

and they inspire others to act purposefully. They know there is a better future ahead, as long as good people are willing to put in the work to make it happen. There is no question Jim has put in the work.

In a few short days, Jim Wilson will be honored as one of the 2019 inductees to the Wyoming Agriculture Hall of Fame. He joins the elite ranks of other incredible individuals who have forever changed the future of this way of life in the great State of Wyoming. Thea Nuckolls said it best when she said her late husband JW "saw Jim as a model of integrity, having a spirit of generosity, the heart of humility, and a devoted family man."

It is with great appreciation and honor that I rise today to recognize the incredible contributions of Jim Wilson. My wife Bobbi joins me in congratulating Jim and his family on this well-deserved honor.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

SESQUICENTENNIAL OF MCKENZIE, TENNESSEE

• Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. President, I rise today to acknowledge and honor the city of McKenzie, Tennessee's sesquicentennial anniversary.

McKenzie has come a long way since her first settlers followed the Natchez Trace to the tall grasses and fertile soil of western Tennessee's "Barren Lands." What started as a cluster of fiercely competitive trading posts flourished into a bustling center of commerce with the arrival of the area's first railroads. The city withstood family rivalry, natural disasters, and the ravages of the Civil War, until it was finally incorporated by the State of Tennessee on January 22, 1869.

Today, the roads are paved, and cattle no longer roam the city square, but McKenzie's residents still live and work with the same inimitable volunteer spirit as those who fought for their homes and livelihoods through two great fires, a yellow fever epidemic, and the Great Depression.

Congratulations to the Honorable Jill Holland, Mayor of McKenzie, the members of the McKenzie City Council, and most importantly, the people of McKenzie. I ask my colleagues to join with me in wishing them 150 more years of progress and prosperity.●

RECOGNIZING THE URBAN AFFAIRS COALITION

• Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I wish to celebrate the Urban Affairs Coalition in recognition of their 50th anniversary. Founded in 1969 as the Philadelphia Urban Coalition, the Urban Affairs Coalition works tirelessly to tackle a number of diverse issues that immediately affect communities throughout the Greater Philadelphia Region.

A robust group of organizations, the Philadelphia Urban Coalition was

founded after the assassination of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., with the goal of solving their communities' social and economic problems. In 1991, the group merged with the Urban Affairs Partnership to create the Greater Philadelphia Urban Affairs Coalition and in 2010 shortened the name to the Urban Affairs Coalition. They have managed over \$1 billion of social investment since their founding.

Today, the Urban Affairs Coalition consists of over 75 organizations working to achieve unity among government, business, neighborhood, and individual initiatives to improve the quality of life in the region, build wealth in urban communities, and solve emerging issues. The coalition works towards this mission in three different ways: backing nonprofits through fiscal sponsorship, capacity building, and professional development; working to improve life chances for the youth and young adults; and providing economic opportunity to low-income households, working families, and disadvantaged businesses.

Through their extensive work, the Urban Affairs Coalition helps children and young adults climb the economic ladder, educates the community on job opportunities and financial advice, and provides access to capital for minority entrepreneurs. The coalition is committed to supporting nonprofits by helping them run backroom operations, allowing nonprofits to focus on public service.

In addition to helping their community, the Urban Affairs Coalition recognizes local leaders at their annual banquet. They present the Doer Award, the Living Legacy Award, and the Community Leadership Award to those who make efforts to improve and support their communities. The Urban Affairs Coalition consistently looks to form new partnerships and is working to raise \$1 million in the 2020 fiscal year to create a UAC Legacy Fund, which will further support educational and charitable activities.

Additionally, I wish to commend Ms. Sharmain Matlock-Turner, the president and chief executive officer of the Urban Affairs Coalition. This year marks Ms. Matlock-Turner's 20th anniversary in her role. She also serves as the cofounder and chair of the West Oak Lane Charter School, a school in Northwest Philadelphia where 92 percent of students are eligible for free or reduced-price lunches. West Oak Lane prides itself on strong ties with higher education organizations. These relationships begin by focusing on educating the next generation of innovators. Ms. Matlock-Turner was one of three Philadelphia leaders to win a scholarship to Harvard Business School's Nonprofit Leaders' Summer Program in 2005, and she has since won awards from CASA Philadelphia, the American Red Cross, and many other organizations.

The work of the Urban Affairs Coalition and Ms. Matlock-Turner have been

crucial to providing countless children and young adults a fighting chance at a brighter future. Community improvement is their continuing mission, and I thank them for their hard work on behalf of Pennsylvanians. I wish them the best of luck on their future efforts.●

TRIBUTE TO THOMAS PENLEY

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, this week I have the honor of congratulating Thomas Penley of Helena, MT, for his hard work representing Montana at the 2019 meeting of Boys Nation.

The process to be a delegate at Boys Nation is highly competitive, with only a few students per high school allowed to receive a nomination. Mr. Penley successfully earned a nomination to attend the Montana Boys State meeting at Carrol College in Helena. At this meeting, Mr. Penley was one of the two attendees selected by the conference to represent Montana at the national meeting.

Mr. Penley's achievements do not stop at his nomination to be part of the Montana delegation at the Boys Nation meeting. At the assembly, Mr. Penley was elected by his peers to serve as vice president of the session. This tremendous honor speaks volumes to Mr. Penley's work ethic and leadership. In the 73 years of Boys Nation, only one other time has a Montanan been elected vice president.

I am proud to recognize Mr. Penley for his continued success and wish him the best. I look forward to following all the future accomplishments Mr. Penley will achieve.●

TRIBUTE TO JIM TUFTS

• Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, today I would like to congratulate Mr. Jim Tufts of Exeter, NH, on his retirement, after his long, productive, and impactful career of making a difference for young people and their families throughout our region and country.

After graduating from the University of New Hampshire, Jim spent 2 years as an assistant coach at Winnacunnet High School in Hampton, NH. In 1977, he joined Exeter High School as the physical education teacher and varsity head coach of both the boys soccer and hockey teams.

Jim has coached over 1,650 games, and his teams have accumulated almost 1,000 career wins and won a combined eight New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association, NHIAA championships. He has also served as chairman of the Physical Education Department at Phillips Exeter Academy for the summer school program. In 1988 he became the coach and local program coordinator of the Exeter Area Athletes and runs the Learn to Play Hockey Program to introduce hundreds of young people to ice hockey.