

SENATOR COLLINS' 10,000TH VOTE

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, on a separate note, in January of 1997, a determined daughter of northern Maine cast her first vote in the U.S. Senate. It was a humble start, and it has grown into one of the most remarkable records in Senate history—an unbroken streak of conservative votes that continues to this very day.

For nearly 30 years, nothing—and I mean nothing—has stopped Senator SUSAN COLLINS from coming to this floor and casting her vote on behalf of the good people of Maine. Senator COLLINS now stands on the threshold of a significant milestone: 10,000 consecutive votes in the U.S. Senate. She hasn't missed a single vote in her entire Senate career—not one. This is a remarkable accomplishment.

Of course, if you ask SUSAN, she will tell you that it wasn't about chasing a record; it was about reflecting the values of Maine.

SUSAN votes with confidence, with courage, and with conviction. This is her commitment to her constituents. She works as hard for them as they do for their families. Her dedication is incredible.

As the Senate majority whip, it is my job to count the votes. No matter the topic, I can count on this: SUSAN will be here. She will vote with intelligence and integrity, and she will be doing it for the people of Maine.

Congratulations to SUSAN COLLINS on this historic achievement.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to speak for up to 5 minutes before the scheduled rollcall vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

TRIBUTE TO REX PETTY

Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Pastor Rex Petty for devoting decades of his life to serving the people of Liberal, KS, as pastor of Faith Tabernacle Church and to congratulate him upon his retirement.

He started there as an associate pastor in 1984. Rex soon stepped into the role of interim pastor, and the congregation voted to keep Rex on to continue leading the church.

Recently, Rex celebrated an incredible milestone with his congregation: 40 years of ministry at Faith Tabernacle Church.

Delvin Kinser, the news director for Great Plains Christian Radio, said of Rex:

He is more than a local minister devoted to his own congregation.

For decades, he has made the entirety of Liberal, Kansas, his mission field. Pastors have come and gone, but Rex has been a constant source of spiritual leadership [in] his hometown.

His retirement leaves a tremendous void, but those who know him have little doubt that he made the spiritual fabric of [this] community stronger than it otherwise would have been without him. Always cheerful, always positive, always about Jesus! That is Rex Petty!

Rex's passion for service extends far into the Liberal community. He has been an involved member of the Liberal Ministerial Alliance, an organization that brings local churches together to care for the needs of the community. He is eager to minister to others, and he has often brought former NFL players to Liberal to share inspirational messages with students in southwest Kansas and the Oklahoma Panhandle.

Rex also served as the coordinator for the local Liberal High School Baccalaureate.

An avid sports fan, he can regularly be seen cheering in the stands at many local youth sporting events.

In a recent interview with the local paper, the Leader and Times, Rex said—this is Rex saying:

Maybe we don't have the highest mountains or a lot of the lakes and streams and all that beauty other places have, but [what] we have [is] the people. And that's been the most wonderful thing about Liberal.

Rex is civic-minded. He takes pride in his community. He can often be found leading prayers before local government meetings. He was instrumental in creating the city's slogan: "From Generosity to Prosperity."

In this life of service of 40 years, he touched countless lives. Here are a couple of comments that others have made.

Rozelle Webb is the CEO of the Liberal Chamber of Commerce, and she says:

Rex Petty has been a very "Liberal" pastor. He has given his time and [his] heart, not only to his church and congregation, but to everyone in our town. We will miss his sincere love for Liberal.

Kansas State Representative Shannon Francis says:

Congratulations to my classmate—

Rex is a high school graduate of Liberal High School.

Congratulations to my classmate, Rex Petty, on his retirement. Rex is what makes rural America great.

Rex is a hometown boy who returned home after college and has spent 40 years ministering to his friends, family and community members. His quiet, moral leadership has always been a source of calm and comfort for our community. We will miss him.

I would like to recognize an additional person, a person besides Rex. It is the person who supported Rex, and like him, is a cherished member of the Liberal community, his wife Eydie. She is committed to serving and investing in the life of others, including serving as a teacher in the Liberal Public Schools.

