

the government through December 11, 2015, including taxpayer funding for Planned Parenthood. I would have voted no.

REMEMBERING JEFFREY A.
MATHIAS

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. President, I am a cosponsor of a resolution the Senate is likely to pass this evening honoring the lives of the 33 crew members aboard the *El Faro* which sank near the Bahamas during Hurricane Joaquin earlier this month.

I want to take this opportunity to express my deepest sympathy and sincere condolences to the family of *El Faro* crewman Jeffrey A. Mathias of Kingston, MA. He was just 42 years old.

Jeff loved the sea. When he attended Tabor Academy, he learned how to sail aboard the school's sailing ship the *Tabor Boy*. Jeff followed his passion to the prestigious Massachusetts Maritime Academy, where in 1996 he graduated with a degree in marine engineering. Upon graduation, he worked at Seamass and then Altran, where he was involved with nuclear power plants. In 1998, he landed his dream job on a cargo vessel.

Jeff sailed to Africa, Europe, North Korea, Alaska, Hawaii, California, and the Caribbean. He reached the officer's position of chief engineer and was responsible for shaft repairs on many vessels.

Jeff leaves his beloved wife, Jennifer Brides Mathias; his 3 adored children, daughters Hayden, 7, Heidi, 5, and son, Caleb, 3, all of Kingston. He also leaves behind his parents, J. Barry and Lydia Jones Mathias, of Kingston and his brother John.

Another son of Massachusetts who loved the sea was President John F. Kennedy. He famously stated, "I really don't know why it is that all of us are so committed to the sea, except I think it's because in addition to the fact that the sea changes, and the light changes, and ships change, it's because we all came from the sea. And it is an interesting biological fact that all of us have in our veins the exact same percentage of salt in our blood that exists in the ocean, and, therefore, we have salt in our blood, in our sweat, in our tears. We are tied to the ocean. And when we go back to the sea—whether it is to sail or to watch it—we are going back from whence we came."

I also offer my condolences to the family, friends, and loved ones of every member of the *El Faro* crew.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT MICHAELA BOUSHEY AND STAFF SERGEANT SHAYNE BOUSHEY

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, I wish to recognize SGT Michaela Boushey and SSG Shayne Boushey as Montanans of the Week. These two soldiers represent

not only the best that Montana has to offer, but the best this country has to offer.

SGT Michaela Boushey served in the Montana Army National Guard for 8 years. For 4 years, she served in the 112th Security and Support Detachment Aviation Unit whose mission is to protect our borders, collect and transmit intelligence, and to provide support for the Department of Justice. Michaela's commitments and service to our country has never faltered, and we are so grateful for her service, sacrifice, and loyalty to our great Nation.

Her husband, SSG Shayne Boushey, was deployed with both the infantry battalion and the military police company. During his deployment to Afghanistan, Shayne and his team were targeted by Taliban forces. When a suicide bomber detonated himself, 6 were killed and 13 were seriously wounded. Shayne's fast thinking, bravery, and resolve in this life-threatening situation saved the lives of many in his team.

We owe our freedom to these soldiers and the thousands of American service-members like them. It is with the humblest gratitude that I thank them for their courage and unwavering loyalty.●

TRIBUTE TO CHASE DELLWO

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, today I would like to highlight an incredibly courageous Montanan and a man very dear to my staff and me: Chase Dellwo. Chase is a strong example of the courage, bravery, and quick thinking that sets Montanans apart.

Chase Dellwo, like myself and many other Montanans, is a hunter. In recent weeks, however, Chase showed resolve that many could never achieve. While bow hunting with his brother recently, Chase climbed up a narrow creek expecting to drive a herd of elk toward his waiting brother.

Having been focused on the elk, Chase did not notice the sleeping grizzly bear 3 feet from where he stood. Startling the now awake animal, Chase soon found himself head to head with this 400-pound bear. Chase recounts later that there was no time for him to draw his weapon back before he had been knocked off his feet and bit on the top and back of his head.

