

RECOGNIZING THE WINNERS OF THE 2018 GOLDMAN ENVIRONMENTAL PRIZE

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I want to bring to the attention of all Senators the winners of the 2018 Goldman Environmental Prize, the world's largest and most prestigious award for grassroots environmental activism.

Richard N. Goldman, 1920–2010, and his wife Rhoda H. Goldman, 1924–1996, established the prize in 1989. They had devoted much of their lives to environmental protection, and they conceived of the prize in order to recognize ordinary individuals working at the grassroots level who protect and enhance the Earth's environment.

As the Goldman Prize website states, "It views 'grassroots' leaders as those involved in local efforts, where positive change is created through community or citizen participation in the issues that affect them. Through recognizing these individual leaders, the Prize seeks to inspire other ordinary people to take extraordinary actions to protect the natural world." The award ceremony, held annually in both San Francisco and Washington, DC, is one of the year's most inspiring events.

Since Richard and Rhoda Goldman passed away, their three children have continued the prize. In doing so, they have honored courageous individuals from Africa, Asia, Europe, islands and island nations, North America, and South and Central America who have struggled for years, often against overwhelming odds, to protect endangered ecosystems and species, combat destructive development projects, promote sustainable environmental and energy policies, and obtain environmental justice.

Recipients of the prize are often from isolated rural communities or impoverished urban neighborhoods who have in common a lack of prior experience in activism, politics, or the law, but what they also share is that, when the forests, farmland, water, and air that their children, families, and communities depend on for their health and survival were faced with potentially existential threats, they took great personal risks to challenge those responsible, whether private industry, criminal networks, governments, or a combination of all three.

Their struggles, beginning with one or a handful of concerned individuals, grew to encompass whole communities and in some instances ignited national movements. What first seemed like tilting at windmills was eventually, through dogged and brave perseverance, shown to be possible, often after exposing lies, unbridled greed, and corruption on the part of large corporations and their accomplices at the highest levels of government.

By doing so, they have reminded us of the grave perils our planet faces today, that a single individual—regardless of his or her station in life—when moved to act can transform cynicism and despair into activism and change

and that each of us has a responsibility to follow their example.

This year's prize winners, who deserve our admiration and thanks, are as follows: Europe, Claire Nouvian of France; South and Central America, Francia Marquez of Colombia; islands and island nations, Manny Calonso of the Philippines; Africa, Makoma Lekalakala and Liz McDaid of South Africa; Asia, Khanh Nguy Thi of Vietnam; and North America, LeeAnne Walters of Flint, MI.

I urge all Senators to go to the Goldman Environmental Prize website and read the inspiring stories of these extraordinary, ordinary individuals. The people of their countries are rightfully proud of them and grateful for what they have done to protect the health of their communities and of future generations. Their governments should likewise afford them the respect and recognition they deserve.

I commend the Goldman siblings for carrying on their parents' generous legacy and educating all of us about these role models for the world.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, today, during National Police Week, I wish to honor the thousands of uniformed Montanans who put their lives on the line to guarantee the safety and well-being of our families and the communities they call home.

Day in and day out, they keep out drugs, provide justice for families shattered by crime, and ensure parents are secure tucking in their kids at night.

These law enforcement officers are well-trained, committed, and they deserve our deepest gratitude.

When others run from danger, they courageously face it head on. They bravely stand up to threats, and in the most tragic of circumstances, some make the ultimate sacrifice.

Last year, Montanans lost Deputy Mason Moore of the Broadwater County Sheriff's Office.

Deputy Moore was a beloved son, husband, father, and brother. He had a strong faith and a deep commitment to Montana and this Nation. His legacy lives on in his family, his fellow law enforcement officers, his community, and our State. Montana will never forget his dedication to service and his promise to keep all Montanans safe.

Tragic moments like this make us all stop and remember how thankful we are for the men and women who serve and protect our communities.

This National Police Week we add Deputy Moore's name to National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC, to respectfully document his sacrifice and to preserve his legacy.

In addition to honoring the life and service of Deputy Moore, we recognize six outstanding Montana law enforcement officers who also responded on May 16, 2017.

Deputy Austin Micu of Powell County Sheriff's Department, Troopers

Thomas Gill and Timothy R. Wyckoff of Montana Highway Patrol, and Sergeant Tim Berger, Lieutenant John O'Brien, and Officer Rich O'Brien of Butte-Silver Bow Law Enforcement Department all went above and beyond the call of duty, and we honor them today as "Top Cops."

During this week and every week, we thank you for putting your lives on the line to make Montana a safer place.

God bless you, and God bless your families, and God bless America.

TRIBUTE TO DR. SUSAN J. HUNTER

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I wish to congratulate Dr. Susan J. Hunter, president of the University of Maine, on her retirement after 27 years of outstanding service in higher education. Dr. Hunter joined the faculty of the University of Maine at Orono in 1991 as a researcher in cell biology. In 2014, she was named the university's 20th president, the first woman to hold that position.

It is a pleasure to join the people of Maine in expressing gratitude for Dr. Hunter's commitment to higher education. In her many roles during a truly distinguished career—from researcher, to professor, provost, and president—she has been an inspiring leader.

Even if Dr. Hunter had remained solely in the research field, her contributions would be worthy of accolades. In addition to invaluable work in bone cell biology, she served as coprincipal investigator of an award-winning National Science Foundation grant that placed graduate teaching fellows in primary and secondary schools as science demonstrators. She also led the establishment of UMaine's Rising Tide Center, an important initiative to enhance opportunities for women faculty members in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and social-behavioral sciences.

Dr. Hunter's service as an administrator includes chair of the department of biological sciences, associate provost and dean for undergraduate education, executive vice president for academic affairs and provost, and vice chancellor for academic affairs for the entire University of Maine System. Last year, while serving as president of UMaine's flagship campus at Orono, she also became president of the university's regional campus at Machias.

Dr. Hunter's leadership at UMaine played a key role in bringing about advancements in enrollment, fundraising, and advocacy and partnerships. During her presidency, UMaine has recruited its largest incoming classes and the largest number of out-of-state students in the university's 153-year history, and the university has seen a 22-percent increase in private giving to its annual fund. Students and supporters have expressed their confidence in Dr. Hunter's leadership in the most meaningful ways.