This summer, Rex and Eydie will celebrate 42 years of marriage. Together, they are passionate about helping others, and they can always be found volunteering for Liberal's Pancake Day and all other good causes. They passed their desire to serve on to their family, and their son Reid works on my staff as a district representative serving the people of Kansas.

When I am in town, Rex will always meet me with a warm smile and a steady handshake. He has set a remarkable example of service and legacy that will not—will not—be forgotten.

Earl Watt, the publisher of the Leader & Times summed it up pretty well by saying:

Thank you, Rex Petty, for being Liberal's Pastor.

I congratulate him. In fact, I congratulate them, Rex and Eydie, for their service to Kansans, and I wish them the best as they enter this new chapter.

I believe the world is changed one soul at a time. Reverend Petty committed his life to serving Jesus Christ. In that service he touched many lives loving his neighbor as himself. Rex Petty, a role model for us all.

I yield the floor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to executive session and resume consideration of the following nomination which the clerk will report.

The senior assistant executive clerk read the nomination of Evan Rikhye, of the Virgin Islands, to be Judge for the District Court of the Virgin Islands for a term of ten years.

VOTE ON RIKHYE NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Rikhye nomination?

Ms. SMITH. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant executive clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from Florida (Mrs. MOODY).

The result was announced—yeas 52, nays 47, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 130 Ex.]

YEAS—52

Armstrong	Collins	Fischer
Banks	Cornyn	Graham
Barrasso	Cotton	Grassley
Blackburn	Cramer	Hagerty
Boozman	Crapo	Hawley
Britt	Cruz	Hoeben
Budd	Curtis	Husted
Capito	Daines	Hyde-Smith
Cassidy	Ernst	Johnson

Justice	Moreno	Sheehy
Kennedy	Murkowski	Sullivan
Lankford	Paul	Thune
Lee	Ricketts	Tillis
Lummis	Risch	Tuberville
Marshall	Rounds	Wicker
McConnell	Schmitt	Young
McCormick	Scott (FL)	
Moran	Scott (SC)	

NAYS—47

Alsobrooks	Hickenlooper	Rosen
Baldwin	Hirono	Sanders
Bennet	Kaine	Schatz
Blumenthal	Kelly	Schiff
Blunt Rochester	Kim	Schumer
Booker	King	Shaheen
Cantwell	Klobuchar	Slotkin
Coons	Lujan	Smith
Cortez Masto	Markey	Van Hollen
Duckworth	Merkley	Warner
Durbin	Murphy	Warnock
Fetterman	Murray	Warren
Gallago	Ossoff	Welch
Gillibrand	Padilla	Whitehouse
Hassan	Peters	Wyden
Heinrich	Reed	

NOT VOTING—1

Moody

The nomination was confirmed. The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. RICKETTS). Under previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table. The President will be immediately notified of the Senate's actions.

The Senator from Wyoming.

DESIGNATING THE GENERAL GEORGE C. MARSHALL HOUSE, IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, AS AN AFFILIATED AREA OF THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM

REDESIGNATING THE NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAILS INTERPRETIVE CENTER IN CASPER, WYOMING, AS THE "BARBARA L. CUBIN NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAILS INTERPRETIVE CENTER"

Ms. LUMMIS. Mr. President, as if in legislative session, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be discharged from further consideration and the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of the following bills, en bloc: S. 603 and S. 790.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bills by title.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 603) to designate the General George C. Marshall House, in the Commonwealth of Virginia, as an affiliated area of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

A bill (S. 790) to redesignate the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center in Casper, Wyoming, as the "Barbara L. Cubin National Historic Trails Interpretive Center".

There being no objection, the committee was discharged of the bills, and the Senate proceeded to consider the bills, en bloc.

Ms. LUMMIS. Mr. President, I further ask unanimous consent that the bills be considered read a third time and passed and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, all en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bills (S. 603 and S. 790) were ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, were read the third time, and passed en bloc as follows:

S. 603

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GENERAL GEORGE C. MARSHALL HOUSE AS AN AFFILIATED AREA.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The General George C. Marshall House in the Commonwealth of Virginia is established as an affiliated area of the National Park System (referred to in this section as the "affiliated area") to promote public appreciation of the significant historic contributions made by United States military leader and statesman George Catlett Marshall, Jr.

