

for 30 years, along with providing leadership and expertise to the Wyoming Department of Transportation for over 39 years. Alongside this public service, Del has been a small business owner and a champion for local economic development.

As the cofounder of LEADER Corp., a private economic development group committed to expanding the economic base of Lander, Del helps transform his vision of a prosperous community into reality. Known for his dedication and determination, Del brings all the players to the table and works to make things happen. Del is a problem-solver, and Lander and the State of Wyoming are better for it.

Del's neighbors and friends know they can rely on him to get the job done. They have elected him as mayor four times and sent him to represent their interests in the State legislature seven times. He has rewarded their faith in him by finding the funds necessary to build the new Lander Valley High School.

Del and I served in the Wyoming State Legislature together for 5 years. His opinions and advice carried great weight in both chambers and across the aisle. Del was known for his integrity and devotion to Wyoming. He served on the education committee when we passed the Hathaway Scholarship that ensures every Wyoming High School graduate has access to higher education. Together, we cosponsored legislation to fund critical emergency telephone services in our rural State. Del's legacy will always be working to meet the needs of our State and her people.

In Wyoming, we have adopted the Code of the West as our guiding ethical principles. No one embodies these commitments more than Del McOmie. Throughout his impressive career of service, Del has always "done what has to be done" and embraced that "when you make a promise, [you must] keep it." Even before Wyoming had an official code of ethics, Del has always been one to "ride for the brand".

It is with great honor that I recognize this exceptional member of our Wyoming community. My wife, Bobbi, joins me in extending our appreciations to Del McOmie for his service.

#### 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF QUEEN CITY AIRPORT

Mr. TOOMEY. Mr. President, I would like to recognize the 75th anniversary of Queen City Airport, located in Allentown, PA.

Dedicated in October 1943, Queen City Airport was originally known as Convair Field and consisted of an airstrip and several production facilities leased from Mack Truck. During the Second World War, Consolidated Vultee, a local aircraft manufacturer, produced the TBY-2 Sea Wolf torpedo bomber for the U.S. Navy at the airport and employed several thousand workers. After the war ended, aircraft production shut down and the leased

facilities were returned to Mack Truck.

In 1947, ownership of the airport was transferred from the Federal Government to the city of Allentown, which agreed to maintain the land as an airport and emergency landing field. Shortly thereafter, the Pennsylvania Air National Guard began leasing a facility at the airport for flight training exercises. It was not until 1961 that the airport was renamed Queen City Municipal and the city assumed full ownership and operation of the airport. In addition to general aviation services, the airport began hosting events and exhibitions for members of the Allentown community, including airshows, hot-air balloon events, and fireworks on the Fourth of July.

Today Queen City Airport is owned and operated by the Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority, LNAA. Nearly 80 individual aircraft are now based at the airport, a majority of which are used for local general aviation. As a result of LNAA's support for general aviation, the Federal Aviation Administration's Eastern Region recognized Queen City Airport as the General Aviation Airport of the Year in 2006.

Again, I wish to congratulate Queen City Airport as it celebrates its 75th anniversary later this year. The airport serves as the home base for many general aviation pilots throughout the Lehigh Valley, and during State work periods, I often start my day at Queen City, using the airport as a home base before flying to various parts of Pennsylvania to meet with constituents and business leaders. I hope the airport will continue to support the Allentown community well into the future.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO GREG BOLLARD

• Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Greg Bollard, who will be honored at the 15th anniversary celebration for Friends of the Lake on August 9, 2018. His numerous accomplishments on behalf of Lake Lillinonah have made a great impact on the health of Connecticut's environment.

Mr. Bollard is the cofounder of Friends of the Lake, a nonprofit organization created to improve the water quality of Lake Lillinonah in Connecticut, enhance the enjoyment of the lake's pristine and stunning surroundings and protect that portion of the Housatonic River and its watershed.

Friends of the Lake works alongside an array of community and environmental organizations, Federal, State and local officials, and residents in order to acquire vital funding to improve the lake, raise awareness of the project and its importance, and bring together the community around Lake Lillinonah. Mr. Bollard has worked

tirelessly over the past decade and a half to obtain and deploy a monitoring buoy. This buoy uses the Global Lake Observatory Network GLEON, to share data about the lake with scientists and other lake organizations worldwide, in order to facilitate more thorough monitoring and study of lake ecology.

In order to ensure Lake Lillinonah is clean, safe, and accessible to the community, Mr. Bollard has led tireless efforts to learn more about invasive species and control their populations, along with chairing the water quality committee. He is known as an incredibly dependable man, who is able to fix any problem by spearheading key efforts to develop a solution and bring the right group of people together to see it through successfully.

Mr. Bollard's desire to help his community extends beyond his work with Friends of the Lake, as well. For 16 years, he served on the Bridgewater Inland Wetlands Commission, and he continues to dedicate his time to his community through his role as an EMT and ambulance coordinator for the Bridgewater Fire Department, a firefighter and EMT for the Morris Volunteer Fire Department, and as a member of the Shepaug parent council.

Through his devotion to helping our State with Friends of the Lake and his great work as a public servant, Mr. Bollard has left a lasting, positive impression upon Connecticut and laid a profoundly strong foundation for improving our State's environment in the years to come.

I applaud Greg Bollard's dedicated commitment to improve and protect Lake Lillinonah, and I hope my colleagues will join me in congratulating Mr. Bollard on his well-deserved honor.●

##### TRIBUTE TO OLIVIA MITCHELL

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, this week, I have the distinct honor of recognizing Olivia Mitchell of Wheatland County.

