

his line, Johnston's forces prepared a strong defensive position blocking the likely avenues of approach Sherman would use to continue his advance toward Marietta and subsequently to Atlanta.

Following a tactical approach that had been successful throughout the spring, the Union army moved some of its forces to the Confederates' left flank. The Confederates countered and moved one of their corps from the right to the left of their line. Acting without orders from Johnston, John Bell Hood ordered his forces to attack the Union troops. Charging across Valentine Kolb's fields, the Confederates met a devastating combination of artillery and infantry fire from entrenched Union troops. This caused the Confederates to retreat and dig in. Although the attack led to costly casualties for the Confederates it prevented the Union from advancing toward Marietta. It also forced Sherman to change tactics and order a frontal assault on June 27, 1864.

Sherman's troops bombarded the Confederate positions on the morning of June 27 and then advanced along the base of Kennesaw Mountain. The Confederates repulsed this diversionary attack. Rough terrain and a stubborn defense obstructed the Union assault at Pigeon Hill that subsequently fell apart after a couple of hours. At Cheatham Hill, the heaviest fighting occurred along a stretch in the Confederate line dubbed "Dead Angle" by Confederate defenders. Union troops made a desperate effort to storm the Confederate trenches. However, the rough terrain and intense Confederate fire combined to defeat the Union army. Within hours, the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain was over. Union casualties numbered some 3,000 men while the Confederates lost 1,000, making it one of the bloodiest single days in the campaign for Atlanta.

In 1899, a lieutenant of the 86th Illinois Infantry purchased 60 acres at Cheatham Hill, the site of the most deadly encounter at Kennesaw Mountain. The land was later transferred to the Kennesaw Memorial Association, which received \$20,000 from the State of Illinois to construct a monument on Cheatham Hill to honor the soldiers of the 86th Illinois Regiment who died there. On June 27, 1914, the 50th anniversary of the battle, a marble monument was unveiled and dedicated to those fallen men. In 1917, the land was deeded to the United States government and 9 years later, in 1926, the U.S. Congress passed a law that placed the area under the protection of the War Department.

In 1935, legislation was passed creating Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park on the original 60 acres purchased by the lieutenant of the 86th Illinois Infantry. Today, the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park consists of nearly 3,000 acres where visitors enjoy 19.7 miles of trails and can see historic earthworks, can-

non emplacements, interpretive signs, and three monuments representing States that fought in this momentous battle.●

ARAGON, GEORGIA

● Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, I wish to commemorate the Centennial of the city of Aragon, GA, on July 23, 2014.

During the past 100 years, Aragon has seen both good times and difficult times. Through periods of growth, economic struggle and social change, the leaders and residents of Aragon have upheld their commitment to remaining a city.

The origin of the city's name of Aragon has been widely disputed by historians. Some claim that Aragon was named after the Hotel Aragon located on Peachtree Street in Atlanta, GA, where some of the mill owners stayed when visiting the area. Others believe the city was named for the mineral aragonite that was mined nearby.

The city of Aragon was founded in 1899 in Polk County, GA. The city charter was adopted on July 23, 1914, and was approved by Georgia Governor John M. Slaton. The first three commissioners were Fred O. Myers, J.H. Arnold and R.L. Huckabe.

The city was established in 1898 in northwest Georgia following the construction of a mill by Wolcott and Campbell of New York. Over the years, numerous additions and improvements were made to the mill, which employed hundreds of workers and contributed to the livelihood of many families in the community. The mill closed for good in 1994 and remained empty until 1998 when it was purchased by brothers Brian and Kirk Spears and used as a production facility for pillows and wooden pallets until August 6, 2002, when fire engulfed and decimated the complex.

At the time of this centennial celebration, the local government is vested in Mayor Ken Suffridge and Councilmen Curtis Burrus, Mayor Pro Tem Duell Mitchell, Kevin Prewett and Hunter Spinks. They are dedicated to ensuring the city and its citizens are ready for tomorrow's challenges, and remain loyal to its motto, "A Proud Past With A Promising Future."

