

In 1956, the Wyoming State Legislature appropriated \$100,000 for the construction of the Wyoming Pioneer Memorial Museum. The museum was dedicated on August 31, 1956, at the State fair grounds in Douglas. Today, the museum safeguards thousands of treasured artifacts, including cultural items, historic stagecoaches, and an original taxidermied jackalope. Each item in the collection celebrates a unique chapter of Wyoming's remarkable heritage.

In 2012, the Wyoming Pioneer Association opened the Ruthe James Williams Center next to the Wyoming Pioneer Museum. The center is named after Ruthe James Williams, who was born and raised in Douglas. Upon her passing in 2008, Ruthe generously provided the resources to construct the center. Her legacy was to ensure the association would continue to have a home worthy of its growing membership and enduring mission.

For 100 years, the Wyoming Pioneer Association has faithfully preserved the stories, traditions, and values of Wyoming's Pioneers and trailblazers. Through educational programs, community outreach, and annual events, including its beloved Holiday Cheer at the Pioneer celebration, the association continues to inspire pride in Wyoming's unique heritage. The association's impact does not end with its members. Wyoming Pioneer Museum visitation grew from 4,000 patrons in 2019 to nearly 6,000 in 2022.

The continuous success of the Wyoming Pioneer Association would not be possible without the unwavering dedication of its board. Through countless hours of volunteer service and steadfast commitment, these individuals work tirelessly to sustain Wyoming's cultural legacy for generations to come. The Wyoming Pioneer Association Board includes:

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It is an honor to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Wyoming Pioneer Association. This remarkable group has devoted a century to preserving Wyoming's history, honoring those who built our great State, and ensuring their stories endure for future generations. Its commitment to education, preservation, and community service exemplifies the very best of Wyoming's pioneering spirit. Please join me in congratulating the Wyoming Pioneer Association.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. WELCH. Mr. President, on July 28, 2026, I missed rollcall vote No. 210, on the cloture motion on the nomination of Mr. Walter Clayton to serve as Director of National Intelligence. Had I been present, I would have voted nay.

RECOGNIZING THE BUFFALO SOLDIER REGIMENTS

Mr. KELLY. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the 160th anniversary of the Buffalo Soldier regiments and to honor the extraordinary legacy of service, courage, and sacrifice of the Black soldiers who helped shape the U.S. Army and our Nation.

On July 28, 1866, Congress authorized the creation of six all-Black Army regiments as part of the Army's post-Civil War reorganization. These units—the 9th and 10th Cavalry Regiments and the 38th, 39th, 40th, and 41st Infantry Regiments, later consolidated into the 24th and 25th Infantry Regiments—became known as the Buffalo Soldiers. Today, July 28, is observed as Buffalo Soldiers Day.

For nearly nine decades, the Buffalo Soldiers served with distinction despite enduring discrimination and segregation within the very military and country they swore to defend. They fought in the Indian Wars, the Spanish-American War, the Philippine-American War, the Mexican Expedition, World Wars I and II, and the Korean war. Beyond combat, they built roads and telegraph lines, escorted mail and wagon trains, protected communities across the American West, and served as some of our Nation's first park rangers in Yosemite, Sequoia, and General Grant National Parks, where they fought wildfires and protected America's public lands.

Their exemplary service helped lay the foundation for a more inclusive Armed Forces. In 1948, President Harry S. Truman signed Executive Order 9981, beginning the desegregation of the Armed Forces and marking a pivotal step toward equality in military service.

For Arizona, this history carries special significance. Fort Huachuca served as a home station for the 9th and 10th Cavalry Regiments. The 10th Cavalry became the post's garrison regiment in 1913, participated in General John J. Pershing's Mexican Expedition, guarded the southern border during World War I, and served in and around Nogales, where the regiment maintained a squadron-sized camp and patrolled the surrounding border region. The 25th Infantry Regiment later assumed the garrison mission. During World War II, more than 30,000 Black soldiers passed through Fort Huachuca before deploying in service to our Nation. Their service is woven into Arizona's history and remains a lasting source of pride for our State.

