

The pie social started in 1984 when Lawrence recognized the need for community members to connect directly with those who seek to represent them. He developed this cornerstone event as a forum for fellowship with friends and neighbors. As the Pine Bluffs Post notes, folks from “. . . Eastern Laramie County eagerly look forward to the premier social event of the campaign season.”

We all know the best way to celebrate our common goals is to share a meal. Lawrence took this principle to the next level, asking all who attend to bring a homemade pie. Lawrence was the kind of leader who used the lessons he learned growing up on his family's homestead to solve community issues. He was never afraid to do the work himself and was, as the Pine Bluffs Post notes, “Known for years as one of the hardest workers in the Republican Party. Lawrence Anderson earned the nickname ‘Mayor of North Burns’ which he held with pride.”

Lawrence, his late wife Joanne, and the entire Anderson family, leave a legacy of service to Eastern Laramie County. I served with Rodney Pete Anderson, when he represented Wyoming House District 10 in the legislature. Leonard Anderson, Lawrence's brother, served as the mayor of Pine Bluffs.

Although Lawrence left us in 2018, his quiet brand of leadership remains. We are all better for learning from his humble and patient spirit. He embodied the Wyoming Code of the West. From farming to serving on the boards for Community Action of Laramie County and Laramie County School District 2, Lawrence did what had to be done, was tough, but fair and always rode for the brand.

Lawrence leaves behind a large family. His children are Mark Anderson and wife Judy; Craig Anderson and wife Gail; and Sharon Anderson—grandchildren are Jolie Sawyer; Kelly Janes and husband David; Brett Anderson and wife Lori; Ryan Anderson and wife Alli; Jeremy Anderson and wife Rachel; Robert Anderson; and Taya Anderson; along with numerous great-grandchildren.

In honor of the 40th anniversary of this iconic Wyoming event, I applaud the Laramie County community, this year's coordinator Mike Heath and the other leaders who have worked to continue this tradition. We are all fortunate to continue in the footsteps of Lawrence Anderson.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING RAYMON ENTERPRISES, INC.

• 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 Raymon Enterprises of Albion, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

In 1973, Don Martin founded Donco Industries in Waterloo. The company started by manufacturing passive sound absorption materials for heating, ventilation, and air conditioning—HVAC—systems with just four employees and two motorized machines. In 1979, after moving to a new location above a bowling alley in Eldora, Larry and Joynell Raymon took an interest in the business. The Raymons took a leap of faith and acquired the company in 1985, after moving operations to their current location in Albion.

In 2006, the Raymon family renamed the business to Raymon Enterprises. Today, the family company is a major manufacturer of commercial-grade grilles, registers, and diffusers used in HVAC systems across the United States and Canada. In 2022, Larry's son Chad was named president of the company that now employs more than 80 people and operates out of a 65,000-square-foot state-of-the-art facility in Albion. In 2023, Raymon Enterprises celebrated its 50th anniversary, marking over five decades of high-quality products and incredible customer service.

Over the years, Raymon Enterprises has not only focused on company growth but also on giving back to the community. In 1988, Larry received the Small Business Administration's Des Moines District Small Business Person of the Year award. In 1992, the company was named the Marshalltown Chamber Member of the Year. Today, Raymon Enterprises holds membership with the American Legion, American Veterans, the Farm Bureau, and the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, and Air-Conditioning Engineers.

As a member of the Army National Guard, Larry has a special appreciation for those who serve. Using their own funds, the Raymon family opened the Raymon Veterans Park in Albion. The park features a fully restored M110A2 Howitzer from Operation Desert Storm and, most importantly, a beautiful dedication plaza to honor America's veterans. In 2023, the park hosted its first Memorial Day service, attracting over 300 people who came to show their support and gratitude. The family hopes to continue the tradition each year on Memorial Day.

After years of leading the company, Larry passed away in February 2024. His leadership extended beyond business through his work to make a significant impact in Iowa and the Albion community. Larry served in the Army National Guard and founded the Marshalltown Economic Development Impact Committee, a community-based economic development organization that created over 100 new jobs in Marshall County.

