

commander, Headquarters and Service Company, 524th Military Intelligence Battalion.

Lieutenant General Daniels' professionalism advanced national security initiatives around the globe as she served in key staff assignments to include chief of staff, U.S. Army Forces Command; assistant deputy chief of staff G-2, office of the deputy chief of staff, G-2; deputy director and director, Intelligence and Knowledge Development Directorate (J2) for U.S. Africa Command; and assistant chief of staff for U.S. Africa Command. I, along with countless others, applaud her highly effective leadership and appreciate her ability to connect with servicemembers within her ranks.

I thank Lieutenant General Daniels for her dedicated service to the U.S. Army and our Nation. Part of what makes the U.S. military the greatest in the world is that servicemembers like Jody voluntarily dedicate their lives to serve and sacrifice for this country. Military service is a family affair so I also express our gratitude for the support of her husband, Col. (Ret.) John McCarthy and stepdaughter Shannon. I wish them all the best in what I hope to be a restful and enjoyable future.

REMEMBERING JOSE A. OLIVIERI

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, today I rise to honor the life and legacy of Jose A. Olivieri, an accomplished attorney, determined civic leader, and a pillar in the Hispanic community in Milwaukee, whose work left an indelible mark on the State of Wisconsin.

Born in Santurce, PR, he moved to Waukesha, WI, to attend Carroll College, where he graduated in 1978 with a bachelor's degree in political science. In 1981 he received his juris doctorate from Marquette University Law School and, the same year, joined Michael Best as an associate.

Jose's career at Michael Best spanned 43 years of service in both the legal and academic profession. He was the firm's longest serving chair, leading the firm's higher education industry group and founding Michael Best's immigration law practice. His leadership roles also extended to the Milwaukee office managing partner and labor and employment relations chair and government and public policy group cochair roles. His work largely centered around counseling universities on a variety of issues and employment law issues and later taught law seminar at Marquette University and spoke on employment and immigration issues.

Jose was also a founding member and past president of the Wisconsin Hispanic Lawyers Association. He served on several additional boards over the years, including the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents, the Mount Mary University Board of Trustees, past chair of Carroll University's Board of Trustees, and National Association of College and University Attorneys—NACUA.

Beyond his work at Michael Best, Jose was deeply committed to strengthening his Milwaukee community. Jose was described as hard working, humble, and as the premier leader of the Wisconsin Hispanic Community by local leaders. He was passionate about education access and elderly care and spent his time advocating on behalf of those issues. For 40 years, he worked with the United Community Center in the Walkers Point neighborhood of Milwaukee, including serving as the chair of the board of directors to strengthen Milwaukee's near South Side neighborhoods. He also held positions on the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, Milwaukee Public Library Foundation, Milwaukee Art Museum, United Way of Greater Milwaukee, Lutheran Social Services, and Froedtert Health System boards.

Throughout his career, Jose received awards and recognitions that highlighted the work and dedication he demonstrated to his community. He was a recipient of the Notable Alumni Award by BizTimes Media, Future Milwaukee Community Service Award, Metropolitan Milwaukee Civic Alliance Special Service Award, the Todd Wehr Award from the Greater Milwaukee chapter of the national Society of fundraising executives, the Greater Milwaukee Foundation's President's Leadership in Racial Equity and Social Justice Award, the Posner Pro Bono Award, and named a Top Latino Lawyer by Latino Leaders magazine. He was consistently included on the prestigious Best Lawyers list, including Lawyer of the Year twice.

Jose's legacy is one of professional excellence and dedicated public service. Our Milwaukee community is better because of Jose, and he will be missed.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO ELLEN NISSENBAUM

• Mr. BOOKER. Mr. President, I wish to recognize Ellen Nissenbaum, senior adviser and senior member of the government affairs team at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, for her extraordinary leadership towards meeting the needs of people with low incomes.

On July 24, the Coalition on Human Needs will honor Ms. Nissenbaum with its 2024 Human Needs Hero award. For over 40 years, Ellen Nissenbaum has been a tireless and effective advocate, protecting and advancing Federal programs to improve health and reduce hunger and poverty.

