

inaugural Congressional Youth Cabinet, a nonpartisan initiative that has allowed these young people firsthand experience engaging in the democratic process. Students from each of Arkansas' four congressional districts participated in the program, which provided them with exposure to the legislative process and opportunities to seek out advocacy and civic engagement.

The goal of the Congressional Youth Cabinet is to foster a lifetime commitment to civic engagement and public service. I have been impressed with these young Arkansans as they have grown in their knowledge of how our government works and the role that public policy plays in their everyday lives.

One project in particular that demonstrates this process involved having the participants, grouped together by their congressional districts, develop a legislative proposal of their choice between three issues: driverless cars, an internet sales tax, or rural broadband. The students worked together to craft their proposals on these topics, drawing on their own research and background knowledge.

I was able to help them refine their ideas and offer my advice as to how they could make adjustments to their product so as to have the best chance of garnering bipartisan support. We also discussed why similar legislation had not successfully attracted enough backing to pass Congress and become law.

This program has given these students the chance to think critically and carefully about how public policy can have an impact on them, their families, friends, neighbors, and fellow citizens. I am proud of these Arkansans for taking a proactive step to learn more about how they can make a difference and be a force for good. Their participation in the Congressional Youth Cabinet is something we all can take great pride in.

I congratulate them on their hard work and efforts and offer my best wishes for the future. I know these students will continue to be leaders and doers who give back to their communities. I hope their participation in the Congressional Youth Cabinet is something they can point to as having made a distinct and significant contribution to their development as students and informed, engaged citizens.●

TRIBUTE TO MARY KAY FORSYTH

● Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the 100th birthday of Mary Kay Forsyth, originally of Bozeman, MT. She was born in the middle of Main Street under a firetruck on April 24, 1918, and she has been setting off alarms ever since.

Mary Kay spent her formative years in Missoula where her father, Clyde P. Fickes, was the head the U.S. Forest Service Region 1 office. Soon after graduating from the University of

Montana in 1941 with a double major in journalism and pre-medicine, Mary Kay married professional hockey player, Albert J.C. Forsyth of Wainwright, Alberta. They soon moved to Seattle to help the war effort. At the conclusion of the war, Mr. and Mrs. Forsyth and their growing family settled in Coronado, CA.

Mary Kay spent her life dedicated to the improvement of her community. Her public service and spirit is an example to others and is admired by all who know her.

Mary Kay has a loving family of four children, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. I, along with her family and friends, wish Mary Kay a very happy 100th birthday.●

REMEMBERING DORIS WARD

● Ms. HARRIS. Mr. President, Californians and San Franciscans have lost a fearless advocate for racial and economic equality who became the first African-American president of San Francisco's board of supervisors. Ms. Doris Ward was elected to the board of supervisors and was sworn in on January 8, 1980. In 1991, Ms. Ward became the first Black woman to serve as board president.

Ms. Ward was a trailblazer from her earliest days. She attended an integrated school from kindergarten through 12th grade. She went on to earn her bachelor's and master's degrees in education at Indiana University. Later she earned a master's degree in counseling from San Francisco State University and a doctorate in education from U.C. Berkeley. Ms. Ward was active in the civil rights movement and participated in sit-ins at bars and other public areas in Indiana. Ms. Ward began her career as a teacher in Gary, IN, her hometown, before joining the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, NAACP, in Indianapolis.

During her time at the NAACP in the late 1960s, Ms. Ward cemented her role as a leader for civil rights and social justice by opposing the Ku Klux Klan and other forms of racism and discrimination before moving to California.

Ms. Ward started her political career in 1972, after moving to San Francisco, when she became a trustee for the city's community college district prior to joining the board of supervisors.

Ms. Ward was a friend, mentor, and we will miss her vibrant spirit. The thoughts of San Franciscans and Californians are with Ms. Ward's sister, Debra Floyd, of Washington, DC, her family, city leaders, and the people of San Francisco during this time.●

TRIBUTE TO JOHN RUHS

● Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I would like to recognize and thank Mr. John Ruhs, the director of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, BLM, in Nevada, for his work on behalf of our State as he departs his role to assume

the top position at the National Inter-agency Fire Center in Boise, ID.

