

Donohue for his accomplishments as a scientist over the past 40 years. I am honored to recognize this momentous milestone and Dr. Donohue's numerous contributions to science.

Dr. Donohue began his path with a bachelors of life sciences from the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn in 1975, followed by a master's in microbiology from Pennsylvania State University in 1977, before receiving his Ph.D. in microbiology from Pennsylvania State University in 1980.

In 1986, Dr. Donohue began as an assistant professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Department of Bacteriology. He rose to associate professor in 1991 and full professor in 1996. During this time, he has come to be an internationally recognized expert on bio- and genome-based conversion of renewable resources into valuable products. His research focuses on microbial metabolic and regulatory pathways, genomic and systems biology, and the strategies that microbes use to grow and generate chemicals and alternative fuels from renewable resources.

Currently, Dr. Donohue serves as the director of the Wisconsin Energy Institute and is the Ira L. Baldwin Professor of Bacteriology and the UW Foundation's Fetzner-Bascom Professor.

During his tenure, Dr. Donohue has earned countless achievements. He is the past president and secretary of the American Society of Microbiology, an honorary fellow at the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Academy of Microbiology, and recipient of the 2018 Promega Biotechnology research award given by the American Academy of Microbiology. He has also served on numerous Federal and international advisory panels and led federally funded graduate training programs.

Since 2007, Dr. Donohue has also served as the principal investigator and director of the Great Lakes Bioenergy, a U.S. Department of Energy funded Bioenergy Research Center led by the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The center conducts pioneering research that develops sustainable biofuels and bioproducts made from crops with the goal of creating biofuels and bioproducts that are economically viable and environmentally sustainable. The center's renewable fuel and chemicals research has trained over 1,000 scientists and engineers, made advancements in over 250 patent applications and 100 licensed technologies, and provided the scientific underpinnings for five start-up companies.

Dr. Donohue's continued work in this vital field and dedication to research and education will continue to make a positive impact for many years to come, and I am proud to recognize his lifelong commitment to the pursuit of science and discovery.

TRIBUTE TO TYLER COOPER

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to

express my appreciation to Tyler for his hard work as an intern in my office in Casper, WY. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office, as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Tyler is a native of Casper. He attends Casper College, where he studies political science. 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 Tyler 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 PHILIP ELLIS

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, at the 112th Wyoming State Fair, Senator LUMMIS and I will have the pleasure of introducing Philip Ellis as a 2024 inductee into the Wyoming Agriculture Hall of Fame.

Philip Ellis is a fifth-generation rancher. He grew up near Chugwater, where he developed a passion for agriculture at a young age. Philip is a University of Wyoming graduate and the current owner and operator of the Marsh and Ellis Ranch.

Ellis has spent most of his life serving the Wyoming ag industry and his community. He had an extensive career in banking, as a young ag lender in Cheyenne and later as the board chairman of the Oregon Trail Bank in Guernsey. While in agricultural lending, Ellis learned how to manage multiple projects and build relationships. This helped him excel in State level agricultural leadership roles.

He has a long history of involvement in organizations supporting the beef industry. Over the years, he has advocated for the agricultural industry. He did this while serving on several policy committees and holding various State and national positions along the way. He continued to advance his leadership in roles at the Wyoming Stock Growers Association, where he served as president from 2003 to 2005. Ellis also served on the National Cattlemen's Beef Association board of directors and several policy committees.

In 2015, he rose to the position of president of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, where he served the beef industry on a national platform. In 2017, he received the Wyoming Stock Growers Association's Guardian of the Grasslands Award for his outstanding efforts in protecting the natural resources of Wyoming.

Philip's dedication and passion for the Wyoming agriculture and the beef industry makes him an outstanding choice for the Wyoming Agriculture Hall of Fame. It is a great honor to participate in Philip's induction. I congratulate Philip Ellis as a 2024 inductee into the Wyoming Hall of Fame.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PETROLEUM ASSOCIATION OF WYOMING

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I rise today to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Petroleum Association of Wyoming. On August 21 through 23, the Petroleum Association of Wyoming will celebrate 50 years of operation during its annual Rockies Petroleum Conference in Laramie, WY.

