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In honor of the 75th-anniversary, the Casper College Alumni Association named 25 former students and graduates as exemplary alumni. Congratulations to each one for their recognition at this special event.

Asher Albertson MD (AS, '03), Neurologist

Dale Anderson (AB, '93) (AAS, '89), Fire Science Instructor

Jim Anderson (AB, '74), Wyoming State Senator

Father Kevin Burke ('72), Vice President for Mission, Regis University

Derrel Carruth (AS, '65), Retired USDA, State Director for Rural Development

Rachelle Carnesale (AA, '87), Superior Court Judge

Brenda Creel (AS, '82), Principal, Educator

Keel Dunning (AA, '79), Youth Counselor

Joshua Hamilton (AS, '99) (AS, '95), Professor, Owner Hamilton Psychiatric and Behavioral Health

Lawrence Heim (AA, '85), IT Leadership, US State Department professional fellow

Neal Jacquot (AA, '62), Former advisor to the Secretary of the Interior

Tyler Leshner (AS, '11), Assistant Athletic Trainer for Florida Atlantic University

David Long ('72), Retired Colorado State Patrolman

Erin (Marrow) Hawley (AS, '00), Faculty University of Missouri, former clerk for Supreme Court Justice Roberts

Reza "Ciah" Arabian Maleki (AS, '79), Faculty at University of North Dakota, Senior Business Advisor for Impact Dakota

Patricia McInroy (AA, '89) (AA, '89) (AA, '89), Faculty at Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design, Documentary film maker

Frank Neville (AA, '66), Founder of Williamas, Porter, Day, and Neville

Jennifer Rodi (AS, '96) (AA, '96), NTSB Deputy Chief for Central Region and Adjunct Faculty

Celestina Rossi (AB, '95), Senior Crime Investigator with Montgomery County Sheriff's Office

Melissa Salee (AS, '97), OB/GYN Casper Practice

Colton Sasser (AS, '16), Co-Owner Caspar Building, Co-Founder Hunting with Heroes

Jerry Spicer ('68), Organizational Leadership Expert

Richard Sullins (AS, '73), Retired faculty University of Texas, Development team leader at Texas Instruments

Mike Stepp (AAS, '80), Owner Donelle's Chocolates, Community Volunteer

Guy Worthey (AS, '95), Associate Professor of Physics at Washington State University

Casper College provides education for a lifetime. Students gain the advantage of a college experience that stretches from the learning environment to student clubs and activities. These include championship athletics teams, vibrant culture in the arts and humanities, STEM, and trade/vocational career programs.

It is a great privilege to recognize this remarkable institution advancing Wyoming education. Bobbi joins me in extending our congratulations to Casper College, the Alumni Association, and the Casper College Foundation on their 75th anniversary celebration.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### RECOGNIZING THE FIRST ALL-FEMALE NO. 1 SINGLE IN COUNTRY MUSIC

• Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. President, in Music City, we have a saying: "It all begins with a song." It is our universal truth and the foundation of hundreds of iconic moments in country music. This year, we have the privilege of celebrating the breakthrough of one of Nashville's most promising young artists. Her moment appropriately began with a very special song and a very special group of songwriters.

It is my pleasure to recognize for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the first song in country music written, performed, and produced by an all-female team to hit the No. 1 spot on the charts.

Congratulations to songwriter and performer Tenille Arts, songwriter Allison Cruz, and songwriter and producer Alex Kline on the historic success of "Somebody Like That." On behalf of the entire Tennessee congressional delegation, I thank you for your stunning contribution to the beautifully female future of country music.●

##### TRIBUTE TO JENNIFER JAEGER

• Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. Mr. President, I rise to recognize one of my State's incredible educators, Jennifer Jaeger, who announced her retirement after almost three decades of work in the Clark County School District.

A native Nevadan, Mrs. Jaeger was born and raised in Las Vegas and began her work in education at UNLV, where she earned a bachelor's degree in secondary education and a master's degree in middle level education and educational leadership. Since obtaining her educator license, Mrs. Jaeger has worked in four different Las Vegas schools in capacities ranging from dean of students to assistant principal to, presently, principal of the Robert O. Gibson Leadership Academy.