(b) DESCRIPTION OF AFFILIATED AREA.—The affiliated area shall consist of the area generally depicted as the "General George C. Marshall House Property, Leesburg, Virginia" on the map entitled "General George C. Marshall House, Proposed Affiliated Area", numbered 999/189,974, and dated September 2023.

(c) ADMINISTRATION.—The affiliated area shall be managed in a manner consistent with—

- (1) this section; and
- (2) any law generally applicable to units of the National Park System.

(d) MANAGEMENT ENTITY.—The George C. Marshall International Center shall be the management entity for the affiliated area.

(e) AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary of the Interior (referred to in this section as the "Secretary")—

(1) may provide technical assistance and enter into cooperative agreements with the management entity designated by subsection (d) for the purpose of providing financial assistance for the marketing, marking, interpretation, and preservation of the affiliated area; and

(2) shall enter into an agreement with the management entity designated by subsection (d) that describes the roles and responsibilities for the management of the affiliated area consistent with the policies and standards that apply to units of the National Park System.

(f) LIMITED ROLE OF THE SECRETARY.—Nothing in this section authorizes the Secretary—

- (1) to acquire property at the affiliated area; or
- (2) to assume overall financial responsibility for the operation, maintenance, or management of the affiliated area.

S. 790

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF BARBARA L. CUBIN NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAILS INTERPRETIVE CENTER.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The National Historic Trails Interpretive Center established under section 2(a) of Public Law 105-290 (112 Stat. 2783) in Casper, Wyoming, shall be known and designated as the "Barbara L. Cubin National Historic Trails Interpretive Center".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Barbara L. Cubin National Historic Trails Interpretive Center".

(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 2(a) of Public Law 105-290 (112 Stat. 2783) is amended, in the second sentence, by striking "the National Historic Trails Interpretive

Center" and inserting "the 'Barbara L. Cubin National Historic Trails Interpretive Center'".

S. 790

Ms. LUMMIS. Mr. President, today I rise with great joy and pride to celebrate the passage of S. 790, a bill to rename the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center in Casper, WY, after former Representative Barbara Cubin, a true Wyoming trailblazer and a longtime personal friend.

Barbara Cubin was the first woman elected to Federal office from our State and one of the most consequential public servants Wyoming has ever known. She gave more than a decade of her life in service to Wyoming here in Washington, and her record speaks for itself. She was a founding member of the Congressional Western Caucus and fought tirelessly to protect our lands, Western heritage, and way of life. Nearly 30 years ago, she secured the very legislation that created the center we are now proud to name in her honor.

Barbara wasn't just making history; she was preserving it for future generations.

For those who haven't yet visited, the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center in Casper brings to life the stories of the 500,000 pioneers who traveled the Oregon, Mormon Pioneer, and California Trails between 1840 and 1890 in search of land, religious freedom, gold, and a better life. The interactive exhibits, productions, and galleries take visitors through the triumphs and hardships of westward expansion.

Barbara Cubin blazed trails her entire career, not just for Wyoming, but for women across this country who saw in her what was possible, myself included. She proved that a woman from Wyoming could stand in these halls and fight for her constituents with the best of them. She opened doors that had been closed for generations.

I am grateful to my colleagues Senator BARRASSO and Representative HAGEMAN for joining me in this effort and to this body for moving this bill forward.

As we celebrate this passage during Alzheimer's Awareness Month, I want to acknowledge the special urgency and meaning behind this honor. Barbara Cubin is today battling advanced Alzheimer's, and it is our deepest hope that she can see the significance of this recognition, that her country, and especially her beloved Wyoming, remembers her and cherishes her legacy.

I can think of no one more worthy of having their name immortalized at these trails than Barbara Cubin. She deserves this honor, her family deserves this moment, and Wyoming is proud to celebrate her. I hope everyone will add the Barbara L. Cubin National Historic Trails Interpretive Center in Casper to their list of travel destinations.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oklahoma.