

Thatcher will be missed by his family, Montanans, and an entire grateful nation.

REMEMBERING SONIA AND MARTIN J. WOLF

Mr. BENNET. Madam President, today I want to recognize the legacy of two great Coloradans, Sonia and Martin J. Wolf. After 54 years of marriage and a lifetime of public service, Martin and Sonia passed away recently within weeks of each other in Denver, CO.

Martin Wolf was chief of staff to Senators Mike Gravel and Floyd Haskell and administrative assistant to two Colorado Governors and former Denver Mayor Federico Peña. He then went on to work on President Johnson's staff—all with the love of his life by his side. The two spent a lifetime advocating for what they believed in, and they worked tirelessly to leave the world a better place than they found it.

Their dedication to public service is widely renowned and respected. Martin and Sonia, and the passion they carried for their work, will be deeply missed.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following obituary for the Wolfs be printed in the RECORD.

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

Admired for their decades of public service, Sonia and Martin J. Wolf, married for fifty-four years, died within weeks of each other in Denver, CO.

Mr. Wolf was Chief of Staff to two United States Senators and Administrative Assistant to two Colorado Governors and a Denver Mayor. They were much admired in Washington and Denver for their devotion to each other and to public service.

Mrs. Wolf, a native New Yorker raised primarily in Miami, Florida, met her husband during her career as an accountant and financial advisor. Recognizing that they must be lifetime companions, they slipped away for a weekend from the campaign of Gov. Steve McNichols to get married in 1962, flying to Santa Fe where New Mexico's Governor made special arrangements to open a court on a Saturday. They were inseparable ever after.

Mr. Wolf, a Colorado native, was a Navy veteran of WW II, graduating from Denver University in 1950. He embarked on a journalism career that took him to posts in Australia and Alaska before returning to Denver as a reporter on KOA-TV.

In 1962 he became Press Secretary for Gov. McNichols, also directing Coloradans for President Lyndon Johnson in 1964.

LBJ's White House Chief of Staff W. Marvin Watson was so impressed that he brought Sonia and Marty to Washington as Special Assistant to Chairman John Bailey at the DNC and later as Special Assistant to The Postmaster General when Watson was appointed to the Cabinet.

In 1970, Marty became Chief of Staff to Alaska Senator Mike Gravel. In that position, he came into possession of the "Pentagon Papers," loading the boxes into the trunk of his car. To Sonia's chagrin, he kept a lifelong pledge never to reveal his source to anyone. Senator Gravel astounded the world reading sections aloud on the floor of the Senate while the Washington Post was fighting to publish.

The Wolfs kept their home in Denver, so it was a natural transfer when Marty became

Chief of Staff for newly elected Senator Floyd Haskell, a lifelong friend.

In 1979, the Wolfs returned permanently to Denver where he became Regional Small Business Advocate.

Wolf was considered a great success moulding together the freshman agency within six mountain states. When he retired in 1985, Gov. Richard Lamm proclaimed "Martin J. Wolf Day" in Colorado, hailing "his dedicated, thoughtful, persuasive leadership."

Wolf went on to assist Gov. Lamm as an AA and completed his long career as Denver Mayor Federico Peña's Assistant for Boards and Commissions from 1988 to 1991.

During retirement, the Wolfs contributed their efforts to numerous not-for-profit endeavors and were much sought after for their calm, genial expertise, achieved over a lifetime of public service. In particular they supported the Multiple Sclerosis Society in response to Sonia's heroic lifelong struggle with MS. They never missed a chance to participate in Presidential campaigns as loyal Democrats.

A memorial service will be held on June 6 at 11 a.m. at the Little Ivy Chapel, 430 S. Quebec St., Denver, CO (Tel: 303 399 0692). Martin Wolf passed from us on February 3, 2016 and Sonia Wolf joined him on May 1, 2016.

The Wolfs are survived by a number of relatives, including Sonia's brother, Eugene Kesser of Miami, FL; Martin's nephew, Paul Downing of Denver and two godchildren whom they considered "grandchildren," Broadway director, Ethan McSweeney of Brooklyn, NY and Federal Trade Commissioner, Terrell McSweeney of Washington, DC.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Colorado Multiple Sclerosis Society, 900 S. Broadway, Suite 250, Denver, CO 80209.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO TOM KUNTZ

• Mr. DAINES. Madam President, nestled along the banks of the Madison River, protected by the Madison, Gravelly, and Tobacco Root Mountains sits the charming town of Ennis, MT. Ennis is a strong community of nearly 1,000 citizens. This humble city boasts blue ribbon trout fishing, gorgeous hiking, and attracts people from all walks of life to the spirit and values of the Old West.

Tom Kuntz and his wife made Ennis, MT, their home in 2014. Since then, he has weaved himself into the fabric of this community as a dedicated volunteer at Ennis Community Children's School. After raising kids of his own, Kuntz still wanted to be involved in the lives of children. They say it takes a village to raise a child, and Kuntz takes his part in this happily.

Lacy Keller, director of the Community School, says Kuntz is a weekly volunteer and lends a hand whenever and wherever he can. "He comes in every week, hangs out with the kids, comes on field trips, fixes our bikes and broken toys, mows the lawn, he does whatever he can for us and the kids." The community school averages 20-25 children ranging in ages from 2-12, and Keller says that all of them adore Kuntz.

Just a few weeks ago the kids couldn't wait to invite him on one of

their hiking trips. One girl had recently fractured her foot and would have missed out on the group adventure if it weren't for Kuntz. Keller says that Kuntz graciously carried the little girl on his back up and down the mountain trail. Together the pair spent the day smiling, laughing, and Kuntz even sang songs to entertain her and the students throughout the day.

Kuntz is a selfless volunteer who donates his time and money and expects very little in return. On numerous occasions he has purchased items out of his own pocket to help out with maintenance or building projects. Most recently, Kuntz helped to complete a garden for the school so that students can grow vegetables and cultivate a first-hand knowledge of agriculture.

He embodies the diligent and gracious heart of Ennis citizens and is instilling that into the future Montana farmers, educators, and leaders growing up in Ennis. Montana is truly one of the last best places, and I am honored that Tom is so invested in the success of our children. Thank you, Tom, and welcome home.●

TRIBUTE TO NOAH COZAD

• Mr. ROUNDS. Madam President, today I recognize Noah Cozad, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota.

Noah is a graduate of Washington High School in Sioux Falls, SD. He recently graduated from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, where he studied political science, global studies, and German. He is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience and who has been a true asset to the office.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Noah for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO ANDREW LEIFERMAN

• Mr. ROUNDS. Madam President, today I recognize Andrew Leiferman, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota.

Andrew is a graduate of T.F. Riggs High School in Pierre, SD. He attends the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, where he studies finance and economics. He is an analytical and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience and who has been a true asset to the office.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Andrew for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO THOMAS MCNAMARA

• Mr. ROUNDS. Madam President, today I recognize Thomas McNamara,