

recreational fishing generates \$48 billion in retail sales, \$115 billion in total economic activity, and 828,000 jobs. In 2016, Congress passed the Outdoor Recreation Jobs and Economic Impact Act. Because of that legislation, in 2018, the U.S. Commerce Department Bureau of Economic Analysis included outdoor recreation's impact, including fishing and boating, in our Nation's gross domestic product, GDP, for the first time.

Possibly the most important aspect of recreational fishing is that sportfishing manufacturers, anglers, and boaters pay for most of State fish and wildlife agencies' fisheries conservation and boating programs. Through special Federal excise and fishing license sales, anglers and boaters are providing more than \$1.2 billion each year in funds that are allocated to the States.

Much of this progress is due to the leadership of Mr. Nussman, who hails from Crownsville, MD. While ASA has been a trade association since 1933, it has really been in the past 25 years—a period that coincides with his tenure—that the organization has assumed more of a leadership role in the angling community.

With the support of ASA, the aforementioned excise taxes have been expanded to cover programs such as wetlands restoration, boating safety and infrastructure, and the establishment of the Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation, RBFF. In fact, Mike Nussman led the effort to establish RBFF to turn around a decline in recreational fishing participation, which started to appear in the 1990s. The most recent data indicate an upward trend in recreational fishing, including among more diverse and urban communities.

Mr. Nussman's success should come as no surprise. He worked for the Senate Commerce Committee and then Chairman Fritz Hollings of South Carolina. Mr. Nussman was the lead professional staff member for the subcommittee that oversees fisheries policy, the National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration, NOAA, and the U.S. Coast Guard. Prior to that, Mr. Nussman worked for the South Carolina Sea Grant Program, earning undergraduate and graduate degrees in science, and an MBA from the University of South Carolina.

Mr. Nussman's tenure at the ASA also has improved the organization's business operations. The sportfishing industry's annual trade show is now the largest in the world. His leadership has made the organization financially strong, helping it weather economic downturns. He has also served on numerous boards of directors and advisory groups, from the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership to the Blue Ribbon Panel on Sustaining America's Diverse Fish and Wildlife Resources. He has served as a U.S. Commissioner on the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas.

Trade associations serve a unique role by allowing companies in the same industry to come together to express their views on issues affecting the entire industry. They are an important segment of our U.S. private sector and provide a legal, accepted mechanism to allow small and large companies in an industry to have a common voice when working with the Congress, the Executive, the States, and local governments. When Mr. Nussman joined the ASA, he brought special expertise as a former Senate staffer to the recreational fishing industry and conservation communities. So upon the occasion of his retirement, I think it appropriate that he be recognized and congratulated today for a job well done. Anglers and sportfishing-related businesses in Maryland and across our Nation can be thankful that he has been at the ASA helm.

I wish him all the best as he begins the next chapter in his life which will include, presumably, even more time for fishing.●

TRIBUTE TO TONY PRATT

● Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, it is with great pleasure that I rise on behalf of the Delaware delegation to honor the exemplary service of Tony Pratt, administrator of the Shoreline and Waterway Management section within the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control. Tony has devoted his life's work to preserving our coastal communities and documenting its beauty through his talented photography.

Tony, sometimes known affectionately around Delaware as the Sand Man, is an expert on natural coastal infrastructure including beaches, dunes, and wetlands. He has ensured that Delaware has safe, clean, and broad beaches for its nearly 3 million visitors a year to enjoy. As a leader of the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association, he has an understanding of the complexities facing the coastal resources not just in Delaware, but around our great Nation. He is so well respected in his field that, in February 2017, he testified before the U.S. Senate Committee on the Environment and Public Works on the value of beaches, dunes, wetlands, and other natural coastal infrastructure.

Tony has been a key figure in turning around Delaware's beaches from being in a state of chronic erosion in the 1990s, to today serving as a top tourist destination and providing protection during the strongest of storms. These storms have continuously battered the coastline and back bays; however, Delaware coastal communities have fared better than most due to beach renourishment projects and mitigation work in the back bays. Tony has led these efforts not only to try and prepare for the next superstorm, but learn from past storms in order to keep our roads, bridges, homes, businesses, and animal habitats safe from rising waters.

