

case, and in January 1992, the civil war ended with peace accords signed between the Salvadoran government and FMLN guerrillas. In November 1992, the U.N. Truth Commission on El Salvador supervised exhumations of El Mozote remains by Argentine forensics experts, confirming that the stories told by survivors were indeed true. Then, everything was cut short when the Salvadoran congress passed a sweeping amnesty law in 1993.

However, last year, in July 2016, the Salvadoran Supreme Court overturned the amnesty law as unconstitutional. And in October 2016, a judge reopened the El Mozote case and began taking testimony, which continues today.

There are many reasons why we in Congress should be engaged in the search for justice in the El Mozote case.

First, in the post-war period, the U.S. has supported a strong and independent judiciary in El Salvador, capable of prosecuting corruption and human rights abuses. El Mozote is viewed as an exemplar case on whether this is possible to achieve.

Second, in the 1980s, the United States armed, trained and equipped the Salvadoran armed forces, in particular, the Army. At El Mozote, U.S. guns and bullets were used to massacre infants, children, women and men.

Third, the U.S. established and trained the Atlacatl Battalion. Ostensibly an elite rapid reaction counter-insurgency force, it was a major actor in the mass murder at El Mozote; nine years later, the unit also murdered six Jesuit priests and two women at the University of Central America in San Salvador.

Finally, at the time of the massacre, the Salvadoran High Command denied that it had happened. The U.S. embassy and State Department echoed those denials and denigrated the Washington Post and New York Times reporters who traveled to El Mozote and published detailed stories about the massacre.

Mr. Speaker, the U.S. should support the Salvadoran judge presiding over the El Mozote case and the Attorney General's Office, including releasing all information in our military and intelligence files relevant to that period of the civil war. It would be a significant contribution to ending the culture of impunity in El Salvador.

REMEMBERING EDWIN M. LEE

Ms. HARRIS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to enter into a colloquy with my colleague, the senior Senator from California.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Ms. HARRIS. Mr. President, Californians and San Franciscans have lost a tireless champion for diversity, equity, and inclusion. Mayor Edwin M. Lee was the son of Chinese immigrants and the city's first Asian-American mayor. Mayor Lee grew up in public housing and moved from Seattle to the Bay Area to attend law school at UC Berkeley in the mid-1970s. As a former civil rights attorney, Mayor Lee began his career in public service fighting for fair housing and went on to serve in five different city departments under four mayors before becoming mayor himself. As mayor of one of America's largest cities, Mayor Lee worked hard to transform San Francisco into a hub for innovation and technology while still upholding the city's longstanding values of equity and justice.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Throughout his career, Mayor Lee broke down barriers while approaching public service with tremendous skill, efficiency, and purpose. On behalf of the city of San Francisco, Mayor Lee led the fight to protect our immigrant communities, build and rehabilitate affordable housing, and expand investment in public transportation and critical infrastructure projects, among countless other fights on behalf of his city.

Ms. HARRIS. For 65 remarkable years, Mayor Lee demonstrated to all those he worked with, knew, and came to serve that through humble and steadfast leadership each one of us can create a more inclusive and just community for future generations.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. He was our friend, and we will miss his wise counsel and fearless leadership. The thoughts of San Franciscans and Californians are with Mayor Lee's wife, Anita, his daughters, Brianna and Tania, his family, city leaders, and the people of San Francisco at this difficult time.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO THE ALSTON FAMILY

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize and congratulate Luke and Deedee Alston of Polk County. The Alstons were recently named the 2017 Arkansas Farm Family of the Year.

The owners of Holly Springs Homestead—a cattle, poultry and agritourism farm near Mena, AR—Luke and Deedee, along with their sons Ryan and Drey, are fifth-generation farmers who are working the land as their parents and grandparents did before them. Holly Springs Homestead is an Arkansas Century Farm that was established in 1897 and has been in operation for 120 years.

The Alstons took a leap of faith a few years ago, leaving corporate jobs to return to the family farm full-time. Luke proudly says that he was born to farm, and it is a lifelong dream to look over the hood of a tractor every day. Through hard work and determination, the Alstons are enjoying tremendous success not only commercially but also in their efforts to educate visitors to the homestead about agriculture and the many reasons it is so important to our State's past and future.

