

at home to bring to school or to have her put money on the accounts of less fortunate students. At Maryland, it took shape McNair's death.

The leadership piece took over because he is definitely led by his moral compass, and that comes from understanding right from wrong and what happened to Jordan was so hard on him that he could no longer be quiet," Jodi McKennie said.

His father's five-year stint as the boys basketball coach at Archbishop Curley also had an impact on the younger McKennie.

"I had a couple of kids who had problems with their family and he would see Dad get up and go and do things [for the players]," the elder McKennie said Monday. "It was the same for me. When I got to college, I didn't realize my Dad, who was a Marine Corps dude, was in my brain. You don't realize until it has to be shown."

Recalling when his son walked out on Durkin, the elder McKennie said his son called him beforehand to tell him of his intentions.

"I said, 'Ellis, before you do anything, do you want to talk about it?' and he said, 'Dad, I got this,'" the elder McKennie said.

McKennie doesn't think he would have been any less a leader this season had he not worked his way up the depth chart and into a starting role.

"I have a type of rapport with teammates, they know what I'm about, and that I actually care about this team and this university," McKennie said. "Whether I'm playing, whether I'm having a good game or a bad game, whether I'm on scout team, it wouldn't make a difference, just the type of guy that I am."

Said senior defensive tackle Brett Kulka: "Ellis is great. He's definitely a leader. You can see that in the locker room as a whole. He's an encouraging player. He likes to help younger guys. He understands what it takes to win in terms of you need everyone on the team. He really embraces that role."

It has been more than 17 months since McNair died and McKennie said it is unlikely that he will ever get over it completely. He had known McNair since they were kids and McNair played Little League baseball on a team coached by McKennie's father.

"You're never going to feel normal. It almost turns into a new type of normal, it's a new reality you've got to live it," McKennie said. "I can't lie and say I don't think about it every day. I get texts from his parents before every game. . . . You're never going to move on from it."

"I think it was important that when Coach Locks got here, he had a meeting with a bunch of us and he said, 'We can move on without forgetting Jordan. We can take steps forward, but we'll not forget where we came from and not forget Jordan in any sort of way.'"

Even though the patch of grass at Maryland Stadium with McNair's number has grown over, McKennie said, "Internally we honor him every day. His locker is still in our locker room. We pray in front of it before every game."

Four years later, McKennie is only one of three players remaining from the 19 members of the 2015 recruiting class, along with linebacker Isaiah Davis and defensive end Keiron Howard.

"There are less than 10 guys from my class that made it through their eligibility," McKennie said. "Our class is extremely interesting because it's been filled with so much turmoil. A lot of guys didn't finish, but we also had two first-round draft picks, DJ Moore and Darnell Savage. So it's like a pretty big spectrum. I've been the only offensive lineman left for two years."

Locksley said Tuesday that the person and player he helped recruit to Maryland while

serving as the team's offensive coordinator has grown tremendously in the past five years.

"He's a guy that's been directly affected with the three full-time coaches, two interims, the loss of a former high school teammate [and] dear friend, and this kid continues to stand strong." Locksley said at his Tuesday news conference, where he announced that McKennie and three other seniors would serve as captains for Saturday's game.

"He's one of the guys you can sell the University of Maryland with. He's the epitome of a student-athlete. He's a guy that has the right kind of habits and behaviors, where he's going to be really successful on the field and off the field. Really I can't say enough great things about the leadership that he's provided, not just for the players, but even to me as the head coach. He's the epitome of what a Maryland player should look like."

For much of his career, McKennie focused "pretty heavily" on the front half of his hyphenated position as a student-athlete, graduating in three years with a degree in government and politics and then working on his master's degree in public policy, which he will finish in the coming weeks as he gets ready to start studying for his LSATs and a career as a lawyer or politician.

"We used to joke that he would be the first black president and then we had [Barack] Obama so now we're banking on him being the second black president," his mother said.

Even with what he has accomplished off the field—twice earning All-Big Ten academic honors, being elected to the university senate during the 2019–20 academic year, interning for U.S. Sen. Ben Cardin (D-Maryland) last summer—McKennie thinks of himself mostly as a Maryland football player.

"That's what I do every day," he said. "There hasn't been a day in the past five years when I haven't come to this building aside from a few holidays. It's going to be a weird change. I'm looking forward to what's next for me, but I'm definitely going to miss everything that has come about. I'm starting to appreciate things differently now. I'm going to practice not dreading practice anymore. I'm happy to be there with my teammates."

Unlike many of his former teammates who left long before their eligibility expired or moved on the moment they played their final game, McKennie said there will always be an attachment.