In 1984, Ms. Nissenbaum testified on behalf of the formerly named Coalition on Block Grants and Human Needs before the Senate Committee on Agriculture, chaired then by Senator Jesse Helms, to oppose a bill allowing States to opt into a block grant to replace the Federal Food Stamp program. Then and now, she stood firmly for the responsibility of the Federal Government

to ensure that the basic needs of Americans are met, wherever they live, protected from discrimination based on race, ethnicity, disability, or poverty.

Ms. Nissenbaum was part of the initial staff of seven at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities at its formation in 1984 and has been an essential leader in the decades since. She is a master of the complexities of the Federal budget process, providing respected and reliable information to Members of Congress and human needs advocates alike about the impact of Federal proposals on the health and well-being of people with low incomes.

Over the decades, Ms. Nissenbaum has educated Congress and human needs advocates about the need for strong Medicaid, SNAP, and low-income tax credit programs and has played a truly significant role in expanding benefits for those most in need. Millions of Americans, young and old alike, have been helped because of Ellen Nissenbaum's work. I am proud of the opportunities I have had to work with her to secure major advances in the child tax credit and to protect against efforts to reduce benefits in Medicaid, SNAP, and other programs.

Ms. Nissenbaum is a stellar educator of policymakers and advocates, speaking regularly to faith and civil rights groups and those advocating to improve health and reduce poverty, hunger, and inequality in this Nation. She has been a very effective member of the board of the Coalition on Human Needs for decades and is a regular speaker at its weekly meetings of advocates.

Members of Congress, the executive branch, and advocates alike all know that Ellen Nissenbaum's command of facts and analysis of policy options is utterly reliable. She is respected by all because of her rigorous, fact-based approach.

All of Ellen Nissenbaum's work is grounded in her devotion to reducing inequality. She recognizes that the growing concentration of wealth and income, unfairly untaxed, prevents our Nation from making the investments needed to ensure that no one is denied health coverage or is too poor to afford nutritious food.

Over the years, Ms. Nissenbaum has addressed organizations representing diverse faiths, helping them to advocate effectively to demand a strong Federal role in reducing poverty. She has been a mainstay of the Coalition on Human Needs' strong efforts to lift up the needs of the poor, people of color, immigrants, children, the aging, and people with disabilities in Federal budget and tax decision-making. It is my honor and privilege to recognize Ellen Nissenbaum today for her unflagging commitment and effectiveness and to celebrate her receiving the Coalition on Human Needs' 2024 Human Needs Hero award. •

TRIBUTE TO DR. LAURENCE B. ALEXANDER

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Dr. Laurence B. Alexander for his exceptional and transformative leadership as his tenure as the ninth chancellor of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff comes to a close.

Dr. Alexander set ambitious goals for UAPB when he arrived on campus, and as a result of his steadfast and unwavering pursuit of excellence, the school has met or exceeded many of those aspirations. Over the past 11 years with Dr. Alexander at the helm, UAPB experienced its largest increase in graduation rates in over a decade. From 2016 to today, UAPB's 6-year graduation rate has increased from 23 percent to 40 percent, an increase of almost 75 percent. UAPB also experienced its highest retention rates in the school's history at 77 percent. Under his leadership, UAPB achieved recognition as a Top-25 public Historically Black Colleges and Universities in the U.S. News and World Report and rose to the 15th ranked institution in the Washington Monthly ranking of Bachelor's Colleges. Dr. Alexander's hand in that success has been very clear to the surrounding community. He was recognized in 2017 by the Arkansas Business Journal Influencer in Education, featured as one of the Arkansas Business 200 Most Influential Leaders by Arkansas Business Publishing Group in 2018, and recognized nationally as one of the HBCU Campaign Fund's 10 Most Dominant HBCU Leaders in 2019.

His strategic vision has brought millions in additional grant funding and research dollars to the university and attracted world-class scientists and researchers, paving the way for UAPB to be recognized as a national leader in nanotechnology, biomedicine, agriculture, aquaculture, biotechnology, nutrition, water, and farm management.

As an 1890 Land-Grant Institution, UAPB has continued to fulfill its mission to promote education in agriculture, Arkansas' largest industry. With the average age of today's farmer being over 57 years old, it is schools like UAPB, with leaders like Dr. Alexander, that are helping develop the next generation of agriculturalists who will make critical advancements to meet the needs of today's producers.

