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Ensign Hal T. Hollingsworth, United States Navy of Grace, has been missing since January 16, 1966, in South Vietnam. Hollingsworth was the co-pilot of an aircraft that while airborne had mechanical difficulties and crashed at sea. Status: “Killed in Action, Body Not Recovered.”

Staff Sargent William B. Hunt, United States Army of Sandpoint, has been missing since November 4, 1966, in South Vietnam. Hunt was lifted into battle to help evacuate wounded. He voluntarily left the aircraft to help reinforce remaining troops on the ground. The Viet Cong attacked the position the unit was maintaining and after 2 days of heavy fighting Hunt was gravely wounded. Status: “Presumptive Finding of Death, Body Not Recovered.”

Captain Curtis R. Bohlscheid, United States Marine Corps of Pocatello, has been missing since June 11, 1967, in South Vietnam. Bohlscheid was the pilot of a helicopter which crashed into a steep ravine on a mission to insert a seven-man Marine Force Recon team on the battlefield. Status: “Killed in Action, Body Not Recovered.”

First Lieutenant William E. Lemmons, United States Army of Pocatello, has been missing since June 18, 1967, in South Vietnam. Lemmons was aboard a helicopter on a visual recon mission. The helicopter was declared missing and after extensive searches no trace of the aircraft or its crew was found. Status: “Missing in Action.”

Captain Jon K. Bodahl, United States Air Force of Boise, has been missing since November 12, 1969, in Laos. Bodahl was the pilot of an aircraft on a recovery mission that was shot down. His aircraft was found during search and rescue operations, but there was no trace of him. Status: “Missing in Action.”

Warrant Officer Jon M. Sparks, United States Army of Carey, has been missing since March 19, 1971, in Laos. Sparks was the co-pilot of a helicopter covering a downed helicopter during a rescue effort. The aircraft was shot down and due to heavy fire a search and rescue mission could not be conducted. It is unknown what his fate was. Status: “Missing in Action.”

Captain Gregg N. Hollinger, United States Army of Paul, has been missing since December 14, 1971, in South Vietnam. Hollinger was on an administrative mission aboard an aircraft that experienced an in-flight emergency and lost contact with ground control. Extensive searches were conducted for the next three days, over water and the adjacent shore area, but no trace of the aircraft or personnel was ever found. It was later determined the aircraft was lost at sea and the crew and passengers died. Status: “Killed in Action, Body Not Recovered.”

My prayers are with their families as the challenging work continues to get needed answers and bring our country’s servicemembers home. The POW/MIA Accounting community’s 2022 poster commemorating National POW/MIA Recognition Day simply states, “THEIR Sacrifice/OUR Pledge.” Yes, America’s responsibility to our servicemembers must be met. May presumptions be replaced with facts, as our country’s bravest are brought home to the families and communities who love them and long for their return.

ABSENCE EXPLANATION

Mr. TILLIS. Mr. President, I announce that my colleague from North Carolina, Senator RICHARD BURR, will

be necessarily absent this week. He is at home in North Carolina recovering from hip replacement surgery. The procedure was successful, and he is doing well. He will be closely monitoring votes and looks forward to rejoining us here in the Senate next week.

INFLATION REDUCTION ACT

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, in the face of the ever growing threat of climate chaos, it is vital for the future of our Nation and our planet that we move swiftly and boldly to transition from an energy economy that relies on carbon fossil fuels to one that is electrified and powered by clean and renewable sources of energy.

The Inflation Reduction Act makes historic investments in making that greener, cleaner future a reality. Included in those investments is the residential clean energy credit for battery storage technology. When we talk about transitioning to a greener economy, energy storage is critical. With this credit, homeowners can install energy storage capacity in two ways: by purchasing stand-alone batteries or by purchasing a bidirectional charger so the batteries in their electric vehicle can discharge to their home or the electric grid. Both will be “qualified battery storage technology expenditures” under this legislation.

Bidirectional charging is an exciting, groundbreaking new frontier for our vehicles and for our energy grid. I was excited, not too long ago, to see Ford’s new F-150 Lightning with my own eyes when one was parked outside the front of this Capitol. And it was impressive, and I think it could be a game changer. One of the features I loved most is that, in the event that a storm knocks out power to a house, the F-150 Lightning can be plugged in as a backup to keep the lights on. Not only is that convenient, it could be lifesaving.

