

out of reach with every day that passes. Prior to this pandemic, we saw rents and home prices rising twice as fast as worker's incomes. Today, the cost of a typical single-family home is four times greater than the median household income.

We need a Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development who will make it a priority to reverse the trajectory that we have been on and to actually make housing more affordable in America. This position is responsible for management of all day-to-day operations within HUD, including roughly 7,700 employees. They oversee a budget of approximately \$50 billion that funds a number of programs meant to provide quality, affordable housing for lower income Americans, provides rental assistance for low-income families, and distributes grants to states and communities for various housing-related purposes and also enforces the Fair Housing Act.

Brian Montgomery is not the person for the job.

In his current role as the FHA Commissioner, Mr. Montgomery has supported policies from the Trump administration that would increase the cost of FHA loans and include risk-based pricing, continuing to make homeownership even less affordable for those who can least afford it. He was also part of the senior leadership team that published a rule that would help undermine enforcement of the Fair Housing Act through the Disparate Impact Study. The disparate impact standard is a longstanding tool used to root out policies and practices that may not be openly discriminatory on their face, but disproportionately harm a protected class under the Fair Housing Act. The proposed rule that Mr. Montgomery helped create—and which is vigorously opposed by a coalition of fair housing, civil rights, and consumer groups—rigs the system to make it nearly impossible for a victim of discrimination to win a disparate impact claim.

A person who has used his current position to make it harder for low- and middle-income Americans to afford to buy a home should not serve in a top-tier position as the equivalent of the Department of Housing and Urban Development's chief financial officer. We need individuals in these positions fighting to get families into homes, not pushing that dream further and further out of reach. Therefore, I oppose Mr. Montgomery's nomination to serve as the Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and would have voted nay, had I been able to be present.

TRIBUTE TO REAR ADMIRAL BRAD COOPER

Mr. INHOFE. Madam President, today I wish to recognize and congratulate Rear Admiral Brad Cooper of the U.S. Navy on his exemplary service to our Nation as the Department of the Navy's Chief of Legislative Affairs

from July 2019 to May 2020. During this time, he led with precision and class.

Eleven months—a short period, yet the presence of the Navy here in the Capitol and the results we have seen since last July would indicate a labor of a much longer period. In that time, he has served under various leaders, yet in spite of that, the Department of the Navy has never been more strongly integrated with Congress than it is today. Through dedication and impactful communication, Brad has deftly navigated his team, our staffs, and our mutual partnership to new heights.

Brad has had the challenge of being the Navy's lead advocate on Capitol Hill and has had the privilege of communicating with all Members of Congress, which inherently is no small feat. The hidden mission therein is the tireless jobs of educating our staffs, precisely executing congressional delegations on all continents, supporting hearings, and negotiating the NDAA. He has handled our thousands of constituent inquiries and properly represented the Navy while taking into account military, political, and budgetary priorities.

Brad is the reason senior Navy leaders are always well prepared to stand before us during all hearings, calls, and numerous briefings. His clear, concise, and consistent communication to the Hill during the COVID-19 pandemic, ensured the Navy's efforts for the safety of sailors and their families and the execution of all missions to support the national defense strategy and safety and security of our Nation was well understood. Because of Brad's professionalism and visible commitment to the Navy and our country, he certainly established lasting relationships with all of the Members of Congress.

On behalf of my colleagues and the entire U.S. Congress, I want to personally thank Rear Admiral Brad Cooper for his more than three decades of dedicated service to the Navy and our Nation. He will be certainly missed. I also want to thank his wife, Susan, and children Bradford and Katie for their deep sacrifices and tremendous support. I wish them all the best in his next assignment in Norfolk, VA, and I sincerely look forward to working with him again in the future. Fair winds and following seas to you.

TRIBUTE TO LOLETA MARIE "LETA" RECORD TANNER

Mr. ENZI. Madam President, I would like to say a few words to send best wishes to a good friend of mine on her next adventure, LoLeta Marie "Leta" Record Tanner. I recently learned that Leta will be moving to Texas from our great State of Wyoming to live with her son. While I am overjoyed that she can be with her family, I am deeply saddened that Wyoming will no longer be the physical home to such a dedicated, strong, and loving person.