At just 11 years old, Olivia took third place on her Americanism essay at the Montana Department of the American Legion Auxiliary convention. She wrote on a topic that is far beyond her years, serving as a testament to her exemplary work. Olivia said she loves to write and even finds it relaxing.

Olivia lives in Judith Gap and will soon be a sixth grader at Judith Gap School. She is able to balance her school work and extracurricular activities, including hunting, fishing, and sports with ease. Olivia loves to hunt. She already has a mule deer under her belt and has a goal to bag an elk and antelope next. She loves being outdoors and hopes to visit Yellowstone National Park soon. Her values and work ethic can be attributed to her loving parents, Lane and Christie Mitchell, and her two younger sisters. Olivia is a compassionate leader and loves to help her community.

I congratulate Olivia on her accomplishments. I look forward to seeing her succeed as she continues to grow.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Ridgway, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, August 1, 2018, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 2779. An act to amend the Zimbabwe Democracy and Economic Recovery Act of 2001.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6133. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Mark C. Nowland, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6134. A communication from the Acting Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's 2018 Annual Report of the Supplemental Security Income Program; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6135. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Corinthian College and American Career Institutes Discharge of Indebtedness Private Student Loans" (Rev. Proc. 2018-39) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2018; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6136. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance on Rollovers and Qualified Higher Education Expenses under Section 529" (Notice 2018-58) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2018; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6137. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "United States Tobacco Product Exports That Do Not Conform to Tobacco Product Standards"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6138. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Office of General Counsel, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Withdrawal of Guidance Documents" ((RIN1810-AB33) (Docket No. ED-2016-OESE-0056)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2018; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6139. A communication from the Chief Privacy Officer, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the implementation of the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission for the period from October 1, 2018 through March 31, 2018; to the Committees on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; Select Committee on Intelligence; and the Judiciary.

EC-6140. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA) Quarterly Report to Congress; Third Quarter of Fiscal Year 2018"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-6141. A communication from the Associate Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Connect America Fund" ((RIN3060-AK57) (WC Docket No. 10-90)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6142. A communication from the Program Analyst, Office of Managing Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2018" (FCC 18-65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6143. A communication from the Chief, International Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "In the Matter of Expanding Flexible Use of the 3.7 to 4.2 GHz Band; Expanding Flexible Use in Mid-Band Spectrum Between 3.7 and 24 GHz; Petition for Rulemaking to Amend a Modernize Parts 25 and 101 of the Commission's Rules. . ." ((FCC 18-91) (GN Docket No. 18-122) (GN Docket No. 17-183) (RM-11791) (RM-11778)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6144. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pacific Island Pelagic Fisheries; False Killer Whale Take Reduction Plan; Closure of Southern Exclusion Zone" (RIN0648-XG334) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 31, 2018; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-280. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California urging the United States Congress to require, if necessary, a resolution between the federal Cen-

ters for Medicare and Medicaid Services and TRICARE to immediately restore data sharing and to waive the one-year timely filing restriction for all claims caught in this stoppage; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

#### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 23

Whereas, The federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), a part of the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), works with the states to fund and implement the Medicaid program, which provides health coverage to millions of Americans, including eligible low-income adults, children, pregnant women, elderly adults, and people with disabilities; and

Whereas, TRICARE, which is managed by the United States Department of Defense Military Health System, provides civilian health benefits for active duty and reserve military members of the United States Armed Forces, military retirees, and their dependents, and which relies on the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) computerized database that contains TRICARE eligibility data for these individuals; and

Whereas, Approximately 1.75 million military veterans, their families, and active duty family members (nearly 1 in 10) have TRICARE and Medicaid coverage, including family members of active duty members who qualify under Medicaid income limits, veterans and their families who qualify under Medicaid income limits, disabled veterans and their families, and active duty family members that qualify for Medicaid due to disability; and

Whereas, For individuals who have both TRICARE and Medicaid coverage, TRICARE must pay as primary coverage; and

Whereas, Historically, identifying individuals with both TRICARE and Medicaid coverage has been a challenging, yet necessary, process, as acknowledged and documented in an HHS Inspector General report, "Medicaid Third Party Liability (TPL) Savings Have Increased, But Challenges Remain"; and

Whereas, Prior to 2017, TRICARE had matched their DEERS eligibility files and provided information back to the states about the individuals who had both TRICARE and Medicaid coverage; and

Whereas, The agreement to cross-match between CMS and TRICARE has expired and the parties have been unable to reestablish terms to coordinate benefits between the two programs; and

Whereas, In early 2017, TRICARE ceased its support in the data-match process in which states provide Medicaid enrollee eligibility information to TRICARE in order to identify those Members who have both TRICARE and Medicaid; and

Whereas, The expiration of the agreement has the effect of preventing the recovery of millions of payments annually where Medicaid erroneously paid, because TRICARE should have paid as primary coverage, resulting in a shift of additional costs from the federal government to the states; and

Whereas, TRICARE's timely filing limitation precludes Medicaid from billing a claim that should be TRICARE's responsibility if the service was rendered more than one year prior, resulting in additional annual costs shifting to California and other states; and

Whereas, TRICARE refuses to share data with, and process eligibility information from, Medicaid managed care organizations that provide care to more than 60 percent of all Medicaid members nationally. It is estimated that millions of dollars annually paid in claims should have been TRICARE's responsibility, not Medicaid managed care organizations resulting in even more cost shifting to the states and leading to improper Medicaid capitation payments; and