

equipment to our local emergency response teams, senior centers, and social services agencies.

Perhaps the most critical area of focus for Lions Clubs has been in vision care. In their "crusade against darkness," Lions Clubs have raised enormous sums for research into blindness and eye disease. The Connecticut Lions Eye Research Foundation was chartered in 1956, establishing an eye research clinic under the auspices of Yale University, and later helped establish a second research facility with the University of Connecticut. Thanks to the work at these clinics, thousands of children and adults have benefitted from quality care and research.

Connecticut Lions have also established three District Lions Low Vision Centers to improve the quality of life and independence of those suffering from low vision. I have personally visited one of these centers and listened to healthcare providers and patients discuss how important and valuable these centers are.

For those still struggling with hearing and vision issues, the Connecticut Lions have supported the Connecticut Radio Information System with donations, volunteer readers, and other assistance. Guide and service dogs have been sponsored by Connecticut Lions, helping to restore the independence of the blind and visually impaired in their communities.

Connecticut Lions have also been deeply involved in providing relief from disaster and tragedy. In the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic, Connecticut Lions secured sizeable grants from Lions Clubs International Foundation to purchase and distribute critically needed equipment for our first responders and healthcare workers. When Hurricane Sandy devastated much of the State's shoreline, our Lions Clubs provided meals for first responders and volunteers who worked tirelessly to rescue people and restore services following the storm. Immediately following the Sandy Hook tragedy in December 2012, the Newtown Lions established a community fund to address the short-term and long-term needs of individuals arising from that tragic event. To date, they have raised more than \$11 million for those affected by posttraumatic shock disorder, including many children of Sandy Hook Elementary School. Connecticut Lions recognized the desperate need of Hurricane Katrina victims, donating thousands of dollars and making multiple trips with shipments of vital supplies. Connecticut Lions have collected and provided food year-round, working with meal centers, food banks, and food share programs to distribute directly to our homeless and those in need. Police and first responders in many towns were provided with "Homeless Kits."

In the face of tragedy and immense need, the Connecticut Lions have never forgotten the importance of looking to the future. Connecticut's youth have been a significant part of Lions Club

service programs. Leadership, Experience, Opportunity—LEO—Clubs give our youth an opportunity to serve their communities and develop their leadership skills. The Lions Quest program brings schools, families, and communities together to promote the development of healthy and responsible young people through social and emotional learning, character development, and a commitment to community service. The International Peace Poster Contest has provided an opportunity for children to express their visions of peace through art and creativity. Outstanding students striving to reach higher academic achievement have been provided significant scholarships as rewards for their incredible work.

We are proud of our Connecticut Lions who are, each one, a solid citizen contributing significantly to their community and beyond. They strive for new ways to serve others and to address the needs of their communities. Connecticut Lions are adept at recognizing needs, planning projects, organizing fundraisers, and rolling their sleeves up to get the job done. "Where there is a need, there is a Lion!" For 100 years, our Connecticut Lions have proudly demonstrated their motto: "We Serve"•

TRIBUTE TO DAVE LEE

• Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Madam President, today I rise to honor and pay tribute to Dave Lee, a radio host and Minnesota legend who is retiring after 32 years at WCCO radio on April 30, 2021.

Hailing from Hatton, ND, Dave did not always know he would be a radio personality. He spent his summers in high school throwing hay bales, picking potatoes, and hoeing beets. When a friend recommended he audition for KRAD, a local radio station in East Grand Forks, Dave was just hoping to earn a little extra money for college, but the station saw a spark in him and offered him 9-hour country music shift. From there, he volunteered to help out with sports coverage, and when he graduated college, he stayed at the station. As he puts it, "When you are passionate about something, it never feels like you are going to work."

That is how Dave's voice was introduced to the airwaves, and after years at KRAD in East Grand Forks and KFGO in Fargo, he became a weekend host of News Talk 830 on WCCO. He didn't know at the time, but WCCO would be his home for the next 32 years. Dave went on to join the legendary Roger Erickson as cohost of the morning drive and then took on solo duties when Roger retired in 1997.

