

Crawford-Sebastian Community Development Council, CSCDC, on its 50th anniversary of providing critical help for the people of western Arkansas. Since 1965, this community action agency has administered a wide range of Federal programs that help with housing, utilities, food and other basic needs.

This agency does not just process paperwork; it alleviates hunger, provides shelter, and gives hope to more than 50,000 Arkansans annually.

I have always been struck by the great kindness and care that the staff at the CSCDC provides. The team, including 1,600 volunteers, is passionate about helping people and improving the community. They consistently look for new ways to improve their services, and I am grateful for their tireless efforts to support the homeless, families facing difficult times, and those who are seeking to improve their lives.

I have had many opportunities to see their work in person, including helping a family celebrate their new home through the self-help housing program. The CSCDC is a leader in providing counseling for first-time and low-income home buyers and creating homes hand-in-hand with them that will stand the test of time. It also quietly helps those in greatest need each day with services such as utility assistance, emergency food, and a no-cost dental clinic.

This year, the CSCDC has proven that it intends to remain a leader in community support for many years to come. This agency joined efforts to create the new Hope Campus in Fort Smith, AR, that brings together a number of nonprofits and services for the homeless in one place. It is a place of hope, healing, and opportunity.●

#### TRIBUTE TO MARK GOLLINGER

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, I would like to honor Mark Gollinger for his faithful devotion to the veterans of Butte-Silver Bow, MT. Mark has tirelessly served countless veterans over the years by serving as a liaison between veterans and veteran providers.

Mark is a U.S. Navy retired senior chief who now runs the Disabled Veterans Outreach Program, DVOP, from the Butte Job Service. One of the chief responsibilities of his position is communicating with veterans in the area and keeping them informed of what is happening around the community. Some of his most recent efforts have included free tax preparation for veterans and Active-Duty military members, virtual career fairs with the Forest Service, and a career mini-summit.

Mark also hosts a quarterly veteran service provider, VSP, meetings in Butte, at which presentations are given with information to help veterans learn more about the providers in the area, in addition to sharing any other relevant information for veterans.

As a strong advocate for ensuring our veterans are cared and provided for, it is my honor to have someone like Mark

Gollinger call Montana home. I am grateful for his exceptional work and look forward to hearing about the continued impact he is having in the Butte community.●

#### TRIBUTE TO GORDON BURGESS

• Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, today I wish to honor Tangipahoa Parish president Gordon Burgess. Gordon has selflessly served nearly 30 years as Tangipahoa's first and only parish president.

A graduate of Southern Arkansas University, Burgess served 2 years in the Nike Missile Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battery of the U.S. Army, as well as 4 years on Active Reserve in the National Guard. Following his service, Gordon owned and operated a successful oil service company for more than 20 years before becoming Tangipahoa Parish president in 1986. Gordon and his wife Margaret are both members of the First Baptist Church in Independence, LA, where he serves as a deacon and she in the music ministry.

As a staunch fiscal conservative, Gordon has fought to reduce taxes and to live with a balanced budget by implementing his now famous "pay as you go" approach. When first elected Tangipahoa Parish president, Gordon inherited a parish government nearly \$12 million in the red. Under his leadership, all of that debt has been paid off, and 19 separate property taxes totaling over \$96 million have been eliminated.

During his eight terms in office, Gordon strengthened Tangipahoa's highway system, upgraded the drainage systems, built new governmental facilities, and invested in a higher quality health system for his Parish's citizens.

Gordon's public service extends well beyond Tangipahoa Parish to State and Federal levels. His experience and vision have led to an appointment on Louisiana's Commerce and Industry Board and the Louisiana Police Jury Executive Board. On the Federal level, he serves as vice president of the Zachary Taylor Parkway Association.

Gordon is also an honorary cochairman and committee member of America's Wetland Storm Warning IV Committee. He is a member of the Louisiana Federal Property Advisory Board, a member of Parishes Against Coastal Erosion, the Amite Rotary Club, the Hammond Chamber of Commerce, as well as the Ponchatoula and Amite Area chambers. Additionally he is a member of the Louisiana Cattlemen's Association.

I am pleased to hereby honor parish president Gordon Burgess on his commitment to providing invaluable public service to the people of Tangipahoa Parish and the State of Louisiana.●

#### RECOGNIZING HARLOW'S DONUTS AND BAKERY

• Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, behind each of the millions of small businesses

in the United States, there is an entrepreneur who is willing to put in the hard work necessary for success. In the heart of Pineville, LA, Roy W. Burr, Sr., exemplified this commitment by dedicating over 30 years to growing and maintaining this week's Small Business of the Week, Harlow's Donut and Bakery.

Harlow's Donut and Bakery has been a staple in Pineville since opening its doors in 1972. When Roy W. Burr, Sr., took over in 1984, he was determined to maintain the bakery's name and good reputation. With no prior experience in the food industry, Roy would regularly begin making donuts at 2:30 in the morning. In the decades since, three generations of Burrs have created an environment where locals could start their mornings with hot coffee and a fresh pastry, while catching up with their friends and neighbors. Harlow's Bakery is widely recognized as a staple in the community in large part due to the Burr family treating both their employees and customers as members of their extended family.

Over the years, Harlow's Donut and Bakery has been awarded statewide and national accolades. In 2011, Harlow's was featured as a Travelocity Local Secret, Big Find and more recently was honored by the North Rapides Business and Industry Alliance as a Small Business of the Month in March 2015.

