

prestigious Rhode Island Criminal Justice Hall of Fame.

As Chief Tamburini told the Johnston Sunrise last year, trust between a police department and the community it serves is the key to effective law enforcement. He said at the time:

I really want to focus on that [trust], because as chief of police it's important to me that no matter what we do with the community, [we need] a strong relationship and a level of trust. I think that carries through to the rest of the department, so they can be assured of that.

Today, we pay tribute to a great Rhode Islander, my friend, Chief Richard Tamburini. I am grateful for his contributions to Rhode Island and wish him many years of well-deserved rest and relaxation with his family and friends. Godspeed.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT R. HOOD

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, on behalf of myself and Senator REED, as the chair and ranking member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, it is our honor to pay tribute to a great leader and senior executive of the Department of Defense, Mr. Robert R. Hood.

Mr. Hood has served as the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs from August 2017 to July 2020. As he prepares to leave this position to enter into the private sector, we commend him for his sound leadership, advice, and professional judgement on numerous critical issues of enduring importance to the Department of Defense, Congress, and this Nation.

Mr. Hood has served our Nation for more than 18 years in various capacities within the Federal Government. His service to our Nation includes roles as a professional staff member for the House Committee on Science, as well as senior legislative assistant, senior policy advisor, and assistant to the Speaker of the House of Representatives for policy. Mr. Hood also served 5 years as the Director of Congressional Affairs for the National Nuclear Security Administration, a semi-autonomous agency within the Department of Energy.

Mr. Hood previously served in the White House as special assistant to President George W. Bush in the Office of Legislative Affairs, overseeing coordination with the Senate, including the Armed Services, Homeland Security, Foreign Relations and Intelligence Committees. Before working on the White House staff, Mr. Hood served at the Pentagon as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs, where he was responsible for promoting the policies, strategies, and budget of the Department of Defense to the U.S. Congress. Mr. Hood also served as the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense, Comptroller, for Budget and Appropriations Affairs, working closely with the Appropriations Committees of the Congress.

For the past 3 years as the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs, Mr. Hood deftly managed and guided the Department's congressional relations, ensuring the preparation of key senior leaders for Senate confirmations, congressional hearings, and briefings, while simultaneously developing and leading a skilled and focused legislative affairs team. His leadership, knowledge, and personal efforts greatly contributed to one of the most successful legislative years in Department history, culminating with the establishment of the U.S. Space Force, which was signed into law on December 20, 2019 as part of the fiscal year 2020 NDAA.

Mr. Hood provided significant contributions and leadership during the development and execution of the Secretary of Defense's Congressional Engagement Strategy, ensuring an integrated legislative program directly aligned with the National Defense Strategy. This comprehensive plan supported the Department's priorities, aligned legislative objectives to the congressional calendar, and guided the execution of over 4,000 congressional engagements within the Office of the Secretary of Defense and oversight and alignment of over 10,000 congressional engagements across the Department during his 3-year tenure. The strategic execution of these engagements directly led to the attainment of Department of Defense legislative priorities and resourcing at historic levels in the fiscal years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 National Defense Authorization Acts, NDAAs, appropriations bills.

On behalf of the Senate, we thank Robert, his wife Jennifer, and his children: Evan, Caroline, Megan, and Emma, for their continued commitment, sacrifice and contribution to this great Nation. We join our colleagues in wishing him future success as he transitions into the private sector.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO JUDGE CHARLES D. SUSANO, JR

• Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, today I honor one of my constituents, Judge Charles D. Susano Jr., who retired in April after 25 years of dedicated service to the State of Tennessee. Judge Susano is the state's longest serving state appellate judge and has led a remarkable life of public service and thoughtful jurisprudence.

Judge Susano is a native and lifelong Knoxvilleian. Born in 1936, he attended Knoxville Catholic High School before going to the University of Notre Dame where he graduated magna cum laude. Following an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army, Judge Susano returned to his Tennessee roots to attend the University of Tennessee Law School, where he was a member of the Tennessee Law Review and the Order of the Coif.

