

so dearly loved. His credo was: "If not me, who? If not now, when?" He never sought rewards or recognition, but his service was so stellar that it did not go unrecognized. In fact, he received the Boy Scouts Silver Beaver Award, the Arthur V. Watkins Outstanding Citizen Award, and the Brigham Young University Emeriti Alumni Award.

Jerry Washburn was also an active member of the Church and Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Demonstrating his faith and commitment to God, he served his fellow church members—without financial remuneration—in a variety of leadership positions. His was a life based on an abiding love of his family, his church, and his fellow man. Perhaps that is why in the political arena—known more for discord than harmony—Jerry Washburn had few, if any, enemies and so many friends. He loved and respected people, and they loved and respected him in return.

In one of his last discussions with trusted colleague and confidant, Orem City Manager Bruce Chesnut, Mayor Washburn said, "No matter what happens, I'm ready." Well, Mr. Mayor, the City of Orem, the State of Utah, and the Nation were not ready to see you go.

Our thoughts and prayers at this time are with his cherished family, including his wife, Betty, his 6 children and 19 grandchildren.

Mayor Jerry Washburn will be greatly missed, but his legacy will live on through his wife, children, grandchildren, beloved community, and in the countless lives he has blessed and touched during his remarkable service.●

TRIBUTE TO SISTERS OF CHARITY

● Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, in 1737, Marguerite D'Youville, a young widow and mother of three, founded the Sister of Charity in Quebec, Canada. Despite her own misfortune and poverty, she devoted her life to caring for those less fortunate—the poor, the sick, and the orphaned.

Since that time, the Grey Nuns, as the sisters are known, have expanded their work of compassion throughout Canada, the United States, South America, and the Caribbean with schools, hospitals, and orphanages. St. Marguerite D'Youville, whom Pope John XXIII called the "Mother of Universal Charity," was canonized in 1990, the first native-born Canadian saint.

My home State has been blessed by the works of St. Marguerite and her followers. On November 20, 1878, three Grey Nuns stepped off a train in Lewiston, ME, equipped with little more than caring hearts and determination. Within 2 weeks, they opened the first bilingual school in that largely Franco-American city, with 200 children arriving for the first day of class. Within 6 months, they opened an orphanage.

The Hospital of the Sisters of Charity they founded was often referred to as the "Sisters' Hospital" or the "French

Hospital," but the Grey Nuns welcomed all. It was the first hospital in the twin cities of Lewiston-Auburn and the first Catholic hospital in Maine. Fees for care in the hard-working mill community were low and were often paid in loaves of bread, bolts of cloth, or bushels of apples, which the sisters gladly accepted.

A major expansion of the hospital in 1902 gave Lewiston the two magnificent domes that grace the city's skyline. In 1910, the name was changed to St. Mary's General Hospital. The growth of the hospital was well underway, with the latest medical innovations and a bilingual School of Nursing.

Today, St. Mary's Health System includes a 233-bed acute care facility; a strong physician network, an independent living center, and occupational health services that reach out to businesses throughout the region. St. Mary's D'Youville Pavilion is one of the largest nursing homes in New England and a national model for elder care.

On October 24, St. Mary's General Hospital will honor the Sisters of Charity, past and present, for more than 130 years of healing for the body and the soul. I rise today to join in that tribute. Through the tender care and willing sacrifice of the Grey Nuns, the words of St. Marguerite d'Youville, "We shall continue to love and to serve," still resonate today.●

FOOD DAY

● Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, today I wish to submit for the RECORD an article written by Ann Wittman, executive director of the Wyoming Beef Council and published October 8, 2011, in the Wyoming Livestock Journal. The article's title is "Food Day Includes Gravy."

As Ann correctly points out, Monday, October 24, 2011, is being billed as Food Day with events planned across the Nation. Here in Washington, DC, the National Archives will be hosting a Food Day open house in conjunction with their "What's Cooking, Uncle Sam?" exhibit. Of note, the open house is being supported by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and U.S. Food and Drug Administration along with the primary Food Day sponsor, the Center for Science in the Public Interest.

It is the Center for Science in the Public Interest's agenda Ann calls into question. As she writes, the group's goal is to "encourage people around the country to sponsor or participate in activities that encourage Americans to 'eat real' and support healthy, affordable food grown in a sustainable, humane way."

The question must be asked, who is defining what is or what is not sustainable, healthy, and humane? In the article she points out behind the innocent name of the "Center for Science in the Public Interest" are groups with very extreme positions such as the Humane Society of the United States, People

for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, Farm Animal Rights Movement, and FBI-designated terrorist groups, including the Animal Liberation Front. These groups push radical environmental, animal rights, and vegan positions and lifestyles that have very little to do with either science or public interest.

The USDA and FDA should not align themselves with fringe groups who push ideology over science. I commend Ann for her research and wise judgment in exposing special interest masquerading as public interest.

The material follows.

FOOD DAY INCLUDES GRAVY

(By Ann Wittmann, Executive Director, Wyoming Beef Council)

When I started working at the Wyoming Beef Council more than a decade ago, I had fewer gray hairs, fewer wrinkles and enthusiasm that might have been referred to as effervescent. My ideals were grand, my trust was large and I had great faith in the public to seek and gravitate toward the truth. Don't get me wrong, my enthusiasm has not waned, anyone who works with me or in the continental vicinity of me knows that I am passionate about my work, but the direction and means of expressing my enthusiasm has become more focused over the years. It's become less like an exploding soda pop and more like simmering gravy.

Several weeks ago I read with great interest an invitation to work with an organization called Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI) to participate in and facilitate "Food Day" activities throughout Wyoming. The invite billed "Food Day" as a national event on Oct. 24, 2011 to "encourage people around the country to sponsor or participate in activities that encourage Americans to 'eat real' and support healthy, affordable food grown in a sustainable, humane way."

Had I received that offer 10 years ago, I would have been shocked to discover the true message and motive behind the effort. After all, the event was created by the Center for Science in the Public Interest, and who among us doesn't believe that science should be in the public interest? My older, wiser simmering brain prevailed, however, and held back enthusiasm pending further investigation.

Research into the event listed partner organizations as Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, Farm Animal Rights Movement and the notorious Humane Society of the United States. Similar to the CSPI group, these organizations have feel-good names that serve to mislead the public. Most of us are aware that the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) is a national non-profit organization with a \$200 million budget raised under the guise of funding pet shelters, but that spends all but one percent of that budget on efforts to eliminate animal agriculture. The other two groups, Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine (PCRM) and Farm Animals Rights Movement (FARM) may not be as familiar. PCRM, in spite of its name, has a very small number of physicians as members and has direct ties to PETA, as well as several FBI-designated terrorist groups including Animal Liberation Front (ALF) and Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty (SHAC). FARM is a national non-profit organization promoting a vegan lifestyle through public education and grassroots activism to end the use of animals for food.

As cautious as I am about jumping to conclusions, less than 60 seconds into my research I began to think "Food Day" was not