

clock is running out. There is no more time to waste.

#### TRIBUTE TO REVEREND DR. CARMEN PORCO

Ms. BALDWIN. Madam President, today I rise to honor the retirement of Rev. Dr. Carmen Porco following a 50-year career of dedicated service in Wisconsin communities. His tireless work advocating for access to housing and leading a multifront effort to fight poverty has touched thousands of lives across the State of Wisconsin.

Reverend Dr. Porco grew up in a small town in West Virginia. In his youth, he saw his mother put some of her hard-earned money toward helping support those who lost their jobs in a steel mill layoff. Inspired by his mother's selflessness, Reverend Dr. Porco began his career of public service early in his life. At 19 years old, he moved to Milwaukee to intern for the Milwaukee Christian Center. His internship focused on conflict resolution between youth gangs but exposed him to the now historic marches calling for open housing legislation. Between 1967 and 1968, African-American teenagers led by Father James Groppi marched for 200 nights throughout Milwaukee to advocate for fair housing. Reverend Dr. Porco joined those marches and in turn found a passion that shaped his entire career.

Reverend Dr. Porco went on to develop and lead Housing Ministries of Wisconsin, which aims to move residents from public housing toward homeownership. Throughout his long and impressive career, Reverend Dr. Porco has fought to end poverty by supporting and uplifting the individuals affected by it. He helped improve the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development with his revolutionary housing model. The model recognizes the importance of fighting poverty on multiple fronts by including opportunities for education and personal growth. Reverend Dr. Porco's housing model has since been implemented in over 800 units of section 8 housing across Wisconsin.

One of the properties managed by Reverend Dr. Porco was Greentree-Teutonia Community Learning Center in Milwaukee. To the 700 people who call Greentree home, the center offers more than just shelter. Greentree also provides education, job training, and other support programs. Despite roadblocks, Greentree has been immensely successful thanks to the dedication of leaders like Reverend Dr. Porco. The success of his programs shows the power of Reverend Dr. Porco's wholistic approach to combatting poverty.

Reverend Dr. Porco has been rightfully honored for his efforts on many levels. In 2006, he earned the prestigious Champions of Change award from the George W. Bush administration, acknowledging his extraordinary effort to end housing insecurity in Wis-

consin communities. He also earned the 2020 Hometown Hero award from the Wisconsin State Assembly for his decades of advocacy and the 2017 Dane County Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award, for upholding the values of the civil rights legend. In 2019, the nonprofit organization Center on Business and Poverty dedicated a faculty chair to his name, housed at the University of Oxford in England.

Reverend Dr. Porco has been a leading voice in equitable housing solutions for over 50 years. He has advocated with a tireless compassion, determination, and intellect—never ceasing in his service of those in need. Today, as Reverend Dr. Porco moves into retirement, he leaves a legacy of service that will not be forgotten. I am proud to join others across Wisconsin in honoring his career and lifetime of service.

#### REMEMBERING HERBERT "BERTIE" BOWMAN

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following statement be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

##### IN HONOR OF HERBERT "BERTIE" BOWMAN

Whereas, Bertie H. Bowman's remarkable life journey is an embodiment of the American dream, having transcended humble beginnings as the son of South Carolina sharecroppers to become the longest-serving African American congressional aide in history with 62 years of congressional service;

Whereas, in 1944, as a determined 13-year-old, Bertie Bowman arrived at the steps of the U.S. Capitol and embarked on a journey of resilience and unwavering dedication;

Whereas, Bertie Bowman's early days were marked by hardship, where he plowed fields barefoot and wore shoes only in winter, growing up with limited resources but boundless dreams;

Whereas, the pivotal moment when Senator Burnet R. Maybank extended a helping hand to Bertie, offering him a job sweeping the Capitol steps, ignited a path of opportunity that would define his extraordinary life;

Whereas, Bertie's tireless work ethic and determined spirit propelled him from sweeping the Capitol steps to serving 57 years at the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, a testament to his unwavering commitment to self-improvement and public service;

