

Recovery Month this September, I applaud organizations like HOPE for New Hampshire Recovery that are making significant differences in their communities and helping to save and improve lives.●

#### 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

● Ms. AYOTTE. Mr. President, today I wish to help commemorate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the New Hampshire College & University Council, NHCUC. Throughout the past half century, the NHCUC has consistently endeavored to advance the interests of both public and private higher education in my home State of New Hampshire.

Established in 1966 as a statewide consortium of both public and private higher education institutions, the council is committed to enhancing the quality of higher education in New Hampshire, offering students attending its member institutions opportunities for enriched experiences, as well as providing a foundation for enhanced communication among the member institutions.

The NHCUC is directed by the chancellors and presidents of the member institutions who have supported the collaborative work of the organization for 50 years. The council serves its member institutions through programs in academic affairs, admissions, library services, career services, and many other programs and initiatives in service to the students, faculty, and staff at the member institutions.

In addition, the NHCUC offers an important voice in advocating awareness of and appreciation for the importance of the higher education sector as a partner in growing New Hampshire's economic prosperity, educating the next generation of skilled workers for the twenty-first century, and enhancing the civic life of our State and local communities.

I appreciate the work of this unique statewide higher education consortium that strives to encourage all of New Hampshire's citizens to promote and advance both public and private higher education in the Granite State. It is my honor to recognize and congratulate the New Hampshire College & University Council as they reach this historic milestone, and I wish them many more years of success.●

#### FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE & CHARITABLE CLINICS

● Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. President, I wish to congratulate the National Association of Free & Charitable Clinics on their 15th anniversary and to recognize the outstanding work of our Nation's 1,200 free and charitable clinics in providing vital medical services to low-income, uninsured residents, including the eight clinics in my home State of West Virginia.

West Virginia's free and charitable clinics, with the assistance of their more than 1,000 dedicated volunteer professionals, provide health care for over 42,000 working poor of West Virginia. These clinics focus on the overall needs of patients by providing medical, dental, pharmaceutical, behavior health, vision, and health education services and ensure a medical home for vulnerable at-risk West Virginians.

Annually, America's 1,200 free and charitable clinics provide health care to 1.7 million people through 5.9 million patient visits. This is accomplished through a dedicated staff and over 160,000 volunteers, including 30,000 medical providers, 21,000 nurses, and almost 71,000 nonmedical volunteers.

Free and charitable clinics do not receive dedicated Federal funding. Instead, these clinics rely heavily on private donations from individual donors, foundations, grants, and volunteers, which allow them to keep their doors open and to deliver health care to those who need it the most.

I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues in Congress to better address the needs of the medically underserved and to increase awareness and understanding of the important work that free and charitable clinics do every day.●

#### TRIBUTE TO LAURANCE M. MILLER

● Mr. CRUZ. Mr. President, I am pleased to share with my colleagues a remarkable achievement by a very distinguished American citizen, Laurance M. Miller. On October 29, 2016, Mr. Miller will have devoted over 50 years of his life to the service of his country as an officer and civil servant in the U.S. Air Force. His honorable career began when he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force on June 6, 1966, from ROTC at the University of Akron.

Miller was stationed at Chanute Air Force Base in Illinois for training as an aircraft maintenance officer and assigned to the 526th TAC Fighter Squadron in 1967. In 1969, Miller received his orders to Vietnam, but the Pueblo Crisis diverted him to Kunsan Air Force Base in Korea, where he served as a maintenance officer for the next year and was promoted to captain.

In 1970, Miller was honorably discharged from Active Duty, but remained an Air Force Reservist with the 916th TAC Fighter Squadron in Youngstown, OH, until 1977.

On August 11, 1973, Miller made the best decision of his life when he married Patricia Kraus at St. Sebastian's Catholic Church in Akron, OH. They are the proud parents of Kevin, Melissa, and Matthew, and now grandparents of Ethan, Joy, Dylan, and Joshua.

Miller resumed Active Duty in 1977 and was assigned to Air Force Reserve Headquarters, AFRH, at Robins Air Force Base in Georgia. During his as-

signment at AFRH, he was promoted to major and honorably discharged from Active Duty in 1982.

He and his family then moved to New Orleans, LA, where he was assigned to 526th TAC Fighter Squadron and the New Orleans Naval Air Station as an air reserve technician. There he had the unique distinction of serving simultaneously as a civil servant for the Air Force, as well as an active Air Force Reservist.

Miller was assigned to Air Force Materiel Command, AFMC, individual mobilization augmentee at Hanscom Air Force Base in Massachusetts in 1984. During this time, he continued to serve as both a civil service employee and an active Reservist for the U.S. Air Force.

Mr. Laurance Miller devoted his life to the U.S. Air Force. His patriotic and unselfish commitment to his chosen branch of service and to the United States of America are extraordinary. I am honored to recognize him for a job well done, and I sincerely wish Larry and Pat happy trails as they enjoy a well-earned retirement together.●

#### TRIBUTE TO TOM RUMMEL

● Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, today I recognize Tom Rummel of Sanders County, who has served as sheriff since 2010. Thanks to his initiative and hard work, citizens affected by the Copper King Fire have been kept safe and up to speed on the latest fire activity.

Sheriff Rummel has coordinated local law enforcement and emergency services for weeks to ensure the safety of Montanans and their property as the Copper King Fire has grown to be the largest wildfire in the State.

As the fire increased in size to over 28,000 acres, Mr. Rummel implemented evacuation and pre-evacuation notices to numerous residences. In addition to phone calls, public notices around the county, and house visits, Sheriff Rummel has used Facebook to keep the community apprised of the very latest information about the fire. He has posted regular updates to the Sanders County Sheriff's Facebook page, using the power of social media to get the word out to his community.

While recent weather has tempered the spread of the Copper King Fire, Sanders County will not be completely out of the woods until we see a season-ending weather event. As Montanans continue to suffer the consequences of Federal mismanagement of our forests, it is often up to local leaders to protect our communities from wildfires.

I commend Sheriff Rummel for his tireless work to keep Montanans safe and keep his community informed. All Montanans, and indeed all Americans, owe our local law enforcement and emergency responders a debt of gratitude for their daily efforts on our behalf.●

#### REMEMBERING DOUGLAS MOORE

● Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to Douglas Moore