

200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CRAWFORD PATH

• Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the Crawford Path on its 200th year of continuous operation. As the first trail to the summit of 6,288-foot Mount Washington, the Crawford Path has provided adventure, physical challenge, and fantastic alpine views of the White Mountains for two centuries of hikers and travelers.

Ethan Allen Crawford, for whom the trail is named, first proposed the idea for a path to the peak of Mount Washington. Ethan and his father Abel operated the Crawford House, a modest wayside inn which provided shelter and accommodations for travelers at the inception of the tourism industry in the White Mountains. As an early entrepreneur, he realized he could make a little extra money serving as a mountain guide to these travelers. After seeing and hearing how difficult it was to move through the thick mountain brush, Ethan and Abel set out to cut some trees and build a footpath that offered better access to the Northeast's highest peak. Their path snaked through the woods, eclipsed the tree line, and traversed ridges and peaks on its way to the summit. The finished product as among the first hiking trails in the United States and established Ethan as an early mountain guide.

The Crawford Path capitalized on growing interest in the wilderness, and more and more travelers viewed the mountains as an outlet for recreational experiences. On one of Ethan's guided treks to the top of Mount Washington, he led a group that named the surrounding peaks—Mount Adams, Mount Jefferson, Mount Madison, Mount Monroe, Mount Franklin, and Mount Pleasant, now famously known as the Presidential Range.

The family continued to cut trails on the mountain, including a bridle path in the 1840s that led horse riders to the summit. Abel—by then in his seventies—became the first person to ascend Mount Washington on a horse. Years later, the mountain pass where they worked was renamed “Crawford Notch” as a tribute to the family's contributions to the region.

Generations of hikers have walked along the path first forged by the Crawfords, and generations of trail crews have maintained the 8.5-mile route for the enjoyment of the public. The Crawford Path carries day hikers as well as thru-hikers tackling the Appalachian Trail. Each is instantly connected to 200 years of experiences and adventures.

The White Mountains are now a thriving, well-known, four-season tourist destination, where travelers in numbers Abel and Ethan could not have imagined come to observe unparalleled natural beauty.

On behalf of the people of New Hampshire, I ask my colleagues and all Americans to join me in recognizing the Crawford Path on its 200 year anni-

versary and in thanking its many stewards for preserving the oldest continually-used mountain trail in the United States.●

TRIBUTE TO JAYDEN BIES

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Jayden Bies, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Jayden is a graduate of St Thomas More High School in Rapid City, SD. Currently, she is attending Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, AZ, where she is majoring in government with an emphasis in legal studies. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Jayden for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO ALLYSON MONSON

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Allyson Monson, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Allyson is a graduate of Clark High School in Clark, SD. Currently, she is attending South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD, where she is double majoring in political science and communication studies and minoring in legal studies. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Allyson for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO KATHERINE TAYLOR

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Katherine Taylor, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Katherine is a graduate of George C. Marshall High School in Falls Church, VA. Currently, she is attending Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA, where she is majoring in finance. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Katherine for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO EDA UZUNLAR

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Eda Uzunlar, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the

hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Eda is a graduate of Stevens High School in Rapid City, SD. Currently, she is attending Yale University in New Haven, CT, where she is pursuing a degree in global affairs. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Eda for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

RECOGNIZING THE WALT WHITMAN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1969

• Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, on Saturday, June 29, 2019, more than 125 members of the Class of 1969 of Walt Whitman High School in Bethesda, MD, held their 50th graduation class reunion celebration. Over the years, Walt Whitman High School has been recognized as one of the best high schools in the Nation. The WWHS class of 1969 is an outstanding representation of that excellence.

The Mighty Sixty-Niners, as they call themselves, have earned the characterization of “mighty.” From its beginning in 1962, Walt Whitman High School was experimental and forward-looking. The original school setting included a Buckminster Fuller-type geodesic dome that served as the school's main gymnasium and auditorium and as its unique visual focal point. For years afterwards, WWHS was locally and proudly known as “The Home of the Dome.”

The WWHS class of 1969 contributed much to the rich history of the school. In 1968, a time of heightened racial tensions throughout the country, Whitman students and faculty established an exchange program with several high schools in the District of Columbia. Participating Whitman students lived for a week and attended classes at DC's McKinley High School and Cardozo High School. The following week, the McKinley and Cardozo students spent a week at WWHS with their Whitman counterparts. Those exchanges helped develop greater understanding between the participants.

The WWHS class of 1969 also instituted a weeklong Experiment in Free Form Education. This novel educational program gained nationwide media attention and accolades, including a tribute on the floor of the U.S. Senate on April 25, 1969, by then-U.S. Senator Joseph Tydings of Maryland.

The Mighty Sixty-Niners have served our Nation in many productive ways, and they continue to do so, excelling in many fields—the arts, politics, government, education, literature, engineering, law, business and publishing, among others.

I ask my colleagues to join me in sending our very best wishes and congratulations to the Walt Whitman High