

over 87 percent of the agricultural sales in the county, while crop production generates 13 percent.

The rugged beauty of the Rocky Mountains including the Wind River, Gros Ventre, and the Wyoming Ranges attracts thousands of tourists every year. The county hosts the highest peak in Wyoming, Gannett Peak, at 13,810 feet. Sublette County is home to more than 1,300 lakes, nearly one-third of all the lakes in Wyoming. The county also contains the headwaters of the Green River, America's 15th largest river.

Sublette County's tourism originated with the establishment of one of the first Wyoming dude ranches, created by Billy Wells in 1887. Located in the Upper Green River Valley, guests visited the Billy Wells Dude Ranch to experience the cowboy culture and mountain living. Following the Great Depression, the popularity of dude ranches declined but their existence jump-started the tourism industry and it still remains one of Sublette County's main revenue sources.

The most recent income generator in Sublette County is the production of crude oil and natural gas. The Pinedale Anticline Project Area—PAPA—and the Jonah Field are two of the largest natural gas developments in Wyoming. Together, they have earned the county the top spot in the State for natural gas production.

From the Native American Wardell Buffalo Trap and the Oregon Trail, to the Mountain Men and the cowboys, Sublette County's history is filled with incredible stories that shaped the West. Its heritage and abundant resources fashioned the economic industries prominent in the county today. The county's residents continue to contribute to its success and are fortunate to be a part of the beautiful communities that make up Sublette County.

The 2022 Sublette County government is led by these officials: Joel Bousman Chairman, Board of County Commissioners Doug Vickrey Member, Board of County Commissioners Sam White Member, Board of County Commissioners Dave Stephens Member, Board of County Commissioners Tom Noble Member, Board of County Commissioners Carrie Long County Clerk Emily Paravicini County Treasurer Matthew Gaffney County Administrator Laila Illoway County Assessor Mike Crosson County Attorney K.C. Lehr County Sheriff Curt Covill County Coroner Shad Cooper Fire Warden Dennis Fornstrom County Planner Brendan Fitzsimmons County Health Officer Jimmy Mitchell Emergency Management Coordinator Andre Irey Maintenance Superintendent Jay Brower Fairgrounds Manager Billy Pape Superintendent, Road & Bridge Ben Schornak Sanitarian Kenna Tanner SAR Coordinator Skylar Wilson County Surveyor

Special thanks must be given to the Sublette County Centennial Committee: Mary Lankford, Clint Gilchrist,

Betty Fear, Tim Thompson, Janet Montgomery, Debbie Woyciesjes and Todd Brown.

In honor of the 100th anniversary of Sublette County, I urge my colleagues to see the rugged beauty and immerse themselves in the industrialized frontier culture. I applaud the citizens who have worked tirelessly to introduce the county to the modern era while also conserving and celebrating its rich history. They should be proud to welcome this momentous accomplishment.

#### TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL JEREMY TILLMAN

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I am proud to honor a superb leader, legislative liaison, and soldier for his tireless commitment to the U.S. Army which include 2 years of service with the U.S. Army Office of the Legislative Liaison. During 2020, LTC Jeremy Tillman served in the Washington, DC, office of the Second Congressional District of South Carolina and went on to serve as a U.S. Army legislative liaison in the Senate. As Lieutenant Colonel Tillman prepares to take command of the 3rd Battalion, 13th Field Artillery Regiment at Fort Sill, OK, I believe it is especially fitting to recognize his dedication to fostering the relationship between the U.S. Army and Congress.

Lieutenant Colonel Tillman proved invaluable in educating Members and staff on Army combat systems, modernization programs, and policy initiatives. He provided exceptional support for multiple congressional delegations' official travel to locations within the United States and to various countries around the world.

Lieutenant Colonel Tillman has served our Army and our Nation for more than 17 years. During this time, Lieutenant Colonel Tillman served at Fort Bragg, NC; Fort Knox, KY; Maxwell Air Force Base, AL; and Fort Sill, OK. He was deployed to Iraq and a rotational deployment to the Republic of Korea. During his Iraq deployment, Lieutenant Colonel Tillman was wounded on a combat patrol by an improvised explosive device. He demonstrated his dedication and tireless commitment as he recovered from his injuries and was medically cleared for full Active-Duty status. As Lieutenant Colonel Tillman returns to Fort Sill, OK, he will lead our Nation's young men and women in uniform, both at home and abroad.

