

Because, to the top of Mount Suribachi a pilgrimage,  
 every Marine dreams in their lifetime to take . . .  
 As it was 35 nights and days of Hell on earth as all so showed their fine worth . . .  
 As it was 70,000 United States Marines, who dug in deep against an enemy which could not be seen . . .  
 As so quickly boys had to become men as their fine red blood ran green . . .  
 All in what it so means,  
 to be a United States Marine . . .  
 As all around them death lie replete,  
 with the smell of death upon their feet . . .  
 Such scenes of hell and carnage that would make the Angels weep . . .  
 At the evils that men do all in one's soul to keep . . .  
 And so too,  
 all in what new magnificence heights a heroic heart can reach . . .  
 With some of the fiercest fighting of the war as each new horrific day would repeat . . .  
 With the greatest number of Medal of Honors presented in any battle this feat . . .  
 As it all began as they reached the beach . . .  
 After a bombardment looking like it would never cease . . .  
 As an eerie quiet calmness upon their souls beseeched . . .  
 As step by step into the island they left from that beach,  
 until finally all hell broke loose as they were all in deep . . .  
 Walking into an ambush as out of tunnels and caves the enemy would creep . . .  
 With years to plan such strategy to succeed . . .  
 As these Marines climbed and fought for every inch of real estate so steep . . .  
 Through inhospitable terrain of volcanic ash as death for them would meet . . .  
 As all of these dark scenes from hell so came to pass . . .  
 While, in the cover of darkness from out of caves such a grave toll the enemy amassed . . .  
 As a new weapon came into play,  
 the Zippo Tank a flame thrower helped win the day . . .  
 Helping these heroes through such hell to so make their way . . .  
 Because, that airfield they could not concede . . .  
 As why 6,821 American Fine Heroes would die and bleed . . .  
 or War Is Hell and Hell Is War,  
 is that but not what heaven is for?  
 And in the coming years how many more would have died?  
 If it were but not for all of their most heroic battle cries!  
 For only the number our Lord knows up on high . . .  
 Fighting to the death hand to hand,  
 as perhaps each one a Medal of Honor could command . . .  
 Flamethrowers . . . tunnel by tunnel . . .  
 cave by cave . . .  
 Tunnel rats crawling into death so very brave . . .  
 And how did they all get through each new dark day?  
 As the enemy made them to such hell to pay . . .  
 But, in the end there is nothing that has ever been made,  
 which can stop a United States Marine to this day . . .  
 As such a heavy toll these Marines made the enemy pay . . .  
 21,844 would die, the ones who now lie in that dark ground cold graves . . .  
 As it was on the 5th day,

when 5 Marines and a Navy Corpsman portrayed . . .  
 Out into the future such an iconic moment made . . .  
 Now, all etched in stone to be imprinted on every Marines heart they say . . .  
 As all part of their very DNA . . .  
 Whether at the top of Mount Suribachi,  
 or when we see that photo or memorial tears come to our eyes do they . . .  
 Making us all so proud to be American's the rest of our lives each day . . .  
 For this battle is and will always be,  
 one of our Nation's most decisive of all victories . . .  
 With only 216 of enemy so left,  
 to tell their children's children all about that battle against America's Best. . .  
 Yea, there are some things that men do not talk about . . .  
 Who for all of their courage and valor Heaven so awaits them no doubt . . .  
 And all throughout the history of The United States Marines,  
 Iwo Jima will now be always seen . . .  
 As the embodiment of what it all so means,  
 but to be a United States Marine . . .  
 And to what new heights a heroes heart can achieve . . .  
 Can so climb too all in those magnificent shades of green . . .  
 As Iwo Jima, is and will always be,  
 Semper Fidelis of what faith and courage is all about. . .  
 Iwo . . . Hoo . . . Rah . . . no doubt . . .

**CENTENNIAL OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA GREATER WYOMING COUNCIL**

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I rise today in celebration of 100 years of Scouting in Wyoming.

