

In the case of Sister Janice, “community service” extends well beyond the borders of our small State. Through her lens, the community is global.

Perhaps it was the work ethic and the duties of stewardship that she learned growing up on the farm or the responsibility that comes with being raised the eldest of six children, but since joining the Sisters of Mercy as a teenager, Sister Janice rose to whatever challenge she was presented and brought her trademark energy, compassion, and influence to every task.

Before most of us even heard the phrase “mainstreaming,” Sister Janice worked tirelessly to ensure that children with special needs received the education they deserved, first at the State level, and later in her work as a staff member in the U.S. Senate. Later, serving as project director of the Catholic Campaign to Ban Landmines, she was a great ally with me in the work we did in the 1990s and since then to rid the world of landmines. Her passion and commitment to that issue inspired me and many others.

Sister Janice’s titles have been many and varied: professor and college president, deputy corrections commissioner, criminal justice reformer, human rights advocate, and, of course, Catholic nun. What is common to all of her work is her heartfelt belief that we cannot and we must not lose sight of the poor and vulnerable among us.

Representing the Sisters of Mercy, Sister Janice has always done this work in a quiet but most effective manner. Her no-nonsense personality cuts straight to the core of the issue and to the pressing need. She is masterful at bringing opposing sides together and finding the common language needed to move us forward. In these times we live in, we need many more people like Sister Janice in the world.

Upon receiving an honorary degree from the University of Vermont in 2008, Sister Janice spoke about the role that faith has played in her life. She told an interviewer that she was first drawn to the Sisters of Mercy because of its emphasis on education and its work with immigrants.

“I truly believe we have purpose and that it is related to some greater force,” she said at the time. “It is almost impossible to imagine my life without a belief in a higher power, to put it in secular terms. There is so much in the universe that calls out for it.”

Marcelle and I have seen Sister Janice answer that calling many times over. For that, our State, our Nation, and our world are better. We are so very grateful.

NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, in recognition of National POW/MIA Recognition Day, today I wish to call attention to the importance of maintain-

ing focus on efforts to bring home America’s prisoners of war, POWs, and missing in action, MIA. Let us join in honoring America’s servicemembers, including those who have yet to make it home, and recognizing the enduring service of military families who watch and wait for the return of their loved ones.

We must continue to seek answers until all American servicemembers are home. Many American families have waited decades for resolution about the fate of their loved ones who went missing while serving our Nation. I commend those who are working to bring America’s servicemembers home and who keep a spotlight on the service of those who remain missing. Idahoans, including members of the POW/MIA Awareness Rally Corp., raise awareness about the continued need to return our missing servicemembers, holding annual rallies and other events to keep a spotlight on the service of those who remain missing and the need for answers for their families. Their efforts are greatly valued in helping to ensure that the return of American servicemembers is prioritized.

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency reports that more than 360 Idahoans are among those who have not yet been recovered following their service in World War II, the Korean war, and the Vietnam war. Their service and return must be ever fixed in our national attention. My prayers are with their families and friends that they may experience the long-awaited return of their loved ones. We cannot let up in the search. As Americans, it is our duty to bring home those who have given so much for us.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO PAM TESTROET

• Mr. CASSIDY. Mr. President, today I would like to recognize and honor the president-elect of the Louisiana REALTORS, Mrs. Pam Foreman Testroet. Pam is a distinguished realtor in Louisiana whose career has been defined by her devotion to ethics and her ability to make people comfortable while making important life decisions.

The Louisiana REALTORS, LR, is a trade association tasked with helping its members in the business of real estate in Louisiana. LR represents its members on real estate issues before the State and Federal governments while also providing legal assistance and professional development opportunities. As president, Pam will ensure LR achieves its mission of “providing optimum member resources while serving as the advocate for REALTORS and consumers.”

Pam began her career in Baton Rouge working for the Louisiana State Legislature and the constitutional convention. She held various jobs in New Orleans and Houma, LA, before pursuing her dream of a career in real es-

tate in 2003. After receiving her real estate license, Pam became actively involved in REALTOR organizations, serving as a director on boards at the local, State, and national levels.

Pam’s top career priorities include client satisfaction, ethics, communication, technology, and education. As evidenced by her numerous awards, Pam has excelled at those priorities. Pam’s awards include: 2005 Rookie of the Year, 2007 REALTOR of the Year, 2008 Congeniality Award, 2010 RE/MAX Cooperative Spirit Award, Louisiana REALTORS 2013 REALTOR of the Year, 2016 Louisiana REALTORS secretary/treasurer, and, finally, 2017 president-elect of Louisiana REALTORS.

I would like to congratulate Pam on her astounding career and her ascension to the position of president of the Louisiana REALTORS. Her election as president is a testament of her work ethic and the positive impact she has had on those with which she has come in contact. I know Pam will excel in this position, and I am proud to have her in the great State of Louisiana.●

CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF CASCADE, IDAHO

• Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, my colleague Senator JIM RISCH joins me today in honoring the city of Cascade, ID, in its 100th year since its incorporation.

One hundred years ago, Cascade got its start as a prime location along the railroad tracks that crossed Valley County, ID, and developed into the county seat. Cascade became a central place for transporting the timber harvested nearby to area sawmills and a hub for mining. Like its neighbors in other parts of Valley County, Cascade has faced booms and downturns in the logging, mining, and agriculture sectors, with resilience and ingenuity. The beauty of the local landscapes and natural resources continue to attract recreation and other outdoor activities to this picturesque community, and residents embody the industriousness and warmth at the heart of the community and its historical roots. Cascade’s chamber of commerce aptly highlights Cascade’s “scenic beauty, fresh mountain air, warm friendly people and unlimited recreational activities.” It is truly a treasure of our great State.

Congratulations to the residents of Cascade on 100 years of accomplishments in developing Cascade that is a wonderful home and destination to so many. We wish you well as you continue to work for the advancement of this great community and its residents.●

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE TOWN OF ESTES PARK

• Mr. GARDNER. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the centennial celebration of the town of Estes Park, CO. For