

my story, and then she told me her own. As ambassador, she was deeply impressed with an officer in the U.S. military with whom she had been working. She asked if she could call the officer's parents to express, as ambassador, her gratitude and that of the Nation, for the outstanding work the officer had been doing. Ambassador Ware reached the officer's father. During the discussion, the father asked again what the ambassador's name was and if Marilyn was the daughter of Congressman John Ware. Ambassador Ware replied yes. The father went on to explain how it was Congressman Ware who had given his son his academy nomination many years before. Her story highlighted the full circle of a family committed to public service—a cherished trait that continues in her family today.

There are so many causes that Ambassador Ware championed, so many to talk about: AEI, her work with sustainable clean water, caring for children with learning disabilities at the Janus School, and the Clinic for Special Children, and of course, The Phoenix, which you can't think about without seeing that twinkle in her eye, along with countless others.

She made our country a better, stronger place. Ambassador Ware will not only be remembered by her friends and family but by those whose lives she bettered along the way. I will miss her leadership and guidance and will always remember the amazing work Ambassador Ware did for our community and our country.

Ambassador Ware, and to her family, we are forever grateful.

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE 1868 TREATY OF FORT LARAMIE

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the passage of time and a particularly significant event in this Nation's history. In a few short days, Tribal leadership, historians, community leaders, and the public will gather at the Fort Laramie National Historic Site in Wyoming to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the signing of the 1868 Treaty of Fort Laramie. As it did in the years preceding the signing of the treaty, the area around Fort Laramie, WY, will again serve as a place where cultures, minds, and governments meet.

Over its history, the Fort Laramie area was home to Tribes of the Great Plains, represented a waypoint for emigrants as they traveled West, and became an economic center as trade routes were established. As conflict among Indian and non-Indian groups grew, Fort Laramie became a military post to quell disputes.

History is marred by the years-long conflicts with Tribal communities. The 1868 Treaty of Fort Laramie and others like it were intended to bring peace to whole regions of peoples. It took nearly 7 months to negotiate the contents of

the treaty and gather signatories. Among the more than 200 signatories were Tribal leaders, U.S. Government officials, and military leaders. It is important to recognize and remember those who signed in the hope that the treaty would bring resolution to ongoing conflicts. Equally, we should reflect on those who did not sign, as that omission is an important part of this history.

Despite the signing of the treaty, conflict persisted. Today we must continue to work to address the inequities that remain across Indian Country. As those signatories of the treaty knew in 1868, treaties and the trust responsibilities to which the U.S. Government committed continue to shape modern relationships with the sovereign Tribes. True government-to-government relationships and respect for Tribal sovereignty are at the heart of Congress's responsibilities in helping to ensure a brighter future for Tribal communities.

As they gather at Fort Laramie at the end of April, Tribes will share their histories and cultures. Among the exchange of traditional prayers, songs, and dances, Tribes will also lead discussions about the future of Tribal sovereignty and treaty rights.

In the joint resolution passed during this year's session, the Wyoming State Legislature appropriately recognized that “. . . the legacy of the 1868 Treaty of Fort Laramie has had an impact in numerous ways on the lives of Tribal members of Tribes party to the Treaty from generation to generation since the signing. . . .”

Recognizing the 150th anniversary of the signing of the treaty requires reflection and introspection, but should also inspire hope for the future. The upcoming events at Fort Laramie National Historic Site offer a unique educational opportunity to highlight the vibrant Tribal cultures that have also endured for generations.

I am proud to recognize this important anniversary and reflect on the 150 years since the signing of the Treaty of Fort Laramie. Historic places and the documents inspired by a confluence of values and ideas should not be forgotten. We must remember the events that led to the signing of the treaty, and those that followed, and continue the important work to develop strong relationships and be good partners with sovereign Tribal nations.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING EDWARD J. CERNIC, SR.

• Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I wish to pay tribute to Edward J. Cernic, Sr., a beloved father, grandfather, husband, politician, and member of his community in Johnstown, Cambria County, PA. Affectionately known as “Pap,” Ed dedicated his life to his family and community. Ed passed away on March 21, 2018, at the age of 85.

