

I am confident that he will serve the Department of Veterans Affairs with distinction. It is with pride and pleasure that I am able to recommend to the Senate the nomination of Randy Reeves.

#### 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DETROIT RIOT

Mr. PETERS. Mr. President, today I wish to observe the 50th anniversary of Detroit's tumultuous summer of 1967, widely known as the 1967 Detroit Riot or the 12th Street Riots. The events of 1967 made a tremendous impact on the city and coincided with multiple incidents that took place across the country during that historic summer.

On Sunday July 23, 1967, patrons of an after-hours club were celebrating servicemembers coming home from Vietnam, above the Economy Printing Company on Clairmont Avenue and 12th Street. At 3:30 a.m., police officers raided the club, which was within a mostly African-American business district with an active nightlife, arresting 85 people.

While the police arrested each person inside of the establishment, a crowd formed on the outside. Those who were gathered began reacting to the escalating discord between those who lived in the neighborhood and the police department. As time elapsed, a rise of arson and looting began to erupt. By 8 a.m., the number grew to an estimated 3,000 people who assembled in protest. As the Detroit police force struggled to contain the crowd, Mayor Jerome Cavanagh and Governor George Romney agreed to deploy the Michigan National Guard that afternoon; paratroopers joined 2 days later.

Just over 7,200 arrests were made between July 23 and July 27, 1967. As tensions began to subside, community members and government officials surveyed the aftermath. More than 1,600 buildings were destroyed, and the cost of damage to commercial and residential property totaled an estimated \$132 million. Beyond property damage, the community suffered the loss of 43 citizens and hundreds were injured.

Detroit's 1967 unrest was not an isolated event; urban centers across the country were experiencing similar instances of civil disturbance. A day after the conclusion of the unrest in Detroit, President Lyndon B. Johnson sought out to investigate the cause of the phenomenon, establishing the Kerner Commission. The Commission concluded that the riots that took place between 1965 and 1968 were due to racism and frustration at lack of economic opportunity. From these findings, the Commission suggested economic, social, and housing reform to quell tensions.

The events of that summer were seen through countless eyes. Many Detroiters saw the unrest as a rebellion against the systemic oppression that plagued the African-American community, who had no voice or adequate rep-

resentation in government or in the police force but accounted for one-third of Detroit's population. Various government agencies painted the events as an insurrection, war, or riot. Regardless of how the events were characterized, there is no denial of the real emotional and physical toll the summer had on citizens. The countless stories of people in their homes watching tanks roll down the very streets children once played in or the visual of soldiers with rifles on their backs juxtaposed to mothers walking along the same sidewalk with their babies in strollers, illustrated the surreal nature of the unrest and the response.

I ask my colleagues to join me in commemorating an event that affected not only the city of Detroit and the State of Michigan but was a pivotal moment in our Nation's history. Detroit stands as the birthplace of Motown, center of the automotive industry, and the "Arsenal of Democracy." It has been and continues to be a city of innovation and promise. I am proud of its resilience and the grassroots efforts contributing to its resurgence. The 50th anniversary of the civil unrest is a great opportunity to reflect and learn from the events of the past, celebrate progress, and to continue to support community partnerships that influence future success that is inclusive of all neighborhoods.

#### TRIBUTE TO KEITH BOWAR

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I wish to congratulate Keith Bowar of Gillette, WY, on finishing his fourth term as president of the Wyoming Conference of Building Officials Chapter of the International Code Council. This is a great milestone, an instant replay memory Mr. Bowar will cherish and remember for a long time to come.

I commend Mr. Bowar for all that he has been able to accomplish over the years both in the Wyoming Conference of Building Officials and as a building code professional. For 23 years, he has dedicated himself to furthering public safety, beginning in 1994 as a building inspector for the city of Gillette and advancing to the position of chief building official for Campbell County in 2011.

Mr. Bowar's elevation to president of the Wyoming Conference of Building Officials was a recognition by his peers of his dedication and effectiveness, and he used the position to improve building and fire safety throughout Wyoming. The challenges Mr. Bowar faced and the changes that he helped to bring to the world around him reflect the way he uses his skills and knowledge to make a difference in so many ways.

I send my best wishes to Mr. Bowar on completing his tenure as president of the Wyoming Conference of Building Officials and for his service to Wyoming.

