

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

oneself that allows a person to overcome obstacles with courage and tenacity." It is a remarkable distinction.

Each year, a bronze sculpture crafted by acclaimed artist Chris Navarro is given to the Try Award honoree. The sculpture is titled "Cowboy Code" and depicts a cowboy on his horse, with the phrases, "Always Finish What You Start" and "Protect and Help The Weak".

Brad Hopkins has served as executive director of the Wyoming Rescue Mission since 2012. Born in Dallas, TX, Brad is an ordained minister and earned his master of theology from the Dallas Theological Seminary. He completed postgraduate studies at the University of Wisconsin and the University of Colorado-Denver.

While in Colorado, Brad was a contributor to Denver's Road Home, the Denver Commission to End Homelessness, and the Denver Mayor's Clergy Council. He served as an advisor to the Colorado Governor's Interagency Council on Homelessness.

Brad was a founding board member of the Wyoming Governor's Homeless Collaborative. He is also a member of the Casper Homeless Collaborative and a board member for the Emergency Food and Shelter Program.

Brad's spiritual leadership is as strong as his organizational leadership. Under his direction, the Wyoming Rescue Mission raised funds to triple their space to allow adequate housing for their guests. Brad and the mission oversee the restoration work of 2,500 homeless individuals and families. They serve 70,000 hot meals and 42,000 nights of stay each year. Under Brad's leadership, the mission opened two thrift stores, which provide revenue and job placement opportunities for their guests.

Participants in their Discipleship Recovery Program progress through a yearlong, Bible-based, addiction recovery model. This program offers them an opportunity to transition to independent living as healthy, productive men and women. Their program advancement and graduation ceremonies are an inspirational experience.

Brad's passion and compassion for those less fortunate comes from a shared experience with vulnerability. He described an early failed career move that left him and his wife homeless for a time. Consistently an example of the "Try" mentality, he continues to give his time and talents to help others. He and his wife Christine have been married for 29 years. They have lived in Casper since 2012.

Brad, like the Try Award's namesakes Mick and Susie McMurtry, epitomizes the Code of the West. The Cowboy Code teaches us to live each day with courage and to take pride in our work. Brad's dedication and spiritual guidance empower others to find their own courage, leading them to a more fulfilled and productive life. Casper and Wyoming are fortunate to have him as a member of our community.

It is with great honor that I recognize this outstanding member of our Wyoming family. My wife, Bobbi, joins me in extending our congratulations to Brad Hopkins upon his selection for this special award.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE C. EDWARDS

• Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate my dear friend State Senator George C. Edwards, who is retiring from the Maryland General Assembly at the end of this year, and to thank him for a half-century of principled and productive public service to the people of Maryland, especially his constituents in what we call Mountain Maryland: Garrett, Allegany, and Washington Counties.

George was born in Grantsville, MD, and graduated from Northern Garrett High School in Accident, MD. He received his bachelor of science in business administration, cum laude, from Fairmont State College in West Virginia in 1970. He was the starting fullback on the football team there and earned National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics All-American honors. Despite playing at a small school, he was good enough that the Baltimore Colts drafted him. George wanted to be a teacher, however, and later attended what was then Frostburg State College to receive his teacher's certificate so he could teach social studies at his old high school.

I met George when he won his first election to the Maryland House of Delegates in 1982, where I was serving as speaker of the house. Even though he was only 33, he was already a seasoned elected official with a decade of experience on the Grantsville Town Council and the Garrett County Board of County Commissioners. He also served in the National Guard for 6 years after he graduated from college.

George served with distinction in the house of delegates for 24 years, finishing his tenure there as minority leader from 2003 to 2007, when he won election to the State senate, where he has served for the past 16 years. George won 4 of his 10 elections to the general assembly with 100 percent of the vote and another 3 with 98 percent or more of the vote. He and Delegate Sandy Rosenberg are the deans of the Maryland General Assembly; each of them started their service in 1983.

George delivered a farewell address to the State senate that reflects the type of person he is, a statement filled with self-deprecating wit, congeniality, and a gentleness too rare in politics. He said that his first task in Annapolis was to educate his fellow lawmakers that Allegany County isn't spelled with an H, that Maryland's longest border is with West Virginia, and that western Marylanders speak in a particularly folksy way. "You speak slow and you m-m-m mumble a little bit," he said.

He also noted that when he joined the general assembly, there were only 13 Republicans serving in the house of delegates and 7 in the State senate. "I can count," he said he remembered thinking. "I said, hmm, I need to make some friends. And I need to make some friends on [the Democratic] side of the aisle. And I think I've done that." George certainly has made friends on the Democratic side of the aisle, and I am proud to be one of them.

In an op-ed in the New York Times several years ago, Michael Ignatieff wrote:

For democracies to work, politicians need to respect the difference between an enemy and an adversary.

An adversary is someone you want to defeat. An enemy is someone you have to destroy. With adversaries, compromise is honorable: Today's adversary could be tomorrow's ally. With enemies, on the other hand, compromise is appeasement.

Between adversaries, trust is possible. They will beat you if they can, but they will accept the verdict of a fair fight. This, and a willingness to play by the rules, is what good-faith democracy demands.

George understands this crucial distinction between adversary and enemy and has acted according to this principle throughout his entire career, which is why even his adversaries are his friends. It is why he has served as cochair of the general assembly's joint committee on legislative ethics, making him the only Republican in leadership in the legislature. It is why he has been such an effective representative for his constituents in western Maryland. It has been a challenge because, as George has noted, "A lot of people where I live don't think people in other parts of Maryland think we're in Maryland." As Maryland State Senate President Bill Ferguson said, George has "made sure every senator understood the needs of his district and always approached negotiations from a standpoint of getting to a resolution, not to obstruct." Senate Majority Leader Nancy J. King, a former chair of the budget and taxation committee, summed it up when she said, "You can't say no to George because he's such a nice guy."

In 1946, Brooklyn Dodgers manager Leo Durocher famously quipped, "Nice guys finish last." Durocher never met George, who has always come in first by putting his constituents first. Being nice is not the same as being obsequious. George is a true conservative, a rarity in today's politics. He and I have different points of view on some major issues like gun safety and government regulation, but that has never stopped us from working as a team on behalf of his and my constituents.

We have worked together to support and expand Federal-State partnerships such as the Appalachian Regional Commission, the Economic Development Administration, Community Development Block Grants, and the Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Program. We have worked together to secure funding from Maryland and Pennsylvania and the Federal