

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO JACKIE STRATTON

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, this week I have the honor of recognizing Jackie Stratton of Toole County for her tremendous efforts to support her community.

Jackie, a graduating senior at Shelby High School, took the initiative to start a food bank at her school to help those in need.

Jackie's FFA and Ag teacher encouraged her to apply for a grant from Montana State University to fund her idea. After applying for the grant, she received \$500 from the Alpha Gamm Rho fraternity at Montana State University to start her food bank. Her selfless efforts then caught the attention of community member Lynda Barker, who was able to secure a \$2,500 grant from the America's Farmers Build Community Bayer Fund to help Jackie's efforts.

With these grants, Jackie was able to purchase a refrigerator, shelving, food, and hygiene products. Jackie also collaborated with the local Albertsons for dairy, breads, and frozen foods. Additionally, Jackie secured the donation of 300 pounds of ground beef from Flesch Angus in Shelby for her food bank.

It is my honor to recognize Jackie for her selfless efforts to help her fellow students and community members in need of support during this difficult time. Her bold initiatives inspired others to give as well and demonstrated how Montanans can come together to help one another.●

TRIBUTE TO EMILY AHO

• Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, I am proud to recognize Emily Aho of Jaffrey as June's Granite Stater of the Month. Aho has stepped forward and provided emotional support for healthcare workers on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic, reflecting our State's commitment to the idea that every individual can make a difference in times of critical need.

Aho is the executive director of the Newfoundland Pony Conservancy in Jaffrey, a nonprofit organization that provides a safe living environment for the endangered Newfoundland pony. Up until December 2019, Aho was also a registered nurse until some physical ailments made it difficult for her to work in a hospital.

Shortly after her retirement, COVID-19 began to spread rapidly throughout the United States, and Aho found herself feeling helpless as she watched her loved ones succumb to the deadly virus, including her father, a World War II veteran who was a guard during the Nuremberg trials.

After her father's death, Aho went searching for her father's old photos

and memorabilia and found them in the closet where she also kept her materials for equine-assisted learning. Her discovery of those materials was an inspiration and a reminder that, despite her loss, she had much to give.

Through a partnership with True Hope Therapeutic Horsemanship, Aho helped establish the Heal the Heroes program, which provides free therapeutic sessions with ponies and horses for healthcare workers who have experienced heightened mental and physical challenges amid the pandemic.

The healthcare workers visit Aho's conservancy once a week for 4 weeks, where they learn to communicate and connect with her Newfoundland ponies. Due to social distancing guidelines, the program can only take two people in one session, and all the equipment is properly sanitized to avoid spreading the virus. After 4 weeks with the Newfoundland ponies, the participants graduate to True Hope Therapeutic Horsemanship, where they continue therapeutic work with horses, both ridden and unriden.

This pandemic has impacted people and organizations throughout our State, including nonprofit organizations like the Newfoundland Pony Conservancy that Aho operates. But despite her own financial struggles, Aho still found a way to give back to her community and provide support to those on the front lines of this crisis. Aho's empathy and commitment to improving the mental wellness of her fellow community members exemplifies the best of our State and what it means to be a Granite Stater. I am honored to recognize her.●

TRIBUTE TO JEFF FOX

• Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, along with my colleagues Senator MIKE CRAPO and Representative MIKE SIMPSON, I congratulate College of Southern Idaho, CSI, president Jeff Fox on his well-deserved retirement.

At age 10, just as CSI was gearing up to offer its very first classes in the fall semester of 1965, Dr. Fox's grandfather took him to the farm fields where the new local college was being built. Twenty-two years later, Dr. Fox returned to the College of Southern Idaho to begin his career in education.

For 33 years, Dr. Fox has dedicated his life to educating and developing the citizens and the communities of South-Central Idaho. He first came to CSI as an English professor, spending 15 years in the classroom helping his students learn and grow. His talent and skill eventually led him to accept positions in the college's administration, serving as the director of the Academic Development Center, chairman of the English Department, and executive vice president and chief academic officer.

In 2014, Dr. Fox was selected to serve as the fourth president of CSI. During

his tenure, he oversaw a rapid expansion of the campus and community, introducing new training programs and academic offerings to better equip students to thrive after graduation. Among his many accomplishments, he was instrumental in the dedication and administration of the Applied Technology and Innovation Center that houses CSI's workforce development and custom training programs for businesses and industries.