I congratulate the residents of Aragon, GA, on their centennial year and wish them great success with observances that raise awareness of and appreciation for the city of Aragon's contributions to the development and vitality of Polk County, GA. I hope that residents will use this year as an opportunity to learn more about the rich history of their community.●

RECOGNIZING CONCERNS OF POLICE SURVIVORS

● Mrs. MCCASKILL. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize and honor the outstanding work of Concerns for Police Survivors C.O.P.S. for 30 years of dedicated service to the families of

America's fallen law enforcement officers.

Suzie Sawyer founded the organization 30 years ago as a small grief support organization. In 1993, the organization relocated to Camdenton, MO, where it has grown to serve over 30,000 surviving law enforcement families from all over the United States. The organization now has 50 national chapters and a multimillion dollar yearly budget that is used to host annual seminars, retreats, and provide resources for the surviving families and coworkers of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

I thank Suzie Sawyer for her dedication to this important cause, and I thank C.O.P.S. for 30 years of providing invaluable support to grieving law enforcement families and coworkers.●

TRIBUTE TO VIVIAN SMITH-TALLAN

● Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I wish to recognize the achievements of Ms. Vivian E. "Bo" Smith-Tallan. During her years of service, Ms. Smith demonstrated tireless dedication to her country, and specifically to Fairchild Air Force Base and the greater Spokane area.

Ms. Smith-Tallan, who hails from Maryland, entered the Air Force in 1976 directly out of high school. She retired from the Air Force as a master sergeant after serving for 20 years on active duty. Ms. Smith-Tallan completed a degree in law enforcement and is a graduate of the Spokane County Police Academy. Prior to her present position, she was a police officer with the Medical Lake Police Department and bailiff for the Airway Heights courts system.

While on Active Duty in the law enforcement career field, Ms. Smith-Tallan served in numerous capacities including gate guard, patrolman, investigator, pass and registration non-commissioned officer in charge, and flight chief. Her talent earned her a selection as the first female motorcycle patrolman. In 1992 she was assigned as the treaty compliance superintendent and finalized Fairchild Air Force Base's role under the START Treaty in which B-52s were removed from assignment to the base. From there she was assigned as the wing protocol superintendent until her retirement from Active Duty in 1996.

Ms. Smith-Tallan then began serving at Fairchild Air Force Base as a Department of Defense civilian. Through the following 18 years she led an office of 12 airmen as the wing chief of protocol and public relations, consistently ensuring that Fairchild presented a welcoming and professional environment to visitors and the local community.

As chief of protocol she planned, evaluated, and led the arrangements,

protocol and coordination for dignitaries visiting the wing. She developed and executed itineraries compatible with the scope of the visit, to include social events, ceremonies, briefings, lodging, transportation, courtesy and office calls, and tours. She planned and supervised countless renderings of honors, awards, promotions, retirements, change of command ceremonies, dining outs, airshows, intra-service competitions, parades, and other recognitions.

As chief of public relations, Ms. Smith-Tallan planned, organized and directed the activities of the 92nd Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs office to provide installation-level multimedia activities composed of media, community relations, photography and videography. She developed the community relations program and ran the Honorary Commanders and Eagles program to ensure continual outreach of installation commanders with civic leaders. Ms. Smith-Tallan also served as the wing foreign disclosure officer.

Ms. Smith-Tallan consistently goes above and beyond, as exemplified by her multiple Civilian of the Year and Civilian of the Quarter awards, an Exemplary Civilian Service Award, and many more awards she received while serving on Active Duty. Her record of achievement would not have been possible without the love and support of her husband, Robert "Bob" Tallan. We thank her family for sharing her with us. Mr. President, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Ms. Smith-Tallan on her 38 years of outstanding service. For her commitment to the people of Fairchild Air Force Base and the greater Spokane area, she is worthy of the highest praise.●

RECOGNIZING BEST BATH SYSTEMS

● Mr. RISCHE. Mr. President, too often we think of business owners as only being concerned with profit. However, countless enterprises have been started based on an idea or a goal to solve a problem or to improve peoples' lives, and often times this is inspired by a need of someone close. It is a privilege to recognize such a company, Idaho's own Best Bath Systems, Inc.

