

To my Franco-American friends, it is a pleasure to congratulate you on this landmark anniversary. Across the generations, you have worked hard and worked together to create a community that combines your rich heritage with the values that define our State and our Nation.

Mr. President, the celebration of Madawaska's 150th anniversary is not merely about the passing of time, it is about human accomplishment. We celebrate the people who pulled together, cared for one another, and built a great community.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO LARRY ROBERTSON

• Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize my friend Larry Robertson, a dedicated servant to the great people of West Virginia. After 20 years, Larry will be retiring from his post as executive director of HospiceCare, in my hometown of Charleston, WV. As a lifelong residence of the State capital city, Larry dedicated his career to caring for those in his area. He hasn't moved around much, with his office only a mile or two down the road from the fill station his father worked at when he was just a boy.

After graduating from George Washington High School, Larry stuck around the Kanawha River Valley and enrolled in Morris Harvey College, which is now known as the University of Charleston. With his bachelor's degree complete and after earning a master's in accounting from the West Virginia College of Graduate Studies in 1976, he set his sights on ways to give back to the community that had already given him so much. This commitment led Larry to take a job as a controller for the Blue Cross Medical Plan in Charleston.

From this point on, Larry would spend the entirety of his professional life committed to providing financial support and administrative services to not-for-profit organizations in the healthcare field. In the past 20 years, HospiceCare has flourished under Larry's leadership, providing over 300 jobs and services to 16 counties in West Virginia. Larry and HospiceCare also provide the community with an avenue to give back to those in need, garnering hundreds of volunteers throughout the years. There is an old saying that says there is nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer, but I believe Larry's "Hospice Heart" is even stronger.

Larry has also been instrumental in the foundation and the success of West Virginia's first inpatient hospice center, the Hubbard Hospice House. This project started out with only enough space and staff to accommodate 12 residents, but has grown exponentially under the vision of Larry and his dedicated team. By the end of this year, the Hubbard Hospice House operation

will be able to house 56 beds in several locations across central West Virginia. I became familiar with hospice during the last stage of my parents' lives. The support and dedication they give to their patients is a wonderful lifeline for families and caregivers. I am incredibly indebted to Larry and his staff for their professional services. Hundreds of families in Kanawha County and the surrounding area feel the same and share the same appreciation for the care hospice gave their family members. Thank you, Larry, for your dedication to building such a quality healthcare provider for end of life care that is so highly regarded throughout the State and region.

Larry will now have more time to spend with his grandchildren, watch the West Virginia Mountaineers, and work on his golf game, but the lasting effects for what he did for our State will continue on for generations to come. I wish Larry all the best in his retirement, as he continues to make a difference in his community with his one-of-a-kind attitude and generous heart. It is truly an honor to call you friend and fellow West Virginian.●

RECOGNIZING CAREY, IDAHO

• Mr. CRAPO. Madam President, along with my colleagues Senator JAMES RISCH and Representative MIKE SIMPSON, I congratulate the city of Carey, ID, on its centennial anniversary.

In 1884, just a few years after the first settlers arrived in the area, a school was built next to James Carey's Post Office. Homes, roads, and churches soon joined the landscape, demonstrating early on the characteristics that are readily associated with Carey today: selflessness, hard work, and determination to make their slice of Idaho neighborly and productive. By the time the residents of Carey got around to incorporating the town in 1919, a sense of community was already deeply rooted.

On July 20, 2019, the city of Carey celebrated its 100-year anniversary of its establishment with special events, including a parade, music, rodeo, and other activities. This picturesque community in Blaine County, ID, is in a beautiful area rich in history and extraordinary people. The area has a deep legacy of sheep herding and cattle ranching and has been home to remarkable Idahoans, including pioneers, ranchers, producers, conservationists, writers, and leaders. Among them was the late, former Idaho secretary of state Pete Cenarrusa, a beloved public servant and veteran, who ran a successful sheep operation with his wife of 66 years, Freda.

Pete is Carey's most famous son. In Idaho, Pete's legendary achievements are well known. He was a member of the 1940 University of Idaho NCAA national champion boxing team, served as a World War II fighter pilot, and he holds the record for Idaho's longest serving elected official at 52 years. One

validating experience exemplifying Pete's political will and influence occurred in 1948 when he convinced President Harry Truman to visit his hometown of Carey and dedicate the Carey Airport, which, according to some accounts, was built in a single day—a story that is reflective of a proud and dedicated public servant and committed townspeople. Pete Cenarrusa and Carey, ID, are synonymous among most in Idaho, each possessing their own distinct legacy, despite being deeply-entwined, that has contributed mightily to our State's history and success.

The residents of Carey have much to celebrate. In addition to building a welcoming community settled in an amazing part of our great State, recreational opportunities abound, including skiing, fishing, hiking, biking, and hunting. Past and present-day Carey residents have developed Carey into a community built on a foundation of resourcefulness and good will with an eye toward how to further grow and make progress for the betterment of its residents.

Congratulations to the residents of Carey on 100 years of accomplishments, principal among them building a lovely town where people can live full lives. If this is a suitable, primary measure of a successful community, you have more than succeeded. We wish you well for centuries to come.●

RECOGNIZING THE GREENBRIER MIDDLE SCHOOL STEM COMPETITION TEAM

• Mr. PERDUE. Madam President, today I wish to recognize the members of the Greenbrier Middle School STEM Competition Team from Evans, GA: Jordan Epstein, Emily Forshee, Kendall Schneller, Carissa Veriato, and Sam Weinstein, as well as their teacher, Mr. David Phillips.

Last October, the team competed in the STEAM competition at Augusta University. The team designed, built, and launched a rocket that was powered by water pressure and carrying a chicken egg. The rocket successfully landed in the landing zone that was only 30 feet in diameter.

The team won grand prize in that competition for middle school engineering, and received an invitation to the International Young STEM Maker Competition at Lingnan University in Hong Kong. They were the only American team to have received an invite.

The team worked to design a house that was powered by water as well as a new concept for electric vehicles. Out of 111 teams from around the globe, Greenbrier was awarded second place for their work. On top of that, the team's faculty leader, Mr. David Phillips, was awarded second place in the Best STEM Teacher competition.

These bright young people and the teachers who guide them have made the State of Georgia and all of America very proud. Please join me in congratulating Mr. Phillips and all members of