Judge Susano began his legal career clerking for Chief Justice Hamilton Burnett in the inaugural class of clerks to the Tennessee Supreme Court. He practiced law in Knoxville for 30 years, while also giving back to the community as a member of the advisory commission to the Tennessee Supreme Court on Civil Rules, as well as board member of several local nonprofits.

In 1994, Governor Ned Ray McWherter appointed Judge Susano to serve as a judge for the Tennessee Court of Appeals, and he won the seat later that same year. Judge Susano would go on to win statewide reelection in 1998, 2006, and 2014, and he served as the presiding judge of the Court of Appeals from 2012–2014. During his time on the court, he has authored over 1,000 legal opinions and received numerous awards including: the Justice Frank F. Drowota III Outstanding Judicial Service Award in 2017; Appellate Judge of the Year from the American Board of Trial Advocates, Tennessee Chapter in 2003; and the Courage in the Face of Adversity Award from the Knoxville Bar Association in 2004.

I want to thank Judge Susano for his many years of service to Tennessee. The end of his long tenure in the Tennessee judiciary will certainly be felt by many in the State. I wish him, his wife, and their children all the best as they begin this new chapter in their lives.●

TRIBUTE TO KEITH SALTHER

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, this week I have the honor of recognizing Roundup Fire Chief Keith Salthe of Musselshell County for his bravery and decisive action that stopped the spread of a fire in downtown Roundup.

On the morning of May 20, 2020, Fire Chief Salthe and his team of 20 volunteer firefighters, as well as firefighters from Hawk Creek, Dean Creek, and the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, responded to a fire that broke out at the Vintage Café in Roundup.

Five hours after the fire ignited, Salthe and his team were forced to knock down the building to ensure that the fire didn't spread to the remaining businesses on the block.

For his decisive action, Musselshell County sheriff called Chief Salthe the real hero of the day and said that if it weren't for Chief Salthe and his team, the entire block would have been lost.

It is my distinct honor to recognize Fire Chief Salthe today. His leadership during this fire emergency stopped the spread of the fire towards other businesses, saving lives and preventing what could have been a tragedy for the community of Roundup. Roundup is fortunate to have brave men like Keith Salthe and his team of volunteer firefighters who were ready to jump into harm's way at a moment's notice for the safety of their fellow Montanans.●

TRIBUTE TO TERRY TOBINESS

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, it is my honor to recognize Terry Tobiness for her 50 years of dedication to her country, her patients, and her fellow veterans.

A graduate of the Helena College of Technology, Terry's first job out of college was at St. John's Hospital in Helena.

From then on, Terry went on to work at Crest Nursing Home in Butte, holding various roles over 18 years as a medical nurse, physical therapy aide, and assistant director of nursing and social services representative.

In 1980, Terry continued her service and joined the Army Reserves, deploying to the United Arab Emirates during the first gulf war as part of Operation Desert Storm in the 1990s.

As a fellow veteran herself and a dedicated health care hero, Terry spent the last 10 years of her nursing career in Great Falls, providing care at the Great Falls VA clinic in the Neurology and Pain Department as a nurse.

Terry's commitment to helping others is exemplary of the rich legacy of service we have in Montana. I know that all of Terry's patients over the years are thankful for her lifetime of service to the community, the State of Montana, and our country. •

TRIBUTE TO DAVE LILLEHAUG

• Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, today I rise to honor my dear friend, Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Dave Lillehaug, on a distinguished career and well-deserved retirement.

I have been lucky to call Dave a friend for 35 years and have seen him not just as a brilliant lawyer but a fearsome litigator, a tireless advocate in the pursuit of justice, and an excellent judge.

In fact, the same skills that led him to endlessly prepare for his date with his future wife Winifred somehow also landed him on the Minnesota Supreme Court.

Here is the story.

Winifred told me that she was more than a little bit unnerved during her first date with Dave—a lunch in Washington after they met when she was selling condos and he was buying one.

