

makes a promise, a covenant, it will be kept. The Afghan Adjustment Act, the amendment that Senator GRAHAM and I have put forth, advances all of these objectives.

Pass this amendment. Show the world that our word, show our own military that our word and our covenant matters.

I yield the floor.

#### MORNING BUSINESS

#### VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam President, with regards to Rounds amendment No. 813 to S. 2226, the FY24 National Defense Authorization Act, I share the sponsor's national security concerns, especially in reference to the purchase of agricultural lands by companies affiliated with the People's Republic of China, and appreciate the sponsor's effort to improve review of these sales. However, I am also deeply concerned by issues that have been raised with respect to civil liberties and want to ensure that no one is discriminated against or viewed as a national security threat simply because of where they were born.

As written, the language seems to equate individuals from the specified countries as synonymous with their governments. Under this provision, if an individual with a valid visa, who has no connection to one of the governments listed, seeks to buy agricultural property above a certain threshold, the U.S. Government would deny them the ability to proceed with the purchase simply because of their national origin. While the national security concerns this amendment seeks to address are real, we must not discriminate on individuals based on national origin, race, or ethnicity.

I voted in favor of my colleagues' amendment in order to continue the conversation on this important issue, but will not support any final provision that does not resolve these civil liberties concerns.

#### VOTE EXPLANATION

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Madam President, had I been able to vote, I would have voted yea on the Kaine amendment No. 429 to require the advice and consent of the Senate or an act of Congress to suspend, terminate, or withdraw the United States from the North Atlantic Treaty and authorizing related litigation, and for other purposes.

I am a cosponsor for a similar bill, S.J. Res. 37, led by Senators Kaine and Rubio, which establishes a mechanism for the United States to exit the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, NATO. Although the Constitution provides clear guidance on Congress's role in ratifying treaties, it does not say anything about Congress's role in approving or disapproving withdrawal from a treaty. I believe, together with Senator

Kaine and Senator RUBIO, that the NATO alliance is a foundational principle of U.S. national security, regardless of who is President, and the U.S. leadership role in the alliance should depend on more than the whims of any one administration.

#### HONORING OFFICER JAKE WALLIN

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Madam President, on behalf of Senator TINA SMITH of Minnesota, Senator JOHN HOEVEN of North Dakota, and Senator KEVIN CRAMER of North Dakota, I rise to honor Jake Ryan Wallin, a Fargo police officer whose life was cut tragically short in the line of duty on July 14, 2023. He lived every day of his 23 years in the service of others, and his loss is nothing short of a tragedy for his family, his community, and our country.

Jake was the beloved son of Jeff and Amy Wallin. Raised in St. Michael, MN, he was a graduate of St. Michael-Albertville High School and Alexandria Technical and Community College before attending the American Military University.

As a member of the Minnesota National Guard, he was deployed to both Afghanistan and Iraq, where he served honorably. Upon return, he found a new home in Fargo, ND, and continued his life of service with the Fargo Police Department.

At Officer Wallin's funeral, the people who knew him best emphasized that more than anything, he wanted to live a life of purpose—to do work that made a difference for people. As a servicemember and a police officer, he did that and so much more. Time and time again, Officer Wallin heard the call of duty and raised his hand to say, "Count me in." That level of selflessness, character, and patriotism is the mark of a good citizen and a good man. A world where everyone lived the values that defined Officer Wallin's life would be a better world indeed.

My heart is with Jake's parents Jeff and Amy; his brother Brady; his fiancée Winter; and everyone who called him a grandson, a nephew, a cousin, a colleague, or a friend. I wish them peace and comfort as they mourn the needless, devastating loss of an exceptional young man. While he is no longer with us, his memory will serve as an inspiration to generations of public servants who choose to follow in his brave footsteps.

#### TRIBUTE TO GRACE ABDALLAH

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, today I recognize Grace Abdallah, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Grace is a graduate of O'Gorman High School in Sioux Falls, SD. Currently, she is attending the University of Kansas in Lawrence, KS, where she is pursuing a degree in business. She is

a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Grace for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.

#### TRIBUTE TO HALEIGH BROWN

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, today I recognize Haleigh Brown, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Haleigh is a graduate of Roosevelt High School in Sioux Falls, SD. Currently, she is attending the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, SD, where she is pursuing a degree in political science. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Haleigh for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.

#### TRIBUTE TO DILLON GESTRING

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, today I recognize Dillon Gestring, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Dillon is a graduate of Vermillion High School in Vermillion, SD. Currently, he is attending Grinnell College in Grinnell, IA, where he is pursuing a degree in political science. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Dillon for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.

#### TRIBUTE TO CHARLIE MICKELSON

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, today I recognize Charlie Mickelson, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Charlie is a graduate of Lincoln High School in Sioux Falls, SD. Currently, he is attending Creighton University in Omaha, NE, where he is pursuing a degree in business. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Charlie for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.

#### TRIBUTE TO NOAH ROISUM

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, today I recognize Noah Roisum, an intern in my Rapid City, SD, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Noah is a graduate of Rapid City Christian High School in Rapid City, SD. Currently, he is attending Northwestern College in Orange City, IA, where he is pursuing degrees in international business and political science. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Noah for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.

