

her dreams and told her there was “no reason she could not be a wife, mother and a lawyer, just as a man is a husband, father and lawyer.” That prescient inspiration became reality when Cody graduated from the University of Wisconsin Law School, one of only five women in the class of 1949.

Before attending law school, Cody already had a successful career as one of the first women to serve in the U.S. Navy. She said the day she was admitted to the WAVES—Women Accepted for Volunteer Services—was the turning point of her life. Fascinated by politics, Cody was disappointed to learn she was assigned to Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio. She said to the assigning officer, “That’s lovely, but I really would like to go to Washington, D.C. What do you suppose?” She was granted assignment to a naval intelligence unit in Washington, DC, where she worked on cracking the Japanese code during World War II. She was quickly promoted to lead her fellow WAVES in Washington, a post where she oversaw the careers and well-being of 200 women. At the end of the war, Cody heard the GI bill would pay for her tuition to law school, a fact she confirmed by going to the Library of Congress and reading the entire bill.

Cody married her husband, Harley, also a UW law student, and moved to Appleton after graduation to open the second woman-owned law firm in Outagamie County. It was not easy for even a highly skilled female attorney to attract clients in the 1940s. In fact, her first client walked out of her office upon learning “Cody Splitt” was a woman. The scarcity of a client base forced her to close her practice after a year. Undaunted, Cody dedicated herself to her community, serving as a supervisor on the Outagamie County Board, president of the Outagamie County Bar Association, and a member of the American Association of University Women, the Fox Valley Human Rights Council, and the Alliance for the Mentally Ill. She also held various leadership roles in the Republican Party. She built a thriving law practice from which she retired at the age of 75.

Cody has received many well-deserved accolades for her work, including a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Wisconsin Law Journal and a Woman of the Year Award from the National Organization for Women. Her legacy will live on for decades to come through her scholarship and other charitable funds with the Appleton Community Foundation.

I am privileged to acknowledge the life and work of Cody Splitt, and on the occasion of her 100th birthday, I wish her good health and happiness for many years to come.

TRIBUTE TO DR. GAIL ZIMMERMAN

Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, today I wish to celebrate the St. An-

thony Tri-Parish Catholic School Foundation’s 2019 honoree, Dr. Gail Zimmerman.

The foundation supports the wonderful work of the St. Anthony Tri-Parish Catholic School in Casper, WY. The school is dedicated to achieving academic excellence in a faith-filled community and living a life committed to Christian service. Since 1927, the school and staff have provided a high standard of academic achievement while instilling Christian values. The schools strong religious and educational leadership to Casper students from preschool through eighth grade.

On October 10, 2019, the foundation will host their annual Joy Breakfast. The foundation honors individuals who make outstanding contributions to St. Anthony School and provide exceptional support to the Casper community. Dr. Gail Zimmerman is the perfect choice for this honor. Gail, with his late wife Anne, has a long history of personal beneficence and public service. The community looks forward to this breakfast and recognizing the annual honoree’s invaluable contribution and dedication to the St. Anthony’s Tri-Parish Catholic School Foundation.

Gail is an accomplished academic, a selfless servant, and an avid sportsman. His father was a farmer and pastor, contributing greatly to Gail’s work ethic and Christian values. Gail attended high school in Nebraska, then served in the U.S. Army. While serving, Gail met his wife, Lois. The ceasefire in Korea occurred while he was in training, enabling him to return to Nebraska for his undergraduate education.

Gail received his master’s at the University of Montana while teaching in Torrington, WY, and earned his Ph.D. in physiology and microbiology at the University of Wyoming while teaching in Casper, WY. He taught nurses and premedical students at Casper College for 23 years before furthering his education and becoming a broker. Dr. Zimmerman was elected to the Wyoming House of Representatives in 1985, then to the Wyoming Senate in 1989. He served a total of 14 years in our State legislature.

In 1975, Lois passed away. Together they had four children: Rhonda, Mitchell, Michael, and Renee. Five years later, Gail married Anne Templeton, a surgeon with whom I worked. They spent 24 happy years until her passing in 2004.