"I love this university and I love what it means to be a Terrapin," McKennie said. "It means so much more to me than just playing on Saturday. If it was about playing time, I still wouldn't be here. I should have gone somewhere else and played a little bit sooner. It means so much to me to represent this university and represent this state that I've called home for most of my life, that's the most important part to me."

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO GARY AND HANNA CANADA

• **Mr. BOOZMAN.** Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Gary and Hanna Canada for receiving the American Bankers Association's Bruning Award. This award is dedicated to bankers who demonstrate a strong sense of leadership and dedication to providing financial guidance and credit to ranchers, farmers, and businesses in rural America.

The Canadas are well known throughout southern Arkansas for their partnership running their business hand-in-hand, which helps explain why, for first time in the 22-year history, the award has been presented to a team of ag bankers.

Gary Canada began his professional career as a teacher and coach, eventually working his way up to principal. In 1975, Gary joined the Bank of England and climbed the ranks to become the chairman and president of the bank. Over the years, Gary has served on numerous committees and boards, including the ABA's Agricultural and Rural Bankers Committee, Arkansas Rice Council, and Bayou Metro Irrigation District. In addition to his work with the bank, Gary has farmed cotton, rice, and wheat and run a cow and calf operation.

Similarly, Hanna Canada began her career as a teacher before working at the Bank of England. Her early years at the bank consisted of working as a teller before transitioning to board secretary assisting with policies. Hanna currently serves as the executive vice president of the Bank of England and member of the board of directors. Along with her hard work and dedication to the bank, she also serves as an emergency medical technician.

Gary and Hanna Canada demonstrate what it means to give back to your community. Every opportunity they have had to help those in need, they have not hesitated to step in and lend a hand. In addition, Hanna hopes to inspire other women to step into leadership roles in the agriculture banking community. The couple's desire to grow the farming community in the State is remarkable and reveals why they are so well-deserving of this recognition.

I would like to congratulate and thank the Canadas for their hard work, dedication, and leadership to the city of England, the ag community in their area, and the State of Arkansas. I am grateful for their work and for the ABA recognizing their careers and contributions with the Bruning Award.●

TRIBUTE TO PARKER WALTER

• **Mr. DAINES.** Mr. President, this week I have the honor of recognizing Parker Walter of Madison County for his extraordinary bravery in the face of danger.

In late September, the American Red Cross awarded 6-year-old Parker Walter with a Certificate of Extraordinary Personal Action from their National Lifesaving Award Program. This was the first time in 20 years that a Montanan has received the distinguished Lifesaving Award from the American Red Cross. Parker heroically saved his 4-year-old brother Cooper from drowning when he slipped into a rushing irrigation ditch behind their home. Parker immediately screamed out to his mother and grandmother to alert them and quickly ran over to pull his younger

brother from the ditch. Parker's swift action and response saved Cooper's life.

It is my honor to recognize Parker for his incredible lifesaving action. Parker has made all of Montana proud for his bravery.●

TRIBUTE TO CHRIS DINSDALE

● Mr. GARDNER. Mr. President, today I rise to recognize a great Coloradan, Chris Dinsdale, who will be inducted into the 2020 Farm Credit Colorado Agriculture Hall of Fame. Chris is a banker and cattleman from Sterling, CO, who has devoted his life to benefiting his community.

Chris is the coowner of his own business, while also serving on multiple boards, and is the current cochairman of the Bank of Colorado. No matter his role, he works tirelessly to help our rural communities grow and ensure our agricultural producers are among the most successful in the country. His passion for Colorado can be seen in every action he takes.

I remember commenting to Chris about some of the new banks he was building in several towns across eastern Colorado. He smiled in response and said that he knew some of the banks would probably never make enough money to pay for the cost of the building but that "the community had been so good to them" that he wanted to repay the town with a beautiful new business they could be proud of. This is the kind of person Chris is, one who puts the community before himself, the kind of person who makes Colorado special.

Chris's knowledge and expertise in Colorado agriculture has been recognized throughout the State, as Chris has earned several coveted awards from his community, including—Sterling's Business Person of the Year, Elk Businessman of the Year, and Logan County Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year Award. These awards demonstrate his ability to not only grow his own business but his ability to create a better Colorado through his investments in new infrastructure, as well as tuition assistance and scholarship opportunities throughout the Eastern Plains. The impact Chris has had and will continue to have will benefit generations of Colorado agriculture.

I am proud to call Chris a friend, and he is more than deserving of this great honor.●

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES HANAVAN

● Mr. GARDNER. Mr. President, today I rise to recognize a great Coloradan, Charles Hanavan, who will be inducted into the 2020 Farm Credit Colorado Agriculture Hall of Fame. Charles has been a bedrock to the Colorado farming community and has been committed to upholding the legacy of family farming.