Mr. Ruhs first moved to Nevada as a wild horse and burro specialist and later served as Ely's BLM district manager and Winnemucca's district fire management officer. When talking about the time he has spent in Nevada, Mr. Ruhs said, "I truly love the resources, the people, and the wide variety of activities and issues that we face."

He was appointed by Neil Kornze, the national director of the BLM during the Obama administration, to serve as Nevada's director in 2015, a role he was well-suited for, given his previous public service in Nevada. For more than 3 years, he was in charge of managing 48 million acres of Federal land in our State. It is a tough job, but he excelled in the role, and I have appreciated the opportunity to work with him. He is a hard-working, honest broker who has a record of successfully and expeditiously resolving longstanding issues. John is a leader and a problem solver and was willing to get personally involved in even the most difficult disputes.

Prior to his work in Nevada, Mr. Ruhs worked for the BLM in Colorado, Idaho, and Oregon, as well as in Washington, DC, as the senior special assistant. He also worked in Wyoming as district manager of the High Desert District. Mr. Ruhs is also a veteran. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps, and I am truly grateful for his service to our Nation.

Mr. Ruhs grew up in Iowa and graduated from the University of Idaho with a bachelor of science degree in animal science. He and his wife, Amy, are the proud parents of seven daughters. Together, they embrace the outdoors and enjoy spending time riding horses and camping.

As the senior Senator from the State of Nevada, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Ruhs for his many years of public service to the BLM and to my home State. While his departure is Nevada's loss, I know that the National Interagency Fire Center will benefit from his expertise. I wish Mr. Ruhs continued success in his future endeavors and many fulfilling years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO DIMITRI PHILEMONOF

● Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, today I would like to recognize an Alaska Native leader who has dedicated much of his life and career to humanitarian service in Alaska. Dimitri Philemonof is the president of the Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association, which is a Tribal nonprofit organization that serves the regional tribes in the Aleutian Pribilof Islands of Alaska. Under Dimitri's leadership, APIA has had a profound impact on the health and well-being of the Aleut people by providing them with a broad spectrum of services. These services include health, education, social, employment

and vocational training, public safety, and cultural preservation.

Dimitri's tenure with APIA began on April 24, 1978, when he was hired as a training tech for employment assistance. Less than a year later, Dimitri was promoted to manpower director and later the community services director. By 1985, the board of directors at APIA would reach a consensus and promote Dimitri to be the executive director and president of APIA, a position that he has held since. This week marks the 40th anniversary of Dimitri's hiring at APIA, and I would like to take this time to express my appreciation for Dimitri's service to the Alaska Native people.

Dimitri accomplished many things during his time as the president of APIA, but according to Dimitri, the most important accomplishment as the president of APIA was working to pass the Aleut Restitution Act. It was meaningful for Dimitri because his parents were forcibly evacuated from the island of St. George and brought to the Funter Bay Internment Camp during the Aleut Evacuation of WWII. Conditions at the camps were horrid. There was no running water, no sewer system, and no laundry or bathing facilities. Most of the buildings didn't have electricity, heat, windows, or doors. Eventually, Dimitri's parents were able to return to their home on St. George Island, but they still carried with them the experience of being forced into an internment camp. This was an experience that many Alaska Natives carried with them because they too were put into internment camps, not just in Funter Bay. There were internment camps in Killisnoo, Ward Cove, and on Burnett Island.

Fast forward and once Dimitri became the executive director of APIA, he worked tirelessly to ensure that the Aleut people would receive restitution for their time in internment camps. He worked with Alaska's congressional delegation to ensure that Aleut and other Alaska Native people were able to testify before congressional hearing commissions and committees to share their stories and their experiences in internment camps.

In 1988, the Aleut Restitution Act was passed, and in 1993, the Aleutian Pribilof Restitution Trust was created. Dimitri and many other Aleut leaders believe that the pursuit for restitution was one of the first steps in the healing process for the Aleut people.

