

(1) Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship to which committee shall be referred all proposed legislation, messages, petitions, memorials, and other matters relating to the Small Business Administration;

(2) Any proposed legislation reported by such committee which relates to matters other than the functions of the Small Business Administration shall, at the request of the chairman of any standing committee having jurisdiction over the subject matter extraneous to the functions of the Small Business Administration, be considered and reported by such standing committee prior to its consideration by the Senate; and likewise measures reported by other committees directly relating to the Small Business Administration shall, at the request of the Chair of the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, be referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship for its consideration of any portion of the measure dealing with the Small Business Administration and be reported by this committee prior to its consideration by the Senate.

(3) Such committee shall also study and survey by means of research and investigation all problems of American small business enterprises, and report thereon from time to time.

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF LIMESTONE, MAINE

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, on February 26, the town of Limestone, ME, will mark the 150th anniversary of its incorporation. As one who was born and raised in the neighboring city of Caribou, it is a great pleasure to celebrate the generations of industrious and caring people who have made Limestone such a wonderful place to live, work, and raise families.

The story of Limestone begins long before its incorporation in 1869. For thousands of years, Aroostook County has been the home of the Micmac and Maliseet; the name Aroostook comes from the Native American word for “beautiful river.” French explorers, led by Samuel de Champlain, first visited the area in 1604.

For decades after the American Revolution, Maine’s northernmost region was the site of a protracted and tense border dispute between our new Nation and British Canada. As negotiations to end what is now called the Bloodless Aroostook War neared completion in the early 1840s, families and entrepreneurs settled in the area.

Among them was General Mark Trafton, a veteran of the War of 1812, who was drawn to the region by the great deposits of limestone, vast stands of timber, and fertile soil. Soon a thriving settlement developed, and the prosperity derived from quarries, sawmills, and farms was invested in schools and churches to make a true community.

Later in the 19th century, the people of Limestone joined their neighboring towns in connecting their remote region to the world with their own hands. Town by town, they built roads and railroads with pick, shovel, and wheelbarrow. These transportation networks, combined with the region’s rich soil, made Aroostook County an agri-

cultural powerhouse, and the potato industry remains an essential part of the Maine economy.

People were drawn to Limestone in search of liberty and opportunity, and they have always worked and sacrificed to extend those blessings to others. Veterans’ monuments throughout the area stand in honor of the many heroes who gave their lives so that all could be free.

During the Cold War, Loring Air Force Base was established in Limestone, due to its proximity to northern Europe, and it became a crucial forward post in America’s defense. The closure of the base in 1994 was a difficult challenge for the people of Limestone, who responded with the qualities that wrote their history: strength, determination, and a strong work ethic. With the transformation of the former base into the Loring Commerce Centre, Maine’s largest industrial park, they are building new jobs and opportunities.

Limestone’s support for our Armed Forces continues at the Defense Finance and Accounting Service facility at the Loring Commerce Centre, where hundreds of hard-working and dedicated employees have established a reputation for excellence. The Loring Job Corps Center, also at the former air base, has helped thousands of young people gain the skills to succeed in the workplace and to further their educations. In addition, part of the air base was converted into the Aroostook National Wildlife Refuge, a protected area of forests and wetlands, and home to moose, lynx, waterfowl, and rare plant species.

The Maine School of Science and Mathematics, MSSM, a public residential magnet high school, was established in 1995 and is ranked as the best high school in Maine and among the best in the country. The MSSM Key Club, a joint effort between the school and the local Kiwanis, carries out many community service and charitable projects throughout the year.

The spirit of Limestone is evident in the energy that so many will devote to this exciting yearlong sesquicentennial celebration. The celebration of Limestone’s 150th anniversary is not merely about the passing of time. It is about the people who for generations have pulled together, cared for one another, and built a great community. Thanks to those who came before, Limestone, ME, has a wonderful history. Thanks to those there today, it has a bright future.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO 2019 ARKANSAS BUSINESS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the Arkansas Business Hall of Fame Class of 2019 and their contributions to industry, our State and beyond.

Claiborne P. Deming, Joe M. Steele, Warren A. Stephens and John W. Tyson are icons and trailblazers. They shaped my home State of Arkansas and their business fields and industries where their influence continues to be felt today.