Leta was born in Gillette, WY, in 1930. She graduated from Campbell

County High School and then traveled to Denver, where she graduated from a small community college. A dedicated public servant and Wyomingite through and through, Leta served for more than 15 years in the Campbell County Assessor's office and district court and 12 years as a member of the Gillette City Council. She also worked for former Wyoming Senator Al Simpson for 10 years, both in his northeast State office and in Washington, DC.

While her political career alone is impressive, Leta was always involved and giving her time to Wyoming. Leta is a dedicated member of the ranching community and the community at large as a member of Campbell County Cattle Women, Campbell County Wool Growers Auxiliary, and a member of Women in Business, just to name a few. She loved nothing more than working on the ranch with her family, and has worked tirelessly to support the next generation in agriculture.

In 2002, Leta was the Campbell County Woman of distinction. She has done many wonderful things for the Gillette community and the State of Wyoming. She has been a generous supporter of family-oriented performance at the Cam-Plex Heritage Center in Gillette since 1996. In 2013, her donation to Gillette College in support of their Agriculture Education Center and Rodeo complex made it a reality. This state of the art facility features an indoor rodeo practice area, classroom, lab, and 20-stall loafing sheds. It is quite possible that, without Leta's support, this world-class facility and many other projects would not have come to fruition. The dorms at Gillette College will forever bear the name Tanner Village. Her willingness to help the community grow and thrive will never be forgotten.

I am reminded of a few words my mother taught me: "Do what's right. Do what's best. Treat others as you'd wish to be treated." Leta certainly embodied these principles and will continue to do so. Although she will be leaving our great State, Leta's legacy will live on and continue to be an example of just what is possible for Wyomingites of all ages.

Leta, thank you for your years of tireless service to Wyoming. Diana joins me in sending our best wishes to you and your family. Stay in touch. Wyoming will always be your home. Thank you and God bless.

TRIBUTE TO KAREN NYBERG

Mr. CRAMER. Madam President, I want to honor a remarkable woman who has retired after three decades at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. In her 30 years at NASA, Karen Nyberg spent 20 of them as an astronaut, including 180 days in space on two spaceflights.

Along with other Americans, I enjoyed following her space shuttle mission in 2008 and the International Space Station's 6-month expedition in

2013. During her space shuttle mission, she became the 50th woman in space. While on the International Space Station, she shared unique personal messages, including videos on how to wash hair in space, make a stuffed animal, and work on a quilt. I have since become acquainted with her as an alumna of the University of North Dakota, where she earned a mechanical engineering degree in 1994. A native of Vining, MN, she is one of 11 NASA astronauts who have ties to the Dakotas and Minnesota.

Karen has given back to her alma mater, where she has served on the foundation board of the UND School of Aerospace Sciences. There students from across the globe in the Department of Space Studies learn about cutting-edge technologies and scientific breakthroughs in space exploration. Their coursework includes studying future space trips, including a mission to Mars.

Last July, our Nation observed the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 mission to the Moon. I recall as an 8-year-old watching history unfold on our black-and-white television, joining millions around the world in the exhilaration of this technological feat.

In the half-century since the first moon landing, space exploration has had phenomenal impact on the world, which I believe is underappreciated by the average citizen. Karen's contributions to space exploration during 30 of those years have added to our greater understanding of our world and universe.

There is a bright future for America to lead the world with commercial, technological, and military space missions. The work of astronauts like Karen and the future impact of current students at institutions like the University of North Dakota inspire us to move forward with these vital endeavors.

On behalf of all North Dakotans, I send my sincere congratulations to Karen Nyberg on her distinguished career at NASA and for all she has brought to this new frontier.

Best wishes on your well-earned retirement, Karen, and I hope our paths will cross often. We will join in wishing godspeed at the end of this month to your husband, Doug Hurley, and his space shuttle crew on their historic flight from Florida to the International Space Station.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING FRED KELLY GRANT

• Mr. CRAPO. Madam President, today I honor Fred Kelly Grant. In March, our Nation unfortunately lost a reasoned, dedicated, and outstanding advocate for locally driven decision-making. However, Fred leaves a lasting remembrance in the extraordinarily positive impact he had on so many people.