Thank you.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

#### RECOGNIZING SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I wish to recognize the long and proud history of University of Arkansas collegiate athletes who have made us proud to cheer on the Razorbacks. Arkansas has achieved tremendous levels of success throughout the history of its athletic program. You cannot discuss Razorback sports history without discussing its time in the Southwest Conference. The Southwest Conference was highly competitive, and its teams produced many of our Nation's greatest athletes, including many from Arkansas. As we reflect on the rich history of the conference, I am proud to recognize the Razorbacks selected as class of 2017 inductees for the Southwest Conference Hall of Fame.

I congratulate Razorback football greats Jim Benton, Ronnie Caveness, Joe Ferguson, Steve Little, Fred Marshall, Wear Schoonover, Billy Ray Smith, Sr., and Dennis "Dirt" Winston; former Razorback basketball players, Ron Brewer, Amber Shirey, and Darrell Walker; and track stars Edrick Floreal and Cynthia Moore on their induction today.

I would like to congratulate the late Orville Henry on his induction to the Southwest Conference Hall of Fame. Mr. Henry is an iconic Arkansas sports writer who covered the Razorbacks for six decades. His work, professionalism, and legacy live on to this day.

Earlier this month, former Razorback All-American football player Dick Bumpas was also inducted into the Hall of Fame along with eight other former Southwest Conference legends.

The Razorback nominees to the Southwest Conference Hall of Fame Class of 2017 have certainly earned this honor. I applaud these former Razorbacks for their contribution to not just the legacy of the Southwest Conference but also for their contribution to the legacy of Arkansas athletics.●

#### TRIBUTE TO DAWNA DIANGELIS

• Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, today I wish to honor Ohioan Dawna DiAngelis for 30 years of service to the Canton Repository.

Unlike many others in the news industry whom I have honored on the Senate floor before, you will not see Dawna's name in a byline or anywhere else in the paper, but make no mistake, the folks in Stark County can count on their news each day because of Dawna and her team in the production room.

The "Canton Repository" has kept Stark County residents informed since 1815, but it wasn't until 172 years later, in 1987, that the paper hired its first woman for the Rep's composing room. Dawna became the first woman in the male-dominated pre-press department,

the department responsible for the layout and look of every single page of the paper.

Dawna didn't stop there. She went on to earn the position of department head—again, the first woman to do so in the history of the paper. For the last 30 years, she has served behind the scenes to produce thousands of editions of the Repository. Dawna and her husband, J.D., have both served the Canton community—Dawna at the Rep and J.D. at WHBC radio.

Dawna's work in the composing room has guaranteed that Canton residents get to read their news each day, and while doing her day job, she paved the way for other women in the news industry to follow.

I join the entire Canton community and Dawna's colleagues at the Rep in congratulating her for her 30-year anniversary at the Repository.●

#### REMEMBERING MARTHA LEE "MARTY" ORWIG

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, my colleague Senator JIM RISCH joins me today in honoring Martha Lee "Marty," Orwig who shined so brightly in our world and will be greatly missed.

Marty had endearing monikers, including "The Rocket" and "Aunt Marty," that reflect how deeply she touched many lives and left a lasting impression of sincerity, enthusiasm, joyfulness, spirited know-how, and a profound commitment to the Lord and assisting others. In learning of her passing, others have shared their impressions of Marty that include "special lady," "great lady," "a delight to work with and simply to know as a person," "passionate about everything she involved herself with," "feisty, spirited, and never backed down from a challenge," and "gone too soon." Marty modeled dedication and excellence. Her service as founder and leader of the North American Moose Foundation, through which she mentored Mackay High School students, is no doubt leaving an imprint of her committed example in the lives of generations of young leaders.

While Marty was deeply rooted in Sun Valley, her home base for the past more than 40 years, and Mackay, ID, she was born on August 19, 1951, in St. Louis, MO, to Elizabeth and David Orwig. After graduating from the University of Denver and earning a master's degree in biblical studies from Multnomah University in Portland, OR, to our great benefit, she chose Idaho to be her home. Her work as a real estate broker and ski instructor shifted to a career as a political consultant working on Republican campaigns, including campaigns for former Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush. Her career also included leading the Blaine County Republican Party and serving as a field director for former U.S. Senator Larry Craig. She served in President George H.W. Bush's administration as a Presidential ap-

pointee, and she was appointed by Governor Butch Otter to the Idaho Fifth District Magistrates Commission. She also founded and led the Quincy Group and was a member of the Idaho National Federation of Republican Women, Rotary Club, and Kiwanis Club.

