

I would also like to ask our colleagues across the Senate for their support to pass this bill. CBRA was originally enacted in 1982, and it protects sensitive habitats along the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic coasts by restricting Federal investment within designated areas. In doing so, CBRA has saved billions of Federal tax dollars since enactment, while simultaneously protecting hundreds of thousands of acres of coastal wetlands from development. In 2019, a scientific study found that CBRA had saved the Federal taxpayer roughly \$9.5 billion since its passage and is projected to save up to \$108 billion over the next 50 years. Coastal wetlands that CBRA protects continue to provide key habitat areas for commercial and recreational fisheries, migratory birds, and endangered species.

Importantly, the areas protected under CBRA play a crucial role in coastal resilience by mitigating hurricane and flood damage. A 2023 study found that CBRA provided \$112 million per year in prevented National Flood Insurance Program claims, a 7-percent savings in annual claims.

Given this broad range of benefits, CBRA has enjoyed strong bipartisan support since its inception. CBRA was developed and introduced on a bipartisan basis in 1982, with 58 cosponsors in the Senate led by sponsor Senator John H. Chafee of Rhode Island. CBRA's co-author, Representative Thomas B. Evans from my home State of Delaware, said CBRA was needed because "the U.S. taxpayer should not subsidize and bear the risk for private development on coastal barriers." President Ronald Reagan signed the bill into law, noting that CBRA adopts a "sensible approach" to conservation that also saves taxpayer dollars. CBRA has continued to enjoy strong bipartisan support in subsequent improvements, map enactments, and reauthorizations in 1988, 1990, 2000, 2006, and 2018.

The areas protected under CBRA are identified in official maps that must be authorized by Congress and have not been comprehensively revised since 1990. The 1990s-era maps were created using now-antiquated mapping techniques and, as a result, are imprecise, difficult to apply in practice, and contain errors that impact property owners and project proponents. Congress has recognized this problem and directed the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to undergo a yearslong modernization process to recommend updates to these maps. In 2013, the Fish and Wildlife Service received supplemental appropriations related to Hurricane Sandy in order to modernize CBRS maps, resulting in extensive recommended revisions along the Mid-Atlantic and New England coasts.

The Strengthening Coastal Communities Act of 2023 adopts the comprehensively revised maps prepared by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for 187 updated CBRS maps and 11 new maps, including maps prepared through

the Hurricane Sandy Remapping Project and other technical correction reviews. Enacting this legislation will provide critical modernization of CBRA implementation, in addition to making other improvements and technical corrections in CBRA.

With that said, I would like to reiterate my gratitude to Senators GRAMM, WHITEHOUSE, and TILLIS, who have been indispensable partners in the development of the Strengthening Coastal Communities Act of 2023. I look forward to continuing to work with them and our colleagues in the House to pass S. 2958 and enact it into law.

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF WYOMING WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I rise today to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Wyoming Women in Agriculture. This organization is paving the way for a better future for all Wyoming ranchers.

Ranchers Sharon Cardwell and Peggy Price of Alcova, WY, had a casual conversation in 1993. They decided female ranchers needed an organization that addressed their distinct challenges. The role of women in ranching has changed over the years. Women are now actively involved in integral management decisions, either as independent ranchers or with their husbands. They are often isolated, far from the closest town or another ranch. Sharon and Peggy founded Wyoming Women in Ag to bring together a community of like-minded women. They were assisted by Jerry Buk and Debbie Johnson, both employees with the University of Wyoming extension office in Casper. The first board for Wyoming Women in Ag included Chairman Sharon Cardwell, Vice Chairman Peggy Price, Treasurer Anne Miles, and Secretary Ruth Stevenson.

In 1998, Wyoming Women in Ag was established with official nonprofit status. They are an "organization that provides information on current topics important to women in the agriculture industry." They soon branched out from Natrona County and included women from all over the Cowboy State. Wyoming Women in Ag will celebrate their 30th anniversary at their 2023 Symposium and Diversity Tour in Worland, WY. This annual event brings women together who share a similar way of life. The event location rotates between counties and includes a speaker who is a featured industry professional. Women have the opportunity to connect with their fellow ranchers to "ensure the next generation of women are educated, encouraged, and empowered to take on the challenges of meeting the world's growing food, fuel, and fiber needs." Attendees participate in a variety of workshops and have access to a trade show. The 2023 Women in Ag committee members are Abbi Rodgers, president; Julie Volker, vice president; Stacey Schmid, Secretary; Traci

Faxon, Secretary; Angela Grant, Treasurer; and committee members Madison Trimble, Heidi Foy, and Caitlin Youngquist.