Fred, who was born in South Carolina and grew up in Idaho, earned a degree in history at the College of Idaho before earning his law degree at the University of Chicago Law School. His early career included serving as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Baltimore from 1963-1965. He then served as Assistant State's Attorney for Baltimore City, where he was appointed chief of the organized crime division. He then practiced criminal law in private practice before returning to Idaho and serving as counsel for two former Idaho Governors, Cecil Andrus and John Evans. He also served as law clerk for Judge Edward J. Lodge from 1975-1980, and he provided legal, political assistance to local governments, businesses, and individuals throughout his career. Further, Fred served on multiple commissions, authored books, and led organizations. This includes him helping to start the Stand and Fight Club focused on preventing regulatory agencies from doing economic harm to rural America.

Countless people all around the country were influenced and helped by Fred. Fred was a long-time Idaho lawyer, but his influence and know-how reached far beyond our Idaho borders. In a 2017 Washington Times Article, Fred was aptly characterized as an "unsung hero of rural America." He gave needed weight to requiring the Federal Government to coordinate with localities when implementing new rules. He emphasized local policy and local plans as drivers of the economy. Fred championed this effort in Idaho and nationally, extending important information and experience to other local governments across the nation. In so doing, he advanced the ideal of those closest to the land rightly driving natural resources and environmental solutions.

This emphasis on locally driven, collaborative land management decisions was the central focus of the Owyhee Initiative. Fred masterfully provided local leadership at a critical time in the history—and future—of Owyhee County. The Owyhee Initiative, ushered into law through the hard work and strength of purpose of Fred and other Owyhee Initiative partners, maintains a thoughtful balance of multiple uses required for the betterment of an amazing part of our great state and country. The collaborative efforts furthered in the Owyhee Initiative remain an example of the great achievements that are possible when we all come to the table and work through the differences to find the common ground.

My staff and I knew him best during the many years of sustained effort on the Owyhee Initiative, yet we are aware that his life reached many people well beyond that important work. Many have shared messages describing Fred. The tributes share words in common: perseverance, remarkable intelligence, created lasting friendships, wisdom, deeply caring, empathetic, perceptive, quick wit, and love. All of these characteristics and more are but a start in describing Fred.

For me, perhaps the sense of personal respect and understanding I had for Fred are what seem most powerful. The previously mentioned Washington Times article from three years ago, included a quote from Fred stating, "I'm tempted all the time to retire . . . But, I truly believe in this nation and I think there are too few people who understand and believe in the core principle of the federal republic, and if we lose that, I believe we lose what makes the Constitution the most perfect instrument of government that's ever been created." He lived this and left a lasting charge for all of us never to let up in smartly pushing back against Federal supersession of local decision-making. I extend my deepest sympathy to Fred's widow, Carol, and all of Fred's family and friends. We all miss Fred and are grateful for his life, legacy and friendship.●

REMEMBERING J. KIRK SULLIVAN

• Mr. CRAPO. Madam President, today I honor J. Kirk Sullivan, who had a long-time, distinguished career in principal Idaho industries and politics.

Kirk was born and raised in Greenwood, SC. His alma mater is Clemson University, where he earned bachelor's and master's degrees in Chemistry and a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering. Throughout his life, Kirk continued to support Clemson along with other educational institutions, especially in Idaho. As he began his career, Kirk went to work for FMC Corporation in South Charleston, WV, and met his wife, Betty. Over their 59 years of marriage, the couple had two children, Hal and Kim, and three grandchildren, Matthew, Adam, and Sara. In 1965, Kirk and Betty moved to Pocatello. Kirk's obituary reads, "Kirk had a deep love for the State of Idaho and chose to make this place his home for 50 years." After the Sullivans moved to New York for a 1-year FMC work opportunity, they thankfully returned to Idaho, where Kirk went to work in Boise for Boise Cascade Company. In 1998, Kirk retired as the vice president of governmental and environmental affairs, after a 28-year career with the company.

Kirk in no way was idle in retirement. In 1999, he cofounded consulting firm Veritas Advisors, and he served as chairman of the Idaho Republican Party from 2004-2008. In addition to his remarkable career, Kirk's obituary reads, "Kirk shared his treasure and talents with countless non-profits, state-appointed boards, and political organizations. Dozens of those organizations have honored his work for them and those accolades will always be cherished by his children and grandchildren. He humbly loved knowing he was contributing to others' lives."

Kirk's passing in early April came at an especially challenging time, as families have had to postpone memorials in the wake of the novel coronavirus