The Sam M. Walton College of Business at the University of Arkansas established the Arkansas Business Hall of Fame to recognize Arkansans—by birth or by choice—who have been influential business leaders and ensure their reputations and achievements are enshrined for future generations. Currently, there are more than 80 Arkansans who have been inducted.

This year’s inductees are certainly worthy of joining the ranks of those who have the distinction of being named to the Arkansas Business Hall of Fame.

Claiborne P. Deming, the former president and CEO and current chairman of Murphy Oil, started his career with the El Dorado-based oil company as a staff attorney after graduating from Tulane Law School in 1979. He served as executive vice president and chief operating officer at Murphy Oil before becoming the president and chief executive officer in 1994.

During Deming’s tenure as CEO the company expanded internationally, tripled its production and oil and gas reserves and started an important business relationship with Walmart, whereby Murphy built and operated gasoline stations and convenience stores in Walmart Supercenter parking lots. However, Deming’s legacy extends beyond business.

In 2007, he worked with the company’s board of directors on a \$50 million proposal to create an educational scholarship for students graduating from El Dorado High School. The program, called the El Dorado Promise, awards all graduates a scholarship equal to in-state tuition and mandatory fees for bachelor or associate college degrees. The Promise scholarship has provided funding to over 2,000 students over the 10 years since it was established. Deming retired as CEO in 2008 and became chairman of the Murphy Oil Corporation’s board of directors, a position he still holds today.

Joe M. Steele established Steele Canning Company in 1924 while still a teenager, packing tomatoes inside a shed on his family farm in Lowell. By 1932, Steele’s young business had outgrown the small plant and he moved his operation to Springdale where it continued to grow rapidly. During World War II, 70 percent of Steele’s canning products were diverted to the Armed Forces and became a regular export to soldiers on every battlefield.

Steele Canning was instrumental in several innovative marketing initiatives including sponsoring the Beatles’ 1964 tour and increasing instore spinach sales with the addition of Popeye to its label. By the 1970s, Steele Canning became the industry standard and

was one of the largest canning companies in the Nation before its sale to Pioneer Food Industries.

Steele's legacy also lives on at the Beaver Water District. In 1960, Steele and fellow community leaders joined forces to explore ways to supply Northwest Arkansas with a long-term supply of clean, safe water. Steele and his colleagues advocated for the U.S. Water Supply Act which passed in 1958 and paved the way for the establishment of the Beaver Water District. Because of his efforts, long-term, abundant and economical drinking water became a reality for Northwest Arkansas.

Warren A. Stephens joined his father and uncle at Stephens Inc., a Little Rock-based investment bank and private equity firm, as a member of the corporate-finance department after graduating from Wake Forest University with his MBA in 1981. By 1983 he was named the head of corporate finance, and just three short years later he was named CEO of Stephens Inc. on his 29th birthday.

In 2006, Warren acquired 100 percent of Stephens Inc. When the global economic crisis hit just a little more than a year later, Warren's leadership helped the company remain on sound footing and continue to grow. When Warren's tenure as CEO began, the company employed only 100 workers and had just one location in Little Rock. Now, over 30 years later, Stephens Inc. has more than 1,000 employees and 28 locations across the country. In addition to his responsibilities at Stephens Inc., Warren currently serves on the board of directors of Dillard's Inc., is a member of the Arkansas Arts Center Foundation Board and is the chairman of the Episcopal Collegiate School Foundation Board.

John W. Tyson began his career in the poultry market during the Great Depression, hauling chickens from his family's farm to nearby cities to sell. When he learned that poultry prices were higher in the northern regions of the country, Tyson invested his savings and borrowed enough money to load up a truck full of chickens and drive them from Arkansas to Chicago. The long-haul trip proved to be successful.

His young business expanded greatly during World War II. As food rationing drove up the demand for poultry, Tyson moved into the business of raising chicks and milling feed. In 1947, Tyson Feed and Hatchery was incorporated and provided chicks, feed and trucking services to local poultry farmers. The company reached new heights of success in the 1950s, and in 1952 Tyson's son, Don, joined the family business as general manager.

In 1963, the company went public as Tyson's Foods Inc. and began a crusade of acquisitions that would grow Tyson Foods into a world-class protein producer. In 1966, Tyson named his son Don as president of Tyson Foods Inc. but stayed on as chairman and chief executive officer. Today, thanks to

Tyson's flexible business strategy, Tyson Foods is the largest processor and marketer of chicken, beef and pork in the nation.