Whereas, the enduring friendship and mentorship shared between Bertie Bowman and Bill Clinton during their time working in the Capitol showcased the power of camaraderie that transcends age and race;

Whereas, Bertie Bowman's unique ability to find common ground and focus on the positive contributions of individuals, even those with differing views, demonstrated his commitment to civility and unity;

Whereas, Bertie's legacy is a testament to the belief that hard work, dedication, and the pursuit of opportunity can lead to extraordinary achievements, inspiring countless individuals to strive for greatness;

Whereas, in 2019, the U.S. Senate Federal Credit Union honored Bertie Bowman—who served on the Credit Union Board for 46 years including two terms as chairman—by naming their headquarters building after him, recognizing his enduring impact on the Senate and the importance of civility in public service;

Whereas, Bertie H. Bowman's life story serves as a timeless reminder of the boundless possibilities that await those who persevere, a testament to the American spirit and the values of hard work, friendship, and civility that define our nation;

Therefore, be it resolved, that we pay tribute to the enduring legacy of Bertie H. Bowman, his remarkable journey, and his indomitable spirit that continues to inspire us all by remembering his former office suite, Senate Dirksen 415.

#### RECOGNIZING THE USA BIOLYMPIAD GOLD MEDALISTS

Mr. CARDIN. Madam President, I rise today to recognize the four members of the 2024 USA Biolympiad (USABO) team. At the 35th International Biolympiad held in Astana, Kazakhstan, each of the four members were awarded a gold medal.

I am pleased to honor each of the gold medal recipients: Jason Wang of Marriottsville Ridge High School, Marriottsville, MD; Bill Kexin Sun, Seven Lakes High School, Katy, TX; Suzuko Ohshima, North Hollywood Senior High School, North Hollywood, CA; and Frederick Song, Solon High School, Solon, OH.

The USABO is the premiere biology education and testing program for American high school students. The program's mission is to stimulate the intellectual curiosity in young scholars and develop their critical thinking in laboratory skills and biological reasoning. The USABO is sponsored by the Center for Excellence in Education (CEE), a nonprofit organization that provides cost-free programs to high school students and teachers. The CEE seeks to nurture young scholars to careers of excellence and leadership in the field of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

This is an incredible achievement that speaks to the hard work and dedication of this Nation's finest young high school scholars who will pursue careers in STEM.

I congratulate these exceptional students and look forward to hearing of their continued success.

#### TRIBUTE TO OLIVIA DONNELLY

Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Olivia for her hard work as an intern in my Washington, DC, office. I recognize her efforts and contributions to my office, as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Olivia is a native of Virginia. She is currently a junior at Madeira School in McLean, VA. She has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made her an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of her work is reflected in her great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Olivia for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have her as part of our team. I know she will have continued success with

all of her future endeavors. I wish her all my best on her journey.

#### TRIBUTE TO ROBERT OLIVER

Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Robert for his hard work as an intern in the Senate Republican Conference. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office, as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Robert is a native of Utah. He recently graduated from Southern Utah University with a master's in public administration. 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 Robert 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 DUSTIN TANT

Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Dustin for his hard work as an intern in my Washington, DC, office. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office, as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Dustin is a native of South Carolina. He recently graduated from the University of South Carolina with a bachelor's in 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 Dustin 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 ZETA TRICKETT

Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Zeta for her hard work as an intern in Casper, Wyoming. I recognize her efforts and contributions to my office, as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Zeta is a native of Casper. She attends Casper College, where she is studying to obtain her Associates of Science in Wildlife and Fisheries Biology and Management. She has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made her an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of her work is reflected in her great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Zeta for the dedication she has shown while working for

me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have her as part of our team. I know she will have continued success with all of her future endeavors. I wish her all my best on her journey.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

#### TRIBUTE TO CLARISSA CAUTHORN

• Mr. SCHMITT. Madam President, I rise today to honor Clarissa Cauthorn of Columbia, MO, for her passionate leadership in agricultural policy and service to her local community in Missouri.