As 2017 Arkansas Farm Family of the Year, Luke and Deedee will represent Arkansas well and use this award as a platform to promote farming and agriculture and foster respect for all the farmers, ranchers, and producers who contribute so much to our economy and food supply. They will also compete for the honor of being named the 2018 Swisher Sweets/Sunbelt Expo Southeastern Farmer of the Year in Moultrie, GA.

I wish the Alstons good luck in that competition and once again congratulate them on all their hard work that

has culminated in this well-deserved honor.●

TRIBUTE TO BOB BURNISON

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, this week, I have the distinct honor of recognizing Bob Burnison of Richland County for many years of volunteer service and leadership in his local community. Bob has a long history of supporting charitable activities in north-eastern Montana. His efforts have inspired others to volunteer their time and strengthened the spirit of giving. When folks like Bob come together to help others, it brightens the holiday season for everyone.

This Christmas is the 39th year that Bob has been involved with collecting donations for the Salvation Army. Over the years, Bob has organized scores of volunteers to help make each giving season a success. This commitment to helping others is commendable considering Bob's professional obligations as the undersheriff of Richland County. He has given over four decades of service in law enforcement. The vast majority of the donations Bob has helped generate have remained in the local community to help offset essential living costs for those in need. Neighbors helping neighbors is a cornerstone for sustaining healthy communities, and local leaders like Bob are often a catalyst for this type of activity.

With nearly four decades of volunteer service and over four decades of public service, Bob has done a good job leading by example. Organizations across Richland County have pitched in to make sure the spirit of giving remains strong, and the next generation of volunteers are finding the joy that comes with helping others. Merry Christmas, Bob, and thank you for preserving the charitable traditions in your community.●

"MEMOIRS OF A STATE INTERN"

• Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, today I submit for the RECORD a poem written by one of my Georgia interns, Mr. Dalton Kane of Suwanee, GA, a student at the University of Georgia.

"Memoirs of a Senate Intern" by Dalton Kane, a.k.a. "Dolvin":

The sound of footsteps echoes throughout the halls of the Russell Building as senators hurry to and fro before a salient vote. Chiefs of staff fervently address the concerns of elite constituents while legislative staff assistants frantically seek out last-minute details of the bill. Meanwhile, back home in the district, case workers tirelessly assist constituents with their government agency-based woes and field reps travel all across the state to ensure every voice is heard. Behind the scenes, an IT guy (who's probably a die-hard liberal) labors ceaselessly to make it all happen. This is democracy in action—the realization of a three-hundred-year-old experiment that connects the government to its people. Yet, there is one important link to this Constitutional dream that has been forgotten. That link is the Senate intern.

Located at the lowest echelon of power, the senate intern watches his phone light up like a Christmas tree as the constituency descends upon the office. He answers call after call with the simple reassurance that it will be passed on. Yet, as the mountain of the constituency begins to overwhelm him, he may slowly start to lose hope. However, as he glances at the Reagan portrait hanging before him, he knows that he is the gate between the senator and his constituency, and he must carry on. And I Dalton, aka Dolvin, have come to find myself in this valued position fall semester of 2017.●

REMEMBERING JAMES DOUGLAS MACY

● Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, last month, Oregon lost one of our most esteemed landscape architects, James Douglas Macy. Doug dedicated his life to protecting places that brought Oregon's unmatched natural beauty to millions of visitors. He will be sorely missed.

Doug grew up on a cattle ranch in Madras, OR, where he soaked up the natural beauty of his dramatic surroundings. It was there that his passion for landscape architecture first took hold. That passion grew as Doug studied landscape architecture at the University of Oregon and moved to Portland where he founded the urban design firm Walker Macy.

Doug blended his passionate advocacy for the protection of Oregon's natural treasures with his dedication to civic causes, the arts, and beautifying outdoor spaces. Through his design firm, he has influenced and mentored generations of landscape architects who have shaped cities and public spaces across the Pacific Northwest and beyond.

