

only currency that truly matters: love, work ethic, and profound strength of character.

One of my favorite stories about Chris is, when he was a child, he filled bags with dirt for his father, Paul, to use for blasting holes at the mine. His father paid him a penny per bag. It was once the front porch caved in that his father realized he had been getting the dirt from beneath it. Chris said that was how he learned the importance of infrastructure.

He never lost touch with the days he would come home from a shift in the mines as a young man of only 15, his face caked in coal dust. In fact, he kept his first hard hat, battered from years of hard labor, in a place of honor at his home in Beckley. From this foundation, he built an opportunity empire. From the early days of Pioneer Fuel to when Chris founded Foresight Energy, much of the success he gained was returned to the men and women who keep the lights on. He treated his workforce as family, knowing very well what it was like to be in their shoes, and so he invested in the safest, most innovative, and efficient tools and methods.

His coal enterprises took him from Appalachia to Illinois to Canada. He offered cash incentives to his miners, installed advanced and safe mining equipment, and was ahead of his time in anticipating the market for coal. Chris believed it was not enough to be innovative, you need a little luck. At Foresight, his four mine complexes were the most productive underground operations in the Nation. He bought docks on the Mississippi River and built rail spurs to haul coal onto ships bound for India, Europe, and Asia.

Chris understood opponents of burning coal while defending coal and his role in supplying the world with it. He believed that people deserved the cheapest energy they could get. He had a curious mind, was eager to learn about everything, and never stopped learning. As committed as he was to coal energy, for his Big Grand Cay property, he installed solar panels and batteries. Where renewable energy sources made sense, he was eager to embrace them.

There is no greater accomplishment in the world than to be in a position to give back to the community you love, that made you who you are. That is what made Chris the wonderful, inspiring, and generous person he was. Through the Cline Family Foundation, founded in 2009, Chris made a profound impact on Marshal University and West Virginia University. His legacy will remain forever in the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing him, and he will be remembered through the countless lives he benefited with his generosity to our academic institutions. Chris believed with all his heart that West Virginians are the most hard-working, ethical people in our Nation, and he wanted to ensure they had every opportunity to utilize their skills

with the best possible resources to build their lives from the ground up, just as he did. His mission was for each of his accomplishments to pave the way for others to go even further than he did.

Chris was generous with his philanthropy publicly through the Cline Family Foundation, but most importantly, he was generous and compassionate privately, almost daily. The foundation focuses on donations throughout West Virginia in recognition of the community's contribution to his success. It offers scholarships and grants, endows universities, and financially supports charitable organizations that make life better for children and older youth. Chris once said that everyone in West Virginia contributed to his success, and he was determined to repay the favor. He certainly did, and our statewide community is better for it.

Among other donations, the Cline Family Foundation supported Place of Hope, a foster care and adoption organization; Peacehaven Community Farm, a home for disabled adults; orphanages in West Virginia and Haiti; Save the Children; humanitarian aid organizations in Tanzania; churches; and the Raleigh County YMCA, among other organizations, and many needy individuals over the years. He also supported the Benjamin School from which his daughter Kameron graduated in 2015. Few people beyond the recipients know details of Mr. Cline's many and constant personal acts of private charity.

Sharing his adventures with his four children and his lifelong friends was his absolute favorite way to spend his time. He would take crowds of friends and family to the Super Bowl, the Big East Tournament, countless other sporting events, and on his frequent world travels. Chris was an adventure junkie, always looking forward to the next time he could drive a fast car or ride a four-wheeler through the West Virginia hills.

I can't speak enough to what a good-hearted, wonderful person he truly was. I always thought of him as a man for all seasons. No matter the circumstances, he kept a cool head and a warm demeanor, always able to discern the most honorable path forward. It was an honor to call him my friend, and I miss him dearly.

