

This award recognizes Coastal Ridge Elementary as a model of excellence and high achievement. The students' success can be attributed to the school's focus on creating a healthy climate where adults model respect and selflessness. Principal Sean Murphy noted that while the award is based on exemplary test scores in math and reading, the school's emphasis on the arts, sciences, and social development has contributed to the students' overall achievement.

I am pleased that the U.S. Department of Education has selected Coastal Ridge Elementary School for this well-deserved honor and congratulate not only the students, but also the administrators, teachers, staff, and parents on this outstanding achievement. Together, they are making a difference in the lives of hundreds of students by helping them become energetic learners and engaged citizens.

#### RECOGNIZING MINOT CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I wish to commend Minot Consolidated School in Minot, ME, on being named a 2015 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. This year, Minot Consolidated was one of only 335 schools across the country and one of only two schools from Maine to receive this prestigious recognition of high accomplishment by the U.S. Department of Education.

Created in 1982, the Blue Ribbon Schools award honors schools that are either academically superior in their States or that demonstrate significant gains in student achievement. The schools singled out for this national recognition are models of high educational standards and accountability.

With just 240 students from pre-kindergarten to sixth grade, Minot Consolidated takes pride in a strong sense of community that contributes to the success of its students. Staff, families, and community members have come together to create a welcoming school environment where students are challenged, motivated, and rewarded for good work. Self-confidence and personal responsibility are strongly encouraged and have produced positive results for Minot Consolidated's high-achieving student body.

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#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO ETHEL LA ROCK AND ANDREW KIM

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, I wish to recognize Ethel La Rock and Andrew Kim, two Montana veterans who are also the first two individuals set to be interviewed as part of our office's participation in the Veterans History Project.

The Veterans History Project's mission is to collect, preserve, and make accessible the personal accounts of American wartime veterans, resulting in an incredible resource for researchers, educators, and future generations to hear directly from veterans and to better understand the realities of past wars.

Ethel La Rock retired from the United States Army as a lieutenant colonel in 1976 after 24 years of service. She served as a nurse in Korea and Vietnam. She was awarded the Bronze Star Medal in 1967 for meritorious service in Vietnam, which I had the honor to present to her in August.

Andrew Kim retired from the United States Navy after 25 years of service in 1969 as a chief boatswain's mate. As a 15-year-old, he watched the bombing of Pearl Harbor and then enlisted as soon as he turned 17. His tours of duty included WWII, the Korean conflict, the Cuban Missile Crisis, and the Vietnam war.

Thank you to Ethel and Andy for their service to our Nation and for sharing their stories with the people of Montana.●

##### TRIBUTE TO JESSICA ANDERSON

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, I wish to recognize Jessica Anderson, an outstanding educator at Powell County High School in Deer Lodge, MT.

Ms. Anderson is the epitome of "leading by example." With experience in teaching both prekindergarten through eighth grade and now high school, she has developed a unique teaching style that has inspired countless students.

Her technology-based teaching style has led to her classroom's collaboration with students on opposite sides of the world. She is also a cofounder of #MTedChat on Twitter, where educators can come together to share, collaborate, and challenge each other to improve.

Ms. Anderson's instruction of students both in the classroom and online through the Montana Digital Academy has truly underscored the importance of universal education in our increasingly digital age. Not only am I proud to recognize her today, but also congratulate her on recently being awarded the title of 2016 Montana Teacher of the Year.

I thank her for promoting the educational ideals that Montanans hold so dear and look forward to watching the continual positive influence she will have on Montana's future leaders.●

#### RECOGNIZING LOCAL MONTANA BREWERIES

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, I wish to recognize the achievement of three local Montana breweries. Montana Brewing Company in Billings, Madison River Brewing Company in Belgrade, and KettleHouse Brewing Company in Missoula received medals for their excellent beer this year at the Great American Beer Festival, one of the largest beer festivals in the Nation. Out of more than 6,000 entries, these three great breweries were recognized as having the best beer in a certain category. Madison River Brewing Company received a gold medal in Scottish-style ale for their Cold Smoke, and KettleHouse Brewing Company followed with a silver medal in the same category for their Copper John Scotch Ale. Montana Brewing Company received a bronze medal in Irish-style red ale for their Hooligan's Irish Red Ale.

I would also like to recognize that Montana Brewing Company has received 16 medals since 1998, and KettleHouse Brewing Company has received 3 medals since 2009 at the Great American Beer Festival. The dedication and excellence of all three breweries are an example of Montana as a whole. I applaud their achievements.●

##### TRIBUTE TO EARLE G. SHETTLEWORTH, JR.

• Mr. KING. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the outstanding devotion of Earle G. Shettleworth, Jr., who has worked tirelessly to preserve Maine's rich heritage throughout his career. After more than four decades with the Maine Historic Preservation Commission, Earle stepped down as director on October 1, 2015. Despite his retirement and to the delight of the people of Maine, Mr. Shettleworth will continue to hold the esteemed position of Maine's State historian.

Mr. Shettleworth's interest in historic preservation was sparked when he was just 13 years old, after witnessing the destruction of Portland's Union Station. Shortly after this defining event, Mr. Shettleworth became the youngest founding member of Greater Portland Landmarks and has had a distinguished career in public service ever since. Throughout his life, Earle has greatly appreciated architecture and art, which have added to his passion and devotion to preserving Maine's history.