#### TRIBUTE TO ALYSSA THALER

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, today I recognize Alyssa Thaler, an intern in my Aberdeen, SD, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Alyssa is a graduate of Groton High School in Groton, SD. Currently, she is attending the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, ND, where she is pursuing a degree in business economics. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Alyssa for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.

#### TRIBUTE TO JON AND DIANNE KIRKBRIDE

Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, at the 111th Wyoming State Fair, Senator LUMMIS and I will have the pleasure of introducing Jon and Dianne Kirkbride as 2023 inductees to the Wyoming Agriculture Hall of Fame.

Jon and Dianne Kirkbride have been devoted to each other and the agriculture industry for over five decades. They have been married for 55 years while also running a multi-operational ranch, the Harding and Kirkbride Livestock Company. Harding and Kirkbride Livestock company is located 32 miles outside of Cheyenne, WY. The ranch has hosted tours during the Cheyenne Frontier Days Fair and Rodeo, educating the public on Wyoming ranch life.

Dianne devoted decades to the beef industry. She is a member of Wyoming CattleWomen, of which she is the past president. She advocates for American and Wyoming beef. Dianne was selected as the American National CattleWomen's Woman of the Year in 2001 for her years of dedicated service to the cattle industry. Dianne also worked for Senator Mike Enzi as a field representative in Cheyenne for 20 years.

Dianne's service to her community doesn't end here. She is on the Cheyenne Regional Medical Board of Trustees, the Laramie County Community College Foundation Board, and the Congressional Award Council, where she was the president for 6 years. Through her work in the Wyoming Congressional Awards Program, Dianne

mentored more than 80 students in volunteer and community service projects for the past 24 years. Dianne regularly follows up with kids that she worked with 20 years ago. She is delighted when she hears about all of their impressive accomplishments. These students learned early on the value of being involved and giving back to their communities. This is a great example of how the Kirkbrides are influencing the next generation in Wyoming.

Jon runs the ranch while also contributing to the beef industry on a local, State, and national level. He is committed to agriculture in Wyoming and to Wyoming public schools. Jon has served as president of the Wyoming Stock Growers Association and as the Wyoming director of the U.S. Meat Export Federation. Jon also spent 16 years on the Laramie County School District No. 2 Board of Trustees. He served as president of the Wyoming School Board Association and also served on the Wyoming State Board of Education. In addition to serving his community, Jon served his country in the U.S. Air Force.

Together, Jon and Dianne have garnered an impressive list of accomplishments. Both Jon and Dianne exemplify the leadership in Wyoming agriculture that the Agriculture Hall of Fame has recognized for over 20 years. Jon and Dianne have three sons TJ, Jeff, and Glen. TJ and his wife Michelle have two daughters Maddy and Bryn and two boys Brady and Joel. Jeff and Jami have six boys Taylor, Carter, Jackson, Jayden, Grayson, and Bennett, along with their daughter Savannah. Glen and Rachel have three children Kayla, Morgan, and Shelby. Jon and Dianne's son Jeff and grandson Taylor are both ranchers living in Meriden. TJ is a counselor at Triumph High School, and Glen is also a teacher and coach at Central High School. Dianne and Jon's children are a testament to their dedication for education in Wyoming.

Jon and Dianne's unmatched passion for family, Wyoming agriculture, wildlife and animal conservation, and cultivating partnerships make them an outstanding choice for the Wyoming Agriculture Hall of Fame.

It is a great honor to participate in their induction. They continue to represent Wyoming and Western interests with dedication and distinction. My wife Bobbi joins me in congratulating Jon and Dianne as 2023 inductees into the Wyoming Agriculture Hall of Fame.

#### TRIBUTE TO HALEY GRAHAM

Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Haley for her hard work as an intern in my Casper office. I recognize her efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Haley has lived in Casper since she was young. She recently graduated from Casper College and plans to con-

tinue her studies at the University of Denver in the fall. She has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made her an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of her work is reflected in her great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Haley for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have her as part of our team. I know she will have continued success with all of her future endeavors. I wish her all my best on her journey.

#### TRIBUTE TO KEENAN MORGAN

Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Keenan for his hard work as an intern in my Casper office. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Keenan has lived in Casper since he was young. He is currently attending Casper College, where he studies secondary education, political science, and history. He has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Keenan for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all of his future endeavors. I wish him all my best on his journey.

#### TRIBUTE TO ZOEY PICKETT

Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Zoey for her hard work as an intern in my Casper office. I recognize her efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Zoey is a native of Casper. She is currently attending Mount Holy Oak College where she studies international relations and environmental studies. She has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made her an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of her work is reflected in her great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Zoey for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have her as part of our team. I know she will have continued success with all of her future endeavors. I wish her all my best on her journey.

#### TRIBUTE TO ARKANSAS INTERNS

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam President, I rise today to applaud the efforts of the young people who interned in my Washington, DC, and Arkansas offices this summer.

I appreciate their commitment and dedication to serving Arkansans and