Ed believed in the importance of civic duty and touched countless lives in his hometown of Tanneryville, near Johnstown. He cared deeply about his community and was a powerful advocate for his region, especially in times of turmoil. In the aftermath of the 1977 Johnstown Flood, a disaster which took 84 lives in Cambria County, Ed headed the Tanneryville Flood Recovery Association and raised more than \$100,000 in recovery funds. He was a leader in an effort that took 17 busloads of people to Washington, DC to advocate for Federal flood relief funding. He even maneuvered a meeting with President Jimmy Carter after slipping a note to first lady Rosalyn Carter during a campaign stop in Johnstown. Their brief sit-down resulted in Federal support for the entire city. That was the kind of leader that Ed was: an honorable man with a big heart, who always put his community first.

Ed was a natural and successful businessman, founding several businesses that made Cernic a brand name throughout the region. He was proud to be able to create jobs in his community.

He was a major force in local and State politics and a dedicated champion for transportation and infrastructure projects in Cambria County. In a region that has faced many challenges, he was a man of action who courageously fought to push the community forward. Though well-known for his friendships with Democratic public officials and political candidates, Ed never hesitated to reach across the aisle to help the community and was highly respected by members of both parties. Ed served as chairman of the Greater Johnstown Water Authority and commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Transportation Commission. He participated in many other local non-profit and charitable organizations.

Ed's impact on his community is most evident at his famous, annual summer picnic at Cernic's Picnic Grove. Ed had a unique ability to gather people from far and wide—elected officials, political candidates, business leaders, and community leaders—to celebrate and show their support for the people of Cambria County. This yearly gathering exemplifies Ed's contributions to the State and local community, as well as what he valued most: family, friends, and his beloved hometown.

Ed's legacy will endure in the jobs he created, the communities he supported, and the people he served. Johnstown and Cambria County had no stronger champion. As a Pennsylvanian and as a friend of Ed and his family, I will miss his generous spirit and his passion for helping the people of his home county. We extend our condolences to Ed Cernic, Jr., and the Cernic family.●

TRIBUTE TO PENNY REDLI

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

the Museum of the Beartooths director, Penny Redli, for receiving the Museums Association of Montana President's Award.

Penny Redli lives in Columbus where she serves as the director of the Museum of the Beartooths. She has worked at the Museum of the Beartooths for just over 10 years, and under her leadership, the museum community in Montana has grown tremendously. Before her time at the Museum of the Beartooths, she spent 9 years working at the Carbon County Historical Society and Museum.

While her extensive time spent working at museums in Montana is notable, it is her passion and dedication to the community that makes her stand out. Her willingness to provide leadership and engage with other organizations around the State has given other museums the opportunity to thrive. Her passion for history and the community has made her a leader among her peers.

I congratulate Penny Redli on her success with the Museum of the Beartooths and thank her for her contributions to Montana and the greater Stillwater community.●

TRIBUTE TO DAVID FULSTONE

● Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the 95th birthday of Mr. David Fulstone, a friend, neighbor, and a beloved member of our northern Nevada community. It was an honor to have the opportunity to celebrate this momentous occasion with him earlier this month.

Mr. Fulstone was born on April 1, 1923, in San Francisco, CA. He was raised in Smith Valley, NV—a place I am proud to call home—on his family's ranch that sat in the heart of the valley and was the center of his father's sheep ranching operation. Growing up, he enjoyed working on the ranch, attending sheep camp, and playing basketball. In fact, he was Smith Valley High School's star basketball player.

In 1942, Mr. Fulstone was one of just 13 students to graduate from Smith Valley High School. Later that year, he married Angelina Margaroli, and together, they had two children, DeeAnn Fulstone and David Hill Fulstone II. They are the proud grandparents of Mathew Rotchy, KimberLee Rotchy, Josh Fulstone, and Jeffrey Fulstone.