Mr. Shettleworth has served on a wide range of historical commissions and societies, including the Maine Historic Preservation Commission. During his years with the commission, Earle helped designate over 1,500 properties in Maine as historic places in the National Register, and by the time he retired, he was the longest serving State historic preservation officer in the United States.

Mr. Shettleworth holds a bachelor's degree from Colby College and a master's degree from the American and

New England Studies Program at Boston University. He has published dozens of articles and authored numerous books. As a reporter at the Portland Evening Express, Mr. Shettleworth authored a series of 52 articles called "Portland Heritage," which explored the history of the city's notable buildings. Mr. Shettleworth has received honorary doctorates of humane letters from Bowdoin College and the Maine College of Art for his scholarship in the fields of history, historical preservation, and art history.

I would like to join the Maine Historic Preservation Commission and the people of Maine in recognizing and thanking Mr. Shettleworth for his tireless work and dedication to the great State of Maine. Earle not only preserved Maine's history, but also inspired greater public interest in our State's rich heritage. The State of Maine owes Mr. Shettleworth immensely for all his hard work, and we cannot begin to thank him enough. I wish him all the best in his retirement.●

#### TRIBUTE TO CHIEF PETTY OFFICER MIKEL S. COOK

● Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I wish to recognize yeoman CPO Mikel S. Cook, on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Navy.

In his 22-year career in the United States Navy, yeoman Chief Petty Officer Cook has served with great distinction and made countless sacrifices to our country. I commend him for his service and extraordinary dedication to duty and the United States of America.

Yeoman Chief Petty Officer Cook graduated from boot camp in 1994 from Recruit Training Command in Orlando, FL. Following graduation, he attended Yeoman "A" School in Meridian, MS. He reported to his first sea assignment with the Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 7. He later reported to the USS Rainier, AOE-7, participating in Operations Southern Watch and Enduring Freedom and earning his enlisted surface and air warfare pins. His final sea assignment was with Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron 2 out of Whidbey Island, WA.

Yeoman Chief Petty Officer Cook also served with distinction in a variety of assignments ashore: as executive assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff—Operations and Intelligence, Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe in Mons, Belgium; and as a naval analyst with the special liaison detachment, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Brussels, Belgium.

After completing his last sea tour, yeoman Chief Petty Officer Cook reported to his current assignment as congressional liaison in the Navy Appropriations Matters Office, where he helped the Department of the Navy achieve their financial and legislative goals. For 5 years, yeoman Chief Petty Officer Cook has demonstrated exceptional leadership and foresight, engag-

ing Members of the Appropriations Committee and its staff to provide information essential to resourcing the Navy for its role as the world's dominant sea power. In an increasingly difficult budget environment, he provided essential support in shepherding four Navy budgets through the appropriations process, serving our Navy with insight and dedication.

I join my colleagues today in saying thank you to yeoman CPO Mikel S. Cook for his extraordinary dedication to duty and steadfast service to this country throughout his distinguished career in the U.S. Navy. We wish him; his wife, Robyn; and his daughter, Norah, "Fair Winds and Following Seas" in his well-deserved retirement.●

#### TRIBUTE TO JAMES BRUBAKER

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Mr. James Brubaker, director of the Department of Veterans Affairs regional offices in Sioux Falls, SD, and Fargo, ND, since 2010. Mr. Brubaker will be retiring from the Department of Veterans Affairs on October 30, 2015, after an accomplished career.

Mr. Brubaker graduated with a bachelor's degree in financial administration from Michigan State University in 1982. He joined the Department of Veterans Affairs in 1987 and has diligently served veterans in offices throughout the Nation. As the director of the Dakotas Veterans Affairs regional offices, he administered benefits for nearly 156,000 veterans in South Dakota, North Dakota, and 15 counties in Minnesota. Under Mr. Brubaker's leadership, the Sioux Falls and Fargo regional offices have maintained an excellent compensation rating related claim-based accuracy of over 95 percent, one of the best ratings in the Nation. This significant achievement demonstrates Mr. Brubaker's management ability and his dedication to serving our Nation's veterans.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Mr. Brubaker for his fine work. I wish him continued success in the years to come.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:52 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 986. An act to require the Secretary of the Interior to take into trust 4 parcels of Federal land for the benefit of certain Indian Pueblos in the State of New Mexico.

S. 1300. An act to amend the section 221 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide relief for adoptive families from immigrant visa fees in certain situations.

S. 2078. An act to reauthorize the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, and for other purposes.

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

H.R. 1525. An act to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to make certain improvements to form 10-K and regulation S-K, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1553. An act to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to specify which smaller institutions may qualify for an 18-month examination cycle.

H.R. 1839. An act to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to exempt certain transactions involving purchases by accredited investors, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2091. An act to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to clarify the ability to request consumer reports in certain cases to establish and enforce child support payments and awards.

H.R. 2168. An act to make the current Dungeness crab fishery management regime permanent and for other purposes.

H.R. 3102. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to reform programs of the Transportation Security Administration, streamline transportation security regulations, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3510. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop a cybersecurity strategy for the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH) announced that on today, October 7, 2015, he has signed the following enrolled bill, previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

H.R. 2835. An act to actively recruit members of the Armed Forces who are separating from military service to serve as Customs and Border Protection officers.

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At 6:05 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

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The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1525. An act to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to make certain improvements to form 10-K and regulation S-K, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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