With his eye swollen shut, part of his scalp hanging over his eye, and blood pouring from his wounds, he suffered through the animal's repeated assaults. This attack in normal circumstances would have been the end of a hunter's life, but not in the case of Chase Dellwo. Mid-attack, Chase remembered an article his grandmother had sent him about large animals having terrible gag reflexes.

This quick thinking led him to plunge his arm down the animal's throat, enacting the bear's gag reflex, and subsequently scaring the animal away. Despite incredible disorientation, he found his way to his brother and was in turn rushed to the nearest hospital.

After undergoing multiple hours of surgery to fix his many lacerations, Chase sat with his wife, defending the bear, saying that it had been just as startled as he had. His many injuries led to multiple stitches, staples, and a hospital stay, but this 26-year-old remains alive and has encouraged Montana residents to be more aware of the animals that share their land.

I commend Chase on his courage and smarts that saved his life and wish him luck on both his recovery and the upcoming hunting season.●

REMEMBERING BETTE BAILLY

• Mr. GARDNER. Mr. President, I wish to honor the life of Bette Bailly from Burlington, CO, who passed away earlier this month after serving nearly 50 years in the broadcast industry.

Bette was an inspiration to others in her professional life and in her community. She was due to celebrate 50 years of dedicated service at her station, KNAB-AM, in just 2 years' time and was honored and recognized with numerous awards throughout her career. As a businesswoman, Bette was hard-charging and took a no-nonsense approach to broadcasting. Her tenacity was well known and respected throughout Northeastern Colorado.

Bette was also devoted to the Burlington community. She volunteered her time at the Burlington Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, numerous local boards, and her church.

Undoubtedly, Bette will be missed dearly by her family, her community, and the State of Colorado. We will never forget her contributions to local broadcasting.●

RECOGNIZING BERKLEY SCHOOLS

• Mr. PETERS. Mr. President, I wish to recognize the 175th Anniversary of Berkley Schools. I appreciate the opportunity to recognize this truly significant milestone in the history of the Berkley School District and the city of Berkley, MI. I am proud of Berkley's enduring commitment to providing quality public education and wish it many more decades of successful service to its students and their families.

Throughout its history, the Berkley School District has set the benchmark in public education, ensuring its students are prepared for success, both as individuals and leaders in an increasingly global community. The district's continued dedication to academics is apparent in its recognition by North Central Accreditation, as well as the many honors its students have received in marketing, communications, literacy and poetry, robotics, and video production. Berkley High School boasts 21 advanced placement and college level courses—more than any other traditional high school campus—and provides the highest math curriculum of any high school in Michigan's Oakland County. Additionally, the district's Norup International

School is the United States only K-8 International Baccalaureate program housed on one campus. It is no surprise Berkley High School enjoys a 98 percent graduation rate, with nearly 100 percent of those graduates enrolling in colleges and universities.

In addition to ensuring its students' success in the classroom, the Berkley School District provides an opportunity for students to participate in a wide variety of varsity sports, clubs, and student organizations. From football and softball, to rugby and skiing, students can compete for the Berkley Bears throughout the year. Students also entertain as members of the high school's marching band, symphonic band, concert band, and jazz band, as well as with its three choirs and theater program. I applaud the Berkley School District for providing opportunities for students to explore art, music, and literature.

Berkley had been associated with education for nearly a century when the city was incorporated in 1932. The Berkley School was mentioned as part of the Royal Oak Township School District No. 7 in 1840. It was housed in the Blackmon School, at the corner of Coolidge and Catalpa, from 1840 until a new school building was established in 1901. The new building, named South School, was located at the northeast corner of Coolidge and 11 Mile Road until it was converted into a dormitory for teachers in 1920. The district's growth was swift. In 1921, the district built Angell School, a four-room building, on Bacon Street. Four years later, in 1925, the district added two more schools, Pattengill and Burton, which were occupied before they were even completed.

Despite its success, the Berkley School District was not immune to the hardships of the Great Depression. In January 1930, all pupils were placed on half days, half of the faculty was dismissed, bus service was eliminated, and the gym was closed. The following year, the district was forced to close Burton and Pattengill schools. Fortunately, both schools were reopened in time for the "baby boom" that followed the end of World War II. As the district's population grew, Berkley High School opened in 1949, followed by Tyler and Oxford Schools in 1951; Hamilton School in 1952; and the district's two junior high schools, Anderson and Norup, in 1956 and 1957.