The entire Raymon family exemplifies the spirit of perseverance and dedication to your community. I want to congratulate the Raymon family and

everyone at Raymon Enterprises for their continued commitment to Albion and the entire State of Iowa. As they continue forward, their legacy of excellence and community service is sure to inspire future generations. I look forward to witnessing their continued growth and success in Iowa.●

RECOGNIZING THE KRESGE FOUNDATION

• Mr. PETERS. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the work and legacy of the Kresge Foundation, an organization founded and headquartered in suburban Detroit, as they celebrate 100 years of philanthropy. Over the past century, the Kresge Foundation has remained true to its profoundly simple yet decidedly impactful founding mission to “promote the well-being of mankind,” while also serving as a leader and example for philanthropic efforts the world over. It is a privilege and honor to recognize the centennial milestone of this singular organization on June 11, 2024.

The Kresge Foundation was founded in Detroit in 1924 by department store businessman and philanthropist Sebastian Spering Kresge, whose S.S. Kresge Co.—and later, Kmart—brought affordable goods to everyday Americans in communities across the country. To help commemorate the 25th anniversary of his company's founding, Mr. Kresge set aside a \$1.3 million gift for the initial endowment of his foundation, followed up shortly after by an additional donation of 500,000 shares of common stock in the S.S. Kresge Co. This founding endowment not only allowed the Kresge Foundation to establish itself and its mission but to grow alongside the company it shares its name with, ultimately expanding into the global philanthropic organization it is today.

Beginning with its first charitable donation in 1925—a \$100 grant to the Salvation Army of Detroit—and expanding outward from there, the Kresge Foundation has built a record of transformative and innovative philanthropic work over its history. Through its grant-making efforts, particularly the use of its signature challenge grants, the Kresge Foundation has awarded over \$5 billion in funding over its 100 years to worthy causes across all 50 States, Washington, DC, two U.S. territories, and 18 countries around the world.

Today, its multifaceted work spans six key priority areas, which include arts and culture, community development, the city of Detroit, environment, education, and health and human services. From supporting cutting-edge medical research at the Kresge Eye Institute in Ann Arbor to building bridges to promising futures for Detroit school children at the School at Marygrove, the foundation's impact truly spans the breadth of human endeavor and need.

Perhaps its cornerstone partnership, however, lies with its commitments to

the city of Detroit and its residents. Across the history of the foundation and the city itself, the collaboration between the two has proven indispensable, with the Kresge Foundation playing a key leadership role in navigating the city's ever-evolving opportunities and challenges. Notable efforts include opening up access to the city's waterfront with the creation of the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy; setting the city on a sustainable, forward-looking path through the drafting of the Detroit Future City plan; stabilizing and reconnecting neighborhoods across the city through the Kresge Innovative Projects: Detroit program; fostering a vibrant arts and culture ecosystem through the creation of the Gilda Awards, and, finally, assisting with the city's exit from bankruptcy and ensuring that the solutions put forward to address the city's financial challenges were always rooted in principles of justice and inclusivity. Overall, the ongoing collaboration between Detroit and the Kresge Foundation has amounted to over \$1 billion in investment made across the city. The impact of those investments on Detroit's many communities, neighborhoods, and families cannot be overstated.

Given this incredibly rich history and exceptional legacy of impact and partnership, I ask you to join me in recognizing the Kresge Foundation as it celebrates its 100th anniversary. As they begin their second century of philanthropic leadership, I am confident that they will continue to build on that good work.●

RECOGNIZING THE GREAT LAKES BAY REGIONAL CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU

● Mr. PETERS. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate the Great Lakes Bay Regional Convention and Visitors Bureau on the completion and dedication of the Henry G. Marsh Mural and Plaza Project beneath the I-675 bridge. Sharing the late mayor of Saginaw's name, the Henry Marsh Plaza now highlights a main gateway to downtown Saginaw with improvements to infrastructure, increased safety and space for pedestrian use. It is a privilege and honor to recognize the life and accomplishments of Henry Marsh and the commitment of Go Great Lakes Bay and the many other Saginaw leaders that came together to create this community gathering space.

Descended from an enslaved grandfather, Henry Marsh was born in 1921 in Knoxville, TN. His upbringing in the deep South enabled him to personally witness the struggles of Black Americans attempting to earn equal status as citizens. In 1942, Marsh was drafted into the U.S. Army for World War II, serving in North Africa, and Sicily—arriving at Anzio Beachhead in Italy just 3 days before the Allied invasion.

In December 1945, Henry Marsh was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army and returned to Knoxville Col-

lege where he was a founding member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity on campus and served as the organization's president. Henry and his wife Ruth were married in September 1948 in Virginia, before Marsh enrolled at Wayne State University Law School where he earned his law degree in 1950.