Marty Orwig was a driven leader, thought-provoker, and encourager. She was guided by a great love of God and used her experience to help guide and support local youth and others. We extend our condolences to her sister and brother-in-law, Sarah Orwig and Clark Costen, and countless friends. Marty will be greatly missed, but her loving legacy will remain a major part of the heart of our great State and Nation.●

#### REMEMBERING RICHARD ZIEBARTH

● Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to memorialize an American veteran and true Nevadan Richard Ziebarth, who recently passed away at the age of 58.

Widely known as "Zman," Mr Ziebarth spent close to 26 years in the U.S. Air Force as a fighter pilot and squadron commander, where he achieved the rank of lieutenant colonel. He was stationed at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas in 2003 and retired from the military in 2007. He served his country all over the world in South Korea, England, and at the Pentagon.

Mr. Ziebarth's leadership did not stop after his military service. He was an active member of his community, the Canyon Ridge Christian Church, and chairman of the church's board of elders.

He graduated from Point Loma Nazarene University in 1981 with a bachelor's in computer science and business. He also graduated from Averett College with an MBA and received a doctorate of strategic leadership from Regent University. Mr. Ziebarth started a business called Integrity Leadership that helped employers determine the best fit for employees within their companies.

Mr. Ziebarth also worked as director of operations for Remote Imagery Technology, Inc., RITI, which provides operational support to Department of Defense contracts.

As Nevada's senior Senator, I know that Mr. Ziebarth's service in uniform and to the community, will not be forgotten. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family, especially his best friend and wife of 36 years, Beth, his children, and the rest of his family and friends who loved and cared for him deeply.●

#### RECOGNIZING OUR LADY OF PEACE POST 1947

● Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the Catholic War Veterans of America's Our Lady of Peace Post 1947 in Las Vegas, NV, and Dennis

DeGree, Post 1947 first vice commander and Vegas native.

Post 1947 exemplifies their motto of "For God, country, and home." The group works tirelessly to help veterans, their families, homeless veterans, and active duty personnel. I am deeply appreciative of these veteran members' sacrifices and service, as well as the group's efforts to support Nevadans who have answered our Nation's call.

Founded in 2006, Post 1947 is Nevada's first Catholic War Veterans of America post and one of 215 posts across the country. The organization offers a number of critical initiatives to the veteran and Las Vegas communities.

The group's youth programs include poster and essay contests, letter writing and get-well cards for hospitalized veterans, and the Eugene T. Roark Memorial Junior ROTC Scholarship Program. Additionally, Post 1947 maintains and operates a food pantry, participates in homeless stand-downs, and educates and assists veterans, their families, widows, and orphans in obtaining VA medical care and benefits.

At the 82nd Annual Convention of the Catholic War Veterans held in St. Louis, MO, Post 1947 of Las Vegas was awarded Most Outstanding Post of 2017 out of 215 posts. This award was given to the post by the national department for best overall programs provided to all veterans regardless of religious ethnicity. Our Lady of Peace Post 1947 has won this award 8 of the past 10 years.

Post 1947 was recognized because of a successful veteran service organization program they implemented called the National Veterans Service Office. Since opening in 2013, the National Veterans Service Office has been successful in obtaining over \$10 million in awards to veterans. Remarkably, Our Lady of Peace Post 1947 has been named the Most Outstanding Welfare Program 9 of the past 10 years by the national department.

Post 1947's major achievements do not end there. Dennis DeGree, first vice commander of the group, was deservedly named Most Outstanding Catholic War Veteran of 2017 by the National Catholic War Veterans. Mr. DeGree received the award "for being the individual who, in the opinion of the National Department, has contributed most to the betterment of the CWV."

It is clear that Post 1947's contributions have made Las Vegas a better place for Nevada's warriors and their families. As a lifelong Nevadan and the senior U.S. Senator for the Silver State, I am honored to recognize both Post 1947 and Dennis DeGree for lending a hand to those who have made sacrifices in the name of this great country.●

#### RECOGNIZING TELSTAR ASSOCIATES, INC.

● Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, every month I celebrate the power of the American entrepreneurial spirit by