

Until we resolve their cases, we continue to expend enormous U.S. resources to support them in third countries, with no clear end in sight. We continue to ask much of our bilateral partners that have generously agreed to take in these evacuees. Our Embassies and government Agencies will continue to struggle with the overload caused by the burden of managing these extra cases. But most importantly, we owe it to these individuals who put their own lives on the line for our country to process their cases quickly.

It is no accident that I chose the name “Arezo” as a stand-in for the young Afghan woman who, like so many others, awaits our action. Arezo is a Hazara name that means “hope” or “faith.” And like so many others, she has taken it on faith that the U.S. Government will make good on its promise to take care of the Afghans like her that have served—and continue to serve—U.S. interests and who still believe in the American dream and still believe that America will fulfill her promises.

I encourage that at all levels of government, we work to identify resources to reallocate towards this goal. We have the resources, but we must redirect these resources and make it a top priority. I call on our State Department and USCIS colleagues to elevate the task of processing cases to a high priority status. I propose that we convene in committee to discuss additional ways that Congress can support the successful resolution of their cases and permanent resettlement. On the eve of the 1-year anniversary of an ignominious American withdrawal from Afghanistan, after a two-decade effort, I urge that across all lines of government, we recognize this priority and work promptly to resolve the cases of the many Afghans who have put their lives on the line for our country.

PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER SUPPORT ACT

Ms. DUCKWORTH. Mr. President, this week, the U.S. Senate acted, unanimously, to honor our Nation's dedicated law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency responders by passing the Public Safety Officer Support Act, known as PSOSA.

I was proud to author the bipartisan Public Safety Officer Support Act and want to thank Senator CORNYN and Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman DURBIN for their steadfast leadership and hard work in helping pass this vital legislation that seeks to modernize the Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program by recognizing that, when a public safety officer dies by suicide, there should be a rebuttable presumption that the loss should be designated as a line of duty death.

I look forward to President Joe Biden signing the bipartisan Public Safety Officer Support Act into law and remain confident in the U.S. Department

of Justice's readiness to effectively implement this important new law. My confidence is rooted in the Department's productive engagement and helpful technical assistance that was provided throughout the development of the final version of PSOSA.

Of course, the Public Safety Officer Support Act would never have passed without the steadfast support and dedication of a wide range of organizations, such as the Fraternal Order of Police, National Association of Police Organizations, Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association, Sergeants Benevolent Association NYPD, National Association of Attorneys General, National District Attorneys Association, Major County Sheriffs Association, National Sheriffs Association, National Border Patrol Council, United States Capitol Police Labor Committee, BLUE H.E.L.P., The Wounded Blue, American Psychological Association, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, International Union of Police Associations, International Association of Chiefs of Police, National Prison Council, National Narcotics Officers Associations' Coalition, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, National Association for Children's Behavioral Health, International Society for Psychiatric Nurses, Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute, Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance, SMART Recovery, Kennedy Forum, Inseparable, National Council for Mental Wellbeing, National Association for Rural Mental Health, American Mental Health Counselors Association, National Association of Social Workers, Postpartum Support International, National Association of State and Mental Health Program Directors, American Association for Psychoanalysis in Clinical Social Work, and the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies.

This impressive array of support for PSOSA reflects the importance and urgency of fixing a specific flaw in the Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program. Under current law, despite public safety officers facing a heightened risk for developing posttraumatic stress and having trauma-induced suicides, family member survivors of police officers and firefighters that commit suicide are excluded from the program. This means that surviving families are often left without any Federal support, State and local survivor annuities, or continued access to their loved ones' health insurance.

Comparatively, the U.S. Armed Forces recognizes that servicemember suicides are line-of-duty deaths. More than 90 percent of the 1,107 Active-Duty Army suicides between 2005 and 2012 were determined to be in the line of duty. Just like our servicemembers, our first responders should be recognized and supported for the mental distress they endure while protecting our communities and responding to emergencies. That includes supporting their surviving families after they are gone.