Mrs. Jaeger has an accomplished history in serving Tier I, Title I schools and was recognized for her excellence in fostering a positive school culture and climate. During her time as principal, Robert O. Gibson Leadership

Academy received several accolades, including being named a Magnet School of Excellence for the year 2020 and one of the first Purple Star Schools of Nevada for showing "a commitment to understanding and addressing the unique needs of military-connected students."

Through her career, Mrs. Jaeger put immense focus on the well-being of her students, including through her work with low-income families to identify kids in need of new shoes. Her work has yielded annual benefits for students and families in need through the Warm the Soles program.

I ask my colleagues to join in me celebrating the amazing work of Jennifer Jaeger. Her service to Nevada schools and the community at-large has been exemplary and worthy of recognition.●

##### TRIBUTE TO JULIANA URTUBEY

• Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. Mr. President, I rise to recognize Juliana Urtubey, an outstanding Nevada educator and the 2021 National Teacher of the Year.

Each year, the Council of Chief State School Officers honors one incredible educator as the National Teacher of the Year. This honor is the most prestigious recognition for teachers in the country, and I am proud to honor Ms. Urtubey's achievement today. Juliana Urtubey is the first Latina Teacher of the Year candidate from the State of Nevada, the first Latina national finalist since 1992, and the first Nevada Teacher of the Year awardee in the history of the program. In addition, Ms. Urtubey is only the third special educator to receive this amazing honor.

Ms. Urtubey has been an educator for 11 years and teaches at Kermit R. Booker, Sr. Innovative Elementary School in Las Vegas, NV. There, she serves as a special education co-teacher for the prekindergarten through fifth grade levels and as an instructional strategist in developing supports to meet students' differing academic, social-emotional, and behavioral needs.

Ms. Urtubey is also a national board certified teacher and holds a bachelor's degree in bilingual elementary education and a master's degree in special bilingual education. Through her impressive teaching career, Juliana Urtubey has also held the role of board of directors member and teaching fellow with the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, senior policy fellow with Nevada Teach Plus, and teacher fellow with the organization Understood.

In the classroom, Ms. Urtubey is also known as Ms. Earth for her work in unifying the community through murals and gardens in local schools. In this pursuit, Ms. Urtubey played a significant role in fundraising for garden programs at two Las Vegas schools.

I ask my colleagues to join in me celebrating this achievement. Ms. Urtubey's work in the classroom and

for our students is an example to all of us who wish to improve the lives of others and better our communities.●

#### TRIBUTE TO ROGER BEVERAGE

● Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, it's my honor to recognize Roger Beverage, a distinguished Oklahoman and dear friend, who recently retired from his role as president and chief executive officer of the Oklahoma Bankers Association. While Roger is a native of Plattsmouth, NE, he has called Oklahoma home for decades. He began his career as a trial lawyer, where he transitioned to a leading role with the Nebraska Bankers Association and later as the director of the Nebraska Department of Banking and Finance. For the past 33 years, Roger has led the Oklahoma Bankers Association. He devoted much of his life to advocating for the banking community across Oklahoma and Washington, DC. There is no question his tireless work has left a lasting impact on our State. While it is sad to see him retire, I have great confidence that his successor and son, Adrian, will carry forward the influential legacy of his father in the years ahead.●

#### REMEMBERING VICE ADMIRAL JOHN CURRIER

● Mr. PETERS. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the memory of a devoted veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard, VADM John Currier, who passed away in March of 2020. I would like to take the time today to reflect on his service, courage, and tenacity as the hangar at the U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Traverse City is dedicated in his honor.

Born and raised in Westbrook, ME, Vice Admiral Currier began his career in service as a police officer. Further expanding his devotion to serve, Vice Admiral Currier commissioned from Officer Candidate School as a naval aviator in 1976. He was first assigned to U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod, where a few years later, his skills and commitment to protect were tested.

On a snowy late October evening in 1980, the Coast Guard received a distress call from the TERRY T., a burning and sinking fishing vessel in 30 foot seas. Winds were gusting over 60 knots and visibility was cut to three-quarters of a mile from heavy rain, according to reports. Currier, unfaltering in his duty to be *Semper Paratus*, was able to maneuver his aircraft into position based only on voice commands by the hoist operator. He had rescued eight of the crew when two men were swept off the deck and were in the water. He was able to fly the aircraft into position in order to get the rescue basket beneath the drowning crew members and brought them on board.

