

out of reach with every day that passes. Prior to this pandemic, we saw rents and home prices rising twice as fast as worker's incomes. Today, the cost of a typical single-family home is four times greater than the median household income.

We need a Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development who will make it a priority to reverse the trajectory that we have been on and to actually make housing more affordable in America. This position is responsible for management of all day-to-day operations within HUD, including roughly 7,700 employees. They oversee a budget of approximately \$50 billion that funds a number of programs meant to provide quality, affordable housing for lower income Americans, provides rental assistance for low-income families, and distributes grants to states and communities for various housing-related purposes and also enforces the Fair Housing Act.

Brian Montgomery is not the person for the job.

In his current role as the FHA Commissioner, Mr. Montgomery has supported policies from the Trump administration that would increase the cost of FHA loans and include risk-based pricing, continuing to make homeownership even less affordable for those who can least afford it. He was also part of the senior leadership team that published a rule that would help undermine enforcement of the Fair Housing Act through the Disparate Impact Study. The disparate impact standard is a longstanding tool used to root out policies and practices that may not be openly discriminatory on their face, but disproportionately harm a protected class under the Fair Housing Act. The proposed rule that Mr. Montgomery helped create—and which is vigorously opposed by a coalition of fair housing, civil rights, and consumer groups—rigs the system to make it nearly impossible for a victim of discrimination to win a disparate impact claim.

A person who has used his current position to make it harder for low- and middle-income Americans to afford to buy a home should not serve in a top-tier position as the equivalent of the Department of Housing and Urban Development's chief financial officer. We need individuals in these positions fighting to get families into homes, not pushing that dream further and further out of reach. Therefore, I oppose Mr. Montgomery's nomination to serve as the Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and would have voted nay, had I been able to be present.

TRIBUTE TO REAR ADMIRAL BRAD COOPER

Mr. INHOFE. Madam President, today I wish to recognize and congratulate Rear Admiral Brad Cooper of the U.S. Navy on his exemplary service to our Nation as the Department of the Navy's Chief of Legislative Affairs

from July 2019 to May 2020. During this time, he led with precision and class.

Eleven months—a short period, yet the presence of the Navy here in the Capitol and the results we have seen since last July would indicate a labor of a much longer period. In that time, he has served under various leaders, yet in spite of that, the Department of the Navy has never been more strongly integrated with Congress than it is today. Through dedication and impactful communication, Brad has deftly navigated his team, our staffs, and our mutual partnership to new heights.

Brad has had the challenge of being the Navy's lead advocate on Capitol Hill and has had the privilege of communicating with all Members of Congress, which inherently is no small feat. The hidden mission therein is the tireless jobs of educating our staffs, precisely executing congressional delegations on all continents, supporting hearings, and negotiating the NDAA. He has handled our thousands of constituent inquiries and properly represented the Navy while taking into account military, political, and budgetary priorities.

Brad is the reason senior Navy leaders are always well prepared to stand before us during all hearings, calls, and numerous briefings. His clear, concise, and consistent communication to the Hill during the COVID-19 pandemic, ensured the Navy's efforts for the safety of sailors and their families and the execution of all missions to support the national defense strategy and safety and security of our Nation was well understood. Because of Brad's professionalism and visible commitment to the Navy and our country, he certainly established lasting relationships with all of the Members of Congress.

On behalf of my colleagues and the entire U.S. Congress, I want to personally thank Rear Admiral Brad Cooper for his more than three decades of dedicated service to the Navy and our Nation. He will be certainly missed. I also want to thank his wife, Susan, and children Bradford and Katie for their deep sacrifices and tremendous support. I wish them all the best in his next assignment in Norfolk, VA, and I sincerely look forward to working with him again in the future. Fair winds and following seas to you.

TRIBUTE TO LOLETA MARIE "LETA" RECORD TANNER

Mr. ENZI. Madam President, I would like to say a few words to send best wishes to a good friend of mine on her next adventure, LoLeta Marie "Leta" Record Tanner. I recently learned that Leta will be moving to Texas from our great State of Wyoming to live with her son. While I am overjoyed that she can be with her family, I am deeply saddened that Wyoming will no longer be the physical home to such a dedicated, strong, and loving person.

Leta was born in Gillette, WY, in 1930. She graduated from Campbell

County High School and then traveled to Denver, where she graduated from a small community college. A dedicated public servant and Wyomingite through and through, Leta served for more than 15 years in the Campbell County Assessor's office and district court and 12 years as a member of the Gillette City Council. She also worked for former Wyoming Senator Al Simpson for 10 years, both in his northeast State office and in Washington, DC.

While her political career alone is impressive, Leta was always involved and giving her time to Wyoming. Leta is a dedicated member of the ranching community and the community at large as a member of Campbell County Cattle Women, Campbell County Wool Growers Auxiliary, and a member of Women in Business, just to name a few. She loved nothing more than working on the ranch with her family, and has worked tirelessly to support the next generation in agriculture.

In 2002, Leta was the Campbell County Woman of distinction. She has done many wonderful things for the Gillette community and the State of Wyoming. She has been a generous supporter of family-oriented performance at the Cam-Plex Heritage Center in Gillette since 1996. In 2013, her donation to Gillette College in support of their Agriculture Education Center and Rodeo complex made it a reality. This state of the art facility features an indoor rodeo practice area, classroom, lab, and 20-stall loafing sheds. It is quite possible that, without Leta's support, this world-class facility and many other projects would not have come to fruition. The dorms at Gillette College will forever bear the name Tanner Village. Her willingness to help the community grow and thrive will never be forgotten.

I am reminded of a few words my mother taught me: "Do what's right. Do what's best. Treat others as you'd wish to be treated." Leta certainly embodied these principles and will continue to do so. Although she will be leaving our great State, Leta's legacy will live on and continue to be an example of just what is possible for Wyomingites of all ages.

Leta, thank you for your years of tireless service to Wyoming. Diana joins me in sending our best wishes to you and your family. Stay in touch. Wyoming will always be your home. Thank you and God bless.

TRIBUTE TO KAREN NYBERG

Mr. CRAMER. Madam President, I want to honor a remarkable woman who has retired after three decades at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. In her 30 years at NASA, Karen Nyberg spent 20 of them as an astronaut, including 180 days in space on two spaceflights.

Along with other Americans, I enjoyed following her space shuttle mission in 2008 and the International Space Station's 6-month expedition in