

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.