

inaugural Congressional Youth Cabinet, a nonpartisan initiative that has allowed these young people firsthand experience engaging in the democratic process. Students from each of Arkansas' four congressional districts participated in the program, which provided them with exposure to the legislative process and opportunities to seek out advocacy and civic engagement.

The goal of the Congressional Youth Cabinet is to foster a lifetime commitment to civic engagement and public service. I have been impressed with these young Arkansans as they have grown in their knowledge of how our government works and the role that public policy plays in their everyday lives.

One project in particular that demonstrates this process involved having the participants, grouped together by their congressional districts, develop a legislative proposal of their choice between three issues: driverless cars, an internet sales tax, or rural broadband. The students worked together to craft their proposals on these topics, drawing on their own research and background knowledge.

I was able to help them refine their ideas and offer my advice as to how they could make adjustments to their product so as to have the best chance of garnering bipartisan support. We also discussed why similar legislation had not successfully attracted enough backing to pass Congress and become law.

This program has given these students the chance to think critically and carefully about how public policy can have an impact on them, their families, friends, neighbors, and fellow citizens. I am proud of these Arkansans for taking a proactive step to learn more about how they can make a difference and be a force for good. Their participation in the Congressional Youth Cabinet is something we all can take great pride in.

I congratulate them on their hard work and efforts and offer my best wishes for the future. I know these students will continue to be leaders and doers who give back to their communities. I hope their participation in the Congressional Youth Cabinet is something they can point to as having made a distinct and significant contribution to their development as students and informed, engaged citizens.●

TRIBUTE TO MARY KAY FORSYTH

● Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the 100th birthday of Mary Kay Forsyth, originally of Bozeman, MT. She was born in the middle of Main Street under a firetruck on April 24, 1918, and she has been setting off alarms ever since.

Mary Kay spent her formative years in Missoula where her father, Clyde P. Fickes, was the head the U.S. Forest Service Region 1 office. Soon after graduating from the University of

Montana in 1941 with a double major in journalism and pre-medicine, Mary Kay married professional hockey player, Albert J.C. Forsyth of Wainwright, Alberta. They soon moved to Seattle to help the war effort. At the conclusion of the war, Mr. and Mrs. Forsyth and their growing family settled in Coronado, CA.

Mary Kay spent her life dedicated to the improvement of her community. Her public service and spirit is an example to others and is admired by all who know her.

Mary Kay has a loving family of four children, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. I, along with her family and friends, wish Mary Kay a very happy 100th birthday.●

REMEMBERING DORIS WARD

● Ms. HARRIS. Mr. President, Californians and San Franciscans have lost a fearless advocate for racial and economic equality who became the first African-American president of San Francisco's board of supervisors. Ms. Doris Ward was elected to the board of supervisors and was sworn in on January 8, 1980. In 1991, Ms. Ward became the first Black woman to serve as board president.

Ms. Ward was a trailblazer from her earliest days. She attended an integrated school from kindergarten through 12th grade. She went on to earn her bachelor's and master's degrees in education at Indiana University. Later she earned a master's degree in counseling from San Francisco State University and a doctorate in education from U.C. Berkeley. Ms. Ward was active in the civil rights movement and participated in sit-ins at bars and other public areas in Indiana. Ms. Ward began her career as a teacher in Gary, IN, her hometown, before joining the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, NAACP, in Indianapolis.

During her time at the NAACP in the late 1960s, Ms. Ward cemented her role as a leader for civil rights and social justice by opposing the Ku Klux Klan and other forms of racism and discrimination before moving to California.

Ms. Ward started her political career in 1972, after moving to San Francisco, when she became a trustee for the city's community college district prior to joining the board of supervisors.

Ms. Ward was a friend, mentor, and we will miss her vibrant spirit. The thoughts of San Franciscans and Californians are with Ms. Ward's sister, Debra Floyd, of Washington, DC, her family, city leaders, and the people of San Francisco during this time.●

TRIBUTE TO JOHN RUHS

● Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I would like to recognize and thank Mr. John Ruhs, the director of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, BLM, in Nevada, for his work on behalf of our State as he departs his role to assume

the top position at the National Inter-agency Fire Center in Boise, ID.

Mr. Ruhs first moved to Nevada as a wild horse and burro specialist and later served as Ely's BLM district manager and Winnemucca's district fire management officer. When talking about the time he has spent in Nevada, Mr. Ruhs said, "I truly love the resources, the people, and the wide variety of activities and issues that we face."

He was appointed by Neil Kornze, the national director of the BLM during the Obama administration, to serve as Nevada's director in 2015, a role he was well-suited for, given his previous public service in Nevada. For more than 3 years, he was in charge of managing 48 million acres of Federal land in our State. It is a tough job, but he excelled in the role, and I have appreciated the opportunity to work with him. He is a hard-working, honest broker who has a record of successfully and expeditiously resolving longstanding issues. John is a leader and a problem solver and was willing to get personally involved in even the most difficult disputes.

Prior to his work in Nevada, Mr. Ruhs worked for the BLM in Colorado, Idaho, and Oregon, as well as in Washington, DC, as the senior special assistant. He also worked in Wyoming as district manager of the High Desert District. Mr. Ruhs is also a veteran. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps, and I am truly grateful for his service to our Nation.

Mr. Ruhs grew up in Iowa and graduated from the University of Idaho with a bachelor of science degree in animal science. He and his wife, Amy, are the proud parents of seven daughters. Together, they embrace the outdoors and enjoy spending time riding horses and camping.

As the senior Senator from the State of Nevada, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Ruhs for his many years of public service to the BLM and to my home State. While his departure is Nevada's loss, I know that the National Interagency Fire Center will benefit from his expertise. I wish Mr. Ruhs continued success in his future endeavors and many fulfilling years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO DIMITRI PHILEMONOF

● Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, today I would like to recognize an Alaska Native leader who has dedicated much of his life and career to humanitarian service in Alaska. Dimitri Philemonof is the president of the Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association, which is a Tribal nonprofit organization that serves the regional tribes in the Aleutian Pribilof Islands of Alaska. Under Dimitri's leadership, APIA has had a profound impact on the health and well-being of the Aleut people by providing them with a broad spectrum of services. These services include health, education, social, employment