

I am unbelievably proud to have a citizen like Mary Crawford in the great State of Montana. I am thankful for the love and support she has shown these children.●

RECOGNIZING THE NEVADA INDIAN COMMISSION

● Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the 50th anniversary of an important entity to our great State—the Nevada Indian Commission. I am pleased to see this commission, which contributes so much in support of Nevada's Native American community, reach this significant milestone.

The Nevada Indian Commission has been a positive force in communities across our State. The commission continues to serve as a forum for Nevada's Native American population, bringing important issues affecting this community to light. I am grateful to have the Nevada Indian Commission serving as an important liaison between Nevada's 27 tribal communities and our State's government.

The Nevada Indian Commission was established in 1965 as a means to maintain a positive quality of life for our State's Native Americans. Those that serve on the commission work to bring greater awareness of Nevada's many tribes' cultures, values, and customs. The commission devotes countless hours to improving education, employment, health, well-being, and socioeconomic status by advocating on behalf of Nevada's Native Americans, while communicating with local officials. The commission has five board members working to strengthen economic opportunity and community development. I am thankful for their leadership and for the great things they are doing for this community.

The Federal Government has unique and important responsibilities to tribes and their people. That responsibility is something I take seriously as one of Nevada's Senators, which is why I have supported policies in Congress focused on promoting tribal self-governance and self-determination. Just recently, the Senate passed a resolution recognizing November as National Native American Heritage Month. As a proud original cosponsor of this resolution, I was pleased to see it pass to celebrate the heritages and cultures of Native Americans and their contributions to the United States and Nevada.

For the past 50 years, the Nevada Indian Commission has proven its unwavering dedication to our state. The hard work of those that have served this Commission has greatly contributed to the positive impact the Native American community has had across Nevada. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Nevada Indian Commission on its 50th anniversary and thanking the commission for all it does for the Silver State.●

CONGRATULATING PROFESSOR ANA DOUGLASS

● Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to congratulate Professor Ana Douglass on receiving the 2015 Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching Nevada Professor of the Year award. This accolade is truly prestigious, attained by only the most influential of Nevada's educators. The Silver State is truly fortunate to have Professor Douglass working at Truckee Meadows Community College, TMCC.

The State Professors of the Year Awards Program, sponsored by the Carnegie Foundation, recognizes educators who go above and beyond in their career. These professors have an extraordinary dedication to undergraduate teaching as proven through their relationships with students, approach in helping their students learn, contributions to undergraduate education, and support from students and colleagues at their institutions. These educators' unwavering commitment to their students is unparalleled and has not gone unnoticed.

Professor Douglass is the first faculty member of a Nevada community college to receive this prestigious award. She has served at TMCC for 19 years, working not only as an English professor, but also as a leader among her peers. As a teacher, Professor Douglass is dedicated to motivating her students to be the best they can be by challenging them in their studies. She is also a mentor to many hard-working students, serving as an example of excellence in education for the TMCC community.

As the father of four children and as the husband of a teacher, I understand the important role educators play in enriching the lives of Nevadans. Ensuring students throughout the Silver State 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 Professor Douglass.

I ask my colleagues and all Nevadans to join me in thanking Professor Douglass for her dedication to enriching the lives of Nevada's students and congratulating her on receiving this award. I wish her well in all of her future endeavors and in creating success for all students who enter her classroom.●

CONGRATULATING THE LEWISTON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' SOCCER TEAM

● Mr. KING. Mr. President, at the end of the fall season, we see the culmination of youth athletics across the country. In each sport, whether it is field hockey, football, soccer, or the like, we as parents and spectators see the aggregation of hard work, sportsmanship, and perseverance come together to produce outstanding championship athletes. Today I wish to draw attention to all of the talented Maine youths who won athletic championships across the

State this year. In particular, I would like to congratulate the members of the Lewiston High School Blue Devils boys' soccer team, who on the path to their undefeated regular season and recent state championship victory have demonstrated remarkable levels of teamwork and sportsmanship.

The Blue Devils' achieved victory through an impressive display of talent and teamwork. Throughout their regular season the team scored a total of 114 goals, consistently demonstrated their strong defense, and earned recognition when USA Today ranked them 22nd in the country. The team's display of unity, patience, and determination in the state final against Scarborough High School was a fitting conclusion to a stunning season of hard work.