On behalf of Congress and the United States of America, I thank Lieutenant Colonel Tillman, his wife Cassie, and their three daughters Emma, Lily, and Anne for their continued commitment, sacrifice, and contributions to our great Nation. I wish Lieutenant Colonel Tillman future successes as he continues to serve our great Army and Nation.

#### TRIBUTE TO MITCH SILVERS

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I honor Mitch Silvers, who is retiring after

serving as a fundamental member of my staff for nearly 20 years.

Mitch has served as my State director of intergovernmental affairs and environment since he was promoted to this position in 2008, after serving as regional director in my Lewiston office since 2003. His responsibilities have included interaction and coordination with local governments, State and Federal agencies, and Tribal leaders on a number of initiatives involving environmental and natural resources concerns, Native American and other issues. He also has shared various agricultural assignments. Mitch's steady hand at the helm of some of Idaho's most important issues has been invaluable as we have navigated some highly contentious and weighty challenges on behalf of and along with Idahoans.

Locally driven collaboration to provide lasting resolution to Idaho's public lands management disputes is one of my top priorities in Congress, and Mitch has been instrumental in advancing this effort. Mitch's great appreciation for the outdoors and the value he places in opportunities to collaborate with many throughout the northwest to better the resources in our care has been beyond helpful as he has represented me in key discussions about critical collaborative efforts across the State. This includes his careful work in advancing the Owyhee Initiative and other collaborative efforts underway, such as the Clearwater Basin Collaborative, the Kootenai Valley Resource Initiative, the Payette Forest Coalition, the Boise Forest Coalition, and others. As these efforts succeed, they establish lasting examples of what can be achieved when we work together to get consensus on difficult public policy matters.

Throughout, I have known that Mitch approaches these discussions with foresight deeply rooted in his wealth of on-the-ground experience and his great appreciation for responsibly managing natural resources for Idaho and the northwest. After graduating from high school and working in construction for a few years, Mitch worked his way up the ranks of the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, IDPR, from park ranger, to assistant manager, to park manager before he retired from IDPR after 20 years of service. He then, thankfully, continued to use his considerable experience to serve Idahoans as a member of my staff. Mitch truly enjoys the friendships he has made on a local, State, and national level. As his wife Sue shared, "Mitch has never met an enemy, everyone becomes a quick friend."

Mitch, while I certainly am saddened to lose you as a member of my staff, you can retire knowing you have made a lasting difference for Idahoans and our great State. Thank you for your thoughtful, knowledgeable service all these years. And recognizing your work has frequently brought you to Boise and many other parts of our great

State, I am grateful to Sue and your family, including your 4 children and 14 grandchildren, for their great support over these years. I wish you a very happy retirement.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO JOHNNY TORRES

• Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, I would like to recognize and celebrate the many accomplishments of Mr. Johnny Torres, who has been an exemplary business leader for decades and has promoted Latino businesses in pioneering and innovative ways.

Born in Mayaguez, PR, to Mr. Senen Torres and Mrs. Rosa Rodríguez, Mr. Johnny Torres has been married to his wife Gloria for 57 years and is the proud father of Manuel, Richard, and Diana. After graduating from high school, he completed his B.A. in interior design at New York University and has been a resident of New Jersey for the last 47 years. In 1960, Mr. Torres took over the management and operation of a bodega that he and his brother purchased. As a bodeguero, he realized there was an urgent need to create an organization representing Spanish-speaking merchants to advocate on their behalf. Inspired by this experience, Mr. Torres founded the Metropolitan Spanish Merchants Association, also known as La Metro.

As the association grew, it increased its activities to effectively channel Hispanic food retailers' purchasing power. Mr. Torres organized, developed, and promoted the Cash & Carry Cooperative concept among the grocers and planned the growth and future of the cooperative, with sales reaching over \$56,000,000 in 1986.

As Mr. Torres familiarized himself with the needs and challenges of the small business community, he was determined to take action on their behalf. He spearheaded the creation of a technical assistance unit in the areas of business management; "El Vocero Mercantil," a Spanish trade newspaper; Metro Merchants Federal Credit Union to provide financial assistance to small merchants; and Metro Superette, Inc., a network of small grocery stores working under the name of Metro Superette and enjoying the benefits of a big chain.

Mr. Torres' knowledge and experience as a retailer, wholesaler, and small business organizer in New York was recognized by merchants across the Nation, helping create similar organizations. For 8 years, Mr. Torres helped spread this knowledge as a lecturer on small business management and development at Hostos Community College in the South Bronx.

