

American people, leading the United States Information Agency Motion Picture Service and producing award-winning films about the fabric of American life.

Therefore, today in the U.S. Senate, I honor the 50th anniversary of the American Film Institute and the extraordinary legacy of George Stevens, Jr., director, producer, playwright, and public servant without equal. Thomas Edison may be given credit for inventing the film industry, but it is George Stevens, Jr., and the American Film Institute who have preserved it for future generations to come.

35TH ANNIVERSARY OF UNKER'S THERAPEUTIC PRODUCTS

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I wish to congratulate Unker's Therapeutic Products for its 35th year in business. This is an impressive milestone for their organization.

Unker's Therapeutic Products' story of starting out with Patrick Henry's hard work in his garage to being a staple in Wyoming and even sponsoring racecars is the embodiment of the American dream. I am pleased to hear of the company's success and of the plans to continue this business for years to come. Unker's Therapeutic Products provides both good jobs and much-needed services to the people of our towns and communities. It is greatly appreciated. Good businesses make for strongly knit communities, and that helps us all.

President and CEO Patricia Pendelton and all the folks at Unker's Therapeutic Products can be very proud they have served Weston County and the State of Wyoming for so long. Their hard work and determined effort have played a part in its current and continued success.

I extend my best wishes and congratulations to Patricia and to every one who is a part of this company.

Thank you.

RECOGNIZING COLLEGE WOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mr. DONNELLY. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize College Wood Elementary School of Carmel, IN, for being named a 2017 National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education.

Established in 1982, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes schools that have demonstrated a vision of educational excellence for all students, regardless of their social or economic background. Since its inception, this program has allowed schools in every State to gain recognition for educational accomplishments, particularly in closing the achievement gaps among students.

College Wood's mission is to provide opportunities for all students to realize their potential. College Wood students have consistently ranked among the top 10 percent in annual standardized testing. By encouraging every student to strive for excellence, explore opportunities, and realize their full poten-

tial, College Wood students are equipped to succeed and graduate.

College Wood strives to provide a quality, well-rounded education and teach students the traits of successful leaders and communicators. To that end, the school includes social and emotional learning in its curriculum. Social Thinking and Superflex lessons instill social awareness, emotional management skills, and perspective-enhancing experiences.

The school also seeks to help teach students about the importance of service and helping others. Through several philanthropic endeavors, College Wood students, parents, and staff work closely together to give back to the community. Several donation drives throughout the year lead up to the school's biggest annual event to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

I am proud to recognize College Wood Elementary School principal Kathryn Olssen, the entire staff, the student body, and their families. The effort, dedication, and value you put into education has led not only to this prestigious recognition, but will benefit you and the Carmel community well into the future.

On behalf of the citizens of Indiana, I congratulate College Wood Elementary School, and I wish the students and staff continued success in the future.

RECOGNIZING WHITE LICK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mr. DONNELLY. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize White Lick Elementary School of Brownsburg, IN, for being named a 2017 National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education.

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White Lick Elementary School currently serves over 600 students and offers a variety of education and extra-curricular opportunities for its students.

White Lick Elementary School has been effective in tailoring its curriculum to the educational needs of each individual student. As part of its commitment to students, the school provides programs like Learning Lab, which offers students struggling academically extra support in reading and math in a small-group setting every day for 30 minutes.

The school also prides itself on the professional development of its staff. Teachers are given the chance to learn and grow through weekly meetings with their professional learning communities. In these meetings, teachers come together to analyze test scores

and other data as they discuss how to better meet the needs of their students.

The school's investment in students is reflected in the diverse opportunities it offers. Whether it is through the "Step-a-thon," where students participate in a physical challenge to help raise funds for various school programs or the numerous afterschool clubs, White Lick has excelled in offering resources and programs beyond the classroom.

I am proud to recognize White Lick Elementary School principal Susan Wise, the entire staff, the student body, the parents, and the entire Brownsburg community. The effort, dedication, and value you put into education has led not only to this prestigious recognition but will benefit your students and Indiana well into the future.

On behalf of the citizens of Indiana, I congratulate White Lick Elementary School, and I wish the students and staff continued success in the future.

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MAINE COALITION TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Mr. KING. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the 40th anniversary of the Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence, MCEDV, and its nine member organizations and resource centers: Hope and Justice Project, Partners for Peace, Next Step, New Hope for Women, Family Violence Project, Safe Voices, Family Crisis Services, Caring Unlimited, and Immigrant Resource Center of Maine. I am humbled and thankful for their tireless service to end the cycle of abuse existing in too many homes across Maine, our Nation, and the world.

Originally formed in 1977 as the Maine Coalition for Family Crisis Services, and renamed the Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence in 2001, the MCEDV has spent four decades being advocates for victims of domestic violence and have never lost their focus. Their efforts have helped countless people find their own voices and regain their strength to live a violence-free life. The MCEDV has helped ensure there are direct service programs, shelters, transitional housing, and court advocacy available to everyone throughout our State. Not only do they partner with the nine member-projects mentioned above, but they also coordinate efforts and give voice to the education of the public, lawmakers, law enforcement, friends, and neighbors to make domestic violence a community-State-national and global issue that each of us has a responsibility to confront.

