

the government through December 11, 2015, including taxpayer funding for Planned Parenthood. I would have voted no.

REMEMBERING JEFFREY A. MATHIAS

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. President, I am a cosponsor of a resolution the Senate is likely to pass this evening honoring the lives of the 33 crew members aboard the *El Faro* which sank near the Bahamas during Hurricane Joaquin earlier this month.

I want to take this opportunity to express my deepest sympathy and sincere condolences to the family of *El Faro* crewman Jeffrey A. Mathias of Kingston, MA. He was just 42 years old.

Jeff loved the sea. When he attended Tabor Academy, he learned how to sail aboard the school's sailing ship the *Tabor Boy*. Jeff followed his passion to the prestigious Massachusetts Maritime Academy, where in 1996 he graduated with a degree in marine engineering. Upon graduation, he worked at Seamass and then Altran, where he was involved with nuclear power plants. In 1998, he landed his dream job on a cargo vessel.

Jeff sailed to Africa, Europe, North Korea, Alaska, Hawaii, California, and the Caribbean. He reached the officer's position of chief engineer and was responsible for shaft repairs on many vessels.

Jeff leaves his beloved wife, Jennifer Brides Mathias; his 3 adored children, daughters Hayden, 7, Heidi, 5, and son, Caleb, 3, all of Kingston. He also leaves behind his parents, J. Barry and Lydia Jones Mathias, of Kingston and his brother John.

Another son of Massachusetts who loved the sea was President John F. Kennedy. He famously stated, "I really don't know why it is that all of us are so committed to the sea, except I think it's because in addition to the fact that the sea changes, and the light changes, and ships change, it's because we all came from the sea. And it is an interesting biological fact that all of us have in our veins the exact same percentage of salt in our blood that exists in the ocean, and, therefore, we have salt in our blood, in our sweat, in our tears. We are tied to the ocean. And when we go back to the sea—whether it is to sail or to watch it—we are going back from whence we came."

I also offer my condolences to the family, friends, and loved ones of every member of the *El Faro* crew.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT MICHAELA BOUSHEY AND STAFF SERGEANT SHAYNE BOUSHEY

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, I wish to recognize SGT Michaela Boushey and SSG Shayne Boushey as Montanans of the Week. These two soldiers represent

not only the best that Montana has to offer, but the best this country has to offer.

SGT Michaela Boushey served in the Montana Army National Guard for 8 years. For 4 years, she served in the 112th Security and Support Detachment Aviation Unit whose mission is to protect our borders, collect and transmit intelligence, and to provide support for the Department of Justice. Michaela's commitments and service to our country has never faltered, and we are so grateful for her service, sacrifice, and loyalty to our great Nation.

Her husband, SSG Shayne Boushey, was deployed with both the infantry battalion and the military police company. During his deployment to Afghanistan, Shayne and his team were targeted by Taliban forces. When a suicide bomber detonated himself, 6 were killed and 13 were seriously wounded. Shayne's fast thinking, bravery, and resolve in this life-threatening situation saved the lives of many in his team.

We owe our freedom to these soldiers and the thousands of American servicemembers like them. It is with the humblest gratitude that I thank them for their courage and unwavering loyalty.●

TRIBUTE TO CHASE DELLWO

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, today I would like to highlight an incredibly courageous Montanan and a man very dear to my staff and me: Chase Dellwo. Chase is a strong example of the courage, bravery, and quick thinking that sets Montanans apart.

Chase Dellwo, like myself and many other Montanans, is a hunter. In recent weeks, however, Chase showed resolve that many could never achieve. While bow hunting with his brother recently, Chase climbed up a narrow creek expecting to drive a herd of elk toward his waiting brother.

Having been focused on the elk, Chase did not notice the sleeping grizzly bear 3 feet from where he stood. Startling the now awake animal, Chase soon found himself head to head with this 400-pound bear. Chase recounts later that there was no time for him to draw his weapon back before he had been knocked off his feet and bit on the top and back of his head.

With his eye swollen shut, part of his scalp hanging over his eye, and blood pouring from his wounds, he suffered through the animal's repeated assaults. This attack in normal circumstances would have been the end of a hunter's life, but not in the case of Chase Dellwo. Mid-attack, Chase remembered an article his grandmother had sent him about large animals having terrible gag reflexes.

This quick thinking led him to plunge his arm down the animal's throat, enacting the bear's gag reflex, and subsequently scaring the animal away. Despite incredible disorientation, he found his way to his brother and was in turn rushed to the nearest hospital.

After undergoing multiple hours of surgery to fix his many lacerations, Chase sat with his wife, defending the bear, saying that it had been just as startled as he had. His many injuries led to multiple stitches, staples, and a hospital stay, but this 26-year-old remains alive and has encouraged Montana residents to be more aware of the animals that share their land.

I commend Chase on his courage and smarts that saved his life and wish him luck on both his recovery and the upcoming hunting season.●

REMEMBERING BETTE BAILLY

• Mr. GARDNER. Mr. President, I wish to honor the life of Bette Bailly from Burlington, CO, who passed away earlier this month after serving nearly 50 years in the broadcast industry.

Bette was an inspiration to others in her professional life and in her community. She was due to celebrate 50 years of dedicated service at her station, KNAB-AM, in just 2 years' time and was honored and recognized with numerous awards throughout her career. As a businesswoman, Bette was hard-charging and took a no-nonsense approach to broadcasting. Her tenacity was well known and respected throughout Northeastern Colorado.

Bette was also devoted to the Burlington community. She volunteered her time at the Burlington Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, numerous local boards, and her church.

Undoubtedly, Bette will be missed dearly by her family, her community, and the State of Colorado. We will never forget her contributions to local broadcasting.●

RECOGNIZING BERKLEY SCHOOLS

• Mr. PETERS. Mr. President, I wish to recognize the 175th Anniversary of Berkley Schools. I appreciate the opportunity to recognize this truly significant milestone in the history of the Berkley School District and the city of Berkley, MI. I am proud of Berkley's enduring commitment to providing quality public education and wish it many more decades of successful service to its students and their families.

Throughout its history, the Berkley School District has set the benchmark in public education, ensuring its students are prepared for success, both as individuals and leaders in an increasingly global community. The district's continued dedication to academics is apparent in its recognition by North Central Accreditation, as well as the many honors its students have received in marketing, communications, literacy and poetry, robotics, and video production. Berkley High School boasts 21 advanced placement and college level courses—more than any other traditional high school campus—and provides the highest math curriculum of any high school in Michigan's Oakland County. Additionally, the district's Norup International