

KC-135 aircraft. Captain Pinckney was assigned to the 93rd Air Refueling Squadron, Fairchild Air Force Base, WA;

TSgt Herman Mackey III, 30, of Bakersfield, CA, died May 3 near Chon-Aryk, Kyrgyzstan, in the crash of a KC-135 aircraft. Technical Sergeant Mackey was assigned to the 93rd Air Refueling Squadron, Fairchild Air Force Base, WA;

SFC Jeffrey C. Baker, 29, of Hesperia, CA, died May 14 in Sanjaray, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device. Sergeant First Class Baker was assigned to 766th Ordnance Company, 63rd Ordnance Battalion, 52nd Ordnance Group, Fort Stewart, GA;

SPC William J. Gilbert, 24, of Hacienda Heights, CA, died May 14 in Sanjaray, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device. Specialist Gilbert was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 41st Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, Fort Bliss, TX;

SPC Ray A. Ramirez, 20, of Sacramento, CA, died June 1 in Wardak Province, Afghanistan, from injuries sustained when his unit was attacked by an improvised explosive device. Specialist Ramirez was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, GA;

SGT Javier Sanchez Jr., 28, of Greenfield, CA, died June 23 in Sar Rowzah, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when his unit was attacked with an improvised explosive device while on mounted patrol. Sergeant Sanchez was assigned to the Special Troops Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, NY.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID J. HAYES

Mr. HEINRICH. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize David J. Hayes, who stepped down on June 28, 2013, from his position as Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior, and I ask consent that the following remarks about him and his service be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

SELECTED REMARKS ON THE WORK OF DEPUTY SECRETARY DAVID J. HAYES

ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CABINET SECRETARIES

President of the United States Barack Obama: "David's leadership at the Department of the Interior has played an important role in my Administration's efforts to expand domestic energy production, including renewable energy as well as America's oil and natural gas resources. His expertise has helped shape our approach to conservation and our efforts to combat climate change, and as the Chair of the interagency working group on energy development in Alaska he has ensured that decisions we make regarding the Arctic are based on the best science. I am also grateful for David's work to help usher in important water rights and legal

settlements that will help restore trust and strengthen our relationship with Indian Country."

Sally Jewell, Secretary of Interior: "David has been a key architect for nearly every significant initiative undertaken at Interior over the last four years," said Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell. "From his work on expanding renewable energy production on public lands and waters, to coordinating federal family energy activities in Alaska, to developing a landscape-scale approach to conservation and climate change, David has left an indelible mark."

Ken Salazar, Former Secretary of Interior: "Over the last 4 years, you have distinguished yourself as a key leader in implementing the President's agenda at the Department of the Interior. Your historic work on energy and climate change, conservation, Native Americans and water challenges have been at the heart of an Obama legacy and will last forever."

"On the energy front, you have been one of the key players in the Administration, implementing the President's all-of-the-above energy strategy . . . You have played a key role in helping create a conservation legacy for the President. Your work has included helping define the future for the Atlantic and Arctic Circle, new urban parks, Gulf Coast Restoration, and the creation of a National Blueway System for America's rivers. The conservation community holds you in the highest regard."

"As the Chief Operating Officer of the Department, you have led historic reforms in the organization of Interior including overhauling the agencies that oversee oil and gas production on public lands and implementing the numerous efficiency measures necessary for these tough fiscal times . . ."

"Your results oriented approach to solving problems makes me very proud of you. In contributing to a lasting Presidential legacy, you have helped create a better world for humanity through your dedication, loyalty, and indefatigable energy."

Congressman Tom Cole (R-OK): "I note with deep regret the decision of Deputy Secretary of the Interior David Hayes to retire from public life," said Cole. "David Hayes has been one of the most gifted and accomplished public servants of his generation. He served the Administration and, more importantly, the country with skill, integrity, vision and leadership."

"Among his many accomplishments, the most noteworthy is surely his settlement of the so-called Cobell lawsuit on terms that were not only beneficial to the government but fair to hundreds of thousands of Native Americans and to tribal governments. It was David who recognized a problem and turned it into a solution, not only in terms of just compensation to Indians for years of mismanagement of their trust accounts but for tribal governments as well. His proposal to use part of the settlement to purchase fractionated lands and return them to productive use will benefit individual Indians and tribal governments in perpetuity. Moreover, the addition of a scholarship fund for needy American Indian students, as a component of the settlement, will benefit generations to come."