During two prior seasons, the Blue Devils earned their way to the State finals but each time returned home without the win. Following their defeat last November, Lewiston High School coach Mike McGraw vowed to his team that they would return and they would win. This year, that promise was fulfilled.

But the story of the Blue Devils' win is not solely one of raw athletic talent and training. This is a team with a long history and deep friendships that have spanned many years and continents. A number of the players originally hail from Somalia and have known each other and played soccer together since they were children in a refugee camp in Kenya. Others—native Mainers and immigrants alike—have bonded and shared their passion for the sport since grade school. This fraternal bond between the players and the supportiveness of the Lewiston community is a fine example of Maine citizens from diverse ethnic, religious, and experiential backgrounds coming together to achieve victory while championing Maine's spirit and America's highest ideals of inclusiveness and unity.

I wish to join the city of Lewiston and the entire Maine community in congratulating the Lewiston High School boys' soccer team for their well-earned success. They demonstrated impressive athletic ability, incredible determination, loyalty to their coach and one another, and have highlighted the richness that multiculturalism brings to our communities. The Blue Devils have earned their title as champions in more ways than one.●

TRIBUTE TO BRIGADIER GENERAL BOB HARTER

● Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, today I acknowledge COL Bob Harter of the United States Army Reserve as he is promoted to brigadier general, effective November 8, 2015. The Harter family has long roots in Alaska; Bob's grandparents moved to Fairbanks in the early 1940s, and Bob's father, LTC Robert Harter, retired, was raised in Fairbanks, leaving Alaska to attend

the United States Military Academy in 1961. Bob lived in Alaska in the mid-1970s, when Bob's father was stationed at Fort Wainwright. While Bob has spent the last 27 years serving his country both at home and abroad, he has always maintained his Alaskan residence and remains the son of a proud Alaska family. In fact, both Bob and his father travel to Cordova, AK, every summer to spend time on the family boat, fishing and enjoying "the last frontier."

BG Bob Harter is the incoming director of the Office, Chief Army Reserve, OCAR, Staff. He was previously assigned to the Army's chief of staff transition team, where he provided a total force perspective for GEN Mark Milley, the newly assigned chief of staff of the Army. As the director of the OCAR Staff, Brigadier General Harter will be responsible for synchronizing the actions of the 400-person Army Reserve headquarters based out of Fort Belvoir, VA, in support of the chief of Army Reserve's priorities.

A graduate of Virginia Tech, Brigadier General Harter began his military career in 1988 as an artillery officer, assigned to the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, ACR, in Bad Hersfeld, Germany.

While assigned to the 11th ACR, Brigadier General Harter participated in multiple border security missions prior to the fall of the Berlin Wall and German reunification. Colonel Harter also deployed with the regiment to Saudi Arabia and Kuwait in support of Operation Desert Storm.

Upon returning from Desert Storm, Colonel Harter transferred to the Ordnance Corps and was reassigned to Fort Campbell, KY, where he served as a group maintenance officer; battalion operations officer, S3; and as commander, 584th Direct Support, DS, Maintenance Company.

In 1999, Brigadier General Harter transferred from the Active component to the Reserve component, entered the Active Guard and Reserve program, and was assigned to the 99th Regional Readiness Command in Pittsburgh, PA, as a training chief for a readiness team, with a follow on assignment to the 55th Sustainment Brigade, Fort Belvoir, as the brigade support operations officer.

In 2006, Brigadier General Harter transferred to the 316th Expeditionary Sustainment Command and, in 2007, deployed to Balad, Iraq, for one year. While in Iraq, Brigadier General Harter served as the 316th's distribution management chief, responsible for synchronizing logistics support to the more than 150,000 military members operating in Iraq.

Upon redeployment from Iraq, Brigadier General Harter attended the National War College at Fort McNair, Washington, DC, and was subsequently assigned as branch chief in the Force Protection Division, J8, of the Joint Staff. While in the J8, Brigadier General Harter was responsible for vetting

the mine-resistant ambush protected, MRAP, and counter improvised explosive device requirements in support of Central Command, CENTCOM, operations.