Along with advancing UAPB's high-quality teaching and nursing programs and promoting the stellar Reserve Officers Training Corps program, Dr. Alexander has been instrumental in establishing new agricultural engineering, hospitality management, and master of business administration programs. UAPB is empowering students with real skills they can use to serve their communities and address some of Arkansas' greatest needs.

Dr. Alexander's impact reaches well beyond the city of Pine Bluff, Jefferson County, and even Arkansas State lines. He became the first leader of an 1890

Land-Grant Institution to be appointed to serve as chair of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development, which advises the U.S. Agency for International Development on how to leverage the expertise and assets of American universities to support food security and development efforts abroad.

I congratulate Dr. Alexander on his exceptional and impactful tenure at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and thank him for all he has done.

While Dr. Alexander's time in the Natural State has come to close, he has certainly left it better than he found it. Thanks to his efforts, UAPB has plenty to look forward to on the horizon. For that, all Arkansans are grateful.

I wish him the very best as he moves on to his next endeavor and hope he knows he will always have a home in Arkansas.●

TRIBUTE TO LYNN HELMS

• Mr. CRAMER. Mr. President, I rise to honor the 26 years of distinguished service of a remarkable North Dakota public servant who retired June 30.

Lynn Helms, longtime director of the North Dakota Department of Mineral Resources, has been an invaluable and supportive resource to me in the U.S. Senate, as he was when I served in the House of Representatives and the North Dakota Public Service Commission. Through all these years, he made himself available whenever I asked, testifying at hearings, meeting with other lawmakers and regulators, and always providing wise and valued counsel to me and my staff.

He is a treasure, not just to North Dakota, but to the entire energy industry. He is a spectacular regulator who understands the role of regulation, the role of rich mineral resources in North Dakota, and the contribution of these resources to American security and America's economy.

In the Senate, I worked with him on several efforts and initiatives. A notable collaboration included the RE-GROW Act, a bipartisan bill to remediate the Nation's orphaned wells, which was built off the State program Lynn implemented. His leadership helped secure its inclusion in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, which was signed into law on November 2021.

A graduate of the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, Lynn spent his early years as a petroleum engineer with Texaco and the Hess Corporation. Since 1998, as the director of the North Dakota Oil and Gas Division and now the Department of Mineral Resources, he has had a front row seat to oil and gas development in our State. Through the ups and downs and challenges and triumphs, he helped steer North Dakota's petroleum industry through decades of responsible growth.

He is the consummate professional, explaining to all of us the intricate challenges of regulating the drilling and production of North Dakota's oil and gas resources. His genial demeanor and steady voice during his 26 years with the State helped us all navigate through this epic time in our State's history.

Today, North Dakota's economy is thriving due to the sensible energy development policies and reasonable regulations the State has championed. As a leading oil producing State, North Dakota's petroleum industry enhances the quality of life for our residents now and well into the future.

During Lynn's tenure, the State's average daily oil production increased from 99,217 barrels per day in 1998 to an alltime high of 1,519,037 in 2019 before stabilizing. Under his supervision, natural gas capture also reached an alltime high of more than 3.5 billion cubic feet per day.

It will take decades for the impact of Lynn Helms' contributions to our State to be adequately measured. On a personal note, I will miss working with him as a valued colleague. On behalf of all North Dakotans, I thank him for his years of service to the State of North Dakota. I congratulate him on his well-earned retirement and wish him many years of health and happiness in the future.●

RECOGNIZING BARN WIRED

• 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 Barn Wired of Sigourney, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

The owner of Barn Wired, Amanda Snakenberg embodies the essence of American entrepreneurship. Amanda sold personally designed barn boards and barbed-wired signs at craft fairs and farmers markets across Iowa as a side hustle that eventually led to the opening of Barn Wired in 2015. After 2 years of renting, Amanda's passion and dedication led her family to purchase a brick-and-mortar storefront on the historic downtown square in Sigourney that is located next to the town mural, offering a warm and welcoming atmosphere for all her customers. Barn Wired evolved from a specialty home decor business to a multifunctional community hub where not only can you buy one-of-a-kind crafts and home decorations, it also houses the only full-service coffee shop in the town. Barn Wired is no stranger to hosting community gatherings, wedding rehearsal dinners, class reunions, and special holidays.

Today, Barn Wired employs 12 people throughout the community and will soon celebrate its 10th anniversary. Barn Wired offers a great selection of home-cooked meals, smoked meats,