Once signed into law and implemented, the bipartisan Public Safety Officer Support Act will finally provide grieving families the benefits their loved ones earned while serving their communities as public safety officers and, equally important, help us eliminate the harmful stigma and infliction of emotional distress and pain on survivors that stems from misguided and outdated policies that refuse to designate public safety officer suicides as line of duty deaths.

Now, I want to be clear. Ensuring that public safety officer suicides are considered line of duty deaths for purposes of participating in the Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program is about honoring a fallen police officer's or firefighter's life of service. It is about honoring these Americans and caring for their families, just as we do when a public safety officer dies from heart disease or COVID in the line of duty.

Simply put, our bipartisan law will ensure surviving families of fallen public safety officers receive the support their loved ones earned through a life of service.

We are seeking to ensure eligibility for the Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program no longer allows the manner of death to negate a career devoted to public service and serving one's community. And that is why it is also important to emphasize that a presumption of a line of duty death is not an absolute.

Just as committing suicide should not deny a public safety officer and their family a line-of-duty death designation, in and of itself, taking one's life would not entitle a disgraced public safety officer who violated their oath of office to receive a Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program benefit.

It is our intent that the U.S. Department of Justice will review and take into account the potential contributing factors to the officer or firefighters' death or injury and consult the agency investigating the cause and manner of death and the agency of the police officer or firefighter, just as the Department's Bureau of Justice Assistance Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program Office is empowered to do in all other claims submitted to the program.

Moving forward, I hope enactment of the Public Safety Officer Support Act inspires the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund and other State and local law enforcement memorials to update their respective line-of-duty death criteria to match the Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program. After all, our Nation's support of first responder families is particularly critical following the tragic loss of a police officer, a firefighter, or an emergency responder, and these grieving families deserve to be included among the families of the fallen.

In closing, I want to take a moment to recognize the incredible courage, resilience, and strength of the late Officer Jeffrey Smith's widow, Erin Smith,

and his parents, Richard and Wendy Smith. Their collective determination and commitment to fixing an unjust system to prevent future families of the fallen from having to experience the emotional pain and financial harm resulting from the denial of a line-of-duty death designation, played a pivotal role in the development and passage of the Public Safety Officer Support Act.

I commend Erin, Richard and Wendy Smith for honoring the service of their loved one and hope that Officer Smith's lasting legacy of spurring a long-needed change in the law provides them with comfort and confidence that his tragic loss was not in vain.

TRIBUTE TO NIELS HANSEN

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, today I rise in recognition of the leadership and accomplishments of Wyoming Rancher and Public Lands Council President Niels Hansen.

This is Niels' final year as a member of the Public Lands Council executive council. He will be honored on Friday, August 26 at their 2022 Annual Meeting Banquet hosted in Cody, WY. Niels has served on the PLC's executive council since 2016. He also served as Wyoming's delegate to the PLC's sage grouse task force. Niels is a consistent and strong voice for ranching and the western way of life. His work has had a tremendous impact on public land policy, both nationally and in Wyoming.

Niels is the third generation operator of PH Livestock. Located in the high desert near Rawlins, WY, the ranch's need for proper management and resource conservation is paramount. Niels' great uncles, Peter and Jim Hansen, came to Rawlins from Denmark in the early 1900s to start their own ranches. His father joined them in 1927 and later took over for Jim. Niels and his sister Anna, were the first born in the United States and continue the legacy of their family and their land.

As Niels describes, "We do not try to maximize anything, but we try to optimize everything. We work to operate in balance with nature by making any adjustments needed to keep the ranch producing a consistent, predictable manner while protecting the land where we live."

Niels built a reputation as someone who brings stakeholders together to find the best possible solutions. PH Livestock operates on the Bureau of Land Management checkerboard that is spread throughout southern Wyoming. He brought the agriculture industry, energy industry, and Federal and State agencies to the same table to address the challenges of maintaining and improving the land.

Niels has worked with the University of Wyoming and the BLM for over 20 years to monitor and collect data on his land. This data builds the foundation to develop the best practices for the rangeland. Niels constantly shares his dedication and knowledge to advo-

cate for sound policy. He served as chairman of the Wyoming State Grazing Board and president of the Wyoming Stock Growers Association. Niels has testified in front of congressional committees many times. He testified in 2018, during my time as chairman of the Environment and Public Works Committee. Niels promotes cooperation between Federal agencies and landowners. He gives a firsthand perspective of the effects of regulations on the people it impacts the most.

