

of service to the U.S. Navy, our Federal Government, and the scientific community.

Tim Arcano has dedicated his professional life to serving our country, first in the military and later as a civil servant. His knowledge of ships and the oceans they sail and nuclear safety and capabilities has been developed through his education and in his myriad positions throughout the Navy and our Federal Government. Two of Dr. Arcano's academic degrees were earned in my us, home State, where he attended the U.S. Naval Academy, and later earned his Ph.D. at the University of Maryland. In addition, he holds an Ocean Engineer degree and a masters in mechanical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, MIT.

Dr. Arcano's first career was in our military, where he served for 30 years in both Active and Reserve service. As technical director and ship design manager for the Virginia-Class Submarine Program, as technical authority for advanced submarines at Naval Sea System Command, NAVSEA, and as a program manager at the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, Dr. Arcano developed an understanding and expertise that few can match. Those skills were further utilized in five Reserve commands.

Dr. Arcano's dedication to our country continued after his transition from Active service to the Reserves in 1992 and his later retirement from the Navy as captain in June of 2008. He served as deputy chief of Nuclear Safety at the United States Department of Energy and as the director of the Office of Ocean Exploration and Research at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. During that time, he returned to the Naval Academy to hold the Corbin A. McNeill Endowed Chair in Naval Engineering, where he created a course on engineering of submersible systems.

Dr. Arcano came to NSWC Carderock in May of 2013, bringing his wealth of experience as he took the helm of a campus of over 3,000 employees. His impact has been magnified by his commitment to STEM education and developing the next generation of scientific leaders. Under Dr. Arcano's leadership, employees at NSWC Carderock have mentored countless high school and college interns, even reaching to our youngest developing scientists by leading elementary students in FIRST Robotics clubs. Dr. Arcano "walks the walk" himself, giving greatly of his own time by taking interns under his wing to offer advice and helping them chart their path, wherever that might lead.

As part of his encouragement of STEM education, Dr. Arcano and NSWC Carderock have continued to host the International Human Powered Submarine Races. Teams from not just corporations and research centers, but from universities and even high schools come from around the world to race

their independently built one- or two-person submarines through a course at the historic David Taylor Model Basin at Carderock. For 2 years, these competitors learn about hydrodynamic design, propulsion, underwater life support, materials science, and other scientific principles in creating their own designs for these vehicles. The lessons learned, both in science and engineering and in collaborating on a team project, help to fuel their enthusiasm for careers in science and technology.

Dr. Arcano's career reflects his selflessness, his unparalleled leadership capabilities, and his devotion to our country. He commands the respect and admiration of all who have had the privilege to know and work with him. His leadership will be greatly missed, but he has left a legacy of scientific leadership that will continue to develop through the principles and practice that he exercised every day. We are deeply grateful for his devotion to our national security, to naval science, and to America's future generations.

I offer the thanks of a grateful nation to Dr. Arcano and, by extension, to his family—his wife, Brenda, their daughter, Heather, and sons, Greg, Joseph, and Tyler—for as we all know, the support of family is critical. I am honored and pleased to recognize Dr. Tim Arcano for his outstanding career in public service and wish him all the best in his future pursuits.

TRIBUTE TO CYNTHIA K. DOHNER

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the distinguished public service career of Cynthia K. Dohner. Cindy served the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service with distinction and honor for more than 24 years and will leave the Service on August 30, 2017.

Cindy's passion for the outdoors began at an early age while fishing and hunting with her father. These experiences encouraged her to pursue an education to ensure the outdoor way of life she enjoyed would continue to be available for future generations.

She earned a bachelor's degree in marine biology, a master's degree in fisheries and aquaculture, and led a long career protecting fish and wildlife and their habitats.

Cindy worked for a private environmental consulting firm and held positions in several State and Federal agencies before joining the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in 1993. Prior to her time in the Southeast Region, Cindy worked with the Service's Division of Fish Hatcheries and as the branch chief for Recovery and Consultation in Washington, DC. She moved to Atlanta in 1999 to serve as the assistant regional director for Ecological Services and later served as deputy regional director.

For the last 7 years, Cindy led the Southeast Region in its mission to make a difference for fish, wildlife, plants, and the people who live and work in communities across the region.

As regional director, she has provided vision and leadership to more than 1,300 employees in 10 southeastern States, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands and has positively influenced conservation successes and solutions nationally.

In Arkansas and throughout the Southeast, Cindy is recognized as an honest partner and innovative leader. She has worked alongside Arkansas' fish farmers, cattlemen, and local elected officials, including the Association of Arkansas Counties, to solve complex conservation challenges in a way that keeps working lands working, reduces regulatory burden, and helps local economies to thrive. Her responsiveness to private-sector concerns and willingness to find creative ways to conserve fish and wildlife resources has made a difference to wildlife and people alike.

Under her leadership, the Southeast Region has joined forces with States, private landowners, the Department of Defense and other Federal agencies, and several sectors of industry and business including energy, timber and finance among others to find creative ways to conserve fish and wildlife resources. This collaboration resulted in notable conservation successes including removing Arkansas Magazine Mountain shagreen snail and the Louisiana black bear from the endangered species list and precluding the need to list more than 100 fish, wildlife, and plants petitioned for Federal protection in the past several years. She and her team worked closely with many partners to restore more than 1 million acres of bottomland hardwood habitat in the South that is critical for migratory waterfowl and other wildlife in decline. Cindy was remarkably effective in large part because she recognized and emphasized the little things while building relationships that often had big implications and made conservation successes possible on larger scales.

