

those who are battling addiction and the service providers who are dedicated to supporting them.

On this occasion, I want to extend my appreciation to Georgia's Cobb County DUI Court, which celebrated its 15th anniversary and 48th commencement ceremony on September 19, 2023. Founded in 2008 by the Honorable Melodie H. Clayton and now presided over by the Honorable Eric A. Brewton, this court plays an important role in supporting individuals as they work towards sobriety.

Since its implementation, the program has admitted over 700 participants and graduated over 519 individuals. The program's achievements have been recognized by Georgia's Council of Accountability Court Judges. The dedication of the Cobb County DUI Court team has been instrumental in establishing alternatives to incarceration and providing support to individuals, their families, and the entire community.

There is no greater way to celebrate National Recovery Month than by acknowledging the hard work of recovery professionals and participants as they celebrate 15 years of success.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SINCLAIR CASPER REFINERY

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I rise today to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Casper Refinery in Natrona County, WY.

On September 27, HF Sinclair will hold a Casper centennial celebration lunch. They will "celebrate the history of the refinery and the Casper story." For the past 100 years, the refinery and its employees have played a key role in economic and energy development, benefitting the Casper community and the State of Wyoming.

This facility first opened in 1923 as the White Eagle Refinery. It is now one of the oldest operating refineries in the Rocky Mountain region. In the beginning, crude oil was transported fifty miles to a processing site by horse-drawn wagons. This journey took over ten days. Initially, the refinery produced an industry-leading 200 barrels-per-day.

In 1968, the former White Eagle Refinery was acquired by Sinclair Corporation from Mobil Oil. It was then renamed the Little America Refining Company. In 2022, Sinclair joined HollyFrontier Corporation to form HF Sinclair. The Casper refinery is a central hub in Wyoming for crude oil supply. Their goal is to "update and modernize equipment to maintain reliable production well into the future."

The refinery is capable of running both domestic and Canadian synthetic crudes. With a 30,000 barrels-per-day output, the facility primarily runs Rocky Mountain Region sweet crude. They are also efficient in producing gasoline and diesel for customers in Wyoming, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Nebraska, Colorado, Montana, and South Dakota.

The Sinclair Casper Refinery focuses on treating their customers and co-workers like family. They build their company on integrity and loyalty. Plant Manager Sam Cooper continues the legacy of hard work. He is joined by 180 employees in this endeavor. The team at the Casper refinery creates "a culture driven by excellence in production, reliability and safety." They are able to accomplish this by following their five core values of safety, integrity, teamwork, ownership, and inclusion.

It is an honor for me to recognize this significant milestone for the Casper Refinery. This refinery serves as an economic cornerstone for central Wyoming. Bobbi joins me in extending our congratulations to the HF Sinclair Casper Refinery on their 100th anniversary.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO BURKETT WITT

• Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. President, today I honor the life of a truly extraordinary Tennessean.

If you ask the people of Athens, TN, to describe the life and legacy of Burkett Witt, most of them will immediately point to his more than three decades of public service to the town where he was born and raised. But I like to go back even further to the true beginning of his public service. Beginning in 1949, he began connecting to his community through food at the helm of Bo and Pete's Southern Soda Shop at Tennessee Wesleyan College. Those who knew him—and in some cases, worked for him—remember his strong work ethic and credit his mentorship as inspiration for their own personal and professional growth. The value of that influence, of course, did not go unnoticed. In 1971, Witt became the town's first African-American elected as a member of the city council. It is worth noting that at the same time Witt made history, the people of Athens did, too, and ousted three incumbents from the council. It was time for change.

In 1983, Witt made history again when he became the first African-American mayor of Athens—and indeed, one of the first African-American mayors in Tennessee. After 4 years in the top post, Witt stepped back into his role on the council, where he served with dignity for 33 years. When Tennessee Wesleyan granted Witt an honorary doctorate of public service in the spring of 2014, Witt's longtime friend Paul Watkins described him as "a one of a kind in our world," and I could not agree more.

On behalf of all Tennesseans, I want to recognize Burkett Witt's stunning contributions to the Volunteer State and offer my prayers and continued support to the generations of young Tennesseans who will benefit from the lessons his legacy will teach them.●

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL GLEN W. MOORHEAD III

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and congratulate Lt. Gen. Glen W. Moorhead III on earning the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Air Force Association.