The Fulstones bought their ranch in 1949 and, for more than six decades, grew hay, garlic, and onions. Although he retired in 2010, Mr. Fulstone continues to enjoy gardening and sharing his vegetables with neighbors and friends and still pursues his passion for agriculture by staying informed on policy issues affecting the industry. Mr. Fulstone is the recipient of many awards in our community, including the Farmer of the Year award.

Whether it is serving as grand marshal of the Lyon County Parade, a member of the Nevada Farm Bureau, or on various local boards, Mr. Fulstone has made many contributions to north-

ern Nevada and continues to be an integral part of Lyon County. Even at 95, he remains active as a member of the Yerington Episcopal Church and is the oldest and longest serving member of the Yerington Rotary Club, which recognized him with the Paul Harris award.

As the senior Senator from Nevada, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating David Fulstone on his accomplished 95 years and recognizing his decades of leadership and service to our community. Lynne and I send Mr. Fulstone and his family our best wishes, and I offer my appreciation for all that he has done to make our northern Nevada community an even better place to live.●

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF NORTH CENTRAL STATE COLLEGE

● Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. President, today I wish to honor North Central State College in recognition of its 50th anniversary of providing quality higher education to the citizens of Ohio. Chartered by the Ohio Board of Regents and certified by the Ohio Secretary of State in May 1969, North Central State College moved to its current Mansfield location in 1970. North Central State is a regional economic and innovation leader where the community as a whole benefits from the increased occupational and investment opportunities of students remaining in Ohio after their graduation. More than 4,300 students enroll each year.

North Central State offers more than 70 associate degrees and certificate programs in public services, health sciences, business, and engineering technologies. The mission of North Central State College is to provide individuals with the knowledge, skills, and inspiration to succeed in their chosen path. During this year's commencement ceremony, North Central State will present a degree to its 14,000th graduate.

I am here to honor North Central State College and to congratulate everyone who was involved in making its first 50 years a success.●

TRIBUTE TO DEZMOND WARD

● Mr. ROUNDS. Mr. President, today I recognize Dezmond Ward, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all the hard work he has done on behalf of myself, my staff, and the State of South Dakota.

Dezmond is a graduate of Milbank High School in Milbank, SD. In August, he will graduate from Concordia College in Moorhead, MN, where he studies political science and history. Dezmond is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience and who has been a true asset to the office.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Dezmond for all of the fine work he has done and wish him

continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. JANET BISOGNO

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Dr. Janet Bisogno, the Osceola County Teacher of the Year from Celebration High School in Celebration, FL.

Janet was named Teacher of the Year in recognition of her accomplishments as an outstanding educator and for her passion and devotion to challenging students towards success. She is considered one of Osceola County's most dynamic and well-respected teachers.

Janet gives students tremendous opportunities to participate in science as an immersed experience, including fun but challenging labs and learning opportunities. In both 2016 and 2017, her students scored higher than the world average on IB biology exams. Her students have had a 100-percent pass rate on the end of course exam since she began teaching Pre-IB biology. Janet's leadership in her science professional learning community has been instrumental in moving all students forward.

Colleagues say Janet creates strong and positive relationships with her students, which contribute to a successful classroom environment. She traveled with students to Peru, where they completed an academic field study on the Amazon. Janet has volunteered on numerous committees, and is an engaged member of the school's department chair committee, which works towards school improvement.

Janet is a graduate of Wright University and received her doctorate from the University of Central Florida. She was previously an educator at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School. She has been a teacher at Celebration High School since August 2009.

I extend my best wishes to Janet for her hard work and dedication and look forward to hearing of her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO JESSIE BOYCE

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I am pleased to honor Jessie Boyce, the Pinellas County Teacher of the Year from Tyrone Middle School in St. Petersburg, FL.

Jessie was named Teacher of the Year because she excels at turning kids who hate math into scholars who love going to their math class. She was also recognized for helping colleagues and going beyond to help fellow teachers and students.

She was instrumental in implementing a one-to-one technology initiative as her school transitioned to the center for innovation and digital learning. As part of the Pinellas Innovates initiative, Jessie spearheaded personalized learning in the county. She writes, provides training, speaks at conferences, blogs about education, and discusses other ways to bring innovation into the classroom.