It is an honor for me to rise in recognition of this significant milestone. Bobbi joins me in extending our congratulations to Wyoming Women in Agriculture for their 30th anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO PETER MULLER

Mr. PADILLA. Mr. President, I rise today on behalf of my former colleague, the late Senator Dianne Feinstein, to recognize the dedicated service of her long-time State director, Peter Muller.

Born and raised in San Jose, Peter is a native Californian and has spent his career serving the people of the Golden State. After graduating from St. Mary's College of California, he earned his master's in political science and government from American University.

Peter began his career in Congress in 1992 as a legislative assistant for then-Congressman Norman Mineta, where he served until Congressman Mineta's retirement in 1995. Peter then served as legislative director to Congresswoman Karen McCarthy before joining Congresswoman Ellen Tauscher's office in 1997, first as legislative director and then as her chief of staff. Peter spent 9 years with Congresswoman Tauscher and distinguished himself through his work with the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and his efforts leading the development of the New Democrat Coalition.

After three stints away from Capitol Hill working for California-based Genentech, Intel, and Metrolink and a move to Los Angeles, Peter joined Senator Feinstein's staff in 2016 as her deputy State director. He subsequently served as her State director until her passing last month.

Every member of this Chamber knows the importance of their State director. They serve as our eyes and ears in our State, and they often act as our proxy when a cross-country flight isn't manageable. They lead our State teams with incredible patience and care, ensuring our offices run efficiently and our constituents receive the services they need. And they do it all for the good of the people we were elected to serve.

Peter was by Senator Feinstein's side for good times and bad, through a reelection campaign and Supreme Court confirmations, impeachments and insurrection, and the COVID-19 pandemic. I know that Senator Feinstein valued his counsel on many contentious issues, and he was often the first person she turned to when considering the impact of an issue on her beloved California. He was essential to her lasting efforts to protect California's public lands and water resources, improve our immigration system, secure funding for the West Los Angeles VA campus, and many of her other priorities throughout the State.

And so, on behalf of my former colleague and her team and as a fellow former State staffer for Senator Feinstein, I thank Peter for his years of dedicated service. The people of California are forever indebted to him for the impacts he has made, and we wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO THE COUNTRY MUSIC HALL OF FAME 2023 INDUCTEES

• Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. President, it is my honor to officially congratulate the Country Music Hall of Fame 2023 inductees and welcome Bob McDill, Patty Loveless, and Tanya Tucker into country music's closest circle of friends.

In Nashville, we like to say that "it all begins with a song," but this year's songwriter inductee took those words to heart in a way that few ever have. Unlike so many songwriters, Bob McDill found his voice as a country music storyteller not through the slow burn of experience, but in a sudden burst of inspiration involving a late-night drive and a particularly raw George Jones lyric. Over the next three decades, he wrote more than 30 chart-topping hits and earned a reputation as one of the most prolific writers in Music City history.

This year's modern era artist inductee took a traditional path to fame, but for Patty Loveless, the fruits of her long years laboring through fairs, festivals, and bars to reach the Country Music Hall of Fame are anything but ordinary. Between 1998 and 2003, Loveless released 31 Top 20 country hits and topped the charts five times. Her elite vocal performances made her a star, but it is the skill with which her songs navigated life's most complicated questions that made her one of Music City's most relatable and enduring artists.

Country music would look and sound a whole lot different without Tanya Tucker, this year's veterans era artist inductee. By the time she turned 25, Tanya had enjoyed more success than many artists could ever hope to achieve. She created a sound so distinct and a performance style so irresistible that she maintained her hold on Music City through career setbacks that lesser artists could never hope to overcome. Between 1986 and 1997, Tanya sent 24 singles into the Top 10, and, in 1991, earned the honor of Country Music Association Female Vocalist of the Year. In 2019 she came back with a vengeance and a new album that earned her two Grammys, the first of her career.