Vice Admiral Currier was awarded the Harmon International Aviation Trophy, but his accolades and awards for rescue missions do not stop there. The Alaska Air Command SAR Pilot of

the Year Award, American Helicopter Society, Fredrick L. Feinberg Award, and the Naval Helicopter Association SAR Aircrew of the Year, all have been awarded to Vice Admiral Currier for various hazardous rescue missions throughout his career.

During his career, Vice Admiral Currier stood the watch at six Coast Guard air stations, from Alaska to Florida. He was designated as an aeronautical engineer in 1982, and after a few years in Alaska, Vice Admiral Currier was assigned to Air Station Traverse City in 1985.

Other assignments have included deputy program manager for the Coast Guard and Navy HH-60H/J joint helicopter acquisition at the Naval Air Systems Command, and chief of SAR operations and directory of auxiliary for the Ninth Coast Guard District. Vice Admiral Currier then served as commanding officer of Air Stations Detroit and then Miami, which was then the world's busiest air-sea search and rescue unit. An alumnus of the University of Southern Maine, he held a master's in business administration from Embry-Riddle University. He was a 1996 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Air War College and held a level III acquisition program manager certification.

Subsequently, he was assigned as Pacific area chief of operations, then area chief of staff, and was appointed commander of the 13th District, which covers the Pacific Northwest. He assumed the duties of the Coast Guard's chief of staff in 2009, later transitioning that position to the service's first deputy Commandant for Mission Support. Vice Admiral Currier assumed duties as the 28th Vice Commandant in May 2012, during which time he was awarded the title of Ancient Albatross of the Coast Guard, until his retirement in May of 2014.

Vice Admiral Currier was a devoted military man and was supported by an incredible spouse—his wife of 45 years, Mary Jane Currier. They were known for their hospitality and for throwing spectacular parties for fellow Coast Guard members, family, and friends. Mary Jane and John had two sons, Benjamin and Andrew. John was a devoted father who spent countless hours coaching Little League and teaching his two sons woodworking and auto mechanics. In his retirement, Vice Admiral Currier and Mary Jane enjoyed boating on Lake Michigan with their four grandchildren.

Mr. President, I ask you and my fellow colleagues to join me in celebrating the life and service of Vice Admiral John Currier. As we remember Vice Admiral Currier's life, I have no doubt his surviving wife, children, and family have found comfort in the precious moments they shared and in the love he showed them. With the U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Traverse City hangar now dedicated in his memory, I hope those who had the honor of serving beside Vice Admiral Currier remember his legacy when they enter it

and that future Coast Guardsman are inspired by his devoted and honorable career.●

#### RECOGNIZING ABRACADABRA'S

● Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic have not been easy for small business owners and their employees to overcome. Throughout the pandemic, many were forced to temporarily close their doors. Those that reopened had to innovate their business models to comply with local guidelines and public health mandates. As we turn the corner on the COVID-19 pandemic, I am proud to relaunch Support Local Gems, a statewide initiative, on May 21 to encourage Idahoans to support local small businesses in their communities. This month, as a senior member and former chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, I will honor six small businesses located throughout the State of Idaho. I am pleased to honor Abracadabra's in Twin Falls as one of the Idaho Small Businesses of the Month for May 2021.

The Twin Fall's Abracadabra's is a breakfast-style bistro owned by Josh and Jonathan Swain and Nikki Bourne. The brothers have made it their mission to bring childhood magic back to breakfast food for all ages. The restaurant is renowned for engaging its customers through unique specialty dishes and an outside-the-box atmosphere. Customers rave about the creative food designs and the interactive dining experience. Its popularity has led to the restaurant winning the Magic Valley Readers' Choice Award for Best Breakfast in 2020.

Amid the pandemic, Abracadabra's was instrumental in providing essential items to the local community. Last spring, many local grocery stores experienced shortages of everyday items. The restaurant adapted its business model to provide wholesale products like bacon, eggs, flour, and sanitizing products in bulk to the community. Through the use of online ordering and curbside pickup processes, customers remained safely socially distanced while retrieving basic grocery items that they desperately needed. Thanks to their innovative thinking, the owners addressed the changing needs of their community while keeping their staff safe and employed.

Congratulations to Abracadabra's in Twin Falls on being selected as an Idaho Gem for the month of May. You serve as an example in your community and are an outstanding example of what it means to be one of Idaho's Local Gems.●

#### RECOGNIZING GREAT HARVEST

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