

researchers, working with industry, will develop those technologies that allow us to retain our world leadership role in nuclear energy while ensuring economic prosperity and environmental protection.

In reference to the fifth pillar of nuclear science, space exploration, all of us in Idaho are proud to say that INL played an important role in the recent launch of the 2020 Mars Rover by assembling and testing the nuclear power system that will allow NASA scientists to learn more about our universe.

I am honored to represent this important national laboratory, which embodies the traits that built our Nation: scientific achievement, the pursuit of knowledge, and curiosity.

By spreading the word about Nuclear Science Week and inspiring our youth, we will make the world a better place for everyone.

#### RECOGNIZING EASTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I am delighted to commend Easton Elementary School in Easton, ME, on being named a 2020 National Blue Ribbon Exemplary High Performing School. Serving 128 students from pre-kindergarten through sixth grade, this outstanding school is one of only 367 schools across the country this year to receive Blue Ribbon recognition from the U.S. Department of Education.

Created in 1982, the Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private schools that are either academically superior in their States or that demonstrate significant gains in student achievement. The schools singled out for this national recognition are models of high educational standards and accountability.

Easton is a rural community of 1,300 residents in Aroostook County, just 20 miles from my hometown of Caribou. It is a small town with a big commitment to education.

Easton Elementary School's mission is to achieve academic excellence in a safe and nurturing environment of fairness, respect, and caring. All students are provided with personal enrichment opportunities and work with teachers and staff to set their own learning goals.

The core curriculum is math, literacy, and social studies, with a particular focus on science. Students regularly visit the renowned Francis Malcolm Science Center in Easton, which has a planetarium, interactive laboratory, and nature studies area.

In addition to strong theater and music programs, the school places an emphasis on helping students develop healthy lifestyles. The relationship between the school and the Easton Recreation Department provides students with opportunities for traditional sports programming, as well as cooking lessons and babysitting courses.

Citizenship is an important part of the curriculum. Students participate in

activities to support polio vaccine distribution, cancer research, and Down syndrome awareness. Easton is an agricultural community, and the school continues the Aroostook County tradition of starting the school year early to accommodate a 3-week break in the fall so students can help local farmers with the potato harvest. An active parent-teacher organization helps to forge a strong bond between the school and the community.

I applaud the administrators, teachers, staff, and parents of Easton Elementary School. Together, they are succeeding in their mission to build students' confidence and generate momentum for learning. I am pleased that the U.S. Department of Education has selected Easton Elementary School for this well-deserved honor, and I congratulate the entire community for this outstanding achievement.

#### RECOGNIZING MARY SNOW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I am delighted to commend Mary Snow Elementary School in Bangor, ME, on being named a 2019 National Blue Ribbon Exemplary High Performing School. Serving 240 students in the fourth and fifth grades, this outstanding school is one of only 367 schools across the country this year to receive Blue Ribbon recognition from the U.S. Department of Education.

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The Blue Ribbon designation continues a tradition of quality education in Bangor. Last year, the pre-kindergarten through third grade Fruit Street Elementary School, which sends students to Mary Snow, was recognized as a Blue Ribbon School.

Although students attend Mary Snow School for only 2 years, teachers and staff strive to build positive relationships with students and their families and create a welcoming atmosphere. The school involves families by hosting 10 events each year that encourage parents and guardians to become involved in their child's education.

The Bangor School Department's mission is "Academic Excellence for All." At Mary Snow, students are encouraged to develop their full potential. The core curriculum of language arts, math, science, and social studies is rigorous, yet provides the flexibility for individual students to learn at their own pace.

Mary Snow is committed to helping students pursue their interests and to discover new ones. Strong visual and performing arts programs encourage creativity. Physical education encourages healthy lifestyles. Technology is

integrated into the classroom so that students develop the skills to succeed in the 21st century economy.

Faculty, parents, and community members are committed to both academic excellence and each child's social, emotional, and physical health. Faculty work to ensure a safe and secure learning environment and to develop strong and collaborative relationships with parents and community members. An active parent-teacher organization supports enriching educational activities and promotes excellence and innovation by funding special projects and initiatives.

I applaud the administrators, teachers, staff, and parents of Mary Snow Elementary School. Together, they are succeeding in their mission to build students' confidence and generate momentum for learning. I am pleased that the U.S. Department of Education has selected Mary Snow Elementary School for this well-deserved honor, and I congratulate the entire school community for this outstanding achievement.

#### RECOGNIZING POND COVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I am delighted to commend Pond Cove Elementary School of Cape Elizabeth, ME, on being named a 2020 National Blue Ribbon Exemplary High Performing School. This outstanding school is one of only 367 schools across the country to receive Blue Ribbon recognition from the U.S. Department of Education.

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This prestigious designation continues Cape Elizabeth's tradition of quality education. Last year, Cape Elizabeth High School was awarded its second Blue Ribbon. Many high school and middle school students serve as volunteer mentors for elementary pupils, making a strong and positive impact on young learners.

Pond Cove serves 530 pupils from kindergarten through the fourth grade. This award recognizes the hard work and determination of students, teachers, and staff. It is a top-performing school on State-required assessments, and educators at the school use assessments throughout the academic year as a tool for improving and customizing instruction. A strong commitment to professional development ensures that teachers and staff, as well as students, are lifelong learners.

Pond Cove excels as a school built on a foundation of the school district's values of community, academics, passion, and ethics. Through a unique tradition of adding links to a paper chain

throughout the school, teachers and staff recognize students who demonstrate those values, instilling a sense of individual and school pride.