On behalf of the entire Tennessee delegation, I would like to express my gratitude to Bob, Patty, and Tanya for their passion, their artistry, and their wholehearted commitment to their craft.●

TRIBUTE TO THE NUTTINGS

• Ms. CAPITO. Mr. President, West Virginia lost one of its truly beloved sons when G. Ogden Nutting of Wheeling passed away on August 25 at the age of 87. To call him a community leader doesn't come close to capturing the leadership, dedication, and inspiration he provided the city of Wheeling, the State of West Virginia, and the entire Tri-State region of West Virginia, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. I rise today to pay tribute not only to his legacy, but also to the enduring one of his beloved wife, Betty Woods "Snookie" Nutting, who survives him. The two of them, both Wheeling Hall of Fame inductees and also Distinguished West Virginians, exhibited the best of West Virginia for seven decades.

G. Ogden Nutting served in many capacities at his family's business, Ogden Newspapers, Inc., for more than 60 years. His contributions, both professional and philanthropic, benefited numerous organizations in Wheeling to include the Oglebay Foundation, the Wheeling Park Commission, the Salvation Army, United Way, the Elks and Rotary clubs, Bethany College, West Liberty University, and West Virginia University. Ogden was recognized by national organizations for his excellence in and passion for the newspaper industry and for setting standards for future generations of journalists.

His partner throughout has been his wife Betty Woods "Snookie" Nutting. Her commitment to historic preservation literally changed the face of Wheeling, helping to save and rehabilitate dozens of Victorian-era buildings in West Virginia's first capital city. She recognized excellence and beauty in the city's historical architecture while epitomizing it in the way she lives her life and serves her community.

I am proud to have called Ogden Nutting a friend to me and my family and am humbled to extend my deep gratitude to Snookie for her loyal and selfless dedication to making our State a better place. To their family and friends, I share in your grief in Ogden's passing, celebrate his life, and am enriched by the example these two fine West Virginians have set for all of us. Wheeling and the entire State of West Virginia are a better place because of these two fine people.●

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT SCULLEY

• Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I rise today to salute Robert "Bob" Sculley for his many years of dedicated service at the New Hampshire Motor Transport Association, NHMTA. Bob is retiring from his longtime role as president and CEO of an association that represents multiple occupations and hundreds of members across the Granite State, and he leaves a legacy worthy of our praise and our gratitude.

Bob draws on decades of experience and in-depth knowledge in his advo-

cacy for the motor transport industry. After earning a bachelor of science from the University of Rhode Island in 1977, Bob started a career with Federal Express that brought him around New England to posts in Rhode Island, Vermont, Massachusetts, Maine, and New Hampshire. His quick rise in the ranks—from his first role as courier to his last as station manager—is a reflection of his work ethic, his sound judgment, and his eagerness to learn the nuts and bolts of an industry that is vital to our American way of life.

When he was hired as the president and CEO of the New Hampshire Motor Transport Association in 1989, Bob assumed leadership of an organization with 110 members and 2 employees. He was responsible for growing the trade association and enriching the programs and services that it provides to its members. In addition to increasing membership among New Hampshire truck owners and operators, Bob also entered into agreements to represent the interests of the Energy Marketers Association of New Hampshire and the Vermont Truck and Bus Association under the NHMTA umbrella. Thirteen employees now provide advocacy and services within an association that boasts a combined membership of approximately 700 members. Each employee and each member of NHMTA knows Bob Sculley as a knowledgeable resource, a skilled advocate, and a good and generous man.

Throughout his tenure as president and CEO, Bob established programs that simplified operations and offered a variety of benefits to members. He kept truck owners and operators aware of government regulations, and he created a drug and alcohol testing consortium and clearinghouse compliance program to ensure drivers meet Federal and State requirements. He moved NHMTA to a new 10,000-square-foot facility in Concord, NH—named the Robert J. Sculley Building in his honor—that offers ample workspace for staff and in-house training opportunities for members. He launched a self-insured workers compensation fund that comprises nearly 100 small businesses, improves the safety of their operations, and ensures prompt care for employees who need it. The program is administered at NHMTA's Concord facility and has returned more than \$19 million in dividends to members. He started a voluntary dental program that pools purchasing power to allow small businesses to access volume discounts not otherwise available to them. Bob's achievements over the years have reinforced an industry that plays a pivotal role in our regional and national economy.

I have known Bob for decades. As State senator, Governor of New Hampshire, and now U.S. Senator, I have crossed paths with him at many meetings and events around the State. I always welcome his perspective and advice on ways we can strengthen the motor transport and energy industries.