate advocate for improving the health and lives of people throughout our country. Sarah passed away on July 28, 2015, at the age of 49.

I met Sarah when she came to work on my first campaign for the U.S. Senate. At the time, this impressive young Fort Collins, CO native was just a few years into her political career, having moved to Washington, DC, to work for Senator Tim Wirth right after graduating from the University of Colorado.

Sarah was passionate about helping to elect women, and she wanted to be part of what turned out to be an historic 1992 election. With her wit, intelligence, talent, dedication, sense of humor, and ever-present twinkle in her piercing blue eyes, it was immediately clear to all of us that Sarah was special.

However, one young campaign staff member named Matt Kagan seemed to notice all of Sarah's unique gifts even more than anyone else. While working 20-hour days on our campaign, Sarah and Matt somehow managed to find time to fall in love. At the time, I would sometimes joke that while I was falling in the polls, they were falling in love. But the truth is, Matt and Sarah's beautiful marriage and son were among the most important results of that first campaign. Sarah and Matt always shared a fierce commitment to making the world a better place.

For more than 25 years, Sarah worked tirelessly for the causes she believed in—whether it was protecting the environment at the Sierra Club and the League of Conservation Voters; serving the people of Oregon and California as press secretary to Congresswoman Elizabeth Furse and Congresswoman LORETTA SANCHEZ; or helping to prevent and stop pandemics as an Assistant Dean at UCLA's School of Public Health for nearly a decade.

Sarah and Matt always managed to fill their homes—first in DC and then in California—with love, laughter, good conversation, and great food. But their most important addition happened 10 years ago when they joyfully welcomed their son, Spencer, into their lives. Whenever Spencer's name was mentioned, Sarah's face always lit up with such pride and love, and there are no words to express how sorry I am for Spencer and Matt's loss. I also want to extend my deepest condolences to Sarah's entire family, especially her mother and stepfather, Sue and Ed

Sparling; her sister, Jennifer Enright; and stepbrothers, Erik and Bret Sparling.

Sarah, Matt, and Spencer will always be part of our extended family of Boxer staff members, all of whom join me today in mourning Sarah's loss and celebrating her amazing legacy, which will always live on in the causes she championed, the friendships she forged, and the family she loved and lived for. •

RECOGNIZING VICE ADMIRAL THOMAS R. WESCHLER

• Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I wish to recognize the service of a fellow Pennsylvanian, VADM Thomas R. Weschler, Retired, who served this country valiantly for 3½ decades. Vice Admiral Weschler is one of the highest ranking Naval officers to come from Erie, PA, and I am profoundly grateful for his service to our Nation.

Admiral Weschler began his service in 1940, following his graduation from the United States Naval Academy in 1939. He served on the USS WASP, CV-7, in World War II, seeing combat in both the Mediterranean and the Pacific, including the invasion of Guadalcanal, and was onboard when the WASP was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine.

Admiral Weschler would then go on to command the USS CLARENCE K. BRONSON in action during the Korean war. During the Vietnam war, he commanded amphibious operations against Viet Cong forces in 1965 to 1966, during which time he was awarded the Legion of Merit. In 1966, Admiral Weschler became Commander Naval Support Activity, Danang Republic of Vietnam, and was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal. Following his service in Vietnam, he was awarded a Gold Star for his accomplishments in pioneering and developing the Spruance Class destroyer and the Virginia Class cruiser.

In 1970, Vice Admiral Weschler assumed command of Cruiser-Destroyer Flotilla TWO, and in 1971 he became Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. For both of these tours he was awarded a Gold Star. In 1973, he was selected for promotion to vice admiral and reported to Washington for duty as Director for Logistics, Joint Staff, Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Vice Admiral Weschler retired on June 30, 1975 as a three-star vice admiral following more than 34 years of service in the U.S. Navy.

After his retirement from the Navy, he continued his service as a professor of Naval Operations at the United States War College, Newport, RI, for more than a decade.

On August 28 and 29, 2015, Vice Admiral Weschler will be honored for his service at the opening of the Hagen History Center in Erie, PA, where the Military Gallery will also be dedicated in his honor. I am proud to share in the celebration of Vice Admiral Weschler's