Many employees have been with them since the beginning. And thanks to hard work and ingenuity, as well as assistance from the Paycheck Protection Program from the CARES Act, they were able to navigate through pandemic losses.

Whenever people sit down at River Bistro, they will not just be experiencing outstanding food and drink; they will be supporting a small business with deep roots in the community and a deep commitment to excellence.

I wish Caroline and Bill Ross and their staff continued success and growth for many more years.

TRIBUTE TO DR. KIM KRULL

Mr. MARSHALL. Madam President, I rise today to thank Dr. Kim Krull for her many years of service to the State of Kansas and Butler Community College—BCC—as well as honor her for all she accomplished throughout her career.

A passionate educator dedicated to serving Kansans, Dr. Krull began her professional journey in math, biology, and chemistry at Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture—UNL-NCTA. Following 18 years of service to UNL-NCTA, Dr. Krull decided to head south across the Nebraska-Kansas State line to Cloud County Community College, where she served as vice president of academic affairs for 8 years.

In 2013, Dr. Krull finally made the jump to my alma mater, Butler Community College, where she took over one of Kansas’ largest community colleges as president. Dr. Krull hit the ground running, expanding BCC’s online course catalog and prudently cutting programs no longer cost-effective.

In the years following, BCC accomplished much under Dr. Krull’s guidance. In terms of campus restoration, Dr. Krull was able to raise $3.3 million to renovate the student union and was pivotal in expanding college operations in nearby Andover. Thanks to Dr. Krull’s efforts, BCC remodeled its building within the Andover school district to be more accommodating to students, as well as opened the Redler Institute of Culinary Arts, a $6.2 million facility dedicated to providing for the next generation of BCC culinary and hospitality graduates.

But Dr. Krull’s signature accomplishments during her time at BCC center around her support of the student body. While president of Dr. Krull added programs in Diesel Technology, Construction Technology, and expanded online offerings in partnerships with various Kansas colleges and universities. Doing this and increasing BCC student retention amid the COVID-19 pandemic, is a testament to Dr. Krull’s work ethic and service to her student body.

For her efforts, Dr. Krull was the recipient of many awards, both for herself and on behalf of BCC. In 2021, the Wichita Business Journal named Dr. Krull an Executive of the Year, and in the year following, BCC was named an Aspen Top 150 institution. After these and many more awards from the Higher Learning Commission designated BCC in 2023 as a highly mature institution, one of the highest functioning colleges related to teaching and student assessment.

I wish on this high note that Dr. Krull announced her retirement, and she will officially step down from Butler Community College on June 30, 2024, after decades of service in higher education. I now ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the distinguished career of Dr. Kim Krull, as well as thank her for all her work on behalf of the State of Kansas and my alma mater, Butler Community College. “Go Grizzlies!”

TRIBUTE TO CLINTON MCKINNEY

Mr. RISCH. Madam President, I rise today to honor and recognize the remarkable life and extraordinary service of Sergeant First Class Clinton McKinney, a true hero and distinguished World War II veteran. SSG McKinney’s unwavering courage, sacrifice, and dedication to our Nation embody the spirit of the greatest generation.

SSG McKinney celebrated his 100th birthday on January 21, 2024. The occasion was marked by heartfelt tributes from his family and the Idaho community. It is a testament to SSG McKinney’s enduring legacy and his profound impact on all who have the privilege of knowing him.

SSG McKinney fearlessly began his service in March 1943. He served with Company M of the 103rd Infantry Division during the Battle of the Bulge, a historic battle and turning point for World War II in the winter of 1944.

SSG McKinney and company faced extreme conditions of bitter cold and isolation but never failed to demonstrate steadfast resolve and resilience. Sadly, 39 of his fellow infantrymen were lost in the battle, and SSG McKinney was taken prisoner. SSG McKinney escaped not once, but twice, only to be recaptured each time. His sheer determination and resourcefulness led to a successful third attempt with two other soldiers.

For his exceptional bravery and selflessness, SSG McKinney was awarded the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, and multiple Purple Hearts, recognizing his immense contribution to the Allied cause and his dedication to duty.

Following his war service, SSG McKinney returned home to his beloved wife Louise and devoted himself to public service by establishing a firefighting department in Washington State. His commitment to the safety and well-being of his fellow citizens extends far beyond his military service.

I am privileged to reflect on the extraordinary life of SSG McKinney,