So I am very excited that this tax credit, which will be essential to the continued development and deployment of bidirectional battery storage technology, is included in the Inflation Reduction Act. And I look forward to supporting it in this bill and then building from it in the days to come.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, on August 2, 2022, I missed rollcall vote No. 280, the Honoring our PACT Act of 2022. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted no because this resolution would undermine core provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act—NEPA—that are critical for protecting our environment, our water and air, endangered species and their habitats, and the well-being of the American people.

The purpose of NEPA is to ensure that the Federal Government fully thinks through and considers all of the impacts of infrastructure projects, both the direct and indirect cumulative impact of a projects. In the fight against climate chaos, NEPA is a critical tool for ensuring that our government considers all of the ways that a project might add to or mitigate the climate crisis, and then empower agencies to analyze reasonable alternatives that are less harmful to our natural environment.

As part of its relentless campaign to undermine the fight against climate chaos, the last administration went to

sequences of toxic exposure, despite mounting evidence of the serious health consequences that can stem from this exposure. No more.

These generations of men and women stood up for us, now it is our duty to stand up for them. Ensuring that those exposed to these harmful and deadly toxins can get the care they need is the least that we can do for such heroes.

Mr. President, on August 3, 2022, I missed rollcall vote No. 282, Treaty Doc. 117-3, Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted yea.

For over seven decades, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization—NATO—has been the bedrock of security in Europe and helped preserve world order. Today, in the face of Russia’s unprovoked invasion of Ukraine, the importance of transatlantic strength and unity cannot be overstated.

It is more important than ever that, as we remain committed to the pursuit of peace and prosperity in Europe, we work with our NATO allies to stand up to Vladimir Putin’s aggression and send a clear message to any who attempt to follow his path that the free world will not stand idly by while its values and its sovereignty are attacked.

The addition of these two Nordic countries and European Union members, Finland and Sweden, who have long acted in partnership with this alliance, will serve to not only send that critical message, but will make NATO a stronger force for peace in the world.

This is a historic day. And I gladly support and welcome the addition of these two important allies whose military and diplomatic capabilities will help NATO better address urgent and emerging threats to European and global security.

Mr. President, on August 4, 2022, I missed rollcall vote No. 283, a joint resolution of disapproval under the Congressional Review Act. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted no because this resolution would undermine core provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act—NEPA—that are critical for protecting our environment, our water and air, endangered species and their habitats, and the well-being of the American people.

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great lengths to weaken NEPA's ability to protect our environment and severely limited the ability of agencies to seek out less harmful alternatives. The previous administration also directed that the indirect and cumulative impacts of Federal projects no longer needed to be considered. As stated in a letter sent to the Senate by a group of 200 organizations representing millions of members and supporters, these changes were a blatant effort "to entrench federal climate denial, hastily permit dangerous or polluting projects, and systematically disenfranchise low-income, rural, and minority communities from government decision-making."

Since coming into office, President Biden has worked to restore NEPA's core provisions, reduce litigation risk, and help deliver more sustainable and equitable projects. The "Phase 1" rule-making that this CRA attacks, is essential to addressing the climate crisis and ensuring environmental justice for communities that disproportionately bear its brunt. If this joint resolution were to pass, it would not only undermine our agencies' ability to mitigate climate change or make decisions that ensure a project is more resilient to the foreseeable effects of a changing climate, it would also potentially stop any future administration from using NEPA to address the climate impacts of Federal decisions. That would be disastrous for our environment, for our country, and for the American people.

Therefore, as previously stated, for the well-being of our planet and of future generations, had I been present, I would have strongly opposed this effort to weaken the National Environmental Policy Act and voted no on this joint resolution.

Mr. President, on August 4, 2022, I missed rollcall vote No. 284, confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 1100, Roopali H. Desai, of Arizona, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. Had I been in attendance, I would have voted yea.

HONORING KENTUCKY LAW ENFORCEMENT

Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, when police officers raise their hands and take an oath to serve and protect, they understand the risks that come with that promise. Floyd County Sheriff's Deputy William Petry, Prestonsburg Police Department Captain Ralph Frasure, Prestonsburg Police Patrolman Jacob Chaffins, and Floyd County Canine Unit Drago gave the ultimate sacrifice for their communities and the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Floyd County Sheriff's Deputy Darrin Lawson, Constable Gary Wolfe, and Floyd County Emergency Management Director Joe Reynolds were also wounded during the incident.

