

way." It was this experience that inspired Richard to write the well-received "Forty Days with the Enemy."

Even after retiring, Richard did not stop reporting. In fact, on his last day at the Post-Dispatch in 1981 Richard raced out of his own retirement party to cover the attempted assassination of Ronald Reagan. From his home in Ellsworth, ME, Richard continued to contribute to the Post-Dispatch and wrote editorials for the Bangor Daily News until 2012.

In retirement, Richard and Helen, his wife of 69 years, were active and constructive members of the Maine community. Ellsworth City councilor Gary Fortier, a friend of the couple, described them as "true givers," saying that "Ellsworth is a much better place because they have been part of it." Richard and Helen received the Golden Eagle Award from the Boy Scouts of America in 2014 in recognition of their outstanding community service.

Richard's dedication to covering the news, regardless of how far from home it occurred, won him the prestigious George Polk Award in Journalism in 1993. In 2014, in recognition of that same dedication, Richard was inducted into the Maine Press Association Hall of Fame. I am pleased to be just one of many to remember and praise the many achievements of Richard's career. The State of Maine was incredibly lucky to have him for the time that we did. He will be deeply missed.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING ALLEN CHORMAN & SON, INC.

• Mr. COONS. Madam President, it is with great pleasure that I rise, along with Senator TOM CARPER of Delaware and Representative LISA BLUNT ROCH-ESTER of Delaware, to recognize Allen Chorman & Son, Inc., a longstanding Delaware business that has provided exemplary service to the State and its surrounding areas for 30 years.

Since 1987, Allen Chorman & Son, Inc., has played a vital role in the success of one of Delaware's key economic resources: farming. With the largest aerial spraying business in the State, Allen Chorman & Son, Inc., has assisted farmers in increasing crop efficiency via pesticide spraying and fertilizer spraying—sometimes in instances when ground conditions are not conducive to tractor services. Allen Chorman & Son, Inc., also provides critical mosquito spraying for both rural and urban areas. We are honored to extend our sincere thanks for their commitment and unyielding efforts to support one of our Nation's most valuable industries: agriculture.

In addition to aiding farmers within Delaware and the surrounding areas with critical crop services, Allen Chorman & Son, Inc., has assisted in environmental preservation efforts, monitoring artificial reefs off of the

Delaware and Maryland coasts, as well as spraying invasive plants that, if uncontrolled, can choke area wetlands. We are truly honored to extend our appreciation for everything the business has accomplished.

We wholeheartedly congratulate the many staff members past and present of Allen Chorman & Son, Inc., on 30 years of service to the State of Delaware and surrounding areas. Your quality of service and continued care for our farms and environment set an exemplary standard of service for many others to follow. We wish you continued growth and success.●

RECOGNIZING KING CROP INSURANCE, INC.

• Mr. COONS. Madam President, it is with great pleasure that I rise, along with Senator TOM CARPER of Delaware and Representative LISA BLUNT ROCH-ESTER of Delaware, to honor one of Delaware's longstanding businesses that has provided exemplary service to the State of Delaware for the past 50 years: King Crop Insurance, Inc.

Since 1967, King Crop Insurance, Inc., has played an essential role in meeting the needs of Delaware farmers and those in its surrounding areas. From providing financial assistance and support—ensuring that farms have the economic security to repay loans—to aiding those same farmers in expanding and growing their businesses, King Crop Insurance has committed itself to the people of our great State, while exhibiting unyielding support of one our Nation's most valuable industries: agriculture.

The values of hard work and giving back to their community have always been a part of the King family. Catherine, Jackie, Donna, and the entire family are known throughout the State of Delaware for their generosity and support of local agricultural programs, such as the 4-H. The Kings are visible examples of serving others, as well as sowing seeds of success for the future. We are truly grateful for all they have done to inspire business growth and development, as well as preparing future generations for success in farming.

We wholeheartedly congratulate King Crop Insurance, Inc., on 50 years of service to the State of Delaware and surrounding areas. Your quality of service and continued care for our farming community serves as a wonderful example for many others. We wish everyone the best.●

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL GARY L. SAYLER

• Mr. CRAPO. Madam President, today, together with my colleague Senator JIM RISCH, I wish to recognize the service of MG Gary L. Sayler as he retires from leading the Idaho National Guard this month.

With more than 40 years of his distinguished 45-year military career dedicated to the Idaho National Guard,

Major General Sayler has served Idaho in a variety of leadership capacities, including 7 years as Idaho's adjutant general. Under Major General Sayler's direction as commander, the 124th Fighter Wing played vital roles in numerous overseas missions, including Operation Provide Comfort in 1994, Operation Allied Force in 1999, and Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003 and 2004. He subsequently served as assistant adjutant general from 2004 to 2010 before being appointed as adjutant general for the Idaho National Guard in 2010, during the fighter wing's ongoing missions in the Middle East in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Inherent Resolve, and Operation Freedom's Sentinel. The 124th Fighter Wing has received numerous accolades under his steady guidance. These include the prestigious Spaatz Trophy in 2016 and again in 2017; the Governor's Outstanding Unit Award; and the U.S. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

Major General Sayler has built on his extensive experience to lead with practical knowledge. His educational background includes a bachelor of science in history and education at North Dakota State University in 1971 and later courses at the Air Command and Staff College, Weapons School, and Air War College. Major General Sayler began his first assignment in the U.S. Air Force in Thailand, flying combat missions in Southeast Asia before joining the Idaho Air National Guard in 1977 as a weapons systems officer for the 124th Tactical Reconnaissance Group. With a master navigator rating, he has extensive experience flying multiple aircrafts and has logged more than 4,100 flight hours. These include 392 combat hours that also account for his combat missions flying the F4-G over Iraq during Operations Southern Watch and Provide Comfort. His promotions and list of major awards and decorations that he has earned for his outstanding service are extensive and include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, and the Air Medal with silver oakleaf cluster.

