

and finally served as director for intelligence, J2, for the Joint Chiefs of Staff from June 2003 to July 2005.

In 2005, General Burgess reported to the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, where he served consecutively as the Deputy Director of National Intelligence for Customer Outcomes, Director of the Intelligence Staff, and Acting Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence. On March 18, 2009, General Burgess became the 17th Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency until his official retirement from the U.S. Army on September 1, 2012.

After his illustrious 38-year military career, General Burgess returned to Auburn University in December 2012 to serve as senior counsel for National Security, Cyber Programs and Military Affairs, before being appointed as Auburn's chief operating officer in May 2018. He was named executive vice president of Auburn University in June 2019.

His awards and commendations throughout his career speak for themselves. They include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal; Defense Superior Service Medal, (two oakleaf clusters); Legion of Merit; Meritorious Service Medal, (four oakleaf clusters); Joint Service Commendation Medal; Army Commendation Medal; Army Achievement Medal; NATO Medal—former Republic of Yugoslavia; Parachutist Badge; Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge; and Army Staff Identification Badge.

In 2013, General Burgess was awarded the Auburn Alumni Association's Lifetime Achievement Award. In 2015, he was inducted into the U.S. Army Military Intelligence Hall of Fame and, in 2016, was inducted into the Army ROTC National Hall of Fame.

On behalf of the people of Alabama and our Nation, I offer him my heartfelt thanks and a long and happy retirement with his wife Marta, their five children, Lee, Regina, Julia, Mary, and John, and their 16 grandchildren. General Burgess's career is defined by remarkable devotion and patriotism to his country. We owe him a debt of gratitude for his dedicated and exemplary service.

“War Eagle!”

#### TRIBUTE TO MAJOR ROBERT BOURGEOU

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, today I have the distinct honor of recognizing U.S. Army MAJ Robert Bourgeau of Missoula County for his heroism on and off the battlefield.

Since graduating high school, Robert committed his life to military service. Growing up in Missoula, the uniform and the duty that came with wearing it inspired him. We all know being a member of the U.S. Armed Forces is more than a job; it is a noble calling to serve that translates beyond one's time spent in uniform.

On October 3, 2022, at Torii Station in Okinawa, Japan, Robert demonstrated

his steadfast commitment to putting others before himself. Around 2 p.m. that day, Robert and some of the students he instructed in scuba diving were at Mermaid's Grotto, a diving spot in Okinawa, when they noticed a Japanese woman calling for help with her 11-year-old daughter and a U.S. soldier who were trapped in a rip current 100 yards off shore. As 6-foot waves came crashing in on the endangered snorkelers, Robert made his way to the young girl as well as her mother who became engulfed in the waves in the process. He grabbed them both and swam as hard as he could until he reached the shore and brought them both to safety. His strength and energy were depleting, yet he made his way back out to the dangerous waves for the soldier and was able to direct him safely to shore.

Robert's commitment to his oath to protect and serve sets him apart from his peers. Being willing to lay down his life for others is more than a choice; it is his duty. Robert is a proud husband, father, and grandfather, and I know his leadership and bravery are inspiring not only to his family, but people around the world.

It is my distinct honor to recognize U.S. Army MAJ Robert Bourgeau for his commitment to putting service over self. The Treasure State's rich legacy of military service is carried on for generations because of brave men like Robert. Thank you for your service. You make Montana proud.

#### RECOGNIZING HY-CAPACITY

• Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, as ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Iowa small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize Hy-Capacity of Humboldt, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Hy-Capacity was founded by James “Scratch” Olson in 1978 in Pocahontas, IA, as a manufacturer of agricultural farming equipment. In 1980, the business was relocated to Humboldt and focused on clutches, water pumps, and torque amplifier modifications. The company's name refers to Scratch's ability to take existing tractor parts and modify them for “higher capacity” uses for farmers. Hy-Capacity has evolved over the years and expanded to offer a wide range of agricultural equipment, including cab kits, radiators, and engine overhaul kits. They have grown their products globally and currently export their parts to Canada and Mexico.

Hy-Capacity is an exemplary family business. Scratch's sons Jeff and Steve work at Hy-Capacity. Steve became the president in the 1990s after working there since the company's inception. Steve currently serves as CEO, and his daughter Molly Varangkounh served as president from 2001 until 2022. Steve's

son David now runs the day-to-day business operations. A fourth generation of the Olson family, Molly's daughter Claire, joined the family business as an intern from 2017 until 2021. Scratch Olson's legacy includes a multigenerational workforce and a thriving business committed to hard work, community involvement, and dedication to farmers. In 2023, Hy-Capacity celebrated its 45th business anniversary.

