

of the Las Vegas Ice Age Park Foundation and an archaeologist herself, Helen used her knowledge to educate her community and local lawmakers about the significance of the Tule Springs site. Because of her, fossil sites of prehistoric mammoths and giant sloths will always remain only a short drive away for residents of the Las Vegas Valley.

These three champions of conservation taught us all about the need to protect and treasure Nevada's wild places. Their passion, advocacy, and community-building facilitated the passage of legislation that will keep the wild Nevada I love intact and accessible for generations. Their work is appreciated, and I wish them continued success for years to come.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I wish to honor the 50th anniversary of the First African Methodist Episcopal—FAME—Church. In September 2016, FAME will formally celebrate over 50 years of commitment to worship and community outreach in the great State of Nevada.

Since 1996, FAME has played an integral role in the success of both north Las Vegas and the State of Nevada. The church works to provide Nevadans with a place to worship and connect with the community. FAME takes pride in ensuring that its members are positive contributors to the communities in which they reside, all while promoting their spiritual development.

Since its inception, the church has also been a strong supporter of outreach ministries that promote and bring awareness to the importance of community service. FAME has helped much-needed resources to the homeless, elderly, and disabled, and it has created educational and career opportunities for young students and high school graduates. These programs not only encourage people to remain civically engaged, but also foster connections between members of the church and communities throughout the State of Nevada.

I applaud Reverend Ralph E. Williamson and his team for their strong leadership of this important organization. It is through their selfless efforts that numerous Nevadans have been positively impacted by FAME. This institution is an invaluable part of the Silver State, and I extend my best wishes for continued success as the church enters its next chapter.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTHERN NEVADA

Mr. REID. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the 75th anniversary of the Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada.

Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada was established in 1921 by Bishop

Thomas K. Gorman to provide social services for Nevadans in need. Bishop Gorman assigned Father Thomas F. Collins as the first director of Catholic Charities, and Father Collins diligently organized programs to combat homelessness and connect families with foster children throughout the Silver State. Bishop Gorman and Father Collins inspired hope through service to southern Nevadans, and we continue to see the same dedication in the organization's current leadership.

With the incredible growth in Nevada, Catholic Charities has expanded to provide aid to senior citizens, refugees, immigrants, girls in crisis, and the homeless population throughout the Las Vegas Valley. Catholic Charities is now one of the largest private nonprofit social service providers in Nevada, offering comprehensive assistance through 20 programs to support the community. I have worked closely with Catholic Charities to forge public-private partnerships to address human trafficking, homelessness, immigration services, and poor nutrition. Today the organization serves as a sanctuary for people in southern Nevada.

Catholic Charities has always made significant and positive contributions to our community. The services provided by Catholic Charities ensure Nevadans have the support they need to live a better life in Nevada. Catholic Charities' work is appreciated and admired, and I wish their continued success.

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LAMBDA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the 25th anniversary of the Lambda Business Association.

The Lambda Business Association was established in Las Vegas in 1991 as a networking club for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer—LGBTQ—businessowners and professionals. Since then, Lambda has grown into a strong nonprofit organization known as the LGBTQ Chamber of Commerce for Southern Nevada and has become a resilient voice for the LGBTQ business community.

For the past 25 years, Lambda has brought together LGBTQ business owners and their allies to build a strong network of public leaders. Lambda's members proudly display the attributes of inclusion, equality, integrity, fairness, and responsibility outlined in Lambda's code of ethics. Lambda also provides important volunteer opportunities to its members to bring positive change to southern Nevada. Through its dedicated work, Lambda has fought for a more inclusive economic environment that promotes the entrepreneurial spirit that helps businesses grow and succeed.

Lambda's work is appreciated and admired. I look forward to the continued work of Lambda to ensure equal rights for LGBTQ businessowners and professionals, and I wish this important orga-

nization success for many years to come.

(At the request of Mr. REID, the following statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD.)

VOTE EXPLANATION

• Mr. KAINÉ. Mr. President, for purposes of today's votes, I want to announce that, had I voted on Tuesday, September 6, 2016, I would have voted no on both cloture motions, the motion to invoke cloture on the conference report to accompany H.R. 2577, MilConVA appropriations, and the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 524, H.R. 5293, DOD appropriations.

This is consistent with how I voted previously on June 28, July 7, and July 14, 2016.●

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. CORKER. Mr. President, section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act requires that Congress receive prior notification of certain proposed arms sales as defined by that statute. Upon such notification, the Congress has 30 calendar days during which the sale may be reviewed. The provision stipulates that, in the Senate, the notification of proposed sales shall be sent to the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In keeping with the committee's intention to see that relevant information is available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications which have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such annex is available to all Senators in the office of the Foreign Relations Committee, room SD-423.

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

DEFENSE SECURITY
COOPERATION AGENCY,
Arlington, VA.

Hon. BOB CORKER,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 16-29, concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Qatar for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$124.02 million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

J.W. RIXEY,
Vice Admiral, USN, Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 16-29

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Qatar.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:
Major Defense Equipment* \$0.02 million.