

motto of “Fidelity, Bravery, and Integrity.”

As part of its history, the Senate Intelligence Committee has worked to ensure the intelligence community works seamlessly across its many Agencies and with our allies to protect Americans. That is a goal Alan Kohler committed his life’s work to, whether he was serving overseas as legal attache in the United Kingdom to coordinate efforts with our closest ally or developing new means of integrating and cooperating across Agencies like the Counterintelligence Task Force he established during his time as Assistant Director, his accomplishments have inspired junior agents and personnel to break through Agency stovepipes in defense of our Nation.

Alan’s faithful service to the Bureau spanned three decades, through some of our Nation’s darkest days. He joined the FBI in 1996 and was assigned to work counterintelligence cases in the Washington field office, right in the wake of and in the midst of some of the most damaging espionage cases the U.S. has faced. In the days after the attacks on September 11, Alan bravely served on the evidence recovery team at the Pentagon in Arlington, VA.

After transferring to the New York field office in 2006, Alan Kohler worked cases that led to the arrest of 10 Russian illegals in 2010, earning the Attorney General Award for Exceptional Service and changing the way Americans understood the intelligence activities of our adversaries. He was also fortunate enough to be assigned as assistant special agent in charge of the Norfolk field office where he was responsible for all of the FBI’s counterintelligence, counterterrorism, and crisis management programs for that community.

In 2017, after Russia’s unprecedented interference in our elections, Alan established the FBI’s Foreign Influence Task Force, an entity we on the Senate Intelligence Committee continue to rely on to collect on and report threats to the very foundation of our democracy.

As chairman of the Intelligence Committee, I have relied on Alan’s integrity to provide the committee with honest and timely information, even when it was not easy for him to do. He consistently demonstrated professionalism in all our engagements and modeled a constructive relationship between the executive and legislative branches. It was a professionalism born of his commitment to safeguard our Nation. I am certain Alan will find ways to continue to serve as he enjoys his very well-earned retirement. I would also like to recognize his family who has supported him throughout his tremendous career.

RECOGNIZING THE CASPER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, I rise today to celebrate 120 years of con-

tinued community service by the Casper Area Chamber of Commerce of Wyoming.

For 120 years, our city has grown and flourished, due in many ways to the efforts of the Casper Area Chamber. The chamber aims to provide organizational structure to build a better Natrona County and to improve opportunities for all businesses in the community. The chamber was founded in 1903 as the Casper Industrial Association by Alfred James Mokler, then publisher of the Natrona County Tribune. A small number of businesses banded together to create the association. Some of their early goals were to pave the streets, install a water and sewer system, and to construct public parks, a courthouse, a city hall, a Federal building, and a railway. All of these goals were realized. Today, the chamber has over 600 members and continues to grow each year. The mission now is the same as it was 120 years ago, to actively create business opportunities by “connecting, informing, leveraging, and collaborating with their members.”

After the first World War, the Casper Industrial Association reorganized and became the Casper Area Chamber of Commerce. At that time, just over 11,000 people were living in Casper and 14,000 in Natrona County. During the 1930s, the chamber was a key player in the construction of a north-to-south rail line from Montana to Colorado by the Wyoming-Montana Railroad Company. The chamber also ensured that freight rates were competitive. This allowed local industry to bring in new services and hire competitively. During the 1960s, the chamber worked to make Casper the convention center of Wyoming. They held over 100 conventions, attracting over 20,000 visitors.

Progress continued into the 1980s when the chamber designed the Leadership Casper program, organized legislative luncheons, and created professional networking opportunities. During the 2000s, the chamber focused on developing the west side of Casper. The first “Shop Local” campaign was established. In 2020, the chamber was instrumental in connecting businesses with the Federal funding they needed to stay open through the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Casper Area Chamber of Commerce is part of a long and rich local history. It was instrumental in moving Natrona County forward. Their positive influence over the past 120 years can be seen today in our thriving community.

The Casper Area Chamber of Commerce is the foundation on which the economy of Casper is built. They work hard to maintain a prosperous business environment. This ensures the longevity of tourism, industry, and small businesses.

In Wyoming, we value community, leadership, and service. The Casper Area Chamber of Commerce puts these values into practice. As board chair,

Sabrina Kemper said, “Without commerce, our community cannot thrive.”

Today, the Chamber Staff and Board of Directors include:

Staff
Tina Hoebelheinrich, Executive Director
Sabrina Kemper, Board Chairman
Katie Schultz, Past-Chairman
Phillip Rael, Board Member
Gena Jensen, Chairman-Elect
Amanda Disney, Treasurer
Jereca Lutz, VP of Development
Kim Coleman, VP of Marketing and Communication
Darcie Holscher, VP of Special Events
Officers
Ken White
Nikki Hawley
Robert Ratliff
Tom McCarthy
Bryant Hall
Michael Morrissey
Paul Nash
Sonya Gruner

It is an honor for me to rise in recognition of this significant milestone for the Casper Area Chamber of Commerce of Wyoming. The impact and opportunities the chamber has created for Casper businesses is incredible. Bobbi joins me in extending our congratulations to the Casper Area Chamber of Commerce for 120 years of community service.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING PASQUALE “PAT” BATTINELLI, JR.

● Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Madam President, I rise today with a heavy heart to pay tribute to Pasquale “Pat” Battinelli, Jr., a lifelong Connecticut resident, distinguished veteran, and friend to many. Sadly, Mr. Battinelli passed away on April 6, 2023, at the age of 90. He will be remembered for his steadfast dedication to his country and community.