I join all West Virginians in extending my deepest condolences to his children, Candice and her husband James, Christopher, and Alex, for the loss of their loving father and their sister, Kameron. I also extend my condolences to Chris's brothers Greg and Kenneth. It is my hope the entire Cline family is able to find peace, strength, and support in one another.●

TRIBUTE TO MEREDITH BENSON

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Meredith Benson, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of

the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Meredith is a graduate of Lincoln High School in Sioux Falls, SD. Currently, she is attending Creighton University in Omaha, NE, where she is double majoring in chemistry and Spanish. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Meredith for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO AUDREY COPE

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Audrey Cope, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Audrey is a graduate of St. Thomas More High School in Rapid City, SD. Currently, she is attending Augustana University in Sioux Falls, SD, where she is double majoring in government and international affairs and French and minoring in political philosophy. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Audrey for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO RYDER FUHRMAN

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Ryder Fuhrman, an intern in my Aberdeen, SD, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Ryder is a graduate of Warner High School in Warner, SD. Currently, he is attending Northern State University in Aberdeen, where he is majoring in political science and minoring in economics and legal studies. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Ryder for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO KIERA LEDDY

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Kiera Leddy, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Kiera is a recent graduate of Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, OK, having earned a degree in agricultural communications. This fall, Kiera plans to attend Drake University Law School in Des Moines, IA. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Kiera for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE MICKELSON

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize George Mickelson, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

George is a graduate of Lincoln High School in Sioux Falls, SD. Currently, he is attending Creighton University in Omaha, NE, where he is majoring in finance and technology. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to George for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO DANIEL MOE

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Daniel Moe, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Daniel is a graduate of Sioux Falls Christian High School in Sioux Falls, SD. Currently, he is attending Dordt University in Sioux Center, IA, where he is majoring in biology and minoring in political science and chemistry. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Daniel for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:30 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 1749. An act to clarify seasoning requirements for certain refinanced mortgage loans, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1988. An act to clarify seasoning requirements for certain refinanced mortgage loans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2162. An act to require the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to discount FHA single-family mortgage insurance premium payments for first-time homebuyers who complete a financial literacy housing counseling program.

H.R. 2409. An act to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to expand access to capital for rural-area small businesses, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2515. An act to amend the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 to amend the definition of whistleblower, to extend the anti-retaliation protections provided to whistleblowers, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2919. An act to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to carry out a study to evaluate the issues affecting the provision of and reliance upon investment research into small issuers.

H.R. 3050. An act to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to carry out a study of the 10 per centum threshold limitation applicable to the definition of a diversified company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2162. An act to require the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to discount FHA single-family mortgage insurance premium payments for first-time homebuyers who complete a financial literacy housing counseling program; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2740. An act making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3055. An act making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes.

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1988. An act to clarify seasoning requirements for certain refinanced mortgage loans, and for other purposes.

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-1862. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division,

Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acetic Acid Ethenyl Ester, Polymer with Ethene and Ethenol; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 9995-17-OCSP) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 3, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1863. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acrylamide-Sodium Acrylamidomethylpropanesulfonate Copolymer; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 9994-53-OCSP) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 3, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1864. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2-Propenoic acid, methyl ester, polymer with ethene and 2,5-furandione; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 9995-51-OCSP) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 3, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1865. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Acquisition), transmitting, pursuant to law, a notice of additional time required to complete an independent analysis of the feasibility of developing a budget request for the full Future Years Defense Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1866. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy Director, Defense Pricing and Contracting, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report relative to the requirement to authorize sub-contract placement for F-35 Lightning II European and Pacific regional warehousing to OneLogistics and BAE Systems Australia, respectively; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1867. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Sustainment), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on Distribution of Department of Defense Depot Maintenance Workloads for Fiscal Years 2018 through 2020"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1868. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy Director, Defense Pricing and Contracting, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Repeal of DFARS Clause 'Price Adjustment'" ((RIN0750-AK08) (DFARS Case 2019-D048)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2019; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1869. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy Director, Defense Pricing and Contracting, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Annual Representations and Certifications-Alternate A" ((RIN0750-AK69) (DFARS Case 2019-D030)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 2, 2019; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1870. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to transnational criminal organizations that was declared in Executive Order 13551 of July 24, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.