

In honor of their 100th anniversary, the club has taken on additional service projects that revolve around the number 100, including providing 100 Thanksgiving meals, donating 100 backpacks to children in foster care, planting 100 native trees, donating 100 flowering mums to single mothers, and donating 100 U.S. flags to schools and nonprofits.

It is heartwarming to think of the vast number of children and families club members have helped during their 100 years of service. They deserve to be proud of the significant difference they have made in the lives of individuals in need and the collective impact they have had on their community as a whole.

The Kiwanis Club of Milwaukee is a truly wonderful, deserving organization. Members work hard every day to help the world become a better place—one child at a time. I am excited to see what the future holds for this exemplary organization and the families it serves.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO JOAN ELIEL

● Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, I would like to recognize Joan Eliel, investigator/program specialist with the Montana Department of Justice for receiving one of three 2016 Outstanding Crime Victim Advocate of the Year awards. Joan is a dedicated public servant who has been a key DOJ employee for Attorneys General McGrath, Bullock, and Fox covering 14 years.

Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal Court chief judge, Winona Tanner, nominated Joan for the Outstanding Victim Advocate Award due to her leadership as program administrator for Montana's Project Passport, End of Life Registry, and Address Confidentiality Programs. Joan is currently piloting two national projects, including the Hope Card Project, which helps victims of protection order violations on the local, tribal, State, and Federal level. Matthew Dale, director of the Office of Consumer Protection and Victim Services, stated that Joan's work ". . . is a national model of how Native Americans, the state and the federal government can work together to keep victims safe and hold offenders accountable."

Joan is a true innovator and had dedicated her life to making positive and lasting changes for the victims of domestic violence. I am truly honored to be able to recognize Joan as "Montanan of the Week" for those efforts. Joan is married and the mother of two children and resides in Townsend, MT, in Broadwater County.

Thank you, Joan, for your service, not only to the people of Montana, but our entire Nation. I look forward to hearing about the next innovative work you will lead on and the success of your current projects.●

TRIBUTE TO KATHLEEN LYNN SCHAEFFER AND ARVELLA JERGESSEN

● Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to congratulate Kathleen Lynn Schaeffer and Arvela Jergesen on receiving the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. These awards are truly prestigious, attained by only the most influential educators across the country. The Silver State is fortunate to have both of these successful teachers working at local schools.

The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching are considered the Nation's highest honor for kindergarten through high school mathematics and science educators. These teachers stand as role models to their colleagues and are dedicated to the success of America's future generations, particularly in encouraging students to pursue science, technology, engineering, and math. These educators go above and beyond in their local schools to implement unique, high-quality curriculum to help students excel in their learning. I am thankful to both Ms. Schaeffer and Mrs. Jergesen for their invaluable educational contributions.

Ms. Schaeffer has played an influential role in the lives of students since she started working for the Clark County School District in 1988. As a member of the original staff that opened Bob Miller Middle School, BM, in Henderson, NV, she truly made an everlasting impression on its faculty, staff, and student body. During her time at BM, she established and directed the annual Bobcat Institute to assist each year's sixth grade class through their transition into middle school. Ms. Schaeffer was recognized most for her technology-based teaching methods that triggered educational growth for all of her students. Currently, Ms. Schaeffer works for the Clark County School District and was recently selected to attend the Foundations of Global Education International Research and Exchanges, where she participated in a fellowship in India. Ms. Schaeffer's teaching methods have proven to be truly beneficial to many Clark County School District students. Ms. Schaeffer's work is truly commendable.

Mrs. Jergesen has taught at Fernley Intermediate School, FIS, for 15 years. She is the anchor of the school's sixth grade math and science team, chairperson of FIS's School Improvement Plan program, and coach of the school's Academic Olympic Team. Mrs. Jergesen is also a pivotal resource that brings guest speakers and educational workshops to FIS that foster students to participate in unique, hands-on learning experiences. Mrs. Jergesen is an outstanding teacher who is dedicated to ensuring all her students succeed. She is highly respected within her community and is very deserving of this award. Mrs. Jergesen's dedication is greatly appreciated in Fernley and throughout the rest of Nevada.

As a father of four children who attended Nevada's public schools and as the husband of a teacher, I understand the important role that teachers play in enriching the lives of Nevada's students. Ensuring that America's youth are prepared to compete in the 21st century is critical for the future of our country. The State of Nevada is fortunate to be home to educators such as Ms. Schaeffer and Mrs. Jergesen.

I ask my colleagues and all Nevadans to join me in thanking Ms. Schaeffer and Mrs. Jergesen for their dedication to enriching the lives of Nevada's students and in congratulating them on receiving this incredible award. I wish them well in all of their future endeavors and in creating success for all students who enter their classrooms.●

TRIBUTE TO ALLANA NOYES

● Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize one of Nevada's brightest students—Allana Noyes—on being selected as a 2015–2016 recipient of the Fulbright scholarship.

The Fulbright Scholar Program was developed shortly after World War II by former U.S. Senator James William Fulbright to promote the exchange of students in the fields of education, culture, and science. Today the program offers 1,900 grants each year for students to study in various fields in more than 140 countries worldwide. As a highly competitive and prestigious scholarship, thousands of students and young professionals apply from across the country. I am proud to congratulate Ms. Noyes on her achievement. She is a shining example of how hard work leads to success and stands as a role model