

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.

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; to the Committee on

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LANKFORD, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 1648. An original bill making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-137).

By Ms. COLLINS, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 1655. An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-138).

By Mr. SHELBY, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 1662. An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-139).

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment:

S. Con. Res. 15. A concurrent resolution expressing support for the designation of October 28, 2017, as "Honoring the Nation's First Responders Day".

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. INHOFE for Mr. MCCAIN for the Committee on Armed Services.

*Lucian Niemeyer, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

*John H. Gibson II, of Texas, to be Deputy Chief Management Officer of the Department of Defense.

*Matthew P. Donovan, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force.

*Ellen M. Lord, of Rhode Island, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics.

By Mr. CRAPO for the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

Elizabeth Erin Walsh, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service.

*Richard Ashooh, of New Hampshire, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

*J. Paul Compton, Jr., of Alabama, to be General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

*Neal J. Rackleff, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

*Anna Maria Farias, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

*Christopher Campbell, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

By Mr. CORKER for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

*Callista L. Gingrich, of Virginia, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Holy See.

Nominee: Callista L. Gingrich.

Post: Ambassador to the Holy See.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the in-

formation contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self: **Please see Attachment A.**

2. Spouse: Newton Leroy Gingrich: **Please see Attachment A.**

3. Children and Spouses: Kathy Gingrich Lubbers: **Please see Attachment B.** Paul Lubbers: None. Jackie Gingrich Cushman: **Please see Attachment B.** James Cushman: None.

4. Parents: Bernita Ann Bisek: None. Alphonse Bisek—Deceased.

5. Grandparents: N/A—Deceased.

6. Brothers and Spouses: N/A.

7. Sisters and Spouses: N/A.

ATTACHMENT A: FEDERAL CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION REPORT

All donations from the Gingrich household should be considered joint.

CALLISTA L. AND NEWTON L. GINGRICH CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

| Donee | Date of Donation | Amount |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|----------|
| Georgia Republican Party | 1/17/2001 | \$600.00 |
| Georgia Republican Party | 6/24/2004 | 600.00 |
| Michael Allen Collins | 10/25/2005 | 2,000.00 |
| Lynn A. Westmoreland | 11/4/2005 | 1,000.00 |
| Thomas Edmunds Price | 12/9/2005 | 1,000.00 |
| John S. McCain | 08/31/2008 | 4,600.00 |
| Newt Explore | 03/04/2011 | 5,000.00 |
| Newt2012 | 03/22/2011 | 2500.00 |
| Citizens for Vince Haley | 03/30/2015 | 500.00 |
| Donald J. Trump for President | 09/26/2016 | 800.00 |
| Republican National Committee | 09/26/2016 | 200.00 |
| Judson Hill for Congress | 12/05/2016 | 500.00 |

ATTACHMENT B: FEDERAL CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION REPORT

KATHY GINGRICH LUBBERS

| Donee | Date of Donation | Amount |
|---------------------------|------------------|----------|
| Mario Diaz-Balart | 05/22/2008 | \$250.00 |
| Lincoln Diaz-Balart | 5/22/2008 | 250.00 |

JACKIE GINGRICH CUSHMAN

| Donee | Date of Donation | Amount |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------|
| George W. Bush | 02/25/2004 | \$2,000.00 |
| Samuel Fenn Little | 09/26/2010 | 250.00 |
| Robert Smith | 02/4/2014 | 250.00 |

ATTACHMENT C: FEDERAL CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION REPORT

AMERICAN LEGACY PAC CONTRIBUTIONS TO FEDERAL CANDIDATES—2014 CYCLE

DONATIONS TO REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATES

| Recipient | Amount |
|------------------------|------------|
| Dave Brat | \$2,500.00 |
| Barbara Comstock | 2,400.00 |
| Lynn Jenkins | 1,000.00 |
| Steve Lonegan | 5,000.00 |
| Alex Mooney | 5,000.00 |
| Bill O'Brien | 5,000.00 |
| Elise Stefanik | 1,000.00 |
| Ryan Zinke | 1,000.00 |

DONATIONS TO REPUBLICAN SENATE CANDIDATES

| Recipient | Amount |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Jeff Bell | \$5,000.00 |
| Scott Brown | 5,000.00 |
| Shelley Moore | 5,000.00 |
| Capito | 5,000.00 |
| Bill Cassidy | 10,000.00 |
| Ted Cruz | 5,000.00 |
| Joni Ernst | 5,000.00 |
| Cory Gardner | 5,000.00 |
| Ed Gillespie | 2,500.00 |
| Gabriel Gomez | 5,000.00 |
| Terri Lynn Land | 5,000.00 |
| James Lankford | 5,000.00 |
| Mike Lee | 5,000.00 |
| Mitch McConnell | 5,000.00 |
| Rand Paul | 5,000.00 |
| David Perdue | 5,000.00 |
| Pat Roberts | 10,000.00 |