Dimitri has had a significant impact on the Aleut people who he represents. He serves as an inspiration to many other Alaska Native leaders. I am honored to recognize Dimitri for his years of humanitarian service, and I wish him many more years of service to his people and to his community by reminding us all that "Unganan Ataaqan Akun"—"We Are One."●

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD W. POGUE

● Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the achievements of

Richard W. Pogue on the occasion of his 90th birthday. Mr. Pogue is a respected attorney and community leader who continues to this day to work tirelessly to serve greater Cleveland, the State of Ohio, and our country. The impact of his generosity, commitment to the northeast Ohio community where he lives, and tradition of service has touched countless organizations and individuals. I am pleased to recognize Mr. Pogue's over six decades of service today.

Mr. Pogue was born on April 26, 1928. He graduated from Cornell University in 1950 and the University of Michigan Law School in 1953. After serving 3 years, from 1954 to 1957, in the office of the Judge Advocate General, U.S. Army, in the Pentagon, he was honorably discharged with the rank of captain and joined the Cleveland law firm of Jones, Day, Cockley & Reavis as an associate in 1957. He became a partner in the firm nearly 60 years ago.

In 1984, Pogue became managing partner of the firm, which was at this time known as Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue. During the 9 years he spent as managing partner, he led the firm during a period of unprecedented growth, including taking the firm into international markets. His area of practice has primarily focused on antitrust and corporate takeover work, and he has served as a mediator in a large number of major commercial disputes.

Mr. Pogue retired from Jones Day in 1994, only to take on a second career as senior adviser to Dix & Eaton, a Cleveland public relations firm. He returned to Jones Day in 2004 and currently serves as senior adviser to the firm.

Mr. Pogue's distinguished professional career as an accomplished lawyer and corporate adviser alone warrants this recognition. However, his caring leadership and dedication to civic engagement is even more impressive and has left a lasting impact on countless organizations throughout our community and State. He has served as chairperson of many organizations, including the Cleveland Foundation, Greater Cleveland Growth Association, Business Volunteers Unlimited, University Hospitals, and the Cleveland Council on World Affairs. He is known for his commitment to helping young people, improving our neighborhoods, many philanthropic endeavors, advising public and private sector leaders, and guiding business organizations through changing times. He chairs the advisory committee for the Regula Institute at Mount Union University and was a founding trustee of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum. He is a member of the Ohio State Bar Association Committee to preserve the legacy of Ohio Chief Justice Thomas J. Moyer, the Access to Justice Task Force appointed by Ohio's Supreme Court Chief Justice, and the Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation.

He continues to be committed to higher education and has remained an active contributor to the University of

Michigan Law School, which honored him as the inaugural recipient of the Michigan Law School Distinguished Alumni Award. He has served as a trustee of Case Western Reserve University, University of Akron, and the Cleveland Institute of Music.

As he approaches his 90th birthday, Mr. Pogue is known to rise early each morning, work long days, and engage with community leaders and citizens in a wide variety of endeavors. He is a dedicated and loving husband, father, and grandfather to his wife, Patricia; their three children, Mark, Tracy and David; and their eight grandchildren. He is modest and quietly effective. His kind nature, integrity, professionalism, and dedication to community service has touched the lives of so many and has truly made a difference for greater Cleveland, our State, and Nation. It is my pleasure to recognize Richard W. Pogue and offer my best wishes as his family, friends, and the community he loves gather to celebrate his 90th birthday.●

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. CORKER for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

*Mike Pompeo, of Kansas, to be Secretary of State.

*Thomas J. Hushek, of Wisconsin, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of South Sudan.

Nominee: Thomas J. Hushek.

Post: Chief of Mission, Juba, South Sudan.

The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.

Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

1. Self: None.
2. Spouse: N/A.
3. Children and Spouses: N/A.
4. Parents: Mary A. Hushek (deceased), None; Francis T. Hushek (deceased), None.
5. Grandparents: Francis J. Hushek (deceased), None; Cecilia Hushek (deceased), None; George Schaller (deceased), None; Margaret Schaller (deceased), None.
6. Brothers and Spouses: John F. Hushek, None; Sharon A. Hushek, None; Francis J. Hushek, None; Andrew R. Hushek, None.
7. Sisters and Spouses: Barbara J. McMillion, None; Michael McMillion (deceased), None; Sarah A. Berg, None; Lance A. Berg, None; Martha E. Troop, None; Jeffrey Troop, None.

*Kirsten Dawn Madison, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs).

Mr. CORKER. Mr. President, for the Committee on Foreign Relations 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