For many Minnesotans, Dave's voice was as much a part of their morning as their cup of coffee. Commuters counted on him for traffic updates, students looked to him for snow day announcements, and we all knew we could rely on him for honest news reporting and engaging interviews. Over the course of his career, he interviewed an impres-

sive roster of personalities, from Boston Celtics legend Bill Russell, to baseball pitcher Nolan Ryan, to actress Julie Andrews. He also had countless incredible interviews with elected officials Democrats and Republicans alike.

Some conversations were serious, talking about the policy fight or issue of the day, but sometimes his interviews were just plain fun. I still have great memories of joining him at the WCCO booth at the Minnesota State Fair and "Minnesota Hospital" soap opera spoof skit, where I was given the role of Nurse Helen and Sid Hartman played the infamous "Dr. Kidney Hartman."

For years, we have also been treated to Dave's sports coverage. He did the play-by-play for the Minnesota Gophers for a decade and occasionally filled in as announcer for the Minnesota Twins. He brought his running commentary to the television broadcasts of the Minnesota State High School Boys and Girls Basketball Tournaments and covered University of St. Thomas football games on WCCO.

His joyful and informative commentary made him a six-time winner of Minnesota's Sportscaster of the Year, and he earned three Emmy Awards for his reporting on television. He is also a recipient of the Edward R. Murrow Award, several awards from the Associated Press, and a nomination for the National Association of Broadcasters' Marconi Radio Award.

To so many Minnesotans, Dave was a titan of Minnesota radio, providing information and entertainment with his signature warm demeanor. And it was with that same kind spirit that Dave did so much to give back, raising hundreds of thousands of dollars for the University of Minnesota Children's Hospital. After all Dave has done for our community, I have to admit, he deserves the chance to start sleeping in.

Dave, even though I will miss having you on the airwaves, I know that this is not goodbye, and I wish you all my best.•

TRIBUTE TO VICTORIA CECH

• Mr. TESTER. Madam President, I rise today to extend my sincere appreciation to Victoria Cech, who is planning on retiring from her position as the executive director of the Montana Health Research and Education Foundation. The citizens of my State are truly grateful for her tireless efforts to improve the health of all Montanans.

During her tenure at the foundation, Victoria was responsible for managing our State's hospital flexibility and frontier community health improvement programs, both of which provide vital support to our State's critical access hospitals. Why is this important? Because Montana has the distinction if not losing a single critical access hospital since the program's inception. It is the work of the foundation and Victoria's tireless leadership that has contributed to this great success.

But her work did not stop there. She continued to lead efforts to improve care in Montana by expanding two of the area health education centers managed by the foundation. These efforts led the charge in addressing behavioral health needs in our State, even bringing national attention to Montana when the foundation partnered with the National Council for Behavioral Health and Lady Gaga's Born This Way Foundation to complete the Teen Mental Health First Aid pilot program at Jefferson High School in Boulder.

Patient safety and quality improvement are also major focuses of the foundation. Victoria pioneered these efforts, leading a quality improvement team that moved Montana's hospitals into the highest ranked position within the Hospital Improvement Innovation Network hosted by the American Hospital Association's Health Research & Education Trust.

In 2014, Victoria was at the helm of the foundation when our country saw its first Ebola patient. The foundation was managing the hospital preparedness program—HPP—which it continues to do today. With five Montana residents under Ebola surveillance, the preparedness program quickly ramped up to raise awareness in hospitals across the State. That preparedness work has expanded dramatically since then, bringing in four full-time planners who played a large role in helping Montana prepare for and manage the coronavirus pandemic.

All 50 States are also experiencing an epidemic of drug addiction and opioid use that has hit Montana particularly hard, especially on the high line. The Montana Hospital Association and its foundation took this reality to heart and worked to expand its education and engagement work to move the needle on reversing opioid addiction. Under Victoria's leadership, the foundation was successful in securing a Rural Communities Opioid Response Program grant that is currently helping to address opioid addiction along the Canadian border and increasing engagement in our Tribal communities.