On Saturday, March 21, 2020, the Boy Scouts of America Greater Wyoming Council will host their annual Silver Beaver and Eagle Scout Recognition Luncheon in Casper. This year holds a special significance as they will celebrate their 100th anniversary at this event.

The Boy Scouts of America incorporated on February 8, 1910. Scouting came to Casper with the creation of the Casper Council in 1917. The council continued to expand, changing its name to the Casper Area Council in 1925, Central Wyoming Council in 1931, and finally the Greater Wyoming Council in 2016. The Boy Scouts of America's mission is "to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law." The council remains true to this mission and to their purpose to educate youth, age 5 to 21, to build character, develop personal fitness, and to train in the responsibilities of participating citizenship.

In Wyoming, the Greater Wyoming Council upholds the mission and purpose of the Boy Scouts through service to 11 counties and 3,000 youth across our State. The organization enjoys tremendous community support with 1,400 volunteers and 150 community partners. This consistent and broad involvement demonstrates what a valuable benefit the council provides to the youth and people of Wyoming.

The council provides a variety of events and opportunities for Scouts,

families, and communities in Wyoming. These events include their annual Strength of America Banquet, the annual Camp Buffalo Bill Summer Camp in Cody, fishing tournaments, and family camping trips. They work hard to provide many opportunities for Scouts to participate in fellowships, trainings, basecamps, and much more, to help members be, as the Scouts say, "Prepared for life."

Brad Bodoh, the Scout executive for the council, has a strong background in serving the Scouts of America. We are fortunate to have his leadership. Before Brad made Wyoming home, he worked for the Boy Scouts of America in Iowa and Ohio. The knowledge and experience Brad brings to the Greater Wyoming Council allow the Scouts to flourish and expand their skills. Senior district executives Frank Solla and Andrew Allgeier, in addition to the council office staff, are instrumental in growing and supporting the organization's participation throughout the state.

In Wyoming, we live by the Code of the West. One of the principles of the Code is "to take pride in your work." The council's volunteers and families embody this principle. They make it possible for Scouts to advance through the program all the way through the rank of Eagle Scout. They see their work rewarded every time a Cub Scout earns a new badge and an Eagle Scout completes their project. The support for this organization is truly exceptional, and Wyoming is better for it.

Mr. President, it is my pleasure to honor this historic milestone for the Greater Wyoming Council. Their centennial celebration is a recognition of all the hard work and preparation the council has done in the past 100 years and will continue to do for the next 100 years. Bobbi and I are proud of the Greater Wyoming Council and the community support behind it. We celebrate the century of Scouting in Wyoming and extend our congratulations.

**ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS**

**RECOGNIZING FALLON FOOD HUB**

● Ms. ROSEN. Mr. President, each week the U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business & Entrepreneurship recognizes one small business that exemplifies the hard work and perseverance of the American Dream and the American entrepreneur. The great State of Nevada is home to more than 250,000 small businesses of all types from mom-and-pop shop bakeries to world renowned cybersecurity firms. In fact, about 99 percent of all business in Nevada are small businesses. Nevada's small businesses are the driving force behind our State's rapidly growing economy and the engine that powers our communities. It is therefore my honor to recognize Nevada's Fallon Food Hub, a small business with a strong and deeprooted commitment to

improving lives and a desire to give back to the community, for recently having been named the U.S. Senate Small Business of the Week.

The Fallon Food Hub's mission is to educate the northern Nevada community about the benefits of eating seasonally in order to create a thriving and expanding local food scene, resulting in increased opportunities for producers and local businesses. Fallon Food Hub believes that through educational opportunities for the community about health and wellness, members of the community can gain a greater sense of cooperation and appreciation for the area producers, local farmers, and specialty food producers that serve the Silver State. Through increasing awareness of and appreciation of local farming and proper nutrition, people can learn a healthier lifestyle while also supporting local producers.

The Fallon Food Hub conducts frequent surveys to get a sense of what the community is interested in learning, hosts monthly classes on the benefits of eating seasonal produce, and keeps the community informed through a monthly newspaper. The Fallon Food Hub provides an outlet for local farmers, ranchers, and value-added producers to sell their goods.