In 1910, Wyoming Governor B.B. Brooks sought to protect the State's oil industry and organized an oil convention. In 1921, The Rocky Mountain Oil and Gas Association was formed in Casper, WY, to advocate for oil-based trade and production in the Rocky Mountain States. Governor Brooks served as the first president, along with volunteer Secretary-Treasurer George Jarvis. In 1945, President Paul Stock was elected president.

In 1974, the Rocky Mountain Oil and Gas Association's Wyoming division office and the Wyoming Oil Industry Committee joined forces to form the Petroleum Association of Wyoming. Wyoming's oil history dates back to 1832 when fur trader Capt. B. L. E. Bonneville traveled to the Wind River Valley. He found oil springs southeast of present-day Lander. The State's first oil well would be drilled there five decades later by Pennsylvania oilfield explorer Mike Murphy. Murphy sold mainly to the Union Pacific railroad, where the oil was used as a lubricant for railcar axles, and to tanners in Utah.

Wyoming's first oil refinery was built in Casper by the Pennsylvania Oil and Gas Company in 1895. It was located east of Center Street, near the Chicago and North Western railroad tracks. The refinery produced 100 barrels of oil per day. Several more refineries opened around the State in the decades following. By 1920, there were 16 refineries in Wyoming. Total production capacity was 88,000 barrels of crude oil per day. Today, four operating refineries are located in Casper, Sinclair, Evanston, and Newcastle. They have the capacity to refine 125,850 barrels per day. In 2023, Wyoming ranked eighth nationally in crude oil production with 96.8 million barrels. At its height in 2022, Wyoming had 27,951 producing oil and gas wells. Today, nearly 55 percent of Wyoming's surface lands are owned by the Federal or State government. Federal lands issues are a top priority for the Petroleum Association. The organization advocates for multiple uses for the safe and sustainable development of oil and gas resources. It works to educate landowners on their rights and responsibilities concerning mineral development.

In 2021, Wyoming's petroleum industry employed over 20,000 people with an annual payroll of \$3.6 billion plus. Oil and gas producers paid \$2.42 billion in taxes in 2023. This helps to fund numerous areas, including education, public infrastructure, and local governments. Today's association members range

from the majority of top producers to small mom-and-pop operations. These account for more than 90 percent of Wyoming's oil and natural gas production. My friends Bruce Hinchey, John Robitaille, and the late Rick Robitaille all served in executive positions with the association. They, along with current President Pete Obermueller and all past and present employees, put in countless hours with the Wyoming Oil & Gas Commission, State legislators, Governors, and the Federal delegation. These entities work together on permitting, BLM Environmental Impact Statements, environmental lawsuits, and so much more.

The Petroleum Association is led by these staff, board officers, board of directors, and management committee: President Pete Obermueller, Vice President and Director of Communications Ryan McConnaughey, Regulatory Affairs Director Colin McKee, Office Manager and Executive Assistant Rachel Sanborn, Chairman Shelley Shelby, Continental Resources, Vice Chairman Gabriel Sepulveda, Williams, and Secretary-Treasurer Peter Wold, Wold Oil Company, Joe Milczewski, Occidental Petroleum Corporation, Dan Zilmer, Merit Energy Company, Brett Schuman, Halliburton, Steve Degenfelder, Kirkwood Oil and Gas, LLC, Greg Pulliam, Exxon | XTO Energy, Inc., Paul Sander, Aethon Energy Company, Tim Muniz, Impact Exploration, Nick Platek, Hilcorp Energy, Frances MacDonald, Anschutz Exploration Corporation, Niko Welch, Vaquero Big Horn, Bryce Ballard, Ballard Petroleum Holdings, Chad McLawhorn, Contango Oil and Gas Company, Chris Fling, Primary Fuels, LLC, Kaylene Gardner, Crowheart Energy, Josh Demorrett, ConocoPhillips, David Bush, Black Hills Energy, Tom Kirkwood, Westco Operating, Inc., Macey Wallace, Ovintiv, Jasmine Allison, PureWest Energy, Jenna Mays, ExxonMobil, Dave True, True Oil, LLC, Kyle True, Diamond Oil, LLC, Hank True, Eighty-Eight Oil, LLC, Paul Ulrich, Jonah Energy, LLC, Teddy Carter, Devon Energy Corp, Tracy Opp, EOG Resources, Inc., Tom VanKlee, Oil Mountain Energy, and Eli Bebout, Nucor Oil and Gas.