In 2011, Brigadier General Harter became the executive officer for the chief, Army Reserve, and, in 2013, assumed duties as the Office, Chief Army Reserve assistant chief of staff.

Brigadier General Harter's awards include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and the parachutist and air assault badges. Brigadier General Harter is a graduate of the National War College. He lives in Stafford, VA, with his wife, Erin, also a Virginia Tech graduate, and his three children: Anna, 20, currently a sophomore at the University of Virginia; Bobby, 16; and Jack, 14.

It is only fair and proper to acknowledge the unwavering support of his wife, Erin, and their three children, as they enabled him to work tirelessly on his assigned duties throughout his career and will undoubtedly continue to do so for many years to come. Let us thank them all for their sacrifices and wish them continued success in the future.●

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND SCOTT FISHER

● Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, this weekend the interior Alaska community will honor the Rev. Scott Fisher, the rector and senior pastor of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in downtown Fairbanks on the occasion of his retirement. St. Matthew's is not just any church. It is one of the three oldest churches in Fairbanks, a beautiful log building overlooking the Chena River. It is a diverse congregation, the spiritual home of the Athabascan community of interior Alaska. And Scott Fisher is not just any pastor. All who know Scott would agree that he reflects all that is good and all that is holy. Easy to talk to and calming in manner, Scott is respected by people of all faiths for his strength, compassion, and humanity.

There is an old plaque on the door of St. Matthew's that reads: "To all who are joyful and thankful—to all who mourn and need comfort—to all who are weary and need rest—to all who are friendless and wish friendship—to all who pray and to all who do not but ought—to all who sin and need a Savior and to whosoever will—this church opens wide the door and in the name of Christ the Lord says welcome." And under Scott Fisher's leadership, that was so. This is a church where newcomers feel welcome immediately.

The Rev. Scott Fisher has served as rector of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church since June 1991. He arrived in Alaska, through the legendary Bishop William Jones Gordon, Jr., as a volunteer layworker in October 1970 and lived in the interior villages of Chalkyitsik, Stevens Village, and Bea-

ver before leaving for seminary under Bishop Gordon's direction in the summer of 1973. Receiving his M.Div. from the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest, in Austin, TX, he returned to the interior of Alaska, working for the church in Fort Yukon and Beaver before moving into the diocesan office. He was an assistant to the bishop, traveling and working extensively throughout the interior and Arctic coast, before coming to St. Matthew's in the summer of 1991.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Rev. Scott Fisher for the powerful contribution he has made to life in interior Alaska and to wish him well in retirement. I know that I speak for the entire community in telling you that your departure leaves a large hole in our hearts, and we shall miss you.●

CONGRATULATING BEATRIZ R. PEREZ

● Mr. PERDUE. Mr. President, I would like to offer congratulations to Ms. Beatriz R. Perez, chief sustainability officer and vice president of the Coca-Cola Company and the winner of the Canadian-American Business Achievement Award. For more than 20 years, the Canadian American Business Achievement award has highlighted the deep relationship between the United States and Canada, the importance of free trade between the countries, and recognized individuals who have been leaders in their fields of enterprise.

Ms. Perez has served in her current role at Coca-Cola since 2011. Previously, she helped direct major marketing operations for the Atlanta-based beverage giant. In addition to her work at Coke, Ms. Perez spends a great deal of time giving back to the Atlanta community as a trustee for the Save the Children Foundation and a board member for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

At Coca-Cola, working with the company's top leaders and nonprofits from around the world, Ms. Perez directs efforts that seek to build cooperation in the "golden triangle of government, business and civil society." Ms. Perez is working with local governments around the world to continue the company's stewardship of natural resources through the development of water projects in nearly 100 countries, working with communities to advance and empower economic opportunities for women, and continuing the company's efforts in the distribution of more than 10 billion fully recyclable PlantBottle™ packages across 24 countries, which eliminates the need for the equivalent of more than 200,000 barrels of oil.

In 2014, Ms. Perez was named as one of the 10 Most Powerful Women in Sustainability by Green Building & Design magazine. She has been featured as one of the 25 Most Powerful Latinas on CNN en Espanol and in People en Espanol, and is a member of the American Advertising Hall of Achievement