Floyd County law enforcement officials were serving an emergency protective order to Lance Storz, of Allen, KY, when they were attacked. The

standoff began as officers approached Mr. Storz's home using a one lane road. Mr. Storz then opened fire on the officers from an elevated position. Despite their vulnerable position, the officers valiantly engaged Mr. Storz for well over 3 hours. Finally, at 10 p.m., Mr. Storz surrendered to officers and was taken into custody.

We honor these officers, who sacrificed to keep our communities safe. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of our three fallen officers, the families of the wounded officers, and the Allen, Prestonsburg, and Floyd County residents affected by this tragedy.

I salute Deputy Petry, Captain Frasure, Patrolman Chaffins, Drago, and the great law enforcement men and women of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

TRIBUTE TO BRAD AND JAN CUNDY

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I rise today in celebration of Brad and Jan Cundy, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Wyoming's 2022 honorees.

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Wyoming was established in 1969 to create a youth-friendly organization promoting character development among young boys. Today, it is so much more. Both boys and girls now develop character and leadership skills, athletic abilities, and a healthy lifestyle. They are encouraged to expand their educational aspirations through their local Boys and Girls Club.

The mission of the club is to "inspire all youth, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens." This organization would not be possible without the thousands of adult mentors and volunteers who dedicate their time, setting exceptional examples for youth every day. Each year, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Wyoming honors one or more individuals for their continued support and mentorship of Wyoming's youth.

On the morning of September 14, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Wyoming will host their 24th Annual Awards and Recognition Breakfast in Casper. They will honor Brad and Jan Cundy for their tireless dedication to the youth of central Wyoming. Brad and Jan's exemplary character and commitment to Wyoming's youth are remarkable. With this award, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Wyoming affirms their deepest gratitude for Brad and Jan Cundy and their continued work.

Born and raised in Wyoming, Brad and Jan established deep Wyoming roots with their educational achievements at Casper College, business pursuits in Gillette and Casper, and charitable statewide outreach. Brad and Jan raised three children in Wyoming, Chad, Matthew, and Dawn, and currently have five grandchildren, Braedyn, Blaine, Evelyn, Taylee, and Treyson.

Brad and Jan's first business, Cundy Asphalt Paving Construction, Inc., established in 1980, served the Gillette community for 21 years. Brad and Jan did not stop there. In 2002, they embarked on a new business adventure in Casper. They started Keyhole Technologies, Inc., a traffic control company still operating today.

Along with their successful business ventures, Brad and Jan engage in volunteer work. Jan serves on the board of directors for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Wyoming. In this role, she secures funding for youth programs, helping create new opportunities for youth to develop and enhance their skills.

Brad is a member of the Rotary Club of Casper, building mutually beneficial relationships on behalf of the community. He also dedicates his time to the Boys and Girls Club as a youth mentor.

In 2011, their son, Matthew, took his own life. In response, their daughter, Dawn, created the Mattie Project, a nonprofit organization focused on suicide prevention for young teens and adults. Brad and Jan helped initiate the Wyoming Chapter for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. The Cundy family remains dedicated to Wyoming's focus on mental health. They wish to honor Matthew and to prevent future deaths.

Brad and Jan received multiple accolades in response to their resolute dedication to their businesses, community, and family. Jan was nominated for the 2020 Wyoming Woman of Influence. Both Brad and Jan received the Mick and Susie McMurry Cowboy Try Award in 2021. They embody the Cowboy Code to the fullest.

On September 14, Brad and Jan Cundy will be recognized as the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Wyoming's 2022 honorees. They are an inspiration to the people of Wyoming.

It is with great honor that I recognize and celebrate this remarkable couple. They are the epitome of the cowboy spirit and are notable pillars of our community. They represent the best of Wyoming. My wife, Bobbi, joins me in extending our congratulations to Brad and Jan Cundy upon their selection for this special award.

TRIBUTE TO BRAD HOPKINS

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I rise today in recognition of Brad Hopkins, recipient of the 2022 Mick and Susie McMurry Cowboy Code Try Award.

Brad will receive the award in front of over a thousand attendees at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Wyoming's 24th Annual Awards and Recognition Breakfast in Casper.

The Try Award recognizes people in our community who live the Cowboy Code to its fullest. "The Try" is described as "that special characteristic which contributes to success in life—along with perseverance, hard work, and loyalty. It's that quality within