

Standing in the kitchen and acting out his role, Podesta explained: "It's best to do the butchering at 4 a.m., "because pigs should be slaughtered when it is cool, and it takes a long time to roast them. The pig is hauled on a front-end loader in order to split and gut it. It's most important to slow the pig down by shooting it between the eyes so you can cut its throat. It makes the pig less ornery and a whole lot more cooperative than if you just stick a knife in its throat."

In homage to these skills, Podesta used to have a picture of a pig on a spit as his screen saver, but his staffers made him get rid of it, because he said: "They couldn't stand looking into the pig's eyes during meetings."

The powerful John Podesta does not always get his way.

COMMENDING ROBERT DALLAS PRICE

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, an American's success can be measured in large part on how he or she helps others. This year, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Wyoming have selected as their Man of the Year someone who has made his life's mission serving others. There is a very special person who has given voice to so many important causes in our State, and today I am proud to note this recognition of one of Wyoming's great citizens—Bob Price.

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Wyoming plays a vitally important role in our State. They serve all youth regardless of economic circumstances. They continue to expand thanks to the generous support of the Tate Foundation, the McMurry Foundation, and the city of Casper. Their inspiration and work has spread to adjacent counties. What is exceptional about the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Wyoming is their dedicated and loyal volunteer base. Their Person of the Year, Robert Dallas Price, takes service to his community to a new level.

Bob Price grew up in Chicago and graduated from the College of Great Falls, MT. He started his successful business career in Casper, WY, climbing through the ranks at KTWO Radio and Television to become general manager. He chose to forgo television in favor of focusing on his radio ventures and soon became vice president of GapWest Broadcasting—growing his family of radio stations to include six others. It is hard to imagine that anyone in Wyoming does not recognize the radio voice of Bob Price.

While Mr. PRICE has shown his exceptional achievement as a businessman in the operation and management of radio stations across Wyoming, he has truly gained success through his hands-on involvement with local civic groups that work to make a difference in our great State.

When Bob saw a community need, he worked to see that it was addressed. From Bob's vision over 25 years ago, the Wyoming Health Fairs were created. Now, the Health Fairs serve over 51,000 people yearly in nearly every Wyoming community. By keeping costs low, the Health Fairs facilitate participants' active involvement in preven-

tion and early detection. Their motto, "helping you help yourself . . . be well" is a model our entire Nation would be wise to follow.

Another important tradition in our lives also traces its roots back to Bob Price. The Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Telethon is a Labor Day tradition for families all across America. Bob knew that Wyoming families would want to help too. He started Wyoming's MDA Telethon in 1977 and to this day we all look forward to sharing our Labor Day weekend in support of this worthwhile organization.

Hardly a week goes by without Bob doing something to help others. He has worked on behalf of the Youth Baseball League and Stage III Community Theater productions. He has dedicated years of service on the boards of successful organizations like the Wyoming Symphony Orchestra, Central Wyoming Counseling Center, and Natrona County United Way, just to name a few. He launched the Beartrap Music Festival on Casper Mountain 15 years ago, and his behind-the-scenes work ensures the event keeps growing. He has lent his presence and voice to serve as emcee for countless special events like the Wyoming Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Make-a-Wish campaigns.

Bob's willingness to reach out to so many different groups is a constant reminder of his personal dedication to the value of community involvement. Through his engagement, Bob Price has driven our community toward success and drawn our people together. His is a voice that we from Wyoming know and trust, and he has a spirit of service that inspires. The people of Wyoming today, as well as generations to come, will feel the impact of his generous and selfless contributions to his community and our world.

Mr. President, I am so proud to call Bob Price my friend. My life has been enriched because of our friendship. It is fitting and terrific that the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Wyoming have named him Man of the Year, and I ask that my colleagues join me in sending our congratulations to Bob for this well-deserved honor.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

COMMENDING ROBERT D. STEELE

• Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, today I honor the service of Robert D. Steele, dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences at the Pennsylvania State University. After 12 years of serving the students, the college and the university, Dr. Steele is stepping down as dean and rejoining the faculty in the Department of Food Science at Penn State.

As dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences, Dr. Steele was responsible for the day-to-day operation of a college that is renowned for its top-notch agricultural research. Dr. Steele

administered an annual budget of over \$175 million, managed a staff of over 2,000 employees, and was a leader for approximately 2,500 students.

Bob Steele is dedicated to the students and the growth of the College of Agricultural Sciences. During his tenure he oversaw the transformation and planned growth of the college. Dr. Steele has to his credit many accomplishments as the college's dean, including major new additions including the new Food Science and Forest Resources buildings; implementation of new marketing and recruitment programs that have led to increased undergraduate enrollment, reversing a trend of declining enrollments experienced by colleges of agriculture nationwide; steady growth in the research funds for the college; addition of key new research initiatives in chemical ecology, reproductive biology, and infectious disease and immunology, which have resulted in the addition of internationally renowned scientists to the college and enhanced graduate education; a renewed focus on environmental and energy issues, including the establishment of the Environment and Natural Resources Institute, the Biomass Energy Center, and the Agriculture and Environmental Science Policy Center; and significant progress in the planning, development, and fund-raising for The Arboretum at Penn State.

Dr. Steele has taken his academic expertise outside the campus of Penn State serving on many committees that moved agriculture forward on the national level. His passionate interest in the success of Penn State and other land grant universities is evident with his service on the Special Think Tank Committee on the future of land grant colleges of agriculture partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Dr. Steele was also instrumental in providing valuable ideas and leadership for the 2008 farm bill through his service on various national committees, such as the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges Agriculture Deans.

Although Dr. Steele's dedication and talents will be missed in the administration of the College of Agricultural Sciences at Penn State, the students enrolled in that program will benefit from his return to the classroom. I am certain that his expertise, knowledge, and experiences will serve them well.

I congratulate Bob Steele on his outstanding achievements as dean and his distinguished service to Penn State and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and his continued commitment to Pennsylvania's farm families. I also personally thank him for his friendship and his invaluable advice to me and my staff. I wish him all the best as he returns to the classroom.●

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