Wally, as he is known to his close friends and colleagues, is a native of Arkansas. He has an outstanding record in service to our Nation's air superiority. He entered the Air Force upon graduation from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1969, after which he deployed to Asia and earned the Distinguished Flying Cross for his bravery in the Vietnam war.

As leadership noticed his ability to push his aircraft to the limit in combat, they brought him back home to apply those lessons learned in his A-37 to the Air Force's new platform, the A-10. The A-10 was effective in military operations and was loved by those on the ground. Moorhead played a leading role in the validation of the A-10 and development of the training program, so much so that he led the inaugural weapons school course on the platform. Moorhead was further entrusted with leadership of the Air Warfare Center, which in addition to serving as one of the major testing and evaluation operations of the U.S. Air Force, is also the home of the revered Thunderbirds. He ultimately was assigned to serve as deputy commander of U.S. European Command.

Moorhead's long-lasting impact on the military space community is evident. While commander of the 50th Space Wing at Schriever Air Force Base, he was dual-hatted as commander of the Space Warfare Center, which conducted tactics, techniques, and procedures development for space operations and has evolved into a significant part of the Space Force's Space Training and Readiness Command. Not only did he leave a notable imprint upon those under his command, but his enduring legacy will continue for generations of Guardians to come.

Perhaps Moorhead's most consequential role, however, has been as key adviser in the development and standup of the Space Force. No one could overstate the value of his mentorship to the leaders of the Space Force as they assess its current and future needs in pursuit of the vital mission to secure our national interests in, from, and to space.

The sustained record of excellence of Glen Wallace Moorhead has made our country better and safer, and he is to be commended for his lifetime of leadership to our Space Force and Air Force.

As the ranking member of the Senate appropriations subcommittee responsible for ensuring our Armed Forces and their families have the infrastructure and facilities to support their needs, it is an honor to recognize Lieutenant General Moorhead on his outstanding impact within our military.

Arkansas can be proud of his advocacy and leadership that integrally contributed to the United States' ability to maintain our military superiority.

On behalf of the U.S. Senate and a grateful nation, I extend my deepest appreciation to Lieutenant General Moorhead for his many years of exemplary military service and sacrifice. I wish him nothing but the very best in the future.●

TRIBUTE TO McAVOY LAYNE

● Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. Mr. President, today I rise to recognize the legacy of McAvoy Layne. Mr. Layne has dedicated 35 years of his life to promoting art and literature to audiences across Nevada. After more than 4,000 performances as one of the premier Mark Twain impersonators, Mr. Layne will share his legendary charm with audiences for one last time at Piper's Opera House, in historic Virginia City, NV, on September 30, 2023.

As a lifelong Nevadan, I always appreciate our State's history and those who tell and preserve it. Samuel Langhorne Clemens became Mark Twain while residing in Nevada between the years 1861 and 1864. It was in this 3-year span that Mark Twain's career set off, writing for "Territorial Enterprise" in Virginia City and inspiring the novel "Roughing It," which helped introduce Nevada to the world.

McAvoy Layne moved to Tahoe's North Shore 40 years ago when he was offered a job at Diamond Peak Ski Resort. He has lived there ever since, and it was there he discovered his calling to impersonate and educate people about one of America's best-known authors, Mark Twain.

Mr. Layne began his career as a Twain impersonator at Piper's Opera House in Virginia City, NV, performing two shows a day, 6 days a week in the summer of 1988. Over the years, he specialized in school programs, visiting schools across the United States, Europe, and Russia. He would sometimes visit 10 schools a week, performing for students of all ages. Countless Nevadans can recall stories of Mr. Layne visiting their school as Mark Twain.

Highlights of Mr. Layne's career include winning the Nevada Award for Excellence in School and Library Service, playing the ghost of Samuel Clemens in the Biography Channel's episode on Mark Twain, and participating in the Discovery Channel's Cronkite Award-winning documentary, "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn."

Mr. Layne is not just an actor but a writer, educator, storyteller, and a Nevada icon. September 30 will mark the end of an era as he takes the stage one last time in the place where it all began. It is important to ensure future generations understand Nevada's history, and I would like to thank Mr. Layne for his service in educating us about the legendary Samuel Clemens.●

REMEMBERING ALLISON KENNEDY

● Mr. MARKEY. Mr. President, earlier this year, we lost a treasured consumer, public health and safety advocate. Allison Kennedy passed away on May 10, 2023, after suffering a brain aneurysm. She was 36 years old. A devoted mother, beloved wife, and cherished daughter, Allison was full of life and love.