Charles was a longtime leader within the Rocky Mountain Farmers Union, in

which he served as president from 1968 to 1970. Following that, he spent the next 11 years as vice president. During his time, he called on all residents, smalltown businessmen, farmers, and ranchers in rural communities to work with one another in order to prosper. In a memorable speech, he stated: "We must build and not destroy our rural towns, build and not eliminate our independent farmers and ranchers; we need and must have a coalition for survival." In 1991, he was granted honorary life membership and awarded Meritorious Service to the Rocky Mountain Farmers Union for his countless efforts to the organization and the community.

Furthering his commitment to rural farming communities, Charles served with the National Association of Rural Rehabilitation Committee Board, which helped farmers establish themselves when banks would not offer them loans. Additionally, he served on the Colorado Highway Commission, the Colorado Farm Service Agency State Committee, as well as the Colorado Rural Rehabilitation Corporation. Through all of his roles, Charles has continued to seek innovative practices to improve agricultural operations in the state.

Charles is married to Patsy, and the two are the proud parents of 12 children, 33 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild. His father settled on a farm south of Arapahoe in 1919, and they still own and operate that farm today.

Charles is a true example of what it means to be committed to family and community, and he is extremely deserving of this prestigious honor.●

TRIBUTE TO DON SHAWCROFT

● Mr. GARDNER. Mr. President, today I rise to recognize a great Coloradan, Don Shawcroft, who will be inducted into the 2020 Farm Credit Colorado Agriculture Hall of Fame. Don is a fourth-generation Coloradan from the San Luis Valley of Southern Colorado, whose leadership has helped push the State's agricultural industry forward.

Don graduated from Brigham Young University from the agricultural economics department. From there, he served as the State board member for the San Luis Valley to the Colorado Farm Bureau for many years and was vice president for 10 of those years. In 2010, he was elected president and in 2013 was elected to serve on the American Farm Bureau Board of Directors. Additionally, Don has served on the Southern Farm Bureau Casualty Board, a role in which he is on the boards of all its wholly owned subsidiaries, which most recently include the Colorado Farm Bureau Insurance Company.

Outside of the numerous Farm Bureau roles, Don has found time to be the director of the San Luis Valley Health and Mountain States Legal Foundation, further contributing his commitment to the State of Colorado and its communities.

The Shawcroft family has been ranching in the San Luis Valley since the late 1800s, and Don is continuing the family partnership. He is the husband to Ann, and the two have raised 6 children and have 17 grandchildren. The first time I saw the family farm, I was struck not only by the great beauty of the homestead, but by the pride and twinkle in the eye of a proud Colorado farmer.

The State of Colorado is fortunate to have Don's continued commitment to his community and the Colorado Farm Bureau, and he is beyond deserving of this honor.●

RECOGNIZING KELLOGG LUMBER

● Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, as a member and former chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each month I recognize and celebrate the American entrepreneurial spirit by highlighting the success of a small business in my home State of Idaho. However, in honor of Veterans Day on November 11, this month I will honor a veteran-owned small business for each of the 10 days the Senate is in legislative session. The personal sacrifices made by America's veterans have protected the very freedoms and values that give each of us and our children the ability to achieve the American dream. The skills veterans learn as members of the military are invaluable and undoubtedly contribute to Idaho's flourishing veteran business community. I am proud of the sacrifices veterans have made to protect our country and that they are choosing Idaho to call home when they complete their service in the military.

As your U.S. Senator from the great State of Idaho, it is my pleasure to recognize Kellogg Lumber in Kellogg as the Veteran-owned Idaho Small Business of the Day for November 21, 2019. Kellogg Lumber is a retail lumber and hardware store owned by U.S. Army veteran Steve Bristow. Bristow's grandfather, Daniel Fultz, began working as a bookkeeper for the company in 1951 and worked his way to become owner in the 1960s. Following a devastating fire in 1955, Fultz rebuilt the company and in 1989 passed it on to his son, Ronald Bristow. Ronald Bristow's son, Steve, and his wife, Teirza, acquired the company in 2007 and remain its owners today.

The company sells building materials, such as plywood, paint, and power tools, and serves clients who seek personal or commercial construction and remodels. Kellogg Lumber partners with well-known community vendors to provide reliable, quality products to their customers, who include homeowners, builders, and contractors. Many customers have relied on the company to serve their construction needs for more than 25 years. Bristow and the employees at Kellogg Lumber's hard work and expertise have earned them a reputation for exceptional customer service in the Kellogg community.