

me in congratulating its members its growth and prosperity in the years ahead.

#### TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT MAJOR DANIEL A. DAILEY

Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize SMA Daniel A. Dailey, the fifteenth Sergeant Major of the Army, SMA, for his extraordinary 30 years of faithful service to our Army and our Nation.

Sergeant Major Dailey's impressive and distinguished career has been characterized by his diligent work, compassionate leadership, and focus on taking care of and advocating to improve the lives of soldiers and their family members.

In the next few weeks, Sergeant Major Dailey will transition his responsibilities as the U.S. Army's senior enlisted leader, and he will retire from the army after a long and distinguished career of military service at home and abroad. While Sergeant Major Dailey may transition his official duties, his heart and soul is that of a soldier. I know that, as a Soldier for Life, Sergeant Major Dailey will continue his life's work to improve our Army and to take care of our soldiers.

A native of Palmerton, PA, Sergeant Major Dailey began his journey of service when he enlisted in the Army in 1989 and successfully completed basic training and advanced individual training as an infantryman at Fort Benning, GA. During his career, Sergeant Major Dailey has held every enlisted leadership position in the mechanized infantry, ranging from Bradley Fighting Vehicle commander to command sergeant major.

Sergeant Major Dailey has served with the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Infantry Divisions stateside and overseas. In March 2009, he was selected as the 4th Infantry Division command sergeant major, where he served as both the command sergeant major of Fort Carson, CO, and U.S. Division-North, Iraq. In 2011, Sergeant Major Dailey was selected to serve as the Command Sergeant Major of the United States Army Training and Doctrine Command, TRADOC.

In addition to four deployments supporting Operations IRAQI FREEDOM and NEW DAWN, where he earned the Bronze Star with Valor for his leadership during the 4th Infantry Division's 2-month "Battle for Sadr City" in 2008, he also deployed in support of Operations DESERT STORM and DESERT SHIELD during the first Gulf War.

Sergeant Major Dailey's tenure as the 15th Sergeant Major of the Army began on January 30, 2015. As Sergeant Major of the Army, Sergeant Major Dailey serves as the senior enlisted advisor to the Army's Chief of Staff on all matters affecting enlisted soldiers and the NCO corps. In addition to being the soldier's voice through his membership on multiple councils, boards, and commissions and frequently testifying

before Congress, Sergeant Major Dailey has also traveled the world to hear and tell the soldier's story, spearheaded initiatives to enhance Army readiness and increase soldier opportunity, and routinely met with business and industry leaders, and State and local government officials to improve the quality of life for Soldiers and their families.

Sergeant Major Dailey is the public face of the U.S. Army's noncommissioned officer corps, representing the corps to the American people in the media and through business and community engagements. Sergeant Major Dailey is a shining example of Army values, and he exemplifies the noncommissioned officer's creed. He has remained technically and tactically proficient, and he has consistently provided outstanding leadership. He is the personification of what it means to be a professional soldier, and his service is an example of how the Army's NCO corps is the "Backbone of the Army."

It has been a pleasure to know, work, and serve with Sergeant Major Dailey during his time as the Sergeant Major of the Army. On behalf of a grateful Nation, it is my honor to recognize the selfless service and sacrifice of Sergeant Major Dailey and his family. I wish Sergeant Major Dailey and his family the very best in all of their future endeavors as he and they begins this new chapter. May God continue to bless Sergeant Major Dailey, his family, and the United States of America.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO GILLIAN AIKEN

• Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Gigi for her hard work as an intern in the Senate Republican Conference. I recognize her efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Gigi is a native of Virginia. She will attend the University of the South: Sewanee. She has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made her an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of her work is reflected in her great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Gigi for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have her as part of our team. I know she will have continued success with all of her future endeavors. I wish her all my best on her journey.●

##### TRIBUTE TO MADISON ANDERSON

• Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Madison for her hard work as an intern in my Sheridan office. I recognize her efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Madison is a native of Ten Sleep. She is a student at Sheridan College, where

she is studying agricultural business. She has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made her an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of her work is reflected in her great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Madison for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It was a pleasure to have her as part of our team. I know she will have continued success with all of her future endeavors. I wish her all my best on her next journey.●

##### TRIBUTE TO JAYME CHANDLER

• Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Jayme for her hard work as an intern in the Environment and Public Works Committee. I recognize her efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Jayme is a native of California. She is a student at the University of California, Berkeley, where she is studying history. She has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made her an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of her work is reflected in her great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Jayme for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have her as part of our team. I know she will have continued success with all of her future endeavors. I wish her all my best on her journey.●

##### TRIBUTE TO JACK CHIESA

• Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Al for his hard work as an intern in the Environment and Public Works Committee. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Al is a native of New Jersey. He is a student at the College of William and Mary. He has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Al for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all of his future endeavors. I wish him all my best on his journey.●

##### TRIBUTE TO AVERY DOUGLAS

• Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Avery for her hard work as an intern in the Environment and Public Works Committee. I recognize her efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Avery is a native of Florida. She is a student at the University of South