You would be hard pressed to find him behind a desk, especially during a storm. You are more likely to find him standing in the water, investigating the environment, and possibly even taking photos of the beautiful land and sea. He is there for Delaware any time of the day and night, on weekends and holidays. He is personally vested in his work and has somehow maintained that same level of passion for nearly four decades.

On behalf of Delaware Senator CHRIS COONS and our Congresswoman, LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER, I wholeheartedly thank Tony Pratt for his service to Delaware. His model leadership and dedication has served to improve our coastal communities and Delawareans' quality of life. We offer Tony our sincere congratulations on a job well done and wish him well as he embarks on the next chapter of his career.

When people in the Navy accomplish extraordinary things in their lives, we say, "Bravo Zulu!" Today we are in your debt, and we are deeply grateful, as well, to your family for sharing with the people of Delaware and America for all these years a very good man.●

REMEMBERING RICHARD E. "DICK" HAINES

● Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, I have the honor of remembering Mr. Richard E. "Dick" Haines as he is laid to rest at the Western Montana State Veterans Cemetery with full military honors on April 6, 2018.

Dick was born in Billings, MT, on September 28, 1936, and spent much of his life in service to our great State. Dick graduated from Montana State University in 1959 with a degree in mechanical engineering, while also completing the Army's ROTC program. After serving in the U.S. Army as an officer teaching marksmanship skills and shooting on Army rifle teams, Dick began his engineering career. In 1962, he was offered an engineering position with the U.S. Forest Service. During his career, he served on the Kootenai, Kaniksu, Clearwater, Deer Lodge, and Siskiyou Forests. His years of public service, however, did not stop there. From 1999 through 2004, Dick served in the Montana State House of Representatives, where he played a key role in the establishment of the Western Montana State Veterans Cemetery. In addition, he served a total of 8 years on the Missoula City Council and served for countless years with many other local organizations.

When Dick wasn't serving his constituents or volunteering, he enjoyed Montana's beautiful outdoor recreational activities, including hunting, fishing, hiking and backpacking. His selfless public service and commitment to volunteering will never be forgotten.●

TRIBUTE TO LOYD RENNAKER

● Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, this week I have the honor of recognizing

Darby Superintendent Loyd Rennaker for his 24 years of service to the Darby School District.

After graduating from Darby himself, Loyd furthered his education at the University of Montana Western. With degrees to teach high school math and chemistry, Loyd first taught for 1 year in Malta before returning to Darby. Since then, he has served the school district in a number of roles, including as high school math and science teacher, elementary school principal, high school principal, athletic director, coach, and superintendent.

As superintendent, Loyd helped bring high-speed internet to the town of Darby, providing more opportunity to students and teachers, as well as the whole Darby community.

Loyd Rennaker is a wonderful example of Montana's rich heritage of deep community ties. He has had a great career at Darby schools and has loved teaching and watching students grow into successful citizens. After 25 years of investing in the next generation, Loyd will retire from the Darby School District in June.

Thank you, Loyd, for all your hard work and service.●

TRIBUTE TO AIDAN VERESS

● Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, this week I have the honor of recognizing 14-year-old Aidan Veress for winning the Treasure State Spelling Bee for the second year in a row. Aidan is no stranger to success when it comes to spelling. He has competed in spelling bees since the second grade and has won the Park County Spelling Bee 3 years in a row.

When asked about his preparation for success, Aidan talks about his love for reading. Beyond memorization of words, Aidan also studies pronunciation, the definitions, and even the rules for various languages. His advice for younger Montanans who wish to win spelling bees is this: Read often, study by yourself and with friends, properly enunciate, push yourself to grow your vocabulary, and stay calm.

Aidan dreams of going to college 1 day and perhaps even working in a STEM field, but for right now, he is busy reading, hiking, camping, traveling, playing basketball and video games, and making Montana proud. This two-time State champ will represent Montana in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, DC, this May.

Congratulations, Aidan, you make us Montana proud.●

TRIBUTE TO DOROTHY P. CAMPBELL

● Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize and extend my sincerest congratulations and happy birthday wishes to Dorothy P. Campbell, who will celebrate her 100th birthday on March 23, 2018.