Allison was born in Visalia, CA in February 1987. Although Allison was an only child, she grew up surrounded and supported by her large and loving extended family in Washington, anchored by her Nana and major role model Nita King. Life for Allison revolved around her family. She loved her grandfather Jim beyond words. She especially loved the precious time she spent with her father outdoors or working on household projects together, even FaceTiming her dad 3,000 miles away to help her put a table together. She loved traveling with her family, including to the off-road races in Baja, especially with her Uncle David.

She attended Washington State University, graduating in 2010, and received her master's degree from American University in Washington, DC, in 2014.

After starting her graduate studies at Washington State University, she began a 3-month internship in Washington, DC. Within weeks of moving to DC, she fell in love with the city, the politics, and a man named Brian. Their love started on their first date as they sat talking in her apartment until 3 in the morning. Allison and Brian were engaged in December 2014 and married in November 2015. They first lived in Northeast Washington, D.C., then moved to Maryland in 2019, and finally found their dream home in Burke, VA, in 2022.

Allison longed to be a mother. Allison and Brian tried for nearly 5 years. In 2021, they received the gift of Christopher "Kit" Colm, through adoption, who blessed their home with the fullness of love and joy. Allison thrived as a mother. In every way, she knew how to care for Kit and help him blossom. In 2022, Brian and Allison found out they were pregnant. Callahan "Cal" was welcomed into the world in January 2023. The final months of Allison's life were filled with happiness and contentment as she thrived as a mother of two.

Allison also served as the director of government relations for Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety. She was well known and well respected on Capitol Hill as an ardent champion for safe roads, safe vehicles and safe road users. During her more than 10 years with Advocates, she cultivated a safety legacy that will continue to prevent crashes and save lives for years to come.

Under the leadership of her professional mentors, Cathy Chase and Jackie Gillian, Allison grew into a fierce and successful advocate whose work led to the adoption of critical safety-minded policies, including many of the key

safety provisions of the 2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. For generations to come, Allison's legacy will be measured in the countless lives of children, teen drivers, pedestrians, and motorists that her work helped to save. She loved and was adored by all her colleagues at Advocates.

Allison's untimely passing is a monumental personal and professional loss for the Advocates' team and for all those who work closely with the organization. She will be remembered as a dedicated public health and safety activist, wonderful colleague, caring friend, cherished daughter, devoted wife, and dedicated mother.

I send my condolences to her husband Brian, their two young sons Christopher "Kit" and Callahan "Cal," her parents Erin and Michael, her entire family, and all her loved ones.●

RECOGNIZING EL SEGUNDO LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL—THE 2023 WORLD CHAMPIONS

● Mr. PADILLA. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the 2023 Little League World Series Champions, Southern California's own El Segundo 12U All Stars.

Every year, communities from around the world gather their best youth baseball players to assemble an All-Star team with dreams of one day making it to the Little League World Series in Williamsport, PA. But after local, State, and regional tournaments, only 20 teams earn such an honor, 10 from the United States and another 10 from around the world. In the end, only one team takes home the World Series title—and it is no easy road.

For the El Segundo 12U All Stars in Williamsport, after an opening game win thanks to back-to-back homeruns and a high-powered offense, the team from Southern California hit a significant hurdle in just their second game. They lost 3-1 to a Southwest Region team and were quickly sent down to the elimination bracket, facing long odds and a rocky road back to the finals, when even one loss would send them home.

But rather than shrink from the challenge, El Segundo trusted their pitching and defense, their great power hitting, and their fearless competitiveness to rattle off four straight wins to make it all the way to the Little League World Series Championship. Their impressive streak included returning the favor and defeating the team from the Southwest Region in the U.S. Championship 6-1.

Finally, on the biggest stage, facing Curacao in the Little League World Series Championship, El Segundo got off to an early start, jumping to a 5-1 lead in the fourth inning. But the winds quickly shifted after a Curacao grand slam tied the game heading into the sixth and final inning. Yet again, El Segundo refused to back down.

Manager Danny Boehle turned to No. 14 Brody Brooks to shutdown a hot Curacao offense and give El Segundo a