Anyone who has visited my hometown of Portland has felt Doug's influence in his designs of some of the city's most beloved spaces, including Pioneer Courthouse Square, Waterfront Park, and the Vietnam Veterans of Oregon Memorial. He was behind much of the revitalization that turned downtown Portland into a thriving, diverse, and green city where so many people enjoy living.

Visitors can also get a sense of Doug's love of nature in his designs for projects at national parks, including Crater Lake, private natural preserves like Opal Creek Ancient Forest Center, the scenic wonders of the Columbia River Gorge, State parks such as Oregon's Cottonwood Canyon, and hundreds of municipal parks and open spaces. Doug's work didn't stop there; his work can also be seen on college campuses, museums, vineyards, hospitals, and scenic highways.

In addition, Doug was a selfless citizen who donated his time and professional expertise to a countless number of causes, such as the Pacific Northwest College of Art, the Portland Parks Foundation, and the Portland Japanese Garden, which recently opened an expansion designed with Doug's guidance.

Doug will be remembered by those whose lives he touched and for creating

beautiful and inspiring places for people across the West. He will especially be remembered as a dedicated father to his son Aaron, who died tragically in 1999, and as a caring sibling to his sisters Marilyn Macy Brown and Rebecca Macy and his brother Gregg Macy.

Today I honor the esteemed life and career of James Douglas Macy and recognize his enduring legacy as a landscape architect who fiercely protected and improved Oregonians' quality of life and many unique public and cultural resources throughout the Northwest.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:58 a.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, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1638. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to submit a report to the appropriate congressional committees on the estimated total assets under direct or indirect control by certain senior Iranian leaders and other figures, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1638. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to submit a report to the appropriate congressional committees on the estimated total assets under direct or indirect control by certain senior Iranian leaders and other figures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

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

S. 584. A bill to amend chapter 6 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the Regulatory Flexibility Act), to ensure complete analysis of potential impacts on small entities of rules, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-194).

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1769. A bill to require a new or updated Federal website that is intended for use by the public to be mobile friendly, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 115-195).

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

S. 1869. A bill to reauthorize and rename the position of Whistleblower Ombudsman to be the Whistleblower Protection Coordinator (Rept. No. 115-196).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

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

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Anthony J. Cotton, to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Col. Sharon A. Shaffer, to be Brigadier General.

Air Force nomination of Col. Robert J. Marks, to be Brigadier General.

Air Force nominations beginning with Col. Ronald G. Allen, Jr. and ending with Col. Alice W. Trevino, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 14, 2017. (minus 1 nominee: Col. Jeffrey H. Hurlbert)

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Christopher G. Cavoli, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Stephen J. Townsend, to be General.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Nancy A. Norton, to be Vice Admiral.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Richard A. Brown, to be Vice Admiral.

Air Force nomination of Col. Mitchel Neurock, to be Brigadier General.

Air Force nominations beginning with Brig. Gen. Hubert C. Hegtvold and ending with Brig. Gen. John B. Williams, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 1, 2017.

Mr. INHOFE for Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Air Force nomination of Arianne R. Morrison, to be Major.

Air Force nomination of Richard A. Hanrahan, to be Major.

Air Force nominations beginning with Aleck A. Brown and ending with John D. Ritter, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 1, 2017.

Army nomination of Jennifer A. Mahoney, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Yon T. Chung and ending with Michael B. Payne, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 16, 2017.

Army nominations beginning with Nathele J. Anderson and ending with Brian R. Horton, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 27, 2017.

Army nominations beginning with Thomas W. Green and ending with Kenneth M. Koop, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 27, 2017.

Army nomination of Adam R. Liberman, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Michael E. Steelman, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Gerald D. Gangaram, to be Major.

Army nomination of Brian R. Johnson, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Scott T. Ayers and ending with Tyesha L. Smith, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 27, 2017. (minus 1 nominee: Shawn D. Smith)

Army nomination of Peter J. Armstrong, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Ali S. Zaza, to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Phillip T. Buckler, to be Major.