"On countless issues, including the complex Oklahoma water issue, efforts to partner with Indian tribes for the management of federal properties and initiatives to foster and speed up the development of resources in Indian Country, David led with skill, finesse and innovation. Moreover, he did so in ways that were inclusive, bipartisan and transparent."

"I wish David every success in private life. However, I certainly hope at some time in the future, he returns to public service. He is

simply too gifted and capable to remain on the sidelines as the great public issues of the day are discussed, debated and solved."

U.S. Sen. Mark Begich (D-Alaska): "David Hayes has been a good partner to Alaska. Together, we made significant progress on streamlining OCS permitting, and Alaska saw the first offshore wells drilled in decades. I know that without his commitment to the Alaska Interagency Working Group, we would not have seen that progress."

Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.): "I have long known David to be an ingenious problem solver who has demonstrated time and again that he can close the deal on solutions for the West's great battles over natural resources."

"I will never forget David Hayes and Secretary Ken Salazar coming to my home in Washington on a Sunday morning to work on a solution that would dramatically improve the [water] allocation. David rolled up his sleeves and worked diligently until we had a workable solution."

U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska): "I appreciate David's willingness to engage on difficult issues important to Alaskans, including contentious land management policies and offshore oil and gas development. The Alaska Interagency Working Group, which he headed, was central to improving the permitting process for offshore exploration. We did not always see eye to eye on what was best for Alaska, but David was effective and fair, and always brought honesty and integrity to what were sometimes tough discussions. I am sorry to see him leave."

President Ben Shelly, Navajo Nation: "Mr. Hayes has . . . tackled difficult topics with aplomb, including water rights settlements, energy development negotiations, and the non-renewable energy dependence of the Navajo Nation. He's demonstrated so with the utmost professionalism and understanding of the difficulty of the Navajo Nation . . ."

STAKEHOLDERS AND COLLEAGUES

Laura Crane, The Nature Conservancy: "The Nature Conservancy commends David Hayes for his commitment to find workable solutions that support renewable energy goals and protect the needs of people and nature. The approach developed for solar development on federal land under Mr. Hayes' leadership represents an important step forward in how energy can be smartly developed on our public lands and should serve as a model for how the Bureau of Land Management addresses all forms of energy development."

Helen O'Shea, NRDC: "David Hayes has been a major leader of the Interior Department during the Obama Administration just as he was during the Clinton Administration. He has left a tremendous legacy, particularly in connection with the development of the Department's new program for managing solar resources of the public lands."

Chris Wood, Trout Unlimited: "David Hayes defines all that is good about public service . . . He understands the imperative of protecting special places such as Bristol Bay, Alaska—the world's most important salmon fishery—from industrial mining. Yet, in a demonstration of his balance, he also led Interior's push to expand renewable energy development on public lands while protecting fish, wildlife and water resources."

"David is smart, hard-working and very responsive to constituents, regardless of what side of the aisle they sit. He is a strong advocate of using collaboration to resolve vexing natural resource problems such as on the Klamath and Penobscot rivers where dam removal will open hundreds of miles for migrating salmon and other ocean-going fish. He will be missed."

John Podesta, Center for American Progress: "Serving two presidents with honor and distinction, David Hayes has helped solve some of the nation's most complicated natural-resources challenges over the past two decades. He has brokered everything from water deals in California to the settlements of longstanding injustices in Indian country. He has been a leader in helping us prepare for the impacts of climate change on America's lands while ushering in a new era of smartly planned renewable-energy development in the Southwest and off our coasts. He has rightly earned a reputation as an honest broker, a tireless worker, a dedicated public servant, and an MVP when it comes to preserving America's great spaces."

Greg Pensabene, America's Natural Gas Alliance: "During a time when technological advances associated with natural gas production have created new opportunities for our country, David has emphasized the need for safe and responsible development, while recognizing the important role that this abundant, American fuel plays in improving national security, cleaning the air, and jumpstarting our economy."

Jim Lanard, Offshore Wind Development Coalition: "Since May 2009, when he was confirmed Deputy Secretary by a unanimous vote of the U.S. Senate, David Hayes has been a leader for offshore wind in the United States. While the industry is more than 20 years old in Europe, it is brand new here. Deputy Secretary Hayes understood this and impressively led his team to bring U.S. regulations into the 21st century. Under 'Smart from the Start,' he prepared federal and state governments to build a future for offshore wind energy."