Mr. Torres retired from the food industry in 1989 after 29 years of service. He then created the Institute for Human Development in New Jersey. As president of the institute, Mr. Torres is dedicated to the creation of programs

for Spanish-speaking sales people, executives, small business groups, and other organizations. Thousands of men, women, and children have benefited from his conferences and seminars, which cover subjects such as stress management, human relations, self-improvement, small businesses, and family relations.

For the past 25 years, Johnny has served Save Latin America, Inc., where he has planned, implemented, and advocated for various programs and services.

As Mr. Torres nears retirement, I am glad to see that his visionary leadership, talent, and genuine commitment to helping others are being recognized. I proudly congratulate Johnny Torres on his well-earned Lifetime Achievement Award for his exemplary service to small businesses, the Latino community, the people of New Jersey.●

##### TRIBUTE TO DEPUTY GREG COUNTRYMAN, JR.

• Mr. OSSOFF. Mr. President, I rise to honor Muscogee County Sheriff Deputy Greg Countryman, Jr., for his heroic and lifesaving service to the Chattahoochee River Valley.

On May 16, 2022, emergency personnel received a harrowing call about two children who were unconscious and not breathing after being pulled from a swimming pool. Already on the way home from his shift, Deputy Countryman quickly sprang into action and was the first to arrive on the scene. He swiftly administered CPR and successfully helped resuscitate the children until EMS arrived. Deputy Countryman's swift response saved their lives.

As Georgia's U.S. Senator, it is my honor to commend Muscogee County Sheriff's Deputy Greg Countryman, Jr., for his heroism and service to the Chattahoochee River Valley community.●

##### TRIBUTE TO AMERICA GRUNER

• Mr. OSSOFF. Mr. President, today I rise to honor someone who is a cornerstone of the Dalton, GA, community.

America Gruner has been a leader in her community for over 30 years. She serves as the CEO of the Coalicion de Lideres Latinos, an advocacy organization she founded that works to advance human and civil rights for the Latino community. Over the last three decades, she has accrued skills in civic participation, mental health and crisis intervention, medical interpretation, nonprofit organization management, and voting mobilization to help advance the lives of the people of Dalton. She has also become a leading voice for Dalton's Latino community, using her work as an experienced journalist to uncover injustices and right those wrongs. My team and I have had the privilege of witnessing Mrs. Gruner's impact on the State of Georgia firsthand, and she is a beacon of hope and service in our communities.

As Georgia's U.S. Senator, it is my honor to commend America Gruner for

her service and steadfast commitment to Dalton and the entire State of Georgia.●

##### TRIBUTE TO PATTI LYONS

• Mr. OSSOFF. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Patti Lyons for her 25 years of service to the coastal Georgia community.

Patti Lyons has dedicated her career to helping our seniors, oftentimes the most vulnerable among us. In 1997, Patti became the president of Senior Citizens, Inc., a nonprofit organization focused on ensuring older adults have the food, social programs, and community they need. I had the honor of delivering meals to seniors alongside Patti earlier this year. The smile Patti's warmth and joy brings to seniors' faces on their doorsteps was priceless, and it was obvious the amazing impact she has on people's lives every day.

As Georgia's U.S. Senator, it is my honor to commend Patti Lyons for her 25 years of service to the coastal Georgia community as president of Seniors Citizens, Inc.●

##### TRIBUTE TO MARTY McLENDON

• Mr. OSSOFF. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Marty McLendon for his dedication and unwavering commitment to Georgia's agricultural community.

Mr. McLendon has worked as a peanut farmer in Albany, GA, for the past 25 years, leading the Albany community in ensuring Georgia remains a top producer of quality peanuts. He continues this important work as a board member of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Peanut Standards Board. Mr. McLendon also currently serves as district chairman of the Flint River Soil and Water Conservation District and as a board member of Flint River Fresh, an Albany-based organization that helps low-income communities in Dougherty County and southwest Georgia access fresh fruits and vegetables. His work does not stop there. Mr. McLendon takes his commitment to public service to the next level by frequently opening his home to local events and gatherings, building community with his friends and neighbors.

As Georgia's U.S. Senator, it is my honor to commend Marty McLendon for his valiant service to the southwest Georgia community.●

##### TRIBUTE TO DR. CARLOS DEL RIO

• Mr. OSSOFF. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Dr. Carlos del Rio, MD, for his outstanding service to the State of Georgia and the entire Nation for more than 25 years.

Dr. del Rio, a native of Mexico, is a distinguished and awarded professor of medicine in the division of infectious diseases at Emory University School of Medicine. He has been a leader in epidemiology and research on diseases affecting the immune system and issues