I applaud Cindy for her dedication to public service and the lasting difference that she has made at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. I am hopeful FWS will continue to build on her cooperative conservation legacy. I ask that my colleagues join me in expressing our sincere appreciation and gratitude for her public service and wishing Cindy success and happiness in her future endeavors.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO KEITH GEIS

• Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, Wyoming has a longstanding tradition of recognizing individuals who make invaluable contributions to agriculture and communities across our State. Each year, Senator Enzi and I have the pleasure of introducing these honorees as they are inducted into the Wyoming Agriculture Hall of Fame. This year, Keith Geis will be honored as one of

these outstanding individuals during the 105th Wyoming State Fair.

In Wyoming, we talk a lot about the code of the West. "Take pride in your work," "Always finish what you start," and "Ride for the Brand" are just a few tenets of the creed that motivates the way we live in Wyoming. Growing up on a dairy farm in Wheatland, Keith learned these principles early and abides by them today.

Across the state, Keith is well known for his steadfast commitment to strong Wyoming communities. After starting his career in banking and spending nearly two decades with the Farm Credit Services of America, Keith has served as the president of Platte Valley Bank in Wheatland for 15 years. In addition to his work at the bank, Keith is exceptionally active in his community. The list of organizations, boards, and associations that have benefited from Keith's leadership and involvement is long. He has served, among others, as a member of the Platte County Economic Development Board of Directors, as chairman of the Wyoming Agriculture in the Classroom, and as a member of the Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust Board of Directors. Most notable, however, is Keith's focus on the youngest members of our Wyoming communities.

Keith and his wife, Marie, have two children, several grandchildren, and have served as foster parents. Keith knows that a community's strength is in its future, and he has worked hard to ensure that the next generation will be as dedicated to our State as he is. As president of the Platte Valley Bank in Wheatland, WY, Keith works with agriculture producers every day, including young people whose 4H or FFA project may become a lifelong passion. His work to ensure the next generation of farmers and ranchers will have the capital and an understanding financial officer is renowned across the State.

Selection as a member of the Wyoming Agriculture Hall of Fame is about more than a good calf crop or strong growing season. The people who grow crops, raise livestock, and provide the capital to make ranching possible are the people who give of their time to school boards, economic development groups, and even nursing home boards. Keith is one of the people who makes our Wyoming home so special.

It is with great honor that I recognize this outstanding member of our Wyoming community. Keith makes outstanding contributions to families across the State and sets an exceptional example for current and future generations of farmers and ranchers. My wife, Bobbi, joins me in congratulating Keith Geis as one of the 2017 inductees into the Wyoming Agriculture Hall of Fame.●

TRIBUTE TO SKIP WALTERS

● Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, this week, I have the distinct honor of recognizing Skip Walters of Great Falls

for a tremendous radio broadcasting career. Last week, Skip retired after providing over four decades of entertainment to his fellow Montanans. It was great to be interviewed by Skip on several occasions; he was always professional and never pulled any punches.

Skip originally came to Montana while serving our Nation in the U.S. Air Force during the early 1970s, and his media journey began in Miles City on the same weekend as the annual Bucking Horse Sale in 1976. During his early days in Custer County, he broadcast mostly rock-and-roll tunes and covered local sports, on KATL radio for the folks in eastern Montana. Three years later, an opportunity in his industry brought Skip to Great Falls. It was in Great Falls that Skip would further refine his skills by broadcasting country music to the listeners in Cascade County and the surrounding communities of central Montana. His 41-year career in the radio business culminated at KMOM radio in Great Falls, where he broadcast for 27 years.

Among his accomplishments, Skip was recognized in 2008 by the Journalism Education Association as a "Friend of Scholastic Journalism." When asked about the circumstances that inspired him to begin a career in radio, Jim stated "it's all about the music." Skip's love of music has been an acoustic blessing to many in the Treasure State.

From helping to guard the intercontinental ballistic missile fields in the center of the State, to broadcasting good tunes across an even larger swath of the State, Skip has had a good journey. As he begins to enjoy his retirement, I would like to offer my thanks for his service to our Nation and appreciation for the artistic entertainment he provided to our State.●

TRIBUTE TO ZANE HEHNKE

● Mrs. ERNST. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the distinguished accomplishment of Mr. Zane Hehnke of Winterset, IA, a 2017 finalist for the NFIB Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award.

Mr. Hehnke, of Winterset, IA, is the founder and owner of Inspired Finds, an interior design company which specializes in designing and creating accents using vintage and antique items.

I ask my colleagues to join me as I proudly recognize Mr. Hehnke on his outstanding achievements. We wish him nothing but the best in his future entrepreneurial and academic pursuits.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Ridgway, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages

from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:10 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, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1927. An act to amend title 54, United States Code, to establish within the National Park Service the African American Civil Rights Network, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2370. An act to authorize Escambia County, Florida, to convey certain property that was formerly part of Santa Rosa Island National Monument and that was conveyed to Escambia County subject to restrictions on use and reconveyance.

H.R. 3210. An act to require the Director of the National Background Investigations Bureau to submit a report on the backlog of personnel security clearance investigations, and for other purposes.

At 5:54 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3298) to authorize the Capitol Police Board to make payments from the United States Capitol Police Memorial Fund to employees of the United States Capitol Police who have sustained serious line-of-duty injuries, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 6:27 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 bill:

H.R. 3298. An act to authorize the Capitol Police Board to make payments from the United States Capitol Police Memorial Fund to employees of the United States Capitol Police who have sustained serious line-of-duty injuries, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1927. An act to amend title 54, United States Code, to establish within the National Park Service the African American Civil Rights Network, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 2370. An act to authorize Escambia County, Florida, to convey certain property that was formerly part of Santa Rosa Island National Monument and that was conveyed to Escambia County subject to restrictions on use and reconveyance; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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