National Congress of American Indians: "Deputy Secretary David Hayes will depart the Department of Interior having left an indelible mark on the federal trust relationship between the federal government and tribal nations. He has been a consistent presence in Indian Country working tirelessly to uphold our nation-to-nation relationship. As a key member of Secretary Salazar's team during the first term of the Obama Administration, David will be part of a legacy that has launched a new era in federal-tribal relations and set a new baseline for the Department of the Interior's engagement with tribal nations."

Jamie Williams, The Wilderness Society: "David leaves behind a tremendous conservation legacy at the Department of Interior, and we are deeply grateful for his work over the last four years."

McKie Campbell, Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee: "I think whether you're agreeing with him or disagreeing with him on issues, David has established a good reputation as a square shooter . . . He listens, he communicates with people well, he's fair."

Randall Luthi, National Ocean Industries Association: "David Hayes was an experienced and often calm head through some very trying times both at the Department of the Interior and for the offshore oil and gas industry. He also made the effort to meet with industry officials, from large to small companies, to understand their concerns. Certainly decisions were made that may not have been industry's first choice, but he listened."

Dean Elizabeth Magill, Stanford Law School: "David has proven himself to be a visionary, effective, and wise policy maker."

Paul Bledsoe, former Clinton Administration official: "(A)mong the top three or four most important Democrats on natural resources issues in the last 20 years . . . Hayes has ridden point with Secretary Salazar on many critical issues, including offshore Alaska leases, siting of renewable energy on pub-

lic lands and fracking regulations that allow for responsible shale development . . . It's hard to imagine anyone more expert in balancing the demands of resource protection, energy development and public uses of our national lands."

Marilyn Heiman, Pew Center for the Environment: "Few policymakers have the knowledge and the strategic capacity to navigate complex and challenging natural resource issues and reach successful outcomes as David."

"I don't agree with all the decisions that have been made by the Department of Interior on offshore drilling, but I think they have been really well vetted and really thoroughly reviewed, and I have to say that I hadn't seen that kind of work in the past."

"This is a complicated area with a lot of different constituencies. He has immersed himself in the nuts and bolts."

Phil Taylor, E&E reporter: "Hayes' work as a diplomat on Capitol Hill has been seen as an asset for the Obama administration as it tackles controversial land management challenges ranging from hydraulic fracturing to the management of sage grouse, wolves, wind power and national monuments on public lands."

"Hayes, who also served as counselor and deputy secretary during the Clinton administration, had a hand in nearly every significant Interior policy over the past four . . . years. He is credited with leading efforts to respond to and prepare for climate change at a landscape scale."

"Under President Clinton, Hayes is credited with conserving old-growth redwoods in Northern California, pushing for the restoration of California's bay-delta ecosystem, and settling long-standing American Indian water rights disputes."

"Hayes drew praise among conservation leaders and sportsmen's groups, which credited him with expanding renewable energy production on public lands while protecting valued habitats."

"Described by some as a policy wonk, Hayes is known for his attention to detail and has been seen poring over stacks of binders in the Interior library. Sources say he reads many of the department's environmental impact statements, fat books that weigh the potential environmental outcomes of agency decisions."

EXCERPTS FROM EMAILS TO DEPUTY SECRETARY HAYES

FROM CURRENT AND FORMER DOI EMPLOYEES

"Please know that your work never went unnoticed in the field, and we are very grateful to you for your support throughout the years."

"I am simply writing to say thank you. Thank you from the bottom of my heart, and with the utmost sincerity, for placing the arctic on the national agenda. We are an arctic nation, and thank you so much for all of the tireless hours you have dedicated to the north, its people, and associated issues and concerns . . . I have developed a deep respect for you from a considerable lateral and vertical distance, and I want you to know that all of your hard work has meant a lot to at least one person in this wonderful state of Alaska."

"I have appreciated your intelligence, your wit, and your thoughtful approach to managing the myriad of complicated issues here at the Department, and your work ethic has been nothing short of inspiring."

"Your keen interest in Alaska and our multi-faceted (i.e. gnarly) issues has been particularly helpful to our work here. Your knowledge of all things big and small never ceased to amaze me. I hope that the many things that you started and shepherded will continue to their good end that you envisioned."

"David, you've been such a mentor to me, and I credit a lot of my personal successes to your guidance and support. As for your time at the Interior Department, you always were the smartest person in the room, and an inspiring leader. And of course, and you've helped make history in overseeing DOI's incredible conservation and renewable energy work."

