

It is no wonder that the UN's Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on Myanmar reported recently that the Burmese military acted with "genocidal intent"—genocide, not a term taken lightly and not a term applied often. This comes on the heels of reports by others, such as Fortify Rights, Amnesty International, and Human Rights Watch. Presented by the UN's Human Rights Council, the latest report is the result of interviews with nearly 900 witnesses, and it calls for the international community to act.

Our State Department has similarly reported that the Burmese military's operations against the Rohingya were "well-planned and coordinated," although I am disappointed that the Department stopped short of making a legal determination on the crimes.

Senator MCCONNELL continues to block any action on the late John McCain's bipartisan legislation.

A year after the latest wave of violence, report after damning report documents the Burmese military's scorched-earth tactics. The international community calls for immediate action: accountability, humanitarian relief, conducive conditions in Burma for safe and voluntary repatriation.

Congress has its hands tied by the majority leader.

Like Senator MCCONNELL, I have also been a big fan of Aung San Suu Kyi and had high hopes for her, and I recognize the near impossible position she is in with the Burmese military, but her blindness to the suffering of her own people, not to mention her defense of the absurd jailing of the two Reuters reporters, troubles me deeply. That is not the Aung San Suu Kyi that John McCain called his "personal hero."

John McCain's bill is about ensuring that we hold the Burmese military accountable for its operations. I hope the majority leader will finally recognize that and allow this bipartisan bill to move.

#### MALNUTRITION AWARENESS WEEK

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, September 24 to 28, 2018, marks Malnutrition Awareness Week. Malnutrition Awareness Week is a multi-organizational, multipronged campaign created by the American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition to educate healthcare professionals to identify and treat for malnutrition earlier, educate consumers and patients to discuss their nutrition status with healthcare professionals, and increase awareness of nutrition's role in patient recovery.

Last summer, the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging held a hearing to discuss the importance of proper nutrition and the impact of malnutrition on America's seniors. We learned that, in 2014, more than 13 percent of seniors in Pennsylvania reported food insecurity. Experts shared that poverty, food insecurity, and changes with age significantly increase the risk of malnutrition.

Unfortunately, we do not know the full extent to which malnutrition plagues seniors across the country. It is for this reason that last fall I called on the U.S. Government Accountability Office to examine what is known about the caloric and nutrient needs of older adults as well as the extent to which federally funded nutrition programs that serve older adults are meeting their nutrition needs.

No seniors should have to choose between putting food on the table and taking their medications. That is why, as ranking member of the Aging Committee, I authored a bill, the Nourishing Our Golden Years Act, to improve seniors' access to the senior food box program, my bill assures that seniors are not kicked off the program simply because of red tape and difficult deadlines.

We cannot solve malnutrition without better understanding the issue. Older adults, caregivers and healthcare professionals require guidance on the identification of and interventions for seniors facing this crisis. I am pleased to raise awareness about malnutrition among seniors as part of Malnutrition Awareness Week.

#### TRIBUTE TO MATT MEAD

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, today I wish to share my appreciation for Governor Matt Mead. He will complete his second term as Wyoming's commander in chief this year. It is an honor to recognize his devotion to our servicemen and women.

Here in Wyoming, we rely on the cowboy code. The Code of the West was adopted as the State's official code of ethics. It reminds us to "live each day with courage" and "be tough, but fair." It also reminds us to "take pride in our work."

Governor Mead can certainly take pride in his role as a champion and advocate for Wyoming's military members and their families. Since 2008, Matt attended 22 deployment ceremonies for members of the Wyoming Air and Army National Guards. In 8 years, exactly 2,235 airmen and soldiers have been deployed to fight the war on terror and protect our Nation.

Matt knows the importance of supporting our troops, both at home and overseas. He visited deployed troops on six separate occasions to bring words of support and encouragement from home. Similarly, he was on the ground with families and friends at 22 homecoming events, greeting returning men and women with a smile on his face.

Governor Mead is also dedicated to thanking those who have already served. During his tenure, he attended 53 Veterans Day and welcome home events. These welcome home ceremonies began as a way to honor veterans of the Korean conflict and the Vietnam war who returned home without receiving proper recognition of their service and sacrifice.