As a Navy combat veteran, I know the strength of our military has always

come from those willing to serve. The Buffalo Soldiers proved that through decades of dedicated service under some of the most difficult circumstances. Their story reminds us that some of the Americans who sacrificed the most for our country were too often denied the very freedoms and opportunities they fought to defend. Honoring their service means recognizing both their extraordinary military accomplishments and the barriers they overcame in service to our Nation.

I also recognize the descendants, veterans, historians, educators, and community leaders who continue preserving and sharing this important history so that future generations understand the lasting contributions of the Buffalo Soldiers.

On this 160th anniversary, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Buffalo Soldiers, remembering their sacrifices, and celebrating their enduring impact on our military and our Nation.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING CLINT REILLY

● Mr. PADILLA. Mr. President, I rise today to celebrate the life of Clint Reilly, a legendary San Franciscan who passed away on July 19 at the age of 79. Clint's influence on California politics and on the civic life of San Francisco helped shape our State for decades—and will continue to do so for generations to come.

Born in Oakland and raised in San Leandro as the oldest of 10 children in a working-class Catholic family, Clint learned early what hard work looked like, watching his father deliver milk for Berkeley Farms and ice cream for Dreyer's to support their family. But just as importantly, he learned from his parents that success carried with it a responsibility to serve others. "We didn't really have any money," he said in one interview, "but they practiced charity in their daily lives, in their generosity to us kids, but also in their generosity to other families, other big families, other members of the community."

Those values only grew stronger and more ingrained in Clint throughout the 9 years he spent studying and preparing to become a Catholic priest, earning a bachelor's degree in philosophy from St. Patrick's Seminary along the way. But even though he ultimately found his calling in public life rather than the pulpit, Clint often said that those years never stopped guiding him, reinforcing the belief that politics could—and should—be a force for improving people's lives and creating a more just society.

Clint went on to redefine political consulting in California, pioneering an integrated approach to campaigns that helped shape the profession for a generation while advising political leaders

including the late Senator Dianne Feinstein, Speaker Emerita NANCY PELOSI, former Senator Barbara Boxer, former State Senator Quentin Kopp, former mayors Frank Jordan and Richard Riordan, and others; he never lost sight of those values. What distinguished Clint was the fact that he never viewed campaigns as simply winning elections, but electing principled leaders who would deliver meaningful results for families and communities.

His commitment to San Francisco extended far beyond politics. As a businessman, he invested not only in San Francisco's skyline through commercial real estate, but also in its civic conversation by championing local journalism through publications, including the San Francisco Examiner. He understood that strong communities depend on strong civic institutions, and he remained deeply committed to preserving and strengthening San Francisco's.

But perhaps nowhere was Clint's character more evident than in his philanthropy. Together with his beloved wife Janet, he dedicated extraordinary time, talent, and generosity to expanding opportunities for others. Through the Bay Scholars initiative he created, he helped open the doors of college-preparatory education to hundreds of students from low-income families. Through Clinic by the Bay and countless other charitable efforts, Clint and Janet demonstrated that giving back means more than writing a check; it means investing your time, your talents, and our heart in your community and helping others build brighter futures.

Throughout his life—as a seminarian, political strategist, businessman, publisher, and philanthropist—Clint never lost sight of the values that first shaped him: faith, service, and a belief that each of us has a responsibility to leave our communities stronger than we found them. San Francisco is a better city because he lived those values every day.

Angela's and my thoughts are with Janet, their daughters Jill and Ava, and everyone whose lives were touched by Clint's generosity, leadership, and friendship. May they find comfort in knowing that his extraordinary legacy will live on in the institutions he strengthened, the people he mentored, the students whose futures he transformed, and the city he loved so deeply.●

TRIBUTE TO BARBARA GROOM

● Mr. PADILLA. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a remarkable California entrepreneur, trailblazer, and pioneering small business owner whose retirement marks the culmination of an extraordinary career but leaves behind an enduring legacy in the world of California craft brewing: Ms. Barbara Groom.

After more than three decades as the owner and founder of Lost Coast Brew-

ery—one of the most recognizable brands of beer in Humboldt County—Barbara has chosen to retire at the young age of 80 to travel the world.