The Hy-Capacity team does not only work hard, but they also give back. In 2009, they won the Iowa Governor's Environmental Excellence Award and the Recycling Project/Facility of the Year by the Iowa Recycling Association. Hy-Capacity is involved with the Iowa Future Farmers of America, where they became the official sponsor for tractor seats at events in 2014. Another important partnership for Hy-Capacity is the Humboldt County Memorial Hospital. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Hy-Capacity shifted gears and started manufacturing masks and gowns for the hospital. In addition to the masks and gowns Hy-Capacity provided, they were able to assemble a group of volunteers that helped produce almost 200 additional masks.

Hy-Capacity's commitment to providing high-quality tractor parts to farmers throughout North America while maintaining their Humboldt roots is clear. I want to congratulate the Olson family and the entire team at Hy-Capacity for their continued dedication to providing affordable and high-quality parts to Iowans. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success in Iowa.

#### RECOGNIZING NORTHWESTERN STEAKHOUSE

• Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, as ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Iowa small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize Northwestern Steakhouse of Mason City, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Greek immigrants Pete Maduras and Tony Papouchis founded the restaurant in 1920 under the name “Pete's Place.” The original location was in the Northwestern Row neighborhood of Mason City. During the early 20th century, Mason City was experiencing an increase in business development due to the opening of the Northwestern State Portland Cement Plant in 1906 and the Lehigh Portland Cement Company in 1910. Many of the workers moving to Mason City were European immigrants like Pete and Tony. During the early history of the restaurant, Pete handled the business side, while Tony was the head chef. Tony spent 3 years in the Greek Army and used the recipes he learned from his service to inspire the menu. Pete's Place moved to its second location on North Federal Avenue in

1932, before moving again to the current location on 16th Street NW in 1954.

In 1965, Pete retired, and the restaurant was rebranded to Northwestern Steakhouse. Tony planted a garden next to the restaurant, where he used fresh produce in his meals, including his famous fresh salads. On Sundays, Tony offered a special menu that paid homage to his Greek roots. Tony worked at the restaurant every day until his passing at 98 years old in 1991. Today, Tony's son Bill Papouchis runs the restaurant with his wife Ann. Bill and Ann continue to honor Tony's legacy by using the recipes he created and keeping the menu consistent with Tony's vision.

The Northwestern Steakhouse team is well-recognized for their hard work. In 2019, Business Insider listed them as the Iowa winner of "The most famous restaurant in every state" article. Additionally, online food, drink, and travel publication Thrillist recognized them in "The Most Iconic Restaurant in Every State" article. In 2020, while celebrating its 100th anniversary, Northwestern Steakhouse won the "Business of the Year Award" from the Mason City Chamber of Commerce. The same year, Mason City mayor Bill Schickel awarded the restaurant the key to the city. Northwestern Steakhouse also gives back to the community. In March 2021, they hosted their first "Wonderful Wednesday," which raised over \$1,000 for Habitat for Humanity of North Central Iowa.

Northwestern Steakhouse's commitment to providing quality food and dining in North Central Iowa is clear. I want to congratulate the Papouchis family and the entire team at Northwestern Steakhouse for their continued dedication to providing an iconic culinary experience to Iowans. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success in Iowa.●

#### RECOGNIZING TOTAL DETAILING AUTO SPA

● Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, as ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Iowa small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize Total Detailing Auto Spa of Bettendorf, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

As a child, Bettendorf resident Tim Lofgren cleaned cars in his neighborhood as a part-time business. He came up with the name "Total Detailing" at the age of 15 after he determined that he could turn his childhood hobby into a small business. Total Detailing Auto Spa was founded in 1998 and started out at a residential home, then a location in downtown Bettendorf. In 2008, Tim and his wife Susan acquired an 11,200-square-foot facility in Bettendorf, IA, which serves as the current location for their business.