"I know I speak for everyone who's had the chance to work closely with you over the past four years when I say that you will be very dearly missed here. I find it hard to imagine the Deputy Secretary's office, the Department and countless individual initiatives without your leadership and vision."

"I learned much in my time at DOI and from you. One particular lesson was the importance of having a Deputy Secretary that understands DC and is willing to take the hits for the Secretary again and again. I know this was invaluable for the Secretary's agenda and for Interior."

I want you to know that from my perspective as a career employee of almost 25 years, I can say honestly, and without any ulterior motives, that your legacy in Indian Country is one to be proud of and I think pretty darned unsurpassed. There are few thank yous in this business and I know that is not what motivates you. But I for one think you have done a great job and everyone is going to see how good it was once you are gone. I know that there are many others, tribal leaders included, who share my opinion.

FROM STAKEHOLDERS

"Selfishly, we are sad you are leaving the Department. It has been great working with you. As all the press reports say—you brought a very high standard to the Department and this will not be easy for the Secretary to replace . . . It has been a full term of work and so many challenges. We have appreciated your strong interest in Alaska and the Arctic, your dedication and hard work, your trust very much."

"As you know, I'd feared this decision was coming for some time . . . Wanted you to know that I feel indebted to you for the continuing time, attention, expertise and consistent commitment that you've always made to elevate and address California-related conservation issues. You have made a real difference in your work at the Department—and beyond—over now two different Administrations."

"I can't begin to fathom all the pressures and demands that have been placed upon you. Nevertheless, you were always willing to engage on issues of conservation concern, you were unfailingly gracious, you led the effort to bring appropriate attention to Arctic issues, and I am confident that you had a central role in securing the gains that have been made, in particular the balanced approach to management of the NPR-A, for which I am especially grateful."

"I can't always agree with where we end up but the fact is you've been the highest ranking US official in 30 years to constantly give this Arctic part of the world attention, and that's worthy of recognition and gratitude."

"No one has contributed more to the spirit of conservation and the wise use of our nation's resources than you have over the past 20 years."

"I had the pleasure of working for over 30 years as a Federal employee and worked with many outstanding leaders. In my estimation your contributions elevate you to the top tier of leadership. I have always been impressed with your outstanding ability to listen, to remain positive, to be accessible and maybe most of all in these challenging times to be honest in your assessment and discussions about your views."

COLLEAGUES

"We could not have made it without your support, your intervention at all the right

times, and your full participation . . . We owe you a debt of gratitude; and for me, personally, it has helped remind me yet again of what true public service looks like."

"You are going to be sorely missed in the Department. Your record over the years is incredibly impressive. I hope that you will be able to look back in the years ahead and see how your work lives on in so many ways and for so many millions of people. I am proud to know you and to call you a friend and colleague."

"This is a huge loss for our community . . . From the fiery speech you delivered at the Great Outdoors America reception in 2011 to your focus on regional energy issues in Alaska, it was refreshing to have such a strong friend of conservation at DOI."

"I am sad for the public lands and great places in America that you are leaving the Department of the Interior . . . You have been the best possible advocate for everything that is most important to me."

"It is a big loss for us today in the Obama Administration. We are all so sad to see you go . . . You have a big fan club and will be so sorely missed!"

"You have been a steady, smart, and fun ally and friend throughout. I appreciate you and will miss you during the rest of my time in the Obama Administration."

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING DR. CLINTON PATTEA

• Mr. McCAIN. Mr. President, I would like to acknowledge the passing of longtime tribal leader Dr. Clinton Pattea, the president of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation in Arizona.

Dr. Pattea was one of the longest serving Native American public officials in the Nation. Last year—coinciding with the State of Arizona's centennial celebration—we marked Dr. Pattea entering his 50th year of service to the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation's tribal council. While he held a variety of elected posts, including tribal councilman and vice president, most of his time in office was spent serving as the tribe's president.

President Pattea was a true visionary in his community and throughout Indian Country. He was a strong advocate for the principles of tribal self-governance and Indian self-determination, which over the years helped bring about positive change in the relationship between the Federal Government and all Native Americans.

He was among the first tribal leaders in Arizona to acknowledge the tremendous economic potential that Indian gaming offered his people. Dr. Pattea was a fierce advocate for developing a government-to-government relationship with the State of Arizona and worked tirelessly to spearhead a voter-approved tribal gaming compact that has made Arizona the pinnacle of regulated Indian gaming that we know today.