At lunch, Winifred realized just how much Dave already knew about her. She was from Pittsburgh, and he had read up on every detail about the town, including the latest steel plant closing. In those pre-Google days, 24 hours after meeting her, he had somehow researched every detail about her life so he could be informed and impressive on the first date.

She had already been thoroughly "vetted," as if she herself was being considered for a national office.

She was a little concerned, so on the next date, she brought a friend who happened to work for the Chamber of Commerce—just so she could get a second opinion.

Unfazed, wanting to impress her friend, Dave researched and memorized the entire legislative agenda for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Dave may have overdone it, and Winifred came away from the lunch convinced that he was interested in her friend and not her. Somehow, Dave salvaged it. Winifred and Dave have been happily married for 38 years.

Those same skills Dave honed when he dated Winifred served him very well on the bench.

I have so many fond memories of Dave, who impressed not just me but my family as well.

On the day Paul Wellstone announced he was recommending Dave for U.S. attorney, my mom sent the article to me on my honeymoon with the words "how exciting is this!" In addition to the usual newlywed photos, that article made it into my official honeymoon scrapbook.

Dave played a very important role in another seminal moment in my life as well. The night I was elected Hennepin County attorney, it was Dave counting the votes late into the night. It was close. Everyone went home—except Dave. And at 5:00 a.m. the next morning, Dave called to tell me I had officially won.

I am very grateful for Dave's friendship, his wisdom, and his sound advice and will be forever in awe of his brilliant career—as I know Paul Wellstone would have been.

Congratulations to Dave on his retirement. •

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL JON JENSEN

• Ms. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the career of Minnesota Adjutant General Jon Jensen and to congratulate him on the next step in his career. On Friday, Major General Jensen will be promoted to lieutenant general and become our Nation's next Director of the Army National Guard. In this position he will oversee the national activities of the Army National Guard and work to ensure the Army Guard remains one of our finest public institutions.

General Jensen joined the Iowa National Guard's 168th Infantry Regiment in 1989 before later transferring to the Minnesota National Guard in 2002. Through hard work and dedication, he rose to become the Minnesota National Guard's 31st Adjutant General in November, 2017. In this role, General Jensen has served as the head of Minnesota's Army and Air National Guard, where he has demonstrated the highest levels of duty, honor, and service.

I have had the pleasure of working with General Jensen during my time in office at the State and Federal levels. He is a proven leader who has seen the Minnesota Guard through deployments, natural disasters, and preparing the Minnesota Guard to meet future challenges. We worked closely to preserve the National Guard's access to

the Readiness and Environment Protection Initiative, REPI, a program which both ensures the Guard's ability to carry out critical training and also works to conserve the natural habitat surrounding military bases. General Jensen has been a strong advocate for this program and worked with my office to ensure National Guard installations across the Nation have continued access to the REPI Program. This is just one example that demonstrates General Jensen's dedication to service which makes him an outstanding choice to be the next Director of the Army National Guard.

In addition to the outstanding job General Jensen has done running the Minnesota National Guard, he is also inspiring, intelligent, and optimistic—all important qualities in a strong leader and qualities that have helped General Jensen make outstanding contributions throughout his more than 30 years of service. Given his strong qualifications, leadership qualities, and extensive experience, I cannot think of a better candidate to become our Nation's next Director of the Army National Guard.

On behalf of myself and all Minnesotans, thank you for your dedicated service to Minnesota and our Nation. I know you will excel in your new role, and I look forward to continuing to work with you for many years to come. •

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:32 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, 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. 4686. An act to require ride-hailing companies to implement an enhanced digital system to verify passengers with their authorized ride-hailing vehicles and drivers.

H.R. 7027. An act making additional supplemental appropriations for disaster relief requirements for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7327. An act making additional supplemental appropriations for disaster relief requirements for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7575. An act to provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7608. An act making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021, 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. 7027. An act making additional supplemental appropriations for disaster relief requirements for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

H.R. 7327. An act making additional supplemental appropriations for disaster relief