Dorothy was born in Langdon, NH, on March 23, 1918, to Frank and Frances

Pelton. On October 4, 1936, Dorothy married Rodney H.J. Campbell, and together, they raised 11 children in the same town where Dorothy was born. Dorothy is extremely proud of her 32 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren, and 20 great-great-grandchildren.

Dorothy spent several years as a homemaker before beginning work as a spinner in a local mill. Dorothy also drove a school bus before her retirement. Today Dorothy spends her free time playing cribbage, completing puzzles, reading, and crocheting. In the last 10 years, Dorothy has crocheted nearly 160 blankets for each of her family members and for several charities. As an active member in her community, Dorothy is involved in the Congregational Church, the Langdon Community Club, and the Warren Pond Grange.

I hope you join me, Dorothy's friends and family, and many people in the town of Langdon and across the Granite State in wishing Dorothy Campbell a very happy 100th birthday.●

RECOGNIZING COLYER HEREFORDS AND ANGUS

● Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, as you may know, agriculture is vital to the economic success of my home State of Idaho, and ranching in particular has a long and proud history in the State. A rancher myself, I know that operating a ranch and managing land and cattle are challenging propositions that require quite a bit of industriousness and determination. While American ranches are often depicted as those with huge quantities of cattle and vast land holdings, it is important to remember the numerous small, family owned agricultural operations that exist all across our country. These smaller enterprises, like Colyer Herefords and Angus Ranch in Bruneau, are successful in part because they are committed to finding innovative ways to meet specific market demands. It is my pleasure as the chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship to recognize Colyer Herefords and Angus Ranch as the Senate Small Business of the Month for March 2018 and to highlight the unique story of their family focused small business.

Not only do small businesses like Colyer's make a positive economic impact to State, local, and national economies, but they also contribute to the well-being of our communities. A mainstay in the Bruneau community, the Colyers have been in business for more than 42 years. This family owned business has worked diligently, incorporated new innovations into their business model, and displayed dedication to the quality of their product.

Located just 60 miles southeast of Boise along the beautiful Snake River, Colyer Hereford and Angus Ranch has truly been a family run operation for decades. In 1976, the ranch's founders, Ray and Bonnie Colyer, sold their Bu-

reau of Land Management permit and moved their herd to deeded lands and rented private lands in order to better monitor the health and quality of their cattle. This early commitment to the quality of their purebred bulls and sires has continued and is a key to their success in building a loyal customer base over the years. Innovation has also been a major focus for the Colyer family, passed from generation to generation. For example, in 1993, Ray and Bonnie added an Angus cattle herd to the ranch as a response to commercial customer demand for a breed of cattle uniquely suited to Idaho's environment. Additionally, the ranch has adapted a number of innovative technologies to help select the finest bulls and sires to breed superior cattle for their customers, including ultrasound, artificial insemination, DNA markers, herd management software, and embryo transplants.

Today the ranch is managed by Ray and Bonnie's son and grandson, Guy and Kyle. Kyle and his sister Katie grew up helping out on the family ranch, which fostered their shared love of the industry. The two went on to pursue animal science degrees in college and were active in agriculture activities such as livestock judging and ag student government. Since graduating, both have helped their father, Guy, with the family business. Kyle helps with the day-to-day management of the ranch, while Katie coordinates cattle shows, manages auction broadcasts, and travels to sales across the country. Katie is also a part-time employee of the Idaho Cattlemen's Association and owns her own video production company. The Colyer family and their enterprise have also greatly benefited from the hard work and expertise of longtime employees Adan Juarez and Tony Willis, who have worked on the ranch for over 30 and 15 years, respectively.

Apart from the Colyers' commitment to their product, their commitment to the community is also self-evident. Several members of the family serve as emergency first responders on a volunteer basis in the Bruneau area. Guy is a member of several local and national cattle associations, including the Owyhee County Cattle Association, the Idaho Cattle Association, and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. He also serves on the board of directors of the American Hereford Association. Guy and his wife, Sherry, have also served as advisers for the American Junior Hereford Association to help mentor the next generation of ranchers.

Colyer Herefords and Angus has been a pillar of Bruneau and surrounding communities for many, many years. This family owned business is a prime example of the American entrepreneurial spirit. Through hard work, a commitment to a quality product, and community service, the ranch has thrived as a small family owned agricultural operation.