Today, CSI is known throughout South-Central Idaho for its outstanding nursing, agriculture, business, and workforce development programs, and its passion for equipping students with the tools needed to build a successful career and life. The students and faculty at CSI have been fortunate to prosper under Dr. Fox's skilled and steady leadership, and there is no question he has left an indelible mark on the CSI campus and the Magic Valley community at large.

President Fox, congratulations on your outstanding career. You make our great State proud, and we wish you all the best in your retirement and future endeavors.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Thomas, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are 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-4889. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2-Propenoic acid, homopolymer, ester with a-methyl-u-hydroxypoly(oxy-1,2-ethanediy) and a-[2,4,6-tris(1 phenylety)phenyl]-u-hydroxypoly(oxy-1,2-ethanediy), graft, sodium salt; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 10006-65-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4890. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cyflumetofen; Pesticide Tolerances"

(FRL No. 10009-25-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4891. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Formic Acid and Sodium Formate; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 10009-36-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4892. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tetraethyl Orthosilicate; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 10007-73-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4893. A communication from the Program Analyst, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Land Uses; Special Uses; Streamlining Processes of Communication use Applications" (RIN0596-AD38) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4894. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civilian Employment and Reemployment Rights for Service Members, Former Service Members, and Applicants of the Uniformed Services" (RIN0790-AK93) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2020; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4895. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to serious human rights abuse and corruption that was declared in Executive Order 13818 of December 20, 2017; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4896. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order that declares a national emergency with respect to the attempts by the International Criminal Court (ICC) to assert authority over United States personnel without the consent of the United States, and over personnel of countries that are allied with the United States without these governments' consent; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4897. A communication from the Chief of Policy, Regulation, and Analysis, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Quality Control, Reporting, and Compliance" (RIN1010-AE02) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2020; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4898. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Minnesota; Revision to the Minnesota State Implementation Plan" (FRL No. 10007-92-Region 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4899. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmit-

ting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Missouri and Kansas; Determination of Attainment for the Jackson County, Missouri 1-hour Sulfur Dioxide Nonattainment Area and Redesignation of the Wyandotte County, Kansas Unclassifiable Area to Attainment/Unclassifiable" (FRL No. 10010-76-Region 7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4900. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Wyoming; Regional Haze 5-Year Progress Report State Implementation Plan" (FRL No. 10010-53-Region 8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4901. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants; Miscellaneous Coating Manufacturing Residual Risk and Technology Review" (FRL No. 10010-12-OAR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4902. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants; Taconite Iron Processing Residual Risk and Technology Review" (FRL No. 10010-15-OAR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4903. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Redesignation and Maintenance Plan for the West Virginia Portion of the Steubenville Sulfur Dioxide Nonattainment Area" (FRL No. 10010-63-Region 3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4904. A communication from the Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Removing the Borax Lake Club From the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife" (RIN1018-BA43) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 18, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4905. A communication from the Vice President of External Affairs, Tennessee Valley Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy for the position of Inspector General, Tennessee Valley Authority, received in the office of the President of the Senate on June 23, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4906. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Commissioner, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2020; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4907. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a

vacancy in the position of Under Secretary, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2020; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4908. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to two (2) vacancies in the Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2020; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4909. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis (I&A), Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2020; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC-4910. A communication from the Chief of Regulatory Analysis and Development, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Animal Welfare; Amendments to Licensing Provisions and to Requirements for Dogs" (RIN0579-AE35) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4911. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Liquefied Natural Gas by Rail" (RIN2137-AF40) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 22, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-210. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana memorializing its support for the annual Gulf Hypoxia Mapping Cruise conducted by the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium, and urging the United States Congress to authorize continued funding; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 64

Whereas, the growth of a large area of low-oxygen off Louisiana's coast, known as the Gulf of Mexico Hypoxic Zone or "Dead Zone", has been a long-standing issue of concern for the state because of the risks it poses for our commercial and recreational fishing and seafood industries, and its wider impacts on marine life in the Gulf; and

Whereas, the summer cruises to map the Gulf of Mexico Hypoxic Zone, conducted by scientists at the LUMCON in Cocodrie, Louisiana, have been carried out each year since 1985, providing a consistent and long-term baseline and record of data on the annual extent and formation of the zone, which has in turn aided the development of models to predict its yearly size and future growth; and

Whereas, these cruises, utilizing Louisiana scientists, researchers, graduate and undergraduate students, and cooperating universities and other partners, are the primary means of measuring the size of the Gulf of Mexico Hypoxic Zone and its growth or reduction, as well as the progress of efforts to