

Today I honor a man who was a fourth-generation Montanan and arguably one of Montana State University's biggest fans, Doug Alexander. Doug will be deeply missed as a member of the Bozeman and Bobcat community. Doug was born in Miles City, MT, in 1942 and attended many Montana schools before graduating from Montana State University in 1964. Even after he graduated, he remained very involved with its fraternity Sigma Nu serving as an adviser to the chapter, a friend and mentor to many members, eventually pinning his son Dan with his own Sigma Nu badge in the early 1990s. At the beginning of his career, Doug served his country proudly in the National Guard and was discharged as a first lieutenant in 1970.

Doug maintained adventure in his life, owning many small businesses across the State. However, it was when he acquired Bozeman's Story Motor Supply that he made his way back to the place he loved. It was Doug's compassion for his business and the community that made him such a strong leader and employer for Bozeman. He even joined the Montana Petroleum Marketers Association where he enlisted others to join and eventually lead the association as its national director in 1988 and 1989, where his service and dedication landed him in the Western Petroleum Marketers Association Hall of Fame.

Doug maintained his support of MSU through a position on the foundation board, the Football Quarterback Club, and the Rodeo team, among others. Suffice it to say, MSU wouldn't be where it is today without Doug Alexander and his incredible loyalty to his alma mater. I had the pleasure of being a Sunrise Rotary member with Doug for many years after he cofounded it in 1992. I am thankful for Doug's passion and am thankful that his legacy will be continued by many others in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO JAMES "JIM" FRENCH

● Mr. SCOTT. Mr. President, I would like to wish Mr. James "Jim" French of Charleston, SC, a happy 90th birthday.

Mr. French, a committed, passionate, and award-winning journalist, served as a U.S. Navy chief journalist for 26 years. After retiring, he founded the Charleston Chronicle in 1971. His work at the Charleston Chronicle focused on offering solutions for the problems within the Black community and successfully led to receive hundreds of awards from organizations throughout the Lowcountry and Nation.

Mr. French's legacy will forever be defined not just by his work and service, but by some many people he has touched in the Charleston community.

I would like to recognize Mr. Jim French for his service to our country and our amazing State; he truly represents the very best of South Carolina.

Happy 90th birthday, Mr. French. May God bless you.●

#### RECOGNIZING THE PHILLIS WHEATLEY LITERARY AND SOCIAL CLUB

● Mr. SCOTT. Mr. President, I would like to congratulate the Phillis Wheatley Literary and Social Club, one of Charleston's earliest Black women's clubs, on their 100th anniversary.

Named after a prominent African-American poet, Phillis Wheatley, the club was established by Jeanette Keeble Cox in 1916 as the Wheatley Community Club. Mrs. Cox was the wife of Benjamin F. Cox, the first African-American principal of the Avery Normal Institute.

The Phillis Wheatley Club has remained committed to bringing hope and opportunities to each of its members. This year, we recognize the club's ongoing legacy, and I believe this centennial celebration is a testament to its positive influence.

It is with honor and admiration that we recognize the Phillis Wheatley Club, and its great impact on so many women's lives, accomplishing its mission "to promote interest in literary and community work and to lift others as they climb high heights."●

#### RECOGNIZING ALVAREZ CONSTRUCTION

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, known for their resiliency and perseverance, Louisianians possess great strength and determination when facing adversity. This includes the folks who move to Louisiana and build a life there, such as Jairo Alvarez-Botero, a Colombian immigrant, who settled in Baton Rouge to build Alvarez Construction and has spent decades giving back to his community. For its many years of success and community service, I would like to recognize Alvarez Construction of Baton Rouge, LA, as Small Business of the Week.

In 1963 Jairo Alvarez-Botero came to the United States to learn English and put himself through college. With the mindset that there is "no such thing as impossible," Jairo graduated from Albany Business College with honors and returned to his home country of Colombia to start a family. However, as the country's political and economic stability continued to waver, in the early 1980s, Jairo and his wife, Anita, decided to immigrate to the United States to provide a brighter future for their three children, Carlos, Ana, and Sebastian.

Landing in Baton Rouge, the Alvarez family tried several business ventures before finding success in construction. In 1991, Jairo and his eldest son, Carlos, launched Alvarez Construction. They built three homes that first year, then six more the following year. Starting with individual single-family residential homes, Alvarez Construction eventually expanded its operations to in-

clude real estate and residential development.

After Hurricane Katrina, Jairo recognized the immediate need for increased construction in Baton Rouge and began developing an affordable subdivision for displaced first-time home buyers. In 2007, Alvarez Construction had several hundred houses under construction and 200 full-time workers. In the years since, the family-owned and operated small business has continued to achieve success, developing the St. Jude Dream Home and entire multiuse communities across the greater Baton Rouge area.

Jairo developed cancer in 2005 and spent years battling the disease. He passed away in 2013 as the patriarch of a successful construction and development business that was very involved in the Baton Rouge community. Appreciative of the opportunities the United States had afforded him, Jairo had made it a priority for his firm to participate in various volunteer programs that give back to the community, such as the St. Jude Dream Home Campaign and Wheels to Succeed, a foundation that provides adapted three-wheeled cycles for children with physical disabilities.

Today each member of the Alvarez family continues to play a major role in the business's success. Anita and Ana are in charge of administration, including accounting, bookkeeping, and staffing. With a business administration degree from Louisiana State University, Carlos is a licensed broker and responsible for the production, building, and selling aspects of the firm. As an expert in landscape architecture, Sebastian manages the firm's land development and subdivision infrastructure.

Congratulations to the Alvarez family and the Alvarez Construction Company for being recognized as Small Business of the Week. I look forward to your continued growth and success.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

##### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 1:27 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. 4665. An act to require the Secretary of Commerce to conduct an assessment and analysis of the outdoor recreation economy of the United States, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

At 4:45 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 1808. An act to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a Northern Border threat analysis, and for other purposes.