In addition to a rigorous core curriculum and a focus on world languages, the school is known for its extensive extracurricular activities in academics, athletics, and the arts, and students are encouraged to pursue their interests. A comprehensive health and wellness program emphasizes good nutrition, physical activity, and stress management. The schoolwide peacemakers curriculum helps students develop the skills to work collaboratively and to respect others. Students learn the value of community service through a variety of opportunities, such as supporting the local food pantry and connecting with senior citizens.

Family and community support is one of the school's greatest assets. The Pond Cove Parents Association and other community organizations provide supplemental funding and resources. Just last year, parents, staff members, and local businesses joined together to create a new playground and outdoor learning center with outdoor classrooms, vegetable gardens, and nature observation areas.

This Blue Ribbon Award is a tribute not only to the students, but also to the administrators, teachers, staff, and parents of Pond Cove Elementary School. Together, they are succeeding in their mission to generate excitement and momentum for learning. They are making a difference in the lives of their students, helping them reach their full potential as independent, responsible learners and citizens. I congratulate the entire Cape Elizabeth community for this well-deserved recognition.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### RECOGNIZING ADVANCED CERAMIC FIBERS

• Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, as a member and former chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each month I recognize and celebrate the American entrepreneurial spirit by highlighting the success of a small business in my home State of Idaho. Today, I am pleased to honor Advanced Ceramic Fibers in Idaho Falls as the Idaho Small Business of the Month for October 2020.

Prior to founding Advanced Ceramic Fibers, Dr. John Garnier enjoyed 6 successful years as the armor program lead for the National and Homeland Security Directorate at the Idaho National Lab, INL. As part of his work, Dr. Garnier co-invented a process for converting carbon fibers into an alpha silicon carbide for military use and found that the product could have numerous applications in the infrastructure, energy, and aerospace industries. Recognizing its potential, Dr. Garnier

retired from INL and teamed up with businessmen Ken Koller, Shawn Perkins, and David Harrell to commercialize his invention and establish Advanced Ceramic Fibers. With the help of the INL technology transfer program, the Idaho Small Business Development Center, and 3 years of self-funding, the startup was able to expand operations, hire additional employees for research and development, and secure contracts with several government agencies.

Since its founding, Advanced Ceramic Fibers has become a leading example of small business driven innovation in Idaho. Its clients, including the Department of Energy, U.S. Navy, and NASA, have utilized its production of heat and abrasion resistant fibers in the development of aerospace and stationary power generation turbines and nuclear propulsion engines. They have expanded their innovations to include 34 different kinds of novel metallic carbides in both fiber and nano-particle forms. It is no surprise that the company was awarded the Early Stage Innovation of the Year award for 2015 by the Idaho Technology Council and the 2016 Excellence in Business Award from the Idaho Small Business Development Center.

With the slogan “Transforming the Reinforced Materials Marketplace,” Advanced Ceramic Fibers continues to be a catalyst of innovation in the Gem State. Today, the company employs nearly a dozen employees and owns the rights to nine different patents. With its continued growth, the business is now expanding into a larger facility and expects to provide more than two dozen jobs to the local community. Advanced Ceramic Fiber's ingenuity and cutting-edge product designs exemplify how Idaho small businesses continue to lead the country in technological development.

Congratulations to John, Ken, Shawn, Dave, and all of the employees of Advanced Ceramic Fibers on being selected as the Idaho Small Business of the Month for October 2020. You make our great State proud, and I look forward to your continued growth and success.●

##### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2019, the Secretary of the Senate, on October 6, 2020, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House had passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 2638. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to require small hub airports to construct areas for nursing mothers, and for other purposes.

S. 3051. An act to improve protections for wildlife, and for other purposes.

S. 3758. An act to amend the Klamath Basin Water Supply Enhancement Act of 2000 to make certain technical corrections.

S. 4075. An act to amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to

provide for the release of certain Federal interests in connection with certain grants under that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 4762. An act to designate the airport traffic control tower located at Piedmont Triad International Airport in Greensboro, North Carolina, as the “Senator Kay Hagan Airport Traffic Control Tower”.

##### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2019, the Secretary of the Senate, on October 6, 2020, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 209. An act to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian Tribes, and for other purposes.

S. 294. An act to establish a business incubators program within the Department of the Interior to promote economic development in Indian reservation communities.

S. 490. An act to designate a mountain ridge in the State of Montana as “B-47 Ridge”.

S. 743. An act to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the soldiers of the 5307th Composite Unit (Provisional), commonly known as “Merrill's Marauders”, in recognition of their bravery and outstanding service in the jungles of Burma during World War II.

S. 785. An act to improve mental health care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 832. An act to nullify the Supplemental Treaty Between the United States of America and the Confederated Tribes and Bands of Indians of Middle Oregon, concluded on November 15, 1865.

S. 881. An act to improve understanding and forecasting of space weather events, and for other purposes.

S. 1321. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit interference with voting systems under the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act.

S. 1380. An act to amend the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure to remind prosecutors of their obligations under Supreme Court case law.

S. 1646. An act to designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in St. Augustine, Florida, as the “Leo C. Chase Jr. Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic”.

S. 2661. An act to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to designate 9-8-8 as the universal telephone number for the purpose of the national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline system operating through the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and through the Veterans Crisis Line, and for other purposes.

S. 4072. An act to designate the clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Bend, Oregon, as the “Robert D. Maxwell Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic”.

H.R. 991. An act to extend certain provisions of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act until September 30, 2030, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1812. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to furnish Vet Center readjustment counseling and related mental health services to certain individuals.

H.R. 2372. An act to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct an assessment of all memoranda of understanding and memoranda of agreement between Under Secretary of Health and non-Department of Veterans Affairs entities relating to suicide prevention and mental health services.