Total Detailing Auto Spa offers complete interior and exterior car detail-

ing. In addition to their detailing services, they also provide full-service car wash, boat detailing, and motorcycle detailing in the Quad Cities. Total Detailing Auto Spa also operates a retail showroom where antique cars are on display for customers to admire while their car is being serviced, with the showroom currently displaying a 1929 Ford Roadster. The facility has four bays, including an oversized one for boats, recreational vehicles, and tractors. Over the years, Total Detailing Auto Spa has significantly expanded its workforce from a two-person shop to more than 30 employees.

Total Detailing Auto Spa has built up a loyal following over the years. In November 2019, Bettendorf resident Lou Riojas received his 500th car wash from Total Detailing Auto Spa. Lou has relied on Total Detailing Auto Spa to wash his red G-6 Pontiac several times a week. The Total Detailing team has also given back to the Quad Cities community by providing services to charity auctions and local school benefits. Total Detailing Auto Spa's hard work has paid off as they are celebrating their 25th anniversary this year.

Total Detailing Auto Spa's commitment to providing quality car washes and auto detailing services in Bettendorf, IA, is clear. I want to congratulate Tim and Susan Lofgren and the entire team at Total Detailing Auto Spa for their continued dedication to providing car detailing services to Iowans. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success in Iowa.●

#### McFARLAN VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

● Mr. PETERS. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the McFarlan Veterans Memorial Park located in Flint, MI, in Genesee County. The stewards of this historic landmark, "The Friends of McFarlan Park," incorporated in 2011 and forged a formal agreement with the city of Flint authorizing the organization to preserve and manage the park. Developing a master plan to renovate and update the facility, volunteers spent years fundraising, reaching their goal in 2022 allowing the park's renovation to begin. It is a privilege and honor to recognize the completion of this historic project and commemorate the formal rededication of the park on Thursday, July 13, 2023.

In 1875, the park was purchased for \$3,700, becoming the first park owned by the city of Flint and named for lumber baron, farmer, and Flint mayor Alexander McFarlan who donated and oversaw the installation of a water fountain on the property. In 1951, the park was designated as Genesee County's official war memorial, erecting a historical stone marker with the following inscription, "FOREVER HONORING ALL THE MEN AND WOMEN OF GENESEE COUNTY WHO SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE

UNITED STATES IN TIME OF WAR DEDICATED MAY 30, 1951."

In 1968, the park erected memorial columns which now contain the names of thousands of Genesee County military veterans who paid the ultimate sacrifice to our country from the Civil War to present day. In 1969, the Flint Council of the American Legion installed and dedicated a key landmark known within the park, an eternal burning flame which features a commemorative plaque signifying it as a "Flame of Freedom." On July 21, 1975, the McFarlan Veterans Memorial Park celebrated its centennial, adding a new marker in place of the ornamental fountain that once stood in the park gifted by its namesake, Alexander McFarlan. The marker now serves as a celebration of the park's 100 years of existence and the community growth throughout this time. On the back side, a commemorative plaque was installed in 2005 noting its sesquicentennial celebration and funding provided by the Ruth Mott Foundation, which provided new landscaping. The most recent commemorative addition features recognition of K9 service dogs who serve in the U.S. military and was gifted by Roberta Gramer in honor of her son, Navy veteran and Friend of McFarlan Park board member William Dennis Gramer, 1944–2023.

Located in the heart of downtown Flint, the McFarlan Veteran Memorial Park has continued to thoughtfully remind us that our freedom is not free, recognize our Armed Service members, is home to annual Veterans Day and Memorial Day ceremonies, and inspires community pride through Earth Day cleanups and more.

I cannot understate the impact that McFarlan Veterans Memorial Park has had on the generations of citizens who call the city of Flint and Genesee County home. A pillar of strength and a solemn place to honor and mourn the loss of a loved one, this historical monument is the embodiment of the leadership throughout this community and the generosity of ongoing monetary support to honor our history. I ask you to join me in recognizing and celebrating the rededication of this 148-year-old historic memorial and the Friends of McFarlan Park for renewing their commitment to "Remember all those who have fallen, remember those who are no longer with us, and never forget that freedom is not free."●

#### REMEMBERING ETHEL B. LAROCK

● Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, today I would like to honor the life and service of a distinguished Montanan and Korean and Vietnam war veteran, the late Ms. Ethel B. LaRock.

Ethel was a native daughter of Montana, born on September 23, 1930, in Wolf Creek. She was raised alongside her nine older siblings in the Sixth Ward in Helena. Never one to shy away from service or sacrifice, Ethel left Montana to serve her country in the