Based on these accomplishments, Major General Sayler has provided reasoned and experienced council as we have worked together to address the needs of the Idaho National Guard, including protecting and advancing the flying mission at Gowen Field as an exemplary force within the National Guard for generations to come. While visionary in his goals for the Idaho National Guard, a hallmark of Major General Sayler's leadership has been his high regard for the servicemembers he leads and their families. In addition to the attention and support he has devoted to Idaho guardsmen and their families, Major General Sayler has also been instrumental in forging enduring relationships with the local communities and Native Tribes undergirding Gowen Field. These bonds will likely propel the Idaho National Guard and Idaho communities forward for years to come.

We congratulate Major General Sayler on a distinguished and exemplary career serving our Nation and leading the Idaho National Guard. Idaho has benefited greatly from his steady, astute leadership. We wish him and his family the very best and thank him for his dedicated service to Idaho and our Nation.●

TRIBUTE TO NORM STEADMAN

● Mr. CRAPO. Madam President, today I wish to honor Norm Steadman for his longtime, dedicated service as mayor of Weippe, ID.

Weippe was incorporated in 1964, but its roots go much further back. The Weippe Prairie is known to have been inhabited by the Nez Perce Indians. The city notes that it was not far from the present townsite in 1805 that Lewis and Clark had their first encounter with the Nez Perce Indians. This beautiful and strong community is nestled among many recreation opportunities, including historic trails, fishing, hunting, skiing, snowmobiling, and all-terrain vehicle resources.

Over the years, the community has seen its share of booms and busts. It has been touched by the fur trade, gold rush, the Homestead Act, and the logging industry. The town's current population of approximately 400 faces many of the challenges experienced by rural western towns with an enduring commitment to their community.

Serving as mayor for a remarkable nearly 50 years following his initial appointment to the position in 1968, Mayor Steadman has led through considerable growing pains with a steady hand and commitment to his community that befit his name. A deep desire to help others and a sense of responsibility to lead his community are clear characteristics of Mayor Steadman's. His decades of leadership and working to overcome challenges with limited resources are commendable. Thank you, Mayor Steadman, for your nearly 50 years of dedicated service. You are truly leading by example by continuously stepping up to assist.●

TRIBUTE TO STEVE FOURNIER

● Mr. DAINES. Madam President, I have the distinct honor of recognizing Steve Fournier of Butte, a tireless advocate for the most vulnerable Montanans. Steve is known by his peers for his dedication, compassion, and integrity working to help the homeless.

For nearly 16 years, Steve has helped Montanans find housing stability through his work as a case manager and service advocate for locally administered housing programs. When the rescue mission served as the emergency housing alternative for the Butte area after it closed earlier this year, Steve helped 22 households find a safe and warm place to stay. His efforts have helped many of his neighbors in southwest Montana overcome crisis situations and transition to a more hopeful path.

Steve's demonstrated commitment to assisting others is a genuine reflection of uncommon moral stamina. The Treasure State is humbled and blessed to have people like Mr. Fournier call Montana home. Thank you, Steve, for repeatedly finding a refuge in times of trouble.●

75th ANNIVERSARY OF THE SCHWAN'S COMPANY STILWELL FOOD PRODUCTION FACILITY

● Mr. INHOFE. Madam President, I am pleased to recognize the Schwan's Company on the 75th anniversary of their Stilwell food production facility. This is a significant milestone for Schwan's and its employees, but also for Adair County and the entire State of Oklahoma. Throughout their 75 years, Schwan's has been a committed community partner, hiring over 300 residents and supporting hunger relief and youth activities.

The food production facility in Stilwell, originally called the Stilwell Canning Company, first opened in 1942 when World War II drove up the demand for canned items. The company has demonstrated a strong commitment to excellence, first expanding in 1999, when it became the largest frozen dessert production plant in the country. After being acquired by Schwan's Company in 2003, they have continued to invest in the plant and its employees, putting the facility on the leading edge of pie production in the country. Today the plant is a 610,000-square-foot state-of-of-the-art facility that employs about 300 people.

Congratulations on your 75th anniversary, and I look forward to seeing Schwan's continue to make a positive impact in Stilwell.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:55 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 26. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for the unveiling of the American Prisoners of War/Missing in Action (POW/MIA) Chair of Honor.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 469. An act to impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements by agencies that require the agencies to take regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3329. An act to amend the Hizballah International Financing Prevention Act of 2015 to impose additional sanctions with respect to Hizballah, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3342. An act to impose sanctions on foreign persons that are responsible for gross violations of internationally recognized human rights by reason of the use by Hizballah of civilians as human shields, and for other purposes.

At 1:38 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the resolution (H. Con. Res. 71) establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2018 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2019 through 2027.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 469. An act to impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements by agencies that require the agencies to take regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 3342. An act to impose sanctions on foreign persons that are responsible for gross violations of internationally recognized human rights by reason of the use by Hizballah of civilians as human shields, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 3329. An act to amend the Hizballah International Financing Prevention Act of 2015 to impose additional sanctions with respect to Hizballah, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, October 26, 2017, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 504. An act to permanently authorize the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Card Program.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication was laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and was referred as indicated:

EC-3275. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Religious Exemptions and Accommodations for Coverage of Certain Preventive Services Under the Affordable Care Act" (RIN1210-AB83) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 25, 2017; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-130. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Texas rescinding