Gary Multanen founded Best Bath Systems in 1971 with the goal of designing and producing baths and showers to help those with special needs. Mr. Multanen was especially motivated to find a solution to his mother's difficulty in using conventional tubs. Over the years, Best Bath Systems has created improvements for nearly every conceivable part of a shower or tub, and has been a leader for walk-in tub design.

It is one thing to tout Mr. Multanen as being an innovator, but the real proof is in the demand from bath product sellers across the country. With \$20 million in sales last year to a network of 490 dealers across North America,

Best Bath Systems has clearly earned a reputation for quality. In addition to making bath products that help people meet their basic needs, Best Bath Systems also does well by their employees, providing a profit-sharing program.

The Small Business Administration recognized Best Bath Systems' impressive track record and named Mr. Multanen and his family the 2014 Idaho Small Business Person of the Year and is sharing their accomplishments at the National Small Business Week events being held this week in Washington. This award celebrates their continued sales growth, superior customer service, and commitment to their community.

Best Bath Systems has been an active fixture in the Caldwell and Boise communities for a long time with Mr. Multanen serving on the boards of Boise City Parks & Recreation and the Treasure Valley Air Quality Council. In addition, since 2000, Best Bath Systems has a built robust relationship with the Idaho Small Business Development Center, SBDC, where Mr. Multanen currently serves as the chairman of the advisory council and uses his business' success story with the SBDC to motivate other Idaho entrepreneurs. Concern for the environment is also part of Best Bath Systems' community commitment. Best Bath Systems' 106,000 square foot facility in Caldwell, ID uses just 28 percent of their Federal emissions allowance, and they have promoted similar standards for the industry through their trade association, which Mr. Multanen co-founded.

I wish to congratulate Mr. Multanen on being named the 2014 Idaho Small Business Person of the Year and everyone at Best Bath Systems for their 43 years of sales, innovation, and bettering the quality of life for many.●

HALEKULANI'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY

● Mr. SCHATZ. Mr. President, Halekulani is a globally acclaimed luxury resort on Waikiki beach, and it is synonymous with the gracious hospitality of Hawaii. This hotel traces its roots back over 100 years, when ancient Hawaiian fishermen named this beachfront area Halekulani, which means "house befitting heaven."

Since its humble beginnings as a collection of guest bungalows in 1917, Halekulani has provided the highest standards of excellence and personalized service, while practicing the aloha spirit of Hawaii.

Through the years, Halekulani has hosted celebrated authors, poets, entertainers, dignitaries, and guests from around the globe, all the while providing an "oasis of tranquility" in the heart of Waikiki.

This year, Halekulani will celebrate its 30th year since reopening in 1984 following a property-wide renovation.

Halekulani continues to build upon its legacy and rich tradition of gra-

cious hospitality and sets a high standard for luxury destination resorts in Waikiki. Today, it remains one of the most acclaimed independent luxury hotels in the world, with an international reputation for its award-winning service.

Over the past 30 years, Halekulani has provided unique guest experiences through its support of local culture and the arts institutions in Honolulu, including the Hawaii Symphony Orchestra, the Honolulu Museum of Art, the Bishop Museum, and the Hawaii International Film Festival, offering its international guests special access to some of Honolulu's finest arts and cultural attractions. In addition, through Halekulani's dedicated support of education and humanities causes in the local community, Halekulani has established itself as a dedicated and responsible corporate citizen of Hawaii.

I congratulate Halekulani on its 30th anniversary and for its continued commitment to offering the highest quality of hospitality. Halekulani has helped make Hawaii one of the best leisure and business destinations in the world.●

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5730. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Addition of Certain Persons to the Entity List" (RIN0694-AG12) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5731. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Utah; Revisions to UAC Rule 401—Permit: New and Modified Sources" (FRL No. 9756-5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 8, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5732. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Loan Guaranty: Ability-to-Repay Standards and Qualified Mortgage Definition under the Truth in Lending Act" (RIN2900-AO65) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2014; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-5733. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order declaring a national emergency posed by the situation in and in relation to the Central African Republic; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5734. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of