

RECOGNIZING BOB DRAKE OF EAST HELENA, JORDAN ALEXANDER OF HELENA, AND RICK ABRAHAM OF MONTANA CITY WITH SPIRIT OF MONTANA COMMENDATION

**HON. GREG GIANFORTE**

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 12, 2020*

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Bob Drake of Helena, Jordan Alexander of East Helena, and Rick Abraham of Montana City for their many decades of service to their volunteer fire departments.

Bob grew up knowing he wanted to be a firefighter. His father was one of the founding members of the former Lakeside Fire Department that was created in 1973. In 1995, Bob followed in his father's footsteps and became a volunteer firefighter. Six years later, Bob became the department's volunteer fire chief. Bob will retire this month after 25 years on the job.

Jordan began his firefighting career at just 17, working at the station in Bozeman. After two years, he graduated high school and went on to college. After Jordan made his way to Helena in 1989, he started volunteering at the Baxendale Volunteer Fire Department. In 2012, he became fire chief. This month, Jordan retired after 30 years of total service.

Rick started firefighting in 1989 for the Montana City Volunteer Fire Department. In 2001, he became fire chief. Rick says it never ceases to amaze him how volunteers leave birthday parties or Christmas dinners in a moment's notice to help people in their time of need. In June, Rick will retire after 31 years at the department.

These men say their favorite part of the job is the impact the department has on the community. They help people on their worst days. They help their neighbors, friends, and families who face catastrophe. Everyone in the

community breathes a little easier as they see each of these men and their departments coming down the road to help in their time of crisis.

Bob, Jordan and Rick also spoke about the power of the volunteer and how they join the department with their day jobs and hobbies. The banker comes, the nurse comes, the electrician comes, and the teacher comes. The volunteers form a diverse, powerful group that serves their community to its fullest.

Madam Speaker, for their incredible leadership at the helm of the Tri-Lakes Volunteer Fire Department, Baxendale Volunteer Fire Department, and the Montana City Volunteer Fire Department, I recognize Bob Drake, Jordan Alexander, and Rick Abraham for their Spirit of Montana.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. TOM EMMER**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 12, 2020*

Mr. EMMER. Madam Speaker, on February 10th and 11th, I was unable to cast my vote on pieces of legislation. If present, I would have voted YEA on H.R. 2932 (Roll Call No. 55), YEA on H.R. 3413 (Roll Call No. 56), NAY on the Previous Question (Roll Call No. 57), NAY on H. Res. 844 (Roll Call No. 58), and YEA on H.R. 1980 (Roll Call No. 59).

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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Meetings scheduled for Thursday, February 13, 2020 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's record.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

FEBRUARY 25

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine surface transportation reauthorization, focusing on public transportation stakeholders' perspectives.

SD-538

MARCH 4

10 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services  
Subcommittee on SeaPower

To hold hearings to examine Navy shipbuilding programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2021 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-222

MARCH 5

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the posture of the Navy in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2021 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SD-G50