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Mr. President, I would like to congratulate Myron Belkind, a fellow Buckeye, as he begins this new chapter in his distinguished career.

REMEMBERING MARSHA OGILVIE

Mr. RISCH. Madam President, I rise today to pay tribute to Marsha H. Ogilvie, a loyal and steadfast mayor of Sandpoint, ID. On January, 8, 2014, Mayor Ogilvie lost a valiant battle with cancer and my State lost a good friend, a champion for women and children and a tireless public servant.

Mayor Ogilvie, who was born at March Air Force Base in Southern California, moved to the great State of Idaho in 1994. In the 20 years she made Idaho her home, she distinguished herself in service to others. As she once said, and many in Sandpoint now say, she won the hearts and minds of the people in Sandpoint.

Elected mayor just 2 years ago and having served the two previous years on the city council, Mayor Ogilvie, leaves a giant hole in those hearts and the broader community. The business and professional experience Mayor Ogilvie brought was wide and varied and earned her the respect of many. Early in her career, she served in restaurant and retail management. When she and her husband Francis arrived in Sandpoint, they opened a couple of small businesses—The Candy Cottage and the All Smiles gift shop. But Marsha Ogilvie was not just about business. She cared deeply about the health, welfare and success of women and children.

Soon after moving to Idaho and well before entering public service, she established Kinderhaven, a nonprofit community organization which is dedicated to supporting children in crisis. Founded in 1996 and under the vision and compassionate care of Marsha Ogilvie, more than 1,300 children have found the all-important help they needed in times of their greatest distress. So important to the Sandpoint community, Kinderhaven was named the grand prize winner in the 2002 Governor's Brightest Stars Awards. In addition, Mrs. Ogilvie, who crossed paths with many women serving as volunteers in the Sandpoint community, started Women Honoring Women. It was designed to be a one-time event but has evolved since 1999 into an annual event to recognize and honor women in Bonner County who are 65 or older and working to make a difference in the lives of others, who love learning and exhibit qualities of leadership. Marsha Ogilvie recognized these qualities in others because she, too, possessed them. . . well, all but one—she was only 64 when she passed away.

If these achievements were not enough, Marsha Ogilvie joined with three friends to co-author a children's book, which was just recently pub-

lished. Gigi's Enchanted Forest was a way to honor the life of a mutual friend of theirs who shared their hope for and love of children and a dedication to community service.

Mayor Marsha H. Ogilvie personified a life of giving and caring. Her unparalleled legacy of hard work, reaching out to her community and recognizing those who help others in volunteer service is indelibly etched on the many hearts and minds of those she served in Sandpoint, ID, and far beyond the city limits. May God bless her husband, her family and the hundreds of Idahoans who will miss her passion, exuberance and spirit of joy.

FISHER'S TECHNOLOGY

Mr. RISCH. Madam President, a small business faces a constant threat to its bottom line when the products they sell grow obsolete. Years of expertise and business relationships can be rendered meaningless without the ability to adjust in an ever changing and technologically advancing marketplace. There is no better example of adaptation than Fisher's Technology in my home State of Idaho.

Fisher's Technology was founded in Boise, ID in 1936, during the worst years of the Great Depression, as a specialty typewriter sales and repair shop. In 1985, Gary Mahn purchased the company and, since then, Fisher's Technology has expanded its inventory to become Idaho's largest office supply firm. This would not have been possible had Fisher's remained narrowly focused on typewriters. In a continuing business evolution, Mr. Mahn sold the office supply portion of the company to another local Boise company. This allowed Fisher's Technology to maintain and grow the remaining office equipment division.

Today, Fisher's Technology has four locations across Idaho, offering a variety of office hardware and software products along with IT services. After a 78 percent increase in sales revenue, topping \$13 million, Fisher's was named to Inc. Magazine's 5,000 fastest-growing companies in the Nation. Fisher's has made this list four of the last 5 years, a testament to the Fisher's Technology team's hard work and commitment to customer satisfaction. At a time when America's economy has struggled to add jobs, Fisher's Technology has boosted its payroll from 46 employees in 2009 to 66 today representing a 43 percent increase in hiring.

Not only has Fisher's Technology helped businesses across Idaho meet their equipment needs, but its employees are also active members of their communities and strive to give back in any way that they can. For example, the company sponsors the Blue Cross "Blue Cruise" bicycle race, which benefits local charities in Idaho's Treasure Valley.

I commend everyone at Fisher's Technology on their continued growth,

resilience, and determination, and wish them another 78 years of success.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO DAVID MELINCOFF

● Mr. SANDERS. Madam President, I rise today to recognize a remarkable Vermonter, David Melincoff, who is carrying on the tradition of providing a good meal and fostering a sense of community each Thanksgiving.

As many Vermonters continue to struggle to make ends meet in the wake of the most severe recession to hit the United States in generations, Mr. Melincoff marked the 24th year his Burlington, VT restaurant has offered a traditional Thanksgiving dinner at no cost. Nearly 1,000 dinners were given away this past Thanksgiving. Since the Thanksgiving Community Dinner started 24 years ago at Sweetwaters American Bistro, Mr. Melincoff estimates that more than 20,000 meals have been served free of charge.

The dinner, a traditional Thanksgiving meal of turkey, stuffing, and mashed potatoes, offers the same experience a diner would have eating at the restaurant on any other night, including wait service provided by volunteers. The fundamental difference is that the meal is free of charge—and the sense of community this generosity inspires is undeniable.

It is not only those who are having financial difficulties who attend the Thanksgiving Community Dinner. As Mr. Melincoff noted, "Sometimes it's an emotional need." Often, people who have lost a loved one attend in order to share in the company and fellowship of others. The dinner provides an opportunity where people, regardless of their economic status, can sit and break bread together. "Here, they just feel equal. That's the part that always gets me," Mr. Melincoff said. "It's about self-respect."

The meal itself is just one part of the day-long event. A coat donation drive was added as another effort to serve 4 years ago. Hundreds of coats are collected in advance by the Windjammer Restaurant in South Burlington, and this year roughly 700 coats were provided to individuals in need.

Local residents and members of the business community also pitch in to make the Thanksgiving Community Dinner a success. Everyone benefits from this event, whether it is from the food provided or the satisfaction of giving back to the community. For the volunteers, Mr. Melincoff noted, "it puts things into perspective about what you should be grateful for."

Mr. President, I wanted to take this opportunity to commend Mr. Melincoff for his commitment and service to others and applaud his efforts to reach to out those in need.●

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