Agriculture is a way of life in Mid-Missouri, and Clarissa Cauthorn is a dedicated and innovative leader who has connected policymakers, bright students, and Members of Congress together to find the best solutions to challenges local farmers face. Clarissa's desire to serve in a leadership role is rooted in the work she and her husband Andrew facilitate on their farm near Mexico in Audrain County, MO. I had the privilege of visiting the Cauthorn farm this past October with Senator BOOZMAN and was honored to learn more about the important work Clarissa and other farmers across the State accomplish each season.

As the vice chairwoman of American Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers Committee, Clarissa is able to foster relationships with farmers, as well as use her service-oriented leadership to benefit her community and forge new connections. She also serves as a member of the University of Missouri Alumni Association Board of Directors and on the youth leadership committee for the Missouri Cattlemen's Association.

Clarissa Cauthorn is truly a "Champion of Missouri." I am appreciative of the work she and her husband do in their community and for farmers across Missouri. I admire her devotion to her husband Andrew and their three children J.R., Emmett, and Carter Sue and wish her continued success in her endeavors.●

#### TRIBUTE TO JACK FOSTER

• Mr. SCHMITT. Madam President, I rise today to honor Jack Foster of Lee's Summit, MO, for his heroic act of service to save the life of sports network host Peter Burns.

On September 13, Peter Burns and his colleagues dined at Bud's Classic BBQ in Columbia, MO, ahead of Saturday's Mizzou v. Boston College football game. As they ate, Burns began to choke on a piece of food. He motioned to the people at the table he could not breathe. Multiple people, including a friend and a nurse, attempted the Heimlich maneuver to dislodge the blockage in Burns' throat without success. As Burns started to lose his vision and slip into unconsciousness, Jack Foster came over and was able to successfully remove the food from Burns'

throat. Jack explained that he was a youth sports coach and had recently completed his CPR and Heimlich maneuver training to save people from choking. It was that timely training and Jack's willingness to help that saved Peter Burns' life.

Jack Foster is truly a "Champion of Missouri." Though Foster pushes back on being called a hero, his actions to save someone he did not know speak to his character. I am inspired by the confident use of his valuable training to help someone in need. I know Jack will continue to be a great example to the kids he coaches, and I hope he enjoys many Mizzou football games with his family and friends.●

#### TRIBUTE TO BOB KENDRICK

• Mr. SCHMITT. Madam President, I rise today to honor Bob Kendrick of Kansas City, MO, for his important leadership of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum (NLBM) and tireless advocacy for the rich history of African-American baseball.

Bob Kendrick has always been involved in the community he finds himself in, using his natural talents to accomplish meaningful work. As a journalist for the Kansas City Star, Bob highlighted important stories around the region, including the impact of the NLBM. This work inspired him to accept various executive positions such as the first director of marketing for the museum in 1998, vice president of marketing in 2009, and executive director of the National Sports Center for the Disabled in 2010.

His creative advertising has attracted thousands of people to visit the NLBM, orchestrating capital campaigns that have given the museum vitality and financial stability. Bob has also been responsible for creating several signature museum educational programs and events including the Hall of Game which annually honors former Major League Baseball greats who played the game in the spirit and style of the Negro Leagues. Bob's biggest passion is ensuring that the stories of talented and successful African-Americans are showcased and proudly displayed as an encouragement to everyone.

Bob Kendrick is truly a "Champion of Missouri." Bob's efforts for his community have not gone unnoticed. He has been the recipient of various awards, such as Citizen of the Year by the Omicron Xi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, one of the "100 Most Influential African-Americans in Greater Kansas City," and has been inducted into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame. I am honored by Bob's devotion to storytelling and wish him and the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum continued success.●

#### TRIBUTE TO JUDGE STEPHEN N. LIMBAUGH, SR.

• Mr. SCHMITT. Madam President, I rise today to honor Judge Stephen