It is an honor to celebrate the crucial work done by the association over the last 50 years. My hope is that oil and gas will remain a strong and viable industry for decades to come. Warmest congratulations to the Petroleum Association of Wyoming on your golden anniversary.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING TAMAYO PERRY

• Mr. SCHATZ. Mr. President, last month, Hawai'i tragically lost a true surfing legend in Tamayo Perry.

Tamayo was many things: a renowned surfer, an accomplished actor, a beloved lifeguard, a man of deep

faith, and a cherished neighbor. Born in the small town of Hau'ula on Oahu, Tamayo was an audacious waterman whose dexterity in surfing and understanding of the sea was second to none. He turned his passion into a profession at a young age through a combination of grit, focus, and commitment that enabled him to overcome any challenge he faced in the water. Accolades and awards soon followed at the Pipeline Masters and elsewhere as he competed against the world's very best surfers.

Later, following an accident that he described as a "near-fatal experience," he turned his own brush with death into a teachable moment for young surfers in Honolulu, instilling in them surfing etiquette and safety. His lessons have and will continue to help save countless lives.

As an actor, Tamayo was known for roles in movies like *Pirates of the Caribbean* and *Blue Crush*. But even as he found fame globally, he never lost touch with his roots in Hawai'i. Those who knew him back home saw someone with immense skill and drive, with positivity and grace to match. They saw someone who was extraordinarily generous and loving, right to the very end—and they loved him dearly in return. For them and his ohana, Tamayo's untimely death is devastating, eased only by knowing that he spent his final moments where he was happiest: in the water.

I join everyone in Hawai'i and around the world in mourning Tamayo's loss. May his memory be a blessing.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. AUBREY K. LUCAS

• Mr. WICKER. Mr. President, on behalf of the people of Mississippi, I honor the exceptional public service of Dr. Aubrey K. Lucas, whose lifelong commitment to education has significantly benefited the people of Mississippi.

Dr. Lucas is an expert in education, beginning with the three degrees he earned studying the subject: bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Southern Mississippi and a Ph.D. from Florida State University. After completing his studies, he began his lengthy career serving Mississippi universities.

From 1971 to 1975, Dr. Lucas served as the fourth president of Delta State University in Cleveland, MS. He improved the school's reputation and led efforts to get the institution reaccredited for teacher education. On his watch, Delta State College became Delta State University.

The next year, Dr. Lucas was installed as the sixth president of the University of Southern Mississippi, USM. The university flourished under his care. He served as president for 21 years, overseeing the creation of the Center of International Education and the Polymer Science Institute. He did it all with style, always recognizable on campus for his trademark bowtie. In

true Dr. Lucas fashion, he answered the call to serve as interim president of USM on two separate occasions after he had retired.

Over the years, countless Mississippians and students have benefited from Dr. Lucas's dedicated work. Governor Haley Barbour recognized Dr. Lucas with the Mississippi Medal of Service. More recently, the Mississippi Pinnacle Awards bestowed on him the Lifetime Achievement-Humanitarian Award, in honor of his lifetime of public service.

Dr. Lucas remains active in many civic and charitable organizations. He serves as chair of the Mississippi Arts Commission and of the board of directors of the Hattiesburg Area Community Foundation. It is for his achievements, legacy, and continued service that I praise Dr. Aubrey K. Lucas today in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Stringer, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 10:04 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 227. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide an additional place for holding court for the Pecos Division of the Western District of Texas, and for other purposes.

S. 1973. An act to require the purchase of domestically made flags of the United States of America for use by the Federal Government.

S. 3706. An act to amend section 3663A of title 18, United States Code, to clarify that restitution includes necessary and reasonable expenses incurred by a person who has assumed the victim's rights.

S. 3249. An act to designate the outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Wyandotte County, Kansas City, Kansas, as the "Captain Elwin Shopteese V. Clinic".

S. 3285. An act to rename the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Butte, Montana, as the "Charlie Dowd VA Clinic".

S. 4548. An act to make a technical correction to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 by repealing section 5101 and enacting an updated version of the Foreign Extortion Prevention Act.

The enrolled bills, except S. 1973, were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mrs. MURRAY).

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of July 25, 2024, the enrolled