This past November, Roy W. Burr, Sr., passed away after running Harlow's for over 30 years. In remembrance of Roy and his dedication to the Pineville community, Harlow's Donut and Bakery is officially recognized as Small Business of the Week.●

#### RECOGNIZING WETLAND RESOURCES, LLC

• Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, restoring, protecting, and preserving our vulnerable coastal habitats remain among the most important priorities for those of us in Louisiana. Coastal erosion has reduced our Nation's largest marsh by more than 2,000 square miles since 1930. We need to work toward effective solutions combating coastal erosion because it affects our homes, businesses, and daily lives. That is why I would like to recognize Wetland Resources, LLC, of Tickfaw, LA, as Small Business of the Week.

The threat of natural disaster will always remain for those of us living in Louisiana, and it is well known that coastal restoration goes hand-in-hand with storm protection. In the 10 years since Hurricane Katrina, which flooded 80 percent of New Orleans and displaced thousands across the country, we as a State have made great strides to protect our homes and communities, and our future is brighter than ever. But we are not done yet.

Husband and wife team Gary Shaffer and Demetra Kandelepas of Wetland Resources have stepped up to play a major role in coastal restoration and in

2009 began devising a way to rebuild and protect our coastline. Shaffer, a biology professor at Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond, LA, and Kandelepas, an ecologist with a doctorate degree, have been growing hurricane-resistant plants, such as cypress and tupelo trees, along Louisiana's receding coast. This creates a natural barrier of healthy flora more likely to sustain vulnerable coastal habitats during strong storms. In order to reinvigorate the vegetation along Louisiana's coastline, Wetland Resources targets areas that are filled with treated sewerage and wastewater from nearby cities. These areas are nutrient rich and serve as ideal incubators for newly planted cypress and tupelo trees. These species of trees can live for hundreds of years, and their root systems grow laterally, which connect with adjacent trees to create an effective barrier from storm surges and gale force winds.

Today, Shaffer and Kandelepas are developing new ways to plant and protect their seeds. In addition to their most recent development, a biodegradable protective casing for their seedlings that allows 4,000 trees to be planted each day, Wetland Resources, LLC, has received numerous awards.

Congratulations to Wetlands Resources, LLC, of Tickfaw, LA, this week's Small Business of the Week. I look forward to seeing the ongoing impact of your innovative ideas in restoring our coastline and protecting our families and homes.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:10 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

**S. 1090.** An act to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide eligibility for broadcasting facilities to receive certain disaster assistance, 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. 3654.** An act to require a report on United States strategy to combat terrorist use of social media, and for other purposes.

**H.R. 3750.** An act to waive the passport fees for first responders proceeding abroad to aid a foreign country suffering from a natural disaster.

**H.R. 3878.** An act to enhance cybersecurity information sharing and coordination at ports in the United States, and for other purposes.

**H.R. 4239.** An act to require intelligence community reporting on foreign fighter flows to and from terrorist safe havens abroad, and for other purposes.

**H.R. 4246.** An act to exempt for an additional 4-year period, from the application of the means-test presumption of abuse under chapter 7, qualifying members of reserve components of the Armed Forces and members of the National Guard who, after September 11, 2001, are called to active duty or to perform a homeland defense activity for not less than 90 days.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the text of the bill (H.R. 2297) to prevent Hezbollah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes, and agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the title of the bill.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2820) to reauthorize the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005, and for other purposes.

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 5:07 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

**S. 1090.** An act to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide eligibility for broadcasting facilities to receive certain disaster assistance, and for other purposes.

**H.R. 2297.** An act to prevent Hezbollah and associated entities from gaining access to international financial and other institutions, and for other purposes.

**H.R. 2820.** An act to reauthorize the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005, and for other purposes.

**H.R. 3831.** An act to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend the annual comment period for payment rates under Medicare Advantage.

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. 3189.** An act to amend the Federal Reserve Act to establish requirements for policy rules and blackout periods of the Federal Open Market Committee, to establish requirements for certain activities of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and to amend title 31, United States Code, to reform the manner in which the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System is audited, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

**H.R. 3654.** An act to require a report on United States strategy to combat terrorist use of social media, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

**H.R. 3750.** An act to waive the passport fees for first responders proceeding abroad to aid a foreign country suffering from a natural disaster; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

**H.R. 3878.** An act to enhance cybersecurity information sharing and coordination at ports in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

**H.R. 4239.** An act to require intelligence community reporting on foreign fighter flows to and from terrorist safe havens abroad, and for other purposes; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

#### ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, December 17, 2015, she

had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

**S. 1090.** An act to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide eligibility for broadcasting facilities to receive certain disaster assistance, 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. REED (for himself and Ms. COLLEEN):

**S. 2410.** A bill to promote transparency in the oversight of cybersecurity risks at publicly traded companies; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself and Mr. FLAKE):

**S. 2411.** A bill to permit the Secretary of Homeland Security to search open source information to determine if an alien is inadmissible to the United States and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

**S. 2412.** A bill to establish the Tule Lake National Historic Site in the State of California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

**S. 2413.** A bill to prohibit unfair or deceptive acts or practices relating to the prices of products and services sold online, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. McCAIN):

**S. 2414.** A bill to decrease the frequency of sports blackouts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. SCHUMER):

**S. 2415.** A bill to implement integrity measures to strengthen the EB-5 Regional Center Program in order to promote and reform foreign capital investment and job creation in American communities; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

**S. 2416.** A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to require the use of electronic visit verification systems for home health services under the Medicare program and personal care services and home health care services under the Medicaid program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. ROUNDS):

**S. 2417.** A bill to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to allow the Indian Health Service to cover the cost of a copayment of an Indian or Alaska Native veteran receiving medical care or services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON):

**S. 2418.** A bill to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish university labs for student-developed technology-based solutions for countering online recruitment of violent extremists; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. CASEY):

**S. 2419.** A bill to improve quality and accountability for educator preparation programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.