

I am honored to ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing CPL Duane Dewey for his service to the United States of America. His indomitable courage, outstanding initiative, and valiant efforts on behalf of others in the face of almost certain death reflect the highest credit upon Corporal Dewey and enhance the finest traditions of the U.S. naval service.

RECOGNIZING THE COLUMBUS METROPOLITAN LIBRARY MAIN LIBRARY

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Columbus Metropolitan Library, CML, and its Main Library in downtown Columbus. This week, the CML Main Library will celebrate its third major opening since being dedicated on April 4, 1907. It has recently undergone a major \$35 million restoration that will help revitalize downtown Columbus for years to come and provide significant resources to the people of Columbus.

Since its opening in 1907, CML Main Library has served its community with distinction. In 2014, CML Main Library had 725,000 visitors and a circulation of 1.35 million. CML Main Library engages with the community through service programs such as Homework Help Centers, Reading Buddies, and Summer Reading Club for Kindergarten. It also provides resources to help our community reach its potential with college and career readiness, GED help, adult learning, and job assistance.

CML has been recognized as a leading library in our Nation. The vision of CML is to achieve "a thriving community where wisdom prevails." In 2011, CML was named a National Medal Winner by the Institute for Museum and Library Services for its work in community service, which is the highest honor for libraries and museums. CML has also been rated a 5-star library for 7 of the last 8 years by the Library Journal.

The work that is being done by the CML is commendable, and I am confident that the restoration of the CML Main Library will add to its success in the future. I extend my congratulations to all who were involved in reaching this important milestone.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO DR. RUTH HAWKINS

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the contributions of Dr. Ruth Hawkins, the director of the Arkansas State University Heritage Sites program. Her commitment to preservation, history, and tourism earned her the Arkansas Historical Association's Lifetime Achievement Award.

This is the latest in a list of accolades for her dedication to preserving places of historical significance in Ar-

kansas. Her vision for telling the story of the State through restoration promotes an interest in the history and heritage of Arkansas and the people who have been blessed to call it home. She has been called an Arkansas preservation hero.

The Heritage Sites program preserves and promotes significant locations in the Arkansas Delta.

Dr. Hawkins played an instrumental role in restoration projects that are putting communities in Arkansas on the map. She led efforts to restore and open the Historic Dyess Colony: Johnny Cash Boyhood Home, which has made a small town in Arkansas a tourist destination. In the 2 years since it opened, the site has attracted people from all 50 States and about 30 countries. It is helping improve the economy of the Arkansas Delta.

Dr. Hawkins has led efforts to restore other history sites in the State include the Hemingway-Pfeiffer Museum and Cultural Center in Piggott, the Southern Tenant Farmers Museum in Tyronza, and Lakeport Plantation in Lake Village.

Her commitment to preserving historic sites allows Arkansans of all ages to experience educational opportunities that would otherwise be unavailable. These unique lessons unlock the natural and cultural heritage in the region, deepening knowledge and understanding of the area.

I congratulate Dr. Ruth Hawkins on her achievements as the director of the Arkansas Heritage Sites Program and her efforts to preserve Arkansas's unique history. Future generations of Arkansans and Americans will be able to learn about this history of the Natural State because of Dr. Hawkins passion for preservation. •

TRIBUTE TO LOUIS ARMENTARO

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, going to the rodeo is a longtime Montana tradition. Montanans sport their best boots and Stetson hats and shine up their belt buckles to connect with the rugged and untamable spirit that is the American cowboy. Livingston, MT is home to one of the longest standing rodeos in the State and home to the world record holding rodeo announcer, Louis Armentaro.

Over the Fourth of July weekend, I will have the privilege to honor Louis and watch him announce his 67th Livingston Roundup Rodeo. Louis started this tradition back in 1949, when he returned to Montana after serving in WWII. During his time in the Special Services in Japan, Louis delighted in running audio for his fellow soldiers at the GI theatre, ball games and parades. His passion for western swing and its ability to transport people inspired him to start Sound Over the West audio and announcing when he returned home.

As a child, Louis grew up with a passion for authentic country music. Not only is he one of the greatest curators

of this style in Montana, he is also one of the most revered pedal steel guitar players in the country music community. In the early 1950s Louis, his brother Frank Armentaro and their friend Oscar Bergsing started the Rhythm Ramblers, one of the longest living bands in Montana. For decades they created a soundtrack for countless swing dancers across the State. While performances from the group are extremely rare today, Louis continues to play his steel guitar every morning. At 93 years old, he is one of the most experienced steel guitar players alive.

Louis, with the support of his devoted wife Donna, has become a pillar in the Livingston community. Not only have the couple raised and fostered an estimated 30 children, they are an indispensable part of the Livingston Roundup Rodeo. For many cowboys and cowgirls, this event is known as Cowboy Christmas; Louis Armentaro is their Santa Claus. He is the dependable voice and orchestrator and is the most recognizable attraction in the rodeo parade. During the parade and the rodeo, Louis blares his curated collection of western swing music. For the last six decades, he has introduced people of all ages to sounds of American country and the history these songs can teach.

I am proud to honor this unique man for his service to his community and our country. •

TRIBUTE TO BRANDON RASMUSSEN

• Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize one of Nevada's brightest students, Brandon Rasmussen, on being selected as a recipient of the 2016 Barry Goldwater Scholarship. Mr. Rasmussen is the sole recipient of this scholarship in the State of Nevada and one of nine students in the history of the University of Nevada, Reno, UNR, to be selected as a Barry Goldwater Scholar.

The Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program was created in 1986 by the U.S. Congress in honor of Barry Goldwater's service to our country. The scholarship recognizes students in pursuit of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics studies who plan to conduct research in these fields. In addition, the program awards recipients with \$7,500 for future educational opportunities. I extend my sincerest congratulations to Mr. Rasmussen on this significant achievement.

Mr. Rasmussen is an honors program student at UNR, pursuing his bachelor's degrees in geology and geophysics, in addition to studying mathematics and physics. During his freshman year, he conducted research with Craig de Polo of the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology, where Mr. Rasmussen helped create research on flooding in Reno and coauthored a publication on the ditch flooding and historical damage in the Reno area. After