Gail’s community involvement, philanthropic engagements, and hobby interests are extensive. He has been influential with the Casper Petroleum Club, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, National Rifle Association, Safari Club International, Polestar Outdoors, the Dallas Safari Club Wyoming Chapter, and the Wyoming Water Quality and Pollution Control Association. He also served as the Director of the Werner Wildlife Museum and Wyoming State Wastewater Training Center, Chairman

and CEO of the Wyoming Employee Resource Capital & Service, and Trustee of the John Templeton Foundation as well as the Zimmerman Family Foundation. He somehow finds time to attend collector car shows and Alaskan fishing trips. Gail is also a member of the Casper Rotary Club.

Gail and his wife Anne generously contributed their time and resources to Wyoming’s schools and spiritual growth. They promoted human rights and supported fellow Christians around the world. The Zimmerman Science Awards and Zimmerman Family Foundation helped countless Wyoming students and people in need to further their education. They provided a much needed lift to those seeking to unlock their true potential. Gail is a pillar of the Casper community. He exemplifies Christian values and is a testament to the Code of the West.

Madam President, it is with great honor that I recognize this outstanding member of our Wyoming community. My wife, Bobbi, joins me in extending our congratulations to Dr. Gail Zimmerman upon his selection for this special award.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

CENTENNIAL OF JOHN BROWN UNIVERSITY

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam President, today I wish to honor John Brown University’s centennial anniversary.

On September 29, 1919, John E. Brown, Sr., founded a school in Siloam Springs, AR, to educate young men and women of any means ready to dedicate themselves to a life of public service. Guided by one fundamental belief, “Christ over all,” education at JBU has never been merely academic. The school’s founder was committed to the holistic development of students and sought to form an institution that would serve as a place to learn, as well as a place to worship and work with emphasis placed equally on the head, heart and hands.

In its early days, JBU offered an associate’s degree program and consisted of three colleges: Siloam Springs School of the Bible, John E. Brown Vocational College, and John E. Brown College. Students were required to choose an academic major, attend classes half the day, and work the other half.

In 1934, JBU expanded into a 4-year university with degree programs in construction, engineering, agriculture, and education, along with a core of liberal arts and Bible classes. By 1962, it was nationally accredited. Since then, academic emphasis and growth have continued to flourish with the establishment of an honors program, a degree completion program, and a graduate school. JBU now has an enrollment of nearly 2,500 undergraduate and graduate students from 38 States and 53 foreign countries.

Although much has changed over the past 100 years, John Brown University remains committed to its spiritual identity and mission to educate students in the head, heart, and hand. I congratulate JBU for reaching this milestone and look forward to its next century of continued success.●

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RENO + SPARKS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

● Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. Madam President, I come forward today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Reno + Sparks Chamber of Commerce. In 1890, the Reno Commercial Club and Reno Business League were born out of a need to enhance the city of Reno as a commercial center. In 1919, the two merged to form the Reno Chamber of Commerce, and in 1970, the chamber expanded to include the city of Sparks. In 2018, the Latino Chamber of Commerce merged with the Reno + Sparks Chamber of Commerce to provide wider representation for the community's diversity of businesses and people.

Today, the Reno + Sparks Chamber of Commerce is the largest business organization in northern Nevada with over 1,800 registered businesses that employ over 85,000 individuals in Washoe County. The Chamber has 42 ambassadors, as well as volunteers from a wide variety of industries who meet monthly to celebrate success stories and aid in event planning. The chamber also delivers more than 4 million annual leads and referrals through its online directory and offers free educational programs, training events, and countless opportunities for member connectivity. Through the Reno + Sparks Leadership Program, now in its 34th year with 1,100 alumni, the chamber cultivates leaders by providing opportunities to volunteer and support the community while immersing participants in the issues and challenges of the region. It also hosts elected officials and issues its public policy platform each State legislative session to advocate on behalf of free enterprise and a robust economy.

Since 1919, the Reno + Sparks Chamber of Commerce has advocated on behalf of all businesses, provided resources and support to its members, and connected its members with new customers and partners. The northern Nevada economic landscape is stronger and more diverse because of the Reno + Sparks Chamber of Commerce's many efforts to support local leaders and small businesses throughout the region.