Known as the Beer Queen of Northern California and dubbed by at least one magazine as “Craft beer's original female gangster,” Barbara's story is uniquely Californian. Raised on a farm near Stockton, she grew up wanting to become a skier. So as a teenager, she went door-to-door selling Avon makeup, even though she doesn't wear makeup, to pay for lessons at a ski resort—only to discover after arriving at the slopes that she didn't actually enjoy skiing.

Barbara spent the next two decades working as pharmacist, building a successful career that nevertheless left her longing for an outlet for her creative side. She tried making furniture. She even built a cabin by hand. But she still hadn't found the work she truly wanted to devote her life to.

It was a fateful stop on her way home from the pharmacy one day that changed Barbara's future and finally give her the chance to unleash her creativity and entrepreneurial spirit. Seeing a sign for one of California's earliest craft breweries in the rural town of Hopland, Barbara was intrigued and decided to stop and check it out. She later recalled thinking to herself as she walked in the door, “This is what I want to do for the rest of my life.”

She spent the next 6 years studying brewing techniques, learning the business, and preparing to take a giant leap of faith before buying a century-old former lodge in downtown Eureka, transforming it, and finally opening the doors to Lost Coast Brewery in 1990—becoming one of the Nation's first female microbrewery owners at a time when women brewers were almost unheard of in the industry.

The early years were anything but easy. Building a customer base took patience, persistence, and an unwavering belief in the quality of what she was creating. Those qualities paid off. What began as a small brewpub grew into one of California's most respected independent breweries, producing award-winning beers—including favorites like Downtown Brown, Great White, and Tangerine Wheat—that are enjoyed throughout the United States and around the world.

But Lost Coast Brewery became more than a successful business. Through its unmistakable labels created by Humboldt County artist Duane Flatmo, its commitment to local craftsmanship, and its deep roots in the north coast, it became an ambassador for the creativity, character, and entrepreneurial spirit that define California.

Barbara never let expectations—or the fact that she was entering a male-dominated industry—dictate what she could accomplish. When others questioned whether a woman belonged in the brewing business, she simply kept building. “I never really worried about being a woman,” she said. “I just did

what I wanted to do.” Her success opened doors for future generations of women entrepreneurs and helped demonstrate that innovation and leadership know no gender.

Over the past three and a half decades, Barbara has created jobs, supported her community, welcomed visitors from around the world to Eureka, and helped establish California as a global leader in craft brewing. Her remarkable journey reminds us that it is never too late to pursue a new dream and that some of our greatest contributions come only after we find the courage to reinvent ourselves. California is richer for the risks she took, the business she built, and the example she set.

Now, as Barbara prepares for retirement, she is looking toward new adventures—traveling to places like Iceland and Azerbaijan with cameras and drones in hand, pursuing the travel photography that has become her newest passion with the same curiosity and determination that defined her career as a brewer.

On behalf of the people of California, I thank Barbara Groom for her vision, perseverance, and extraordinary contributions to our State. I congratulate her on an exceptional career and wish her every success and happiness in the adventures that lie ahead.●

MEASURES DISCHARGED PETITIONS

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, hereby direct that the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works be discharged of further consideration of S.J. Res. 187, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Modification to the Start of the Submission Period for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Reporting and Record-keeping Under TSCA 8(a)(7),” and, further, that the resolution be immediately placed upon the Legislative Calendar under General Orders.

Sheldon Whitehouse, Richard J. Durbin, Angus S. King, Adam G. Schiff, Margaret Wood Hassan, Amy Klobuchar, Jack Reed, Raphael G. Warnock, Brian Schatz, Patty Murray, Jeanne Shaheen, Tammy Baldwin, Tim Kaine, Ruben Gallego, Elizabeth Warren, Alex Padilla, John W. Hickenlooper, Angela D. Alsobrooks, Catherine Cortez Mastro, Tina Smith, Christopher A. Coons, Chris Van Hollen, Andy Kim, Jacky Rosen, Cory A. Booker, Charles E. Schumer, Ron Wyden, Jeff Merkley, Jon Ossoff, Kristen E. Gillibrand, Lisa Blunt Rochester, Peter Welch.

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, hereby direct that the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged of further consideration of S.J. Res. 199—A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services relating to “Restoring Flexibility in the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF),” and, further, that the resolution be immediately placed upon