DONATIONS TO REPUBLICAN SENATE CANDIDATES—Continued

| Recipient | Amount |
|--------------------|----------|
| Mike Rounds | 5,000.00 |
| Ben Sasse | 5,000.00 |
| Tim Scott | 5,000.00 |
| Dan Sullivan | 5,000.00 |
| Monica Wehby | 5,000.00 |

AMERICAN LEGACY PAC CONTRIBUTIONS TO FEDERAL CANDIDATES—2016 CYCLE

DONATIONS TO REPUBLICAN HOUSE CANDIDATES

| Recipient | Amount |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Richard Allen | \$5,000.00 |
| Paul Babeu | 2,500.00 |
| Marsha Blackburn | 5,000.00 |
| Rod Blum | 2,500.00 |
| Jason Chaffetz | 5,000.00 |
| Mike Coffman | 5,000.00 |
| Drew Ferguson | 5,000.00 |
| Brian Fitzpatrick | 2,500.00 |
| Trey Gowdy | 5,000.00 |
| Will Hurd | 2,500.00 |
| Mia Love | 2,500.00 |
| Brian Mast | 5,000.00 |
| Martha McSally | 2,500.00 |
| Jeff Miller | 2,500.00 |
| Stewart Mills | 2,500.00 |
| Danny Tarkanian | 5,000.00 |
| Claudia Tenney | 5,000.00 |
| Tim Walberg | 2,500.00 |
| Lee Zeldin | 2,500.00 |

DONATIONS TO REPUBLICAN SENATE CANDIDATES

| Recipient | Amount |
|----------------------|------------|
| Kelly Ayotte | \$5,000.00 |
| Roy Blunt | 5,000.00 |
| Daryl Glenn | 5,000.00 |
| Chuck Grassley | 5,000.00 |
| Joe Heck | 5,000.00 |
| Ron Johnson | 5,000.00 |
| Mark Kirk | 5,000.00 |
| John McCain | 5,000.00 |
| Rob Portman | 5,000.00 |
| Marco Rubio | 5,000.00 |
| Kathy Szeliga | 5,000.00 |
| Pat Toomey | 5,000.00 |

*Kelly Knight Craft, of Kentucky, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Canada.

Nominee: Kelly Knight Craft.

Post: Ottawa, Canada.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.)

Contributions, date, amount, recipient:

1. Self—Direct Contributions to Federal Committees: 10/23/2013, \$2,600.00, McConnell, Mitch via McConnell Senate Committee; 10/23/2013, \$2,600.00, McConnell, Mitch via McConnell Senate Committee; 10/9/2014, \$2,600.00, Ernst, Joni K via Joni for Iowa; 10/9/2014, \$2,600.00, Gardner, Cory via Cory Gardner for Senate; 10/14/2014, \$2,600.00, Tillis, Thom R via Thom Tillis Committee; 6/30/2015, \$2,700.00, Bush, Jeb via Jeb 2016, Inc.; 12/22/2015, \$1,000.00, McCarthy, Kevin via Kevin McCarthy for Congress; 5/25/2016, \$2,700.00, Atkinson, Thomas M. via Tom Atkinson for Congress; 8/10/2016, \$5,400.00, Rubio, Marco via Marco Rubio for Senate; 9/13/2016, \$2,700.00, Coffman, Mike Rep. via Coffman for Congress 2016; 9/13/2016, \$2,700.00, Johnson, Ron Harold via Ron Johnson for Senate Inc.; 9/13/2016, \$2,700.00, Heck, Joe via Friends of Joe Heck; 9/13/2016, \$2,700.00, Young, Todd Christopher via Friends of Todd Young, Inc.; 9/13/2016, \$2,700.00, Comstock, Barbara J. Honorable via Comstock for Congress.

Contributions to Joint Fundraising Committees: 9/27/2013, \$25,000.00, Boehner for Speaker; 7/14/2016, \$105,400.00, Trump Victory; 9/15/2016, \$160,000.00, Trump Victory.

Final Recipients of Joint Fundraising Committee Contributions: 9/27/2013, \$2,600.00,