Through booms and busts, the Reno + Sparks Chamber of Commerce has been a steadfast force in our community. From ribbon-cutting ceremonies to its long-running leadership program, the Reno + Sparks Chamber of Commerce has been a reliable and valuable resource for northern Nevadans. Its dedication to economic prosperity and communal inclusivity for northern Ne-

vada has stood for a century, and I am excited to see what they have in store for the next 100 years.●

TRIBUTE TO MARK DUFFIN

● Mr. CRAPO. Madam President, along with my colleagues Senator James Risch, Representative Mike Simpson, and Representative Russ Fulcher, I congratulate Mark Duffin on his retirement from the Idaho Sugarbeet Growers Association, after serving as the association's executive director for the past more than 28 years.

We have greatly valued Mark's insight and partnership on agricultural and related issues over the years. Mark has not only been an Idaho agricultural leader, but also a national agricultural leader, given the high profile of the sugarbeet industry and the crucial role Idaho plays in supplying the market. Mark has been a stalwart advocate for Idaho's sugarbeet growers and provided essential guidance on Federal policy matters impacting the industry, particularly trade, transportation and labor. From sharing the growers' perspective on multiple farm bill reauthorizations, international trade agreement negotiations, natural resource management, and much more. Mark has provided helpful perspective on Federal policy over the years. Throughout, his judicious, considerate, and experienced approach has been instrumental.

His understanding of the challenges of agricultural production and appreciation for those he represents is apparent in his thoughtful advocacy. Mark grew up on a farm in southeastern Idaho and farmed with his brother before leading the association. The majority of this Idaho congressional delegation had the honor of serving with him in the Idaho State Legislature, as Mark served in the legislature from 1984-1990. Mark also served as the Power County Farm Bureau president, president of Food Producers of Idaho, and president of the University of Idaho College of Agriculture's Agricultural Consulting Council.

We thank Mark for his assistance on behalf of Idahoans and the producers he has represented and wish him well on his retirement. We hope Mark enjoys his retirement, but should he find himself with some spare time, he can always find work driving trucks for his friends and neighbors in the Idaho sugarbeet industry.●

TRIBUTE TO JERI BARR

● Mr. ISAKSON. Madam President, today, I am honored to recognize in the RECORD Mrs. Jeri Barr of Marietta, GA, who announced earlier this year that she would step down from the Center for Family Resources and whose service to the community will soon be celebrated at a special event in her honor.

The Center for Family Resources provides service to families and individuals who are homeless or who are in

danger of becoming homeless. Through short-term housing, job-hunting help, food assistance, and other services, the organization accomplishes much for the community.

Jeri Barr has been at the helm of the Center for Family Resources in Cobb County, GA, for 35 years. Cobb is my home county, and I have been glad to watch this organization grow under her leadership.

When Jeri took over in 1984, the organization had a staff of 11 and a budget of \$350,000. Today, the Center for Family Resources owns and operates the Mansour Center, a \$10 million, 60,000-square-foot facility that offers space to other nonprofits and conference space for the public, allowing for additional revenue to benefit the center's mission. Now, there are 25 staff members, and the organization's budget is nearly \$3.5 million.

For many years, Jeri has given back to the community. She served the United Way, including as the director of their Volunteer Cobb service. She also led the East Cobb Newcomers Club, Cobb Christmas, Cobb County Rape Crisis Center, and Cobb County Community Council. Numerous other organizations have also benefitted from her work on their boards. Thanks to her leadership, each of these organizations has benefitted.

While she will be missed by the staff and all those involved with the Center for Family Resources, I am confident that she has prepared the organization well for the future. As Jeri and her husband, former U.S. Representative Bob Barr, prepare for this next exciting chapter, I congratulate them and wish them much happiness enjoying their children and grandchildren.●

REMEMBERING COLONEL GARY ALLEN JONES

● Mr. PERDUE. Madam President, sadly, the State of Georgia has said goodbye to one of its finest sons, COL (ret) Gary Allen Jones of Columbus.

Bonnie and I offer our deepest condolences to Gary's family, friends, and colleagues.

Gary served as a member of my Georgia strategic military advisory group, where he provided me and my staff with valuable insight, advice, and encouragement.

I first met Gary during a visit to Fort Benning in 2016, and I had the good pleasure of meeting him many times after that. I was always struck by Gary's warmth, his wisdom, and his stalwart dedication to service. No matter who you are, Gary treated you like a friend. He always went out of his way to help.

Gary was the epitome of a servant hero.

Like many brave Americans, Gary heeded the call of duty and entered the Armed Services. While in the Army, he received many prestigious awards, including the Silver Star, for his bravery and dedication to service. In 2018, Gary