Henry and his family moved to Saginaw in 1954, where he opened a law practice and became deeply involved in the community. In 1960, he was approached by a group of businesspeople known as the Committee of Fifty, to run for Saginaw City Council. He became the first African-American to be elected to the council and received the highest vote total of all the candidates.

In 1967, Henry Marsh became the first Black mayor of Saginaw and one of the first three Black ayors elected in the U.S. Marsh held office during the tumultuous late 1960s. Three months into his term, riots broke out in Detroit and within 2 days, made their way to Saginaw. During his tenure as mayor, Saginaw was named an "All-American City" by Life Magazine, as well as a model city by HUD. Marsh served as mayor until 1969, when he returned to his law practice and remained deeply involved in the Saginaw community until his death in 2011 at age 89.

Encompassing a 1,560-square-foot area, the Henry Marsh Mural illustrates the late mayor's life and contributions to the city. The artist Stephen Hargash created a mural that showcases Marsh's devotion to his faith, family, and community. The mural reconnects Saginaw's North and South sides and acts as a centerpiece for the new urban space known as Henry Marsh Plaza.

Born out of a promise Annette Rummel, CEO of Go Great Lakes, made to the late mayor to turn the bridge named after him into a space he could be proud of, this mural and plaza project has transformed the area into a well-lit, pedestrian friendly space that reunites the community. This project is one of several legacy projects completed as part of the 2024 Memorial Cup hosted in Saginaw.

I trust that my Senate colleagues will join me in congratulating the Go Great Lakes Bay Convention and Visitors Bureau and Saginaw leaders on the completion of the Henry Marsh Mural and Plaza Project honoring the legacy of Mayor Henry G. Marsh.●

TRIBUTE TO GAIL MCGOVERN

● Mr. SCOTT of Florida. Mr. President, I stand to recognize and congratulate Gail McGovern, president and CEO of the American Red Cross, on her retirement. Gail has been the President and CEO of the American Red Cross since 2008. She holds a bachelor of arts degree from Johns Hopkins University and an MBA from Columbia University.

Under Gail's leadership, the American Red Cross has helped countless Americans and Floridians in their mo-

ments of need. Since 2015, Gail and the American Red Cross have provided help and support for six hurricanes that impacted Florida: Hurricane Hermine in 2016, Hurricane Irma in 2017, Hurricane Michael in 2018, Hurricane Sally in 2020, Hurricane Ian in 2022, and Hurricane Idalia in 2023. In addition, the American Red Cross helped out brothers and sisters in Puerto Rico following Hurricane Maria in 2017.

Prior to joining the American Red Cross, Gail was a faculty member at the Harvard Business School, president of Fidelity Personal Investments, and executive vice president at AT&T's Consumers Markets Division.

One of the best things about the State of Florida is that when Floridians are in need, there is always a helping hand available; Gail, the American Red Cross, and their many committed volunteers are a prime example of that. It is my honor to congratulate Gail on her many achievements and on her retirement.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. PAUL LEBLANC

● Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, as the senior Senator from New Hampshire, I rise to celebrate the career of Southern New Hampshire University President Paul LeBlanc and congratulate him on his 21 years of leadership to the university, as well as his significant contributions to the higher education sector, as he steps down this summer.

Fueled by his own experience as a first-generation immigrant college student, Dr. LeBlanc has been driven throughout his career to make college more accessible and affordable to all learners, regardless of their personal circumstances. Appointed as SNHU's president in 2003, his work has created more inclusive opportunities for learners in New Hampshire, across the country and globally.

As SNHU's fifth president, with a reputation as a pioneer and leader in online education, Dr. LeBlanc has played a pivotal role in reshaping the university into a forward-thinking global institution committed to student success, accessibility, and innovation. Under Dr. LeBlanc's direction, SNHU grew from 2,500 students to more than 225,000 learners, making SNHU the largest nonprofit provider of higher education in the country. With his vision to make higher education more accessible, Dr. LeBlanc has conferred more than 200,000 degrees during his tenure at SNHU. The university also ranks among the most innovative universities in the country and as a top employer nationwide.

As a thought leader in learner-centered higher education innovation, Dr. LeBlanc is the author of two books, "Students First: Access, Equity, and Opportunity in Higher Education," published by Harvard Education Press in 2021, and "Broken: How Our Social Systems are Failing Us and How We Can Fix Them" published in 2022. His