

Veale developed the philosophy and strategy he referred to as "corporate partnership," through which his company acquired and financed small businesses while keeping their original management structures in place. His success grew from buying small companies and helping them to succeed through keeping their management in place while contributing with capital and strategic direction. Over the years, the company operated many businesses representing diverse industries including manufacturing, mining, and banking, as well as operating office equipment and paper distribution businesses. Veale served as Alco's president and chairman until 1971 and stayed on as chairman until 1986. By 1987, the company had 175 businesses with 16,000 employees in the United States and Europe.

Mr. Veale had a unique spirit and love of life. Over the years he was active in a variety of community organizations, served as a councilman in Gates Mills, OH, and was known for raising thoroughbred horses. Perhaps most significant, was his generous philanthropy which continues to benefit communities, students and institutions in Ohio. He was a notable supporter of his alma mater, Case Western Reserve University, where the most recent pledge of \$20 million from The Veale Foundation is being utilized for construction of a new university center, which will be named in his honor.

Tink Veale was a role model and a source of inspiration to us all. He will be greatly missed, and his extraordinary legacy and giving spirit will not be forgotten.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### SCONTSAS FINE JEWELRY AND HOME DÉCOR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

• Ms. AYOTTE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize and congratulate Scontsas Fine Jewelry and Home Décor, a small business in my hometown of Nashua, NH, as it celebrates its 100th year in business.

Scontsas, which began as a shoe shining and repair business and hat blocking service, is now a third generation, family owned small business that specializes in fine jewelry and home gifts and decoration. A century ago, a Greek immigrant named George J. Scontsas first opened his doors at 173 Main Street in Nashua, and ever since, his family's business has remained a permanent fixture at this same downtown location. The Scontsas legacy, by any measure, is a testament to the entrepreneurial spirit that makes America great.

In an effort to expand his customer base, George began stocking greeting cards, and by the mid-1940's, his store became the first Hallmark store in Nashua. The Scontsas family business continued to expand by selling children's toys, books, yarn, and gifts.

In 1974, George's son Peter, and his wife Joan, purchased deMontigny Jewelers in the adjacent building. Since Peter Scontsas' passing in 1995, his son Phillip and daughter-in-law Amalia have served as the principal owners of the business. Together, the Scontsas family developed a new department within the family store, featuring home and garden décor.

Since its inception, Scontsas has focused not only on growing bigger, but also on growing better. The reasons for the Scontsas family's success are many. Chief among them are the family's commitment to building enduring relationships with their customers and their strong community involvement. Scontsas Fine Jewelry and Home Décor prides itself on treating every customer like a member of the family.

In typical fashion, the Scontsas family decided to celebrate their business' 100th birthday by giving back to the Nashua community in a series of events this year. The year long celebration showcased their strong roots in the community while promoting their products. I had the pleasure of attending the city of Nashua's Annual Holiday Stroll this past weekend, where the Scontsas family unveiled their limited edition 100 Year Holiday ornament for their loyal customers.

As Nashua helps the Scontsas' celebrate a century of family, business, and community, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Scontsas Fine Jewelry and Home Décor's 100th anniversary.●

##### REMEMBERING WAYNE BURKE

• Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize a true Nevadan and friend, Wayne Burke, who has been honored by the Nevada Indian Commission as American Indian Community Leader of the Year. As tribal chairman for the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, Wayne led the tribal council through many successes for the betterment of Nevada. Wayne's untimely passing is a great loss, but his legacy of community and economic development in the Silver State will never be forgotten.

In addition to serving the State of Nevada, Wayne bravely served our Nation in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1993 until his honorable discharge in 1997. As a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, Wayne understood the importance of supporting those who defend our Nation. He was a member of Numu Tookwasu—Pyramid Lake Veterans and Warriors Association—and a staunch advocate for Native American veteran affairs. His vision helped launch Nevada's first annual American Indian Veteran Summit this year, which invited members of the 27 tribes of Nevada to learn about access to veteran benefits and healthcare. His legacy will help raise awareness and resources for Native American veterans for years to come.

As tribal chairman, Wayne promoted an award winning Pyramid Lake economic development and tourism plan.

His advocacy for the recovery and restoration of the Pyramid Lake fishery helped to secure over 1,000 acres of water, the most in any one-month period. Under his leadership, the Pyramid Lake Tribe has enjoyed a record number of visitors to Pyramid Lake and, subsequently, numerous tourism awards. In August 2012, Wayne became the first Native American leader to serve on the Nevada Commission on Tourism.

The citizens of the Silver State were privileged that such a passionate and dedicated leader called Nevada home. My thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, Leticia; and children, Alex, Christian, and Soleil. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of a devoted Nevadan and honoring his esteemed accomplishments.●

##### TRIBUTE TO STEVE RANSON

• Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to congratulate Steve Ranson on his 25 years with the Lahontan Valley News. Nevadans are fortunate to read his reporting every day and to have a dedicated voice serving the community. I applaud Steve's hard work and dedication to our Nation's brave men and women that serve in our Armed Services and the field of journalism.

Steve joined the staff in 1986 as a part-time sports writer and editor. Today, he has grown to be one of Nevada's leading reporters. Steve's journalism, reporting, and newsroom leadership has earned him countless awards including Outstanding Journalist from the Nevada Press Association. His nomination for this award also reflects his extensive overseas travel to cover the U.S. Navy and Nevada Army National Guard in Southwest Asia and Afghanistan. His series of stories covering the war efforts earned him first place awards for community service and for best explanatory journalism from the Nevada Press Association.

As a lieutenant colonel who retired in 2009 after serving in the National Guard and U.S. Reserve, understanding the role of the military came easily for Steve. During his 28 years of service, Steve participated in two tours to the Republic of Korea and Panama. I would like to extend my gratitude to Steve for his service to this great Nation and State. I am both humbled and honored by the sacrifices made by the brave men and women who have served our country.

Steve's 25 years of service with the Lahontan Valley News is a true testament to his character. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors and look forward to reading more of his great work. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me today in congratulating Steve on his 25 years with the Lahontan Valley News.●

##### REMEMBERING RICHARD WILKINS

• Mr. LEE. Mr. President, Today I wish to pay tribute to my professor and my