Over the past 30 years, I have personally witnessed the Fort McDowell Yavapai make tremendous strides as a community, and I attribute much of that success to Dr. Pattea's leadership.

He directed his tribal government to develop business ventures to help take his community out of poverty; he successfully fought for the Nation's Federal water rights settlement; and he assembled a tribal government that is among the best examples of a sovereign governing body in the country. Today, the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation stands as a leader in the Valley of the Sun as well as the United States.

We were fortunate to have been enriched by Dr. Pattea's passion for public service. His work with the tribal council brought him immense satisfaction. It is fitting that his legacy will continue on through the recently established Dr. Clinton M. and Rosiebelle Pattea Foundation, which will fund tribal scholarships for education, culture, health and wellness programs in his name.

I offer my deepest condolences to the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation on Dr. Clinton Pattea's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with his tribal members and his loved ones. ●

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL KEVIN J. WILSON

• Mr. BEGICH. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize and pay tribute to COL Kevin J. Wilson for his exceptional contributions to the Nation as he concludes 30 years of service in the U.S. Army, culminating as commander of the U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center. Throughout his Army career, Colonel Wilson has displayed superior leadership, outstanding professional competence and initiative, dedication, and commitment to the welfare of soldiers, civilians, and their families. He has made significant and lasting contributions to the development, training, and leadership of the Army.

Colonel Wilson has performed with distinction in all of his assignments including as the group operations officer for the 555th Combat Engineer Group, the military assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works while stationed at the Pentagon, the battalion commander of the 249th Engineer Battalion (Prime Power) at Fort Belvoir, VA, the U.S. Northern Command/J-4 Army engineer officer at Peterson Air Force Base, CO, the Commander of the Alaska District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and, most recently, as the commander of the Engineer Research and Development Center.

As commander of the Engineer Research and Development Center, the Department of Defense's largest multidisciplinary engineering and research center, Colonel Wilson has taken the organization to the highest performance levels with a focus on human capital and positioning the center for dramatic increases in performance and effectiveness. His support of research and development is second to none, and he provides innovative pathways for technology transfer that speeds the inte-

gration of new ideas. Colonel Wilson has also supported the warfighter by equipping both deploying tactical units and the U.S. Army Engineer School with new combat systems and training on the Engineer Research and Development Center's capabilities.

Colonel Wilson was an extremely effective brigade-level commander in Afghanistan, responsible for all corps operations for Regional Command-South and Regional Command-West. His efforts focused on military construction in support of the buildup of U.S. forces, facilities for the Afghanistan National Security Forces, and water resources and infrastructure projects. While deployed, he coordinated with regional and battlespace commanders, North Atlantic Treaty Organization and coalition partners, Provincial Reconstruction Teams, U.S. Forces-Afghanistan, the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Agency for International Development, and U.S. and Afghan government agencies and organizations at all levels. During this deployment, he focused on big picture projects such as electricity for Kandahar and critical road infrastructure for Regional Command-S, proving he could successfully integrate the operations of U.S. and coalition partners.

Colonel Wilson was commander of the Alaska District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, where he led 500 personnel, executing military construction, civil works, and environmental programs throughout the State. Due to his drive and foresight, Colonel Wilson's command was able to execute end-of-year funding to protect Alaska Native villages from coastal erosion. This tremendous feat was recognized by the Alaska Congressional delegation and the Alaska Native community. As commander of the largest geographic and perhaps most complex U.S. Army Corps of Engineers district, Colonel Wilson deftly weaved disparate units into a cohesive team driven to deliver excellent products to its customers, winning four Pacific Air Force Engineer awards and being named the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Project Delivery Team of the Year. Under his leadership, the Alaska District consistently improved its delivery of military construction, civil works, and environmental projects, ensuring they were on time and under budget, routinely winning accolades from customers.

As the U.S. Northern Command/J-4 engineer officer stationed at Peterson Air Force Base, Colonel Wilson was the subject matter expert on Army military construction capabilities, prime power, electrical power systems, and emergency support functions. He served as a trusted member of the Federal Emergency Management Agency disaster response team during several hurricanes, later leading a hurricane conference, from which a pre-scripted request for assistance was developed, to help local officials better understand the assets available during a disaster. As a part of the Joint Planning