Today, the Berkley School District continues to be a leader in providing excellent public education in the State of Michigan. It serves as an example of how community-driven, quality education can not only enrich the lives of students, but also drive the growth and quality of life in the surrounding community for generations. I am pleased to help celebrate the 175th Anniversary of Berkley Schools and wish it many more decades of successful service to its students and their families.●

RECOGNIZING THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA'S COLLEGIATE CYBER DEFENSE CLUB

• Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, as October marks Cyber Security Awareness Month, I wish to recognize the University of Central Florida, UCF, Collegiate Cyber Defense Club on winning the 2015 National Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition's Alamo Cup for a second year in a row in April 2015. This achievement not only exemplifies the boundless educational opportunities provided by UCF, but also demonstrates how students in Florida are leading the next generation of growth and development in increasingly vital 21st century industries.

The UCF Collegiate Cyber Defense Club, also known as Hack@UCF was founded in 2012 and today has 200 members that represent the university in cyber competitions around the Nation. Most notably, Hack@UCF annually competes in the National Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition, CCDC. In partnership with the Center for Infrastructure Assurance and Security, CIAS, at the University of Texas at San Antonio, the CCDC started in 2005 to provide educational institutions with a controlled environment to further educate and assess the future generation's skills in combatting cyber attacks. This year, the competition challenged 2,400 undergraduate and graduate students representing 200 colleges and universities to operate and maintain a mock business, while continuously defending against cyber attacks created by government and industry experts.

I am proud that the talented students of UCF were able to stand out as the best collegiate team during the competition for the past 2 years. As our Nation will continue to face the threat of cyber attacks on our economy, businesses, and national security, it is critical to promote and invest in educational programs that empower students and provide them with the necessary tools to be successful in this industry.

It is an honor to congratulate all members of the UCF Collegiate Cyber Defense Club on this achievement. I hope it will inspire other students in the State of Florida and across the Nation to get involved in the cyber security industry. I wish the group an abundance of success in the future and the best of luck in next year's competition.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. FRANK FIERMONT

• Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, I wish to recognize Dr. Frank Fiermonte, a physician from Orleans, VT, who cared for the people of Vermont's North Country with distinction for many years. As Vermont's Northland Journal prepares to publish the final installment of a series on Dr. Fiermonte, I want to join in recognizing his service to Vermont.

Dr. Fiermonte was a true "country doctor" who was willing to travel long distances to see his patients at all hours and in all seasons. I have heard Frank tell many an anecdote about how, after a home visit to a rural area, family and friends of the patient had to help him get his car unstuck during mud season or dug out from a snow bank in the winter.

Like many country doctors, he served a vast area, encompassing not just his hometown of Derby, but also a wide swath of Orleans and Essex Counties and even across the border into Quebec. Yet he intimately knew all of the families he served, which sometimes spanned several generations. The stories from North Country residents in the Northland Journal make it clear that Dr. Fiermonte made a tremendous impact on the community. This quote from a former Derby resident stands out in particular: "Dr. Fiermonte was a godsend to the Derby area. He was always available day or night."

What always strikes me most about Frank is how personal the practice of medicine was for him. In today's modern world, health care can sometimes be a very impersonal experience. In fact, there is much discussion in Vermont and Washington about returning to a more patient-centered system. We would do well to learn from people like Dr. Frank Fiermonte and his contemporaries, who are the embodiment of that ideal. Motivated by the desire to serve his community and deliver the best care possible, for Dr. Fiermonte, it was all about the patient.

Dr. Frank Fiermonte has earned my deepest respect, and I thank him for his years of service to the North Country.●

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 2181. A bill to provide guidance and priorities for Federal Government obligations in the event that the debt limit is reached.

S. 2182. A bill to cut, cap, and balance the Federal budget.

S. 2183. A bill to reauthorize and reform the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. CARDIN):

S. 2184. A bill to direct the President to establish guidelines for United States foreign development and economic assistance programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. HIRONO, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):