

seek to honor veterans who, like themselves, have sacrificed for American freedom. Recently, the gallery held a fundraiser with proceeds going to support local veterans in Idaho Falls.

Congratulations to Gary and Kathi Cheyenne Jensen and all of the artists at Eagle Rock Gallery for being selected as the Veteran-owned Idaho Small Business of the Day for November 7, 2019. You make our great State proud, and I look forward to your continued growth and success.●

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL JAMES LONG

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I congratulate a former staff member of mine, James Long, on his recent promotion to colonel in the Air Force Reserve.

Jim served for a year as an Air Force fellow on my staff back in 2011. He worked hard and did a great job for us as we worked to make sure the men and women of the military were properly funded, organized, trained, and equipped. In particular, Jim was very helpful with respect to intelligence community issues, having previously served as a senior special agent at the Central Intelligence Agency's Office of the Inspector General, where he conducted and oversaw investigations of CIA officers and contractor personnel. After leaving my office, he went on to work with the Air Force's Office of Special Investigations as the chief of the Crime Integration Desk, as well as being individual mobilization augmentee to the Commander of the Investigations Collections Operations Nexus Center at Marine Corps Base Quantico.

Last year, while continuing his work in the Air Force Reserve, Jim was hired by the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Inspector General to build its first Major Frauds and Corruption Unit. He currently oversees large-scale criminal investigations and has put together a team of anti-fraud professionals, including special agents, forensic auditors, forensic accountants, data scientists, and analysts, to investigate and uncover significant fraud schemes. His team was also an integral part of the recent high-profile fraud case involving misuse of disaster relief funds that the Federal Emergency Management Agency administered in Puerto Rico following Hurricane Maria.

Jim has had a long and distinguished career in the military, where he has served for over 26 years. He first served for 4 years in the Marine Corps, and after going to college, he joined the Air Force Reserve, where he has risen through the ranks to his current position as colonel.

Jim continues to have a stellar career serving the Nation, including being deployed to Kirkuk, Iraq, in 2008, where he commanded 57 combat missions.

Again, I wish to congratulate Colonel Long on his promotion and wish him

and his family the very best as he continues to serve our Nation, both in his capacities at the Air Force Reserve and at the Department of Homeland Security.●

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL GREGORY A. LUSK

● Mr. TILLIS. Mr. President, I rise today to pay MG Gregory A. Lusk, the Adjutant General of the North Carolina National Guard, for his many years of service to the great State of North Carolina.

Major General Lusk has served as the 40th Adjutant General of the North Carolina National Guard with distinction for nearly a decade. Major General Lusk's adept leadership over the roughly 11,500 citizen soldiers and airmen serving in the North Carolina Army and Air National Guard has been prominently displayed during the multiple harrowing natural disasters that have struck North Carolina in recent years. In 2018, Major General Lusk oversaw a massive mobilization of N.C. Guardsmen prior to the landfall of Hurricane Florence. During the ensuing deployment, 3,400 N.C. Guardsmen assisted local, State, and Federal disaster response teams on hundreds dangerous search and rescue operations vital missions to provide lifesaving relief to evacuated families. In total, more than 1,300 North Carolinians were safely evacuated from dangerous floodwaters due to the effective command of Major General Lusk and the efforts of the North Carolina National Guard.

The tireless leadership of Major General Lusk has been invaluable during the numerous overseas deployments, stateside military exercises, and natural disaster responses that the North Carolina National Guard has participated in since his appointment to adjutant general in 2010. Major General Lusk's contribution to advancing the overall readiness and operational capabilities of the North Carolina National Guard has been critical in maintaining an effective and resilient Reserve Force. Through operations including Inherent Resolve, Enduring Freedom, and Freedom's Sentinel, as well as during the Hurricanes Irene, Matthew, Florence, and Dorian, Major General Lusk has ensured that the men and women of the Guard had the utmost preparation and training for every mission that they embarked on.

Major General Lusk has selflessly served the state of North Carolina and our Nation for almost 40 years. Following his commissioning through the Reserve Officer Training Program at North Carolina State University in 1982, Major General Lusk was stationed throughout the State and around the world as he rose from a second lieutenant to a major general. Major General Lusk was mobilized twice to Iraq as both an executive officer and a commander of the 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team, commanding 4,000 North Carolina Guardsmen in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

As a U.S. Senator, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and a North Carolinian, I am pleased to congratulate Major General Gregory Lusk on his retirement, for his impressive career of military service and steadfast commitment to our country.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Ms. Roberts, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

(The message received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3120. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dinotefuran; Pesticide Tolerance for Emergency Exemption" (FRL No. 10000-96) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 4, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3121. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pyroxyzamide; Pesticide Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL No. 10000-50) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 4, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3122. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tebuconazole; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 10001-27) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 4, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3123. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Michael D. Lundy, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3124. A communication from the Acting Principal Deputy Director, Defense Pricing and Contracting, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Modification of DFARS Clause 'Protection Against Compromising Emanations'" (RIN0750-AK52) (DFARS Case 2019-D015) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 1, 2019; to the Committee on Armed Services.