I would also like to recognize the work that Fallon Food Hub does to advocate on behalf of local farmers. Through ongoing education for members and surrounding communities about farmers and the origins of local food, Fallon Food Hub is encouraging our community to connect with one another on a new level. They are an example of an outstanding business with deep love for our community and one of the many reasons why they were a clear choice for this recognition.

Small businesses truly are the driving force for development and growth not just in Nevada, but across our entire Nation. Small businesses like Fallon Food Hub not only help our economy succeed, they also give back by uplifting our communities, inspiring others to open businesses of their own, improving people's health and well-being, and changing lives for the better.

Again, I would like to recognize Fallon Food Hub and all the employees there for their contribution to Nevada and our Nation and congratulate them for being named the Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee's Small Business of the Week. As a member of the committee, it was my honor to nominate this proud Nevada business for recognition and my continued privilege to represent them and all of Nevada's small businesses in the U.S. Senate.●

#### REMEMBERING DICK AMBROSIOUS

● Mr. ROUNDS. Mr. President, today I would like to remember the life of Dick Ambrosius. Mr. Ambrosius passed away on January 24, 2020, at the age of 73.

Dick Ambrosius was born in Huron, SD, and graduated from Huron High School in 1964. He attended the University of South Dakota, USD, in Vermillion, SD, where he earned a master's degree. He was actively involved in the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity and the Reserve Officer Training Corps during his time at USD and continued to advocate for the value of Greek life and the importance of military service throughout his career.

Following his college graduation in 1968, he was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Army, where he ultimately attained the rank of captain prior to his separation from service. He served in Vietnam and was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart medals.

In life, Mr. Ambrosius was a tireless advocate for senior citizens and disabled veterans. He served as executive director for Warriors Never Give Up, a nonprofit organization that provides outdoor adventures for disabled veterans.

I commend Mr. Ambrosius for his devotion to his community, disabled veterans, and seniors. I offer my sincerest condolences to his family and friends, including his wife Karen, daughter Jennifer, sons Matt and Jacob, sister Nancy, and numerous grandchildren.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:02 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3598. An act to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to automatically discharge the loans of certain veteran borrowers, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6020. An act to require an evaluation by the Government Accountability Office of the social, economic, and historic contributions that Minor League Baseball has made to American life and culture.

At 5:30 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 6172. An act to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to prohibit the production of certain business records, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3598. An act to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to automatically discharge the loans of certain veteran borrowers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 6020. An act to require an evaluation by the Government Accountability Office of the social, economic, and historic contributions that Minor League Baseball has made to American life and culture; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 6172. An act to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to prohibit the production of certain business records, and for other purposes.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-4289. A communication from the Attorney and Federal Register Liaison, Bureau of the Fiscal Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Government Participation in the Automated Clearing House" (RIN1510-AB32) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 6, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. WICKER for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

\*Coast Guard nomination of Capt. Miriam L. Lafferty, to be Rear Admiral (Lower Half).

\*Coast Guard nomination of James M. Kelly, to be Rear Admiral.

\*Coast Guard nomination of Vice Adm. Scott A. Buschman, to be Vice Admiral.

\*Coast Guard nomination of Rear Adm. Steven D. Poulin, to be Vice Admiral.

Mr. WICKER. Mr. President, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

\*Coast Guard nominations beginning with Jason A. Acuna and ending with David J. Zwirblis, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 6, 2020.

\*Coast Guard nominations beginning with Jennifer J. Conklin and ending with Gennaro A. Ruocco, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 13, 2020.

\*Coast Guard nominations beginning with Ryan G. Angelo and ending with Jeffrey S. Zamarin, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 13, 2020.

By Mr. GRASSLEY for the Committee on Finance.

\*Jason J. Fichtner, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2024.

\*Kipp Kranbuhl, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

\*Sarah C. Arbes, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

\*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to