The 2019 inductees are innovative leaders, successful entrepreneurs and determined job creators who have realized the rewards of taking risks. I congratulate Claiborne P. Deming, Joe M. Steele, Warren A. Stephens and John W. Tyson for their outstanding achievements in business and thank them for the positive impact they have had on the state of Arkansas. They are certainly deserving of induction in the Arkansas Business Hall of Fame.●

TRIBUTE TO MARLO PRONOVOOST AND CARLI TORESDHAL

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, this week I have the honor of recognizing Marlo Pronovost and Carli Toresdhal for their impact on the Gallatin and Stillwater Counties.

Marlo and Carli are two sisters from Bozeman, MT. Born and raised in Montana, they both attended Bozeman High School and have stayed close to the area throughout their lives. Later in their lives, the two sisters both married members of Montana law enforcement.

Marlo met her husband 20 years ago, while working as a journalist at the Bozeman Daily Chronicle. Assigned to cover the Bozeman Police Department, they quickly fell in love. Carli met her husband also in Bozeman, where he worked in marketing and at the county jail, later becoming a police officer. He has now been a sergeant for 12 years.

Throughout their lives, Marlo and Carli were faced with the biggest challenge of being married to members of law enforcement—the unknown. They stayed strong in overcoming those challenges due to the sense of community between other members of Montana law enforcement and their families. Marlo and Carli relied on the Montana law enforcement community to back each other, regardless of the color of the uniform or department.

I applaud Marlo and Carli for their dedication to Montana. They stayed strong for their communities and have made a lasting impact on the State of Montana.●

REMEMBERING LYNDA DELAFORGUE

• Ms. DUCKWORTH. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to the remarkable life of Lynda DeLaforgue. DeLaforgue was an activist and friend who passed away on January 12, 2019, in her Chicago, IL, home due to complications from metastatic colon cancer.

DeLaforgue, a graduate from Rockford College, had over 30 years of experience working in the public interest. She was a longtime activist and was also, for many years, the codirector of Citizen Action/Illinois. She was an instrumental voice in the progressive movement, serving as a leader in the

fight to preserve healthcare by engaging local stakeholders against the repeal of the Affordable Health Care Act. She was instrumental in organizing many townhalls and galvanizing local groups for causes on behalf of working men and women.

DeLaforgue was a sustaining board member of the Healthy Schools Campaign and a member of the USAAction board of directors, as well as a 2013 recipient of the Chicago Coalition of Labor Union Women's Olga Mader Award.

Her service to her community was remarkable, and she will be greatly missed by the countless people she came across, including myself.

DeLaforgue is survived by her daughter Katy DeLaforgue Hintzen, her son Jordan, her life partner Brian Reizfeld, her mother June Kaczur-Tate, and her sister Laura.●

TRIBUTE TO ANN TAYLOR

• Mr. MURPHY. Mr. President, I wish to pay tribute to Ann Taylor, who is retiring from Connecticut Children's Medical Center after 19 years of service to the children of Connecticut.

Dating back to my time as the chairman of the State legislature's Public Health Committee, Ann has been a great friend and counsel to me. I have relied on her policy expertise and acumen, and I have drawn inspiration from her relentless focus on improving the lives of Connecticut's kids.

Throughout her career, Ann has both led and managed various departments across Connecticut Children's Medical Center, including legal, risk management, compliance, strategic planning, government relations, marketing and communications, and the foundation. Ann has been the voice of Connecticut's kids here in Washington. She successfully advocated for funding that supports Connecticut Children's vital role as an academic medical center, healthcare reform efforts that protect children with preexisting medical conditions, and protections for the Medicaid Program that maintain a critical safety net for more than one-third of Connecticut's children. At the State level, her drive to improve health outcomes for children led her to establish Connecticut Children's Medical-Legal Partnership Project, which is devoted to providing traditional legal representation for children within a comprehensive approach to the child's healthcare needs. The project also worked to secure funding that improved access to care for children and adolescents in behavioral health crisis through the establishment of the CARES unit on the Institute of Living campus.

On a more personal level, I have seen firsthand the dedication Ann has for every single child who intersects with Connecticut Children's. She doesn't just advocate for broad-based policies; she works for every single patient. I recall working with her for days on one