It is not possible to put words to the significant impact the MCEDV has had, the lives that have been saved, and terrifying existences turned into futures of peace. However, it would not be fair to their work to not acknowledge the lives that have been lost to domestic violence. All genders, all ages, all

ances, all socio-economics categories, domestic violence knows no boundaries, and fear continues to be a strong silencer. However, with the support and services provided by the MCEDV and its membership, many victims have found exceptional strength to tell their story, found their courage to name the abuse and the abuser and support others to shine a light on this pandemic of violence.

I cannot overstate how awe-inspiring the exceptional staying power and determination of this coalition of advocates is and how impactful their efforts are. They have not only mobilized a state-wide interest in the topic of domestic violence but have also inspired people to work with them to even further strengthen the message that there is no excuse for domestic abuse. It has been said that peace in the world starts with peace in the home. Thank you to the MCEDV for living those words and helping to change the world for the better.

TRIBUTE TO SUSAN OLSON

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize a member of my staff who has been in public service on Capitol Hill for 30 years. Susan Olson is my deputy chief of staff and general counsel. She has served Members of Congress, the Senate, and congressional committees for decades and is a well-known, beloved public servant around the Hill.

Susan joined my staff when I came to the Senate in 2011, but she already had a long track record of distinguished service and respect from her peers. I got to know Susan when she served as secretary of the House NATO Parliamentary Assembly Delegation, of which I was a member during my years in the House of Representatives. Susan's knowledge, determination, and warm personality helped her earn the respect and admiration of Members and staff alike. She also served as a valued staff member on the House Ethics Committee where she was a legal counsel from 2004 to 2011.

Prior to working on the Ethics Committee, Susan served in the office of former Congressman Doug Bereuter of Nebraska for 17 years as legislative assistant, legislative director, and chief of staff. During her tenure with Congressman Bereuter, she also served as the secretary of the House Delegation to the British American Parliamentary Group from 1998 to 2000.

Susan's time on my staff has been marked by her wealth of knowledge and expertise on so many things. She is a trusted adviser, but more importantly, a dear friend to me and to everyone on my staff in Washington and Arkansas. We love Susan very much and appreciate all her hard work. She takes a personal interest in everyone she meets, from the many interns who cycle in and out of my office, to those on my staff and the countless men and women she has worked with over the years during her time on the Hill.

We are so happy for and proud of Susan for reaching this milestone. I congratulate her for the many years of service she has rendered to the U.S. Congress and to our country.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO DIANA TOLSTEDT

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, during National Adoption Awareness Month, I have the distinct honor of recognizing Diana Tolstedt of Billings. For nearly three decades, she has been helping people navigate all aspects of the adoption process. She has made a positive and lasting impact in the lives of many Montanans.

Through her work with Lutheran Social Services of Montana, Diana has gently guided and counseled adoptees, birth parents, and adoptive families. For a dozen years, she has been a recruiter with Wendy's Wonderful Kids, leading a program dedicated to finding adoptive families for the longest waiting children in foster care from eastern Montana.

Throughout the United States, there are over 100,000 children in foster care who are waiting for adoption, each needing a loving home and stable environment to allow them to thrive and reach their potential. In the midst of this adoption challenge, folks like Diana are a guiding light to help others traverse adoption obstacles. I would like to thank Diana for having a heart as big as Yellowstone County and a commitment to brightening the hopes of children one life at a time.●

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMRO FABRICATING CORPORATION

• Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, today I would like to recognize AMRO Fabricating Corporation for 40 years of business in our State. AMRO, a small family-owned business based in El Monte and Riverside, CA, employs more than 250 people. The company has made important contributions to NASA rocket programs, including building the large aluminum panels for the space launch system rocket and the Orion crew capsule. AMRO has used State and Federal grants to train high school and college students on how to develop critical job skills, such as aerospace welding and engineering, preparing them for good-paying jobs in the future. Founded in 1977, AMRO marks its 40th anniversary this year. I extend my warmest congratulations to AMRO for achieving this milestone.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the 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.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:50 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2521. An act to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to include South Carolina as a part of the Virginia/Carolina peanut producing region for purposes of appointment to the Peanut Standards Board.

H.R. 2921. An act to establish a vegetation management pilot program on National Forest System land to better protect utility infrastructure from passing wildfire, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2941. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain National Forest System land within Kisatchie National Forest in the State of Louisiana.

H.R. 3567. An act to authorize the purchase of a small parcel of Natural Resources Conservation Service property in Riverside, California, by the Riverside Corona Resource Conservation District, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 2:09 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1329. An act to increase, effective as of December 1, 2017, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2521. An act to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to include South Carolina as a part of the Virginia/Carolina peanut producing region for purposes of appointment to the Peanut Standards Board; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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