Niels' ability to build relationships and success in conservation was recognized in 2011 when he was inducted into the Wyoming Agriculture Hall of Fame. PH Livestock received the BLM Rangeland Management Stewardship award in 2000. In 2004, the ranch was a cowinner of the Wyoming Stock Growers Association Stewardship Award.

Niels understands the importance of family and tradition to a successful ranch. He has two children with his wife, Barbara. Their daughter Stephanie is married to Reese Irvine, and they have two sons, Eli and Caleb. Their son John and his wife Tawsha Lubbers have two sons, Niels Kai and Jep. Niels' sister, Anna Helms, is his business partner and helps manage the ranch with her two children, Travis and Heidi, along with Travis' son Dane. Niels instilled in his family a love of the land to ensure future generations will enjoy their ranch.

It is a great honor to recognize this exceptional member of our Wyoming community. As I mentioned upon his induction to the Wyoming Agriculture Hall of Fame, "Wyoming lands—both public and private—are better because of his service." My wife Bobbi joins me in extending our gratitude and well wishes to Niels Hansen on his future endeavors.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO GREG TABOR

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize U.S. Marshal Greg Tabor whose dedication to law enforcement and community service will be deeply missed following his retirement.

Marshal Tabor's devotion to public safety is grounded in his years of serving and protecting the people of Arkansas.

Greg Tabor earned his police officer certificate from the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy. He began his career as a firefighter and emergency medical technician in Eureka Springs. He worked for a local company before launching his law enforcement career with the Washington County Sheriff's Office. He joined the Fayetteville Police Department in 1985 and honorably served for 34 years, with 13 years as chief of police. In addition, he served as chairman of the board for the Fourth Judicial District Drug Task Force.

He continued his public service as chief of police at the Northwest Arkan-

sas National Airport. In 2020, I was honored to support his confirmation to serve as U.S. Marshal for the Western District of Arkansas.

Given his long and distinguished career in law enforcement, it is no surprise he excelled in the position.

As U.S. Marshal, Tabor helped direct law enforcement responses to local, regional, and Federal investigations and preserve public safety. His career prepared and served him well during his tenure leading the service's Western District of Arkansas branch and carrying on its storied legacy in The Natural State.

His dedication serves as an inspiration for all Arkansans. I applaud his leadership, perseverance and commitment to serving our State and upholding law and order. His guidance and experience have helped us build a better Arkansas.

We can be proud of Marshal Greg Tabor's lifelong service. He has embodied what it means to serve and protect and deserves our thanks for bettering communities in our State.

He is a true public servant whose impact will be felt for years to come. It has been an honor to work with him during his service, and I wish him all the best in his next endeavor. •

RECOGNIZING RUDY'S A COOK'S PARADISE

• 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. Today, I am pleased to honor Rudy's A Cook's Paradise as the Idaho Small Business of the Month for August 2022.

Constructed in 1904, the oldest continually operating retail store in Twin Falls first housed Price Hardware. Rudy Ashenbrener purchased the store after returning from his time as a fighter pilot instructor in World War II. It remained a hardware store until 2002, when Rudy's son Tom and his wife Megan took over the business, renamed it Rudy's A Cook's Paradise, and turned it into a world of gourmet cooking.

Today, Rudy's offers one of the largest selections of kitchen gadgets in the northwest, including cooking utensils and cookware, wine, beer, and more. The store features a test kitchen where they offer classes on food techniques, artisanal bread baking, and how to throw a dinner party. The 118-year-old building also boasts a vast collection of wine and beer in its lava rock cellar. Rudy's beloved staff goes beyond serving aspiring chefs, providing southern Idaho with opportunities to experience new products, tastes, and techniques. From its home on Main Avenue, Rudy's has found its way into the hearts of many Idahoans.

Congratulations to Tom and Megan Ashenbrener and all of the employees