

for 30 years, along with providing leadership and expertise to the Wyoming Department of Transportation for over 39 years. Alongside this public service, Del has been a small business owner and a champion for local economic development.

As the cofounder of LEADER Corp., a private economic development group committed to expanding the economic base of Lander, Del helps transform his vision of a prosperous community into reality. Known for his dedication and determination, Del brings all the players to the table and works to make things happen. Del is a problem-solver, and Lander and the State of Wyoming are better for it.

Del's neighbors and friends know they can rely on him to get the job done. They have elected him as mayor four times and sent him to represent their interests in the State legislature seven times. He has rewarded their faith in him by finding the funds necessary to build the new Lander Valley High School.

Del and I served in the Wyoming State Legislature together for 5 years. His opinions and advice carried great weight in both chambers and across the aisle. Del was known for his integrity and devotion to Wyoming. He served on the education committee when we passed the Hathaway Scholarship that ensures every Wyoming High School graduate has access to higher education. Together, we cosponsored legislation to fund critical emergency telephone services in our rural State. Del's legacy will always be working to meet the needs of our State and her people.

In Wyoming, we have adopted the Code of the West as our guiding ethical principles. No one embodies these commitments more than Del McOmie. Throughout his impressive career of service, Del has always "done what has to be done" and embraced that "when you make a promise, [you must] keep it." Even before Wyoming had an official code of ethics, Del has always been one to "ride for the brand".

It is with great honor that I recognize this exceptional member of our Wyoming community. My wife, Bobbi, joins me in extending our appreciations to Del McOmie for his service.

#### 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF QUEEN CITY AIRPORT

Mr. TOOMEY. Mr. President, I would like to recognize the 75th anniversary of Queen City Airport, located in Allentown, PA.

Dedicated in October 1943, Queen City Airport was originally known as Convair Field and consisted of an airstrip and several production facilities leased from Mack Truck. During the Second World War, Consolidated Vultec, a local aircraft manufacturer, produced the TBY-2 Sea Wolf torpedo bomber for the U.S. Navy at the airport and employed several thousand workers. After the war ended, aircraft production shut down and the leased

facilities were returned to Mack Truck.

In 1947, ownership of the airport was transferred from the Federal Government to the city of Allentown, which agreed to maintain the land as an airport and emergency landing field. Shortly thereafter, the Pennsylvania Air National Guard began leasing a facility at the airport for flight training exercises. It was not until 1961 that the airport was renamed Queen City Municipal and the city assumed full ownership and operation of the airport. In addition to general aviation services, the airport began hosting events and exhibitions for members of the Allentown community, including airshows, hot-air balloon events, and fireworks on the Fourth of July.

Today Queen City Airport is owned and operated by the Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority, LNAA. Nearly 80 individual aircraft are now based at the airport, a majority of which are used for local general aviation. As a result of LNAA's support for general aviation, the Federal Aviation Administration's Eastern Region recognized Queen City Airport as the General Aviation Airport of the Year in 2006.

Again, I wish to congratulate Queen City Airport as it celebrates its 75th anniversary later this year. The airport serves as the home base for many general aviation pilots throughout the Lehigh Valley, and during State work periods, I often start my day at Queen City, using the airport as a home base before flying to various parts of Pennsylvania to meet with constituents and business leaders. I hope the airport will continue to support the Allentown community well into the future.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO GREG BOLLARD

• Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Greg Bollard, who will be honored at the 15th anniversary celebration for Friends of the Lake on August 9, 2018. His numerous accomplishments on behalf of Lake Lillintonah have made a great impact on the health of Connecticut's environment.

Mr. Bollard is the cofounder of Friends of the Lake, a nonprofit organization created to improve the water quality of Lake Lillintonah in Connecticut, enhance the enjoyment of the lake's pristine and stunning surroundings and protect that portion of the Housatonic River and its watershed.

Friends of the Lake works alongside an array of community and environmental organizations, Federal, State and local officials, and residents in order to acquire vital funding to improve the lake, raise awareness of the project and its importance, and bring together the community around Lake Lillintonah. Mr. Bollard has worked

tirelessly over the past decade and a half to obtain and deploy a monitoring buoy. This buoy uses the Global Lake Observatory Network GLEON, to share data about the lake with scientists and other lake organizations worldwide, in order to facilitate more thorough monitoring and study of lake ecology.

In order to ensure Lake Lillintonah is clean, safe, and accessible to the community, Mr. Bollard has led tireless efforts to learn more about invasive species and control their populations, along with chairing the water quality committee. He is known as an incredibly dependable man, who is able to fix any problem by spearheading key efforts to develop a solution and bring the right group of people together to see it through successfully.

Mr. Bollard's desire to help his community extends beyond his work with Friends of the Lake, as well. For 16 years, he served on the Bridgewater Inland Wetlands Commission, and he continues to dedicate his time to his community through his role as an EMT and ambulance coordinator for the Bridgewater Fire Department, a firefighter and EMT for the Morris Volunteer Fire Department, and as a member of the Shepaug parent council.

Through his devotion to helping our State with Friends of the Lake and his great work as a public servant, Mr. Bollard has left a lasting, positive impression upon Connecticut and laid a profoundly strong foundation for improving our State's environment in the years to come.

I applaud Greg Bollard's dedicated commitment to improve and protect Lake Lillintonah, and I hope my colleagues will join me in congratulating Mr. Bollard on his well-deserved honor. •

##### TRIBUTE TO OLIVIA MITCHELL

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, this week, I have the distinct honor of recognizing Olivia Mitchell of Wheatland County.

At just 11 years old, Olivia took third place on her Americanism essay at the Montana Department of the American Legion Auxiliary convention. She wrote on a topic that is far beyond her years, serving as a testament to her exemplary work. Olivia said she loves to write and even finds it relaxing.

Olivia lives in Judith Gap and will soon be a sixth grader at Judith Gap School. She is able to balance her school work and extracurricular activities, including hunting, fishing, and sports with ease. Olivia loves to hunt. She already has a mule deer under her belt and has a goal to bag an elk and antelope next. She loves being outdoors and hopes to visit Yellowstone National Park soon. Her values and work ethic can be attributed to her loving parents, Lane and Christie Mitchell, and her two younger sisters. Olivia is a compassionate leader and loves to help her community.