Pat was born in Darien before moving to Stamford as a young boy. There, he met the love of his life, Gloria Fabrizio, at the age of 13. After graduating from Stamford High School, Pat enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. Stationed in the Philippines during the Korean war, Pat served honorably for 4 years. In 1954, after completing his service, he returned to Stamford where he married Gloria. The couple were married for 68 years and raised four children.

In addition to his military service, Pat had a distinguished record of giving back to Stamford and our State. As chief of the Glenbrook Fire Department and commander of the Lock City Detachment of the Marine Corps League, as well as an active member of the Knights of Columbus, Pat has demonstrated a lifelong dedication to community service. I personally saw Pat at work in all these positions, but also very importantly as leader of Stamford’s Patriotic and Special Events Commission for over 30 years. In this role, he was in charge of every parade Stamford held during his tenure, a testament to Pat’s civic mindedness and patriotism.

Pat was an inspiration to veterans and a shining example of good citizenship. I was privileged to know Pat and count him as a friend. He was selfless, loyal, and unstinting in his commitment to helping others—a true patriot. My wife Cynthia and I extend our deepest sympathies to Pat's family during this difficult time, particularly to his wife Gloria, his four children, and his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. I hope my colleagues will join me in honoring Pat's life and legacy.●

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE FENNEL

● Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina. Madam President, as the junior Senator from South Carolina, it is my pleasure to honor George Fennell, who was inducted into the South Carolina Business Hall of Fame. George became interested in solid waste disposal after a 6-year stint with Milliken & Company in Greenville, SC. In 1972, George returned to his hometown of Walterboro and began impacting the waste-hauling industry.

Mr. Fennell's drive for excellence pushed him to innovate and gave him a vision for the future of his business. The Colleton Environmental Services, later renamed the Fennell Container Company, was initially created by George and his wife Sandra, who built the modest business from a barn on a dirt lot to the largest privately owned waste management company in South Carolina. His entrepreneurial spirit paved the way to his American dream and has motivated his family, friends, and community. When hurricanes devastated South Carolina, George Fennell stepped up to support the American Red Cross' effort to bring the necessary aid to those affected by the storms. This only scratches the surface of who he is and how deeply he cares for his neighbors and friends.

Today, it is my pleasure to recognize Mr. George Fennell and his dedication to making a difference in his community and the lives of those around him. Congratulations on this incredible honor and a distinguished career.●

HONORING OFFICER GARRETT CRUMBY

● Mr. TUBERVILLE. Madam President, today, I want to honor Alabama's own Officer Garrett Crumby who made the ultimate sacrifice last month while responding to a shooting call in Madison County. A graduate of Hillcrest High School in Tuscaloosa, he began his law enforcement career as a patrol and field training officer at the Tuscaloosa Police Department in November of 2013 before transitioning to the Huntsville Police Department in August 2020.

Nicknamed "Batman" by his family for his heroic nature, Officer Crumby is remembered as someone whose service to others extended beyond his job. Officer Crumby's sister stated he "believed that being a police officer meant that

anyone in their darkest moments had someone to call, regardless of any race, age, creed, gender, tax bracket or political affiliation. He would answer that call."

He demonstrated this deep conviction by often showing up for additional assignment calls that were not required of him and volunteering at local events in the community. There was never an "off-duty" moment for him; he actively looked for ways that he could help those around him. His fellow officers recalled one instance when he gave someone a ride who was pushing a wheelchair loaded with groceries down a busy road before a big storm.

In 2019, he was named Huntsville Police Department's West Precinct Officer of the Year, a testament to the respect he had already earned from his peers, supervisors, and community during his time with the Tuscaloosa and Huntsville Police Departments.

He is survived by his wife Taylor Campbell Crumby; father William "Russ" Crumby; mother Janet Sherman; grandparents James and Sammi Sherman; sisters Jennifer Crumby, Courtney Crumby, and Casey Wright (David); and 10 nieces and nephews.

Alabama is grateful for Officer Crumby's contributions to public safety. We will never be able to repay him for his sacrifice, but we will make sure that he is never forgotten.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 5:53 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House of Representatives having proceeded to reconsider the resolution (H.J. Res. 27) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Revised Definition of 'Waters of the United States'", returned by the President of the United States with his objections, to the House of Representatives, in which it originated, it was resolved, that the said resolution do not pass, two-thirds of the House of Representatives not agreeing to pass the same.

The message also announced that pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1024(a), and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, the Speaker appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Joint Economic Committee: Mr. SCHWEIKERT of Arizona, Mr. ARRINGTON of Texas, Mr. ESTES of Kansas, Mr. FERGUSON of Georgia, Mr. SMUCKER of Pennsylvania, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS of New York, Mr. BEYER of Virginia, Mr. TRONE of Maryland, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, and Ms. PORTER of California.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-965. A communication from the Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office's fiscal year 2022 report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-966. A communication from the Director, Congressional Affairs and Public Relations, U.S. Trade and Development Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's fiscal year 2022 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-967. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Equal Employment and Workplace Inclusion, United States International Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's fiscal year 2022 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-968. A communication from the Deputy Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's fiscal year 2022 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act) received in the Office of the President pro tempore; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-969. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Scheduling of Annual Leave by Employees Determined Necessary to Respond to Certain National Emergencies" (RIN3206-AO04) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 17, 2023; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-970. A communication from the Agency Director, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's fiscal year 2022 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-971. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-53, "Hotel Enhanced Cleaning and Notice of Service Disruption Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2023"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-972. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-54, "General Obligation Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes for Fiscal Years 2023-2028 Authorization Temporary Act of 2023"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-973. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 25-55, "Local Business Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2023"; to