With all the work that Victoria has done, she has not overlooked the needs of her team members or those of the Montana Hospital Association. When the pandemic halted in-person education in Helena area schools, Victoria looked for a solution to support the parents at the association and ultimately converted the educational center into a classroom for virtual learning, dubbed the MHA Learning Center. Staffed by a full-time teacher, parents could now go to work knowing their children would not slip in their classroom and instead continue to make educational gains.

A lifelong learner, her passion for education will continue after her retirement as she supports her husband and president of Carroll College, John Cech, in positioning the college to be a national leader in higher education.

Victoria is a gifted leader who has had a meaningful impact on the lives of

all Montanans, and we are very grateful for her dedication to keeping folks healthy across the Big Sky State.

Congratulations, Victoria Cech, on your much deserved retirement.●

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON APRIL 26, 2021

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 814. A bill to promote security partnership with Ukraine, and for other purposes.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Roberts, 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.)

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 1364. A bill to provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. REED for the Committee on Armed Services.

Air Force nominations beginning with Col. Terrence A. Adams and ending with Col. Frank R. Verdugo, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 6, 2021. (minus 1 nominee: Col. Jeffrey W. Nelson)

Navy nomination of Capt. Maria L. Aguayo, to be Rear Admiral (lower half).

Navy nominations beginning with Capt. Joseph B. Hornbuckle and ending with Capt. Anthony E. Rossi, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 24, 2021.

Navy nomination of Capt. Stuart C. Satterwhite, to be Rear Admiral (lower half).

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. (1h) Dean A. VanderLey, to be Rear Admiral.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. (1h) Christopher C. French, to be Rear Admiral.

Navy nominations beginning with Rear Adm. (1h) William C. Greene and ending with Rear Adm. (1h) Scott W. Pappano, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 24, 2021.

Air Force nominations beginning with Brig. Gen. John M. Breazeale and ending with Brig. Gen. Constance M. Von Hoffman,

which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 3, 2021.

Air Force nomination of Col. Robert K. Bogart, to be Brigadier General.

Air Force nominations beginning with Col. John R. Andrus and ending with Col. Thomas W. Harrell, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 13, 2021.

Air Force nomination of Col. Alfred K. Flowers, Jr., to be Brigadier General.

Air Force nomination of Col. Gail E. Crawford, to be Brigadier General.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Theodore D. Martin, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. A. C. Roper, Jr., to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Erik C. Peterson, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Patrick E. Matlock, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. Michael J. Talley, to be Major General.

Army nominations beginning with Col. Stephanie R. Ahern and ending with Col. Brandon R. Tegtmeier, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 13, 2021. (minus 1 nominee: Col. Jeffrey A. Vanantwerp)

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Ronald P. Clark, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. Joseph B. Berger III, to be Major General.

Army nomination of Col. Shane R. Reeves, to be Brigadier General.

Navy nomination of Vice Adm. Scott D. Conn, to be Vice Admiral.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Karl O. Thomas, to be Vice Admiral.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Charles B. Cooper II, to be Vice Admiral.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Kelly A. Aeschbach, to be Vice Admiral.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Stephen T. Koehler, to be Vice Admiral.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. John V. Fuller, to be Vice Admiral.

Marine Corps nomination of Lt. Gen. David G. Bellon, to be Lieutenant General.

Marine Corps nomination of Maj. Gen. William M. Jurney, to be Lieutenant General.

Marine Corps nomination of Maj. Gen. Kevin M. Hams, to be Lieutenant General.

Marine Corps nomination of Lt. Gen. George W. Smith, Jr., to be Lieutenant General.

Space Force nomination of Gen. John W. Raymond, to be Major General.

Space Force nominations beginning with Maj. Gen. DeAnna M. Burt and ending with Maj. Gen. Michael A. Guetlein, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 13, 2021.

Space Force nominations beginning with Brig. Gen. Donald J. Cothorn and ending with Brig. Gen. Steven P. Whitney, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 13, 2021.

Space Force nomination of Brig. Gen. David N. Miller, Jr., to be Major General.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. William J. Houston, to be Vice Admiral.

Mr. REED, Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services 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.