In addition, he signed legislation designating Interstate 25, which runs

north to south from Buffalo, Wyoming, to the Colorado border, as the Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Highway.

Finally, under his direction, the Wyoming Veterans Commission assisted over 8,000 veterans and family members with problems or requests for information. Matt's determination to provide high-quality care and support to Wyoming's veterans is unparalleled.

Matt does not stop at honoring veterans and supporting Active-Duty servicemembers. In 2011, he saw a need to recognize those just beginning their service. Now, he regularly hosts enlistment ceremonies for young men and women who commit to joining the Armed Forces.

At these special events, Governor Mead takes time to share his appreciation for their bravery, patriotism, and desire to serve our Nation. His warm words of inspiration provide reassurance to these young people and their families as they embark on this momentous journey. Since the first ceremony, a total of 3,035 enlistees have been recognized for answering the call of duty.

Governor Mead is not alone in his efforts to celebrate their selfless sacrifice. He is aided by the Hon. Gary Hartman, who serves as Mead's military and veteran policy analyst. Judge Hartman is a U.S. Air Force veteran who served in Vietnam. Judge Hartman coordinates each ceremony and plays a vital role in ensuring each and every one of these talented individuals is celebrated.

In addition to his military service, Judge Hartman served for 25 years on the Fifth Judicial District Court. His extensive knowledge of the law, along with his passion for veterans' affairs, allowed him to help bring a veterans treatment court to Laramie County. The program's unique approach aims to add much-needed mental health and mentoring services to veterans facing criminal charges. His experiences, both in the Air Force and on the bench, make him a proud advocate who never hesitates to uphold, encourage, and defend veteran causes.

Wyoming holds two enlistment ceremonies each year. On November 12, Matt, with Judge Hartman's assistance, will host his final ceremony as Governor. Addressing a new group of enlistees, he will impart wisdom and speak about Wyoming's legacy of service. I have been honored to attend many of these ceremonies. It will again be my honor to stand beside my friend as we commend these fine young folks.

President Teddy Roosevelt famously said, "People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care." Time and time again, Governor Matt Mead demonstrates his respect and gratitude for our servicemembers. He leads with honor, integrity, and pride, and our State and Nation are better because of his dedication.

## ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

## TRIBUTE TO AUDREY ROSENSTEIN

• Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Audrey Rosenstein of Las Vegas, NV, for her tireless efforts on behalf of children in need of a family and her work that has distinguished her as a 2018 Angel in Adoption honoree. After learning of Audrey's story, I was proud to nominate her for this award, which is presented to individuals for outstanding contributions to adoption and child welfare through the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute.

Audrey and her husband, Craig, are parents to five biological children and 10 adopted children. Sixteen years ago, the Rosensteins decided to fill the empty bedrooms of their adult children with children in need of a safe and loving environment. Since then, their family has welcomed 25 foster children into their loving home. As a father of four, I have great admiration for the Rosensteins who have opened their heart and home to those who are in need of it most.

In addition to her parenting role, Audrey is committed to serving her community. Audrey is the president of Fostering Southern Nevada, an organization that is dedicated to improving foster parent recruitment and retention. She also works closely with the Clark County Department of Family Services on the Quality Parenting Initiative, as well as with Child Haven and Peggy's Closet to help ensure that foster families have access to the resources that they need.

Audrey was quoted in a Las Vegas Review Journal article saying, "I'm hoping we give children a feeling of being loved, important and being a part of a family. The idea that we've made an impact in someone's life makes it all worth it."

I certainly believe that Audrey has made a significant impact on many young lives, and I believe that Nevada is better off because of her unwavering commitment to providing young Nevadans with much-needed hope and love. I offer my deepest appreciation to both Audrey and her husband Craig for their efforts to care for Southern Nevada's children, and I ask that all of my colleagues join me in recognizing their service to our community. •

## 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF SUNRISE COUNTY ECONOMIC COUNCIL

• Mr. KING. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the Sunrise County Economic Council of Washington County as they celebrate their 25th anniversary. Founded using funds left over from the Quoddy Job Opportunity Zone, an initiative from then-Governor John McKernan, SCEC has used a grassroots approach to economic development in Washington County. They have worked tirelessly across political, economic, and municipal boundaries to

promote development in one of the least populated counties in the State.

SCEC was founded in 1993 by a group of businesses and community leaders to promote economic and community development. SCEC brings together community-focused businesses, not-for-profit organizations, municipalities, and citizens to all work together to create jobs and promote prosperity in Washington County. During my time as Governor, we created the Investing in Washington County initiative, which was a partnership between SCEC and State agencies working through the cabinet subcommittee on economic development. Since then, SCEC has been dedicated to job creation and development and continues to play a vital role in Maine's economic prosperity.

Today SCEC has several programs and initiatives to achieve their goals to improve their community and promote development. One of these programs is Family Futures Downeast. This program aims to break the cycle of poverty by providing children with a safe, secure environment, high-quality education, and supporting parents through postsecondary education and career development. Parents enroll at the University of Maine Machias or Washington County Community College and their children are enrolled in early-education programs right on campus. Families receive support from a variety of partners, including college preparatory and tutoring services, workforce training, career counseling, and financial support. This program is life-changing for parents and children. Thanks to the program, children are thriving in high-quality childcare, parents can pursue opportunities without worrying about their children's care, and parents are on path to long-term, higher-paying jobs right in Washington County.

Another SCEC program is the Washington County Leadership Institute. Founded in 1997, the institute provides Washington County citizens with the skills, insight, and professional network to be more effective leaders in their communities. Participants come from all sectors, including small business, finance, education, tourism, healthcare, nonprofit, and municipal government. Institute graduates have gone on to serve on planning boards, school boards, filled a variety of volunteer positions, and served in the legislature.

I am honored to join all of the communities of Washington County and the entire State of Maine in congratulating Sunrise County Economic Council for 25 years of incredible work. I look forward to their continued growth and service to the State, and I thank them for their dedication to making Maine such a special place to call home. •

## RECOGNIZING BEAR KNUCKLES

• Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, Idaho's entrepreneurs are passionate individ-

uals who consistently innovate and create high-quality products. As chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, it is my distinct privilege to recognize Bear Knuckles as the Small Business of the Month for September 2018. Located in Blackfoot, ID, Bear Knuckles manufactures gloves with a unique design that allow for a stronger grip while still protecting the wearer's hands.

Bear Knuckles' founder, Shawn Schild, is one of three brothers who own B Bar B in Blackfoot. B Bar B is a family-owned leather shop founded by Shawn's parents, Bob and Gay Schild. Bob Schild began his career as a professional rodeo rider in 1954. Throughout his rodeo career, Bob carried a sewing machine and other tailoring supplies in his camper to craft his own equipment. He often sold rodeo chaps and other items that he crafted to make extra income while on the road. Bob continued his rodeo career until he settled down in Blackfoot with his wife Gay and founded B Bar B Leather in 1961. He continued to compete in the rodeo part time to help support the business until 1969. Bob and Gay passed along this entrepreneurial spirit and the values of hard work and integrity to their three sons: Jeff, Shawn, and Kelly. After taking the reins of the business from their parents in 1994, the three brothers founded B Bar B Wholesale in 1996.

Shawn began designing his own line of gloves over 20 years ago, while competing in the rodeo like his father had done before him. He wanted to make a glove that could protect his hands, while providing a better grip on bucking bulls. After a great deal of experimentation, Shawn created gloves with curved fingers to better conform to the natural shape of the hand. This resulted in a glove that allows for a strong grip, while also reducing grip fatigue. Shawn's patented double wedge ergonomic design worked so well that it was adopted by several professional bullriders who still use it to this day.

Shawn saw the potential for this new glove to benefit working men and women. He began making different types of gloves and approached local stores and industrial businesses asking them to test his new products. Several employees at a local natural gas distributor, who tested the welding gloves, praised Shawn's design and claimed that they no longer wanted to use any other type of glove. After further tinkering and experimentation, he received a patent for the design in 2015. Following the patent, Shawn took the next step and decided to pursue a manufacturing and distribution agreement with a large glove manufacturing company. Shawn overcame multiple challenges in the manufacturing of his glove, which ultimately led him to start his own small business, Bear Knuckles. Today Shawn's gloves are sold in stores throughout the area.

The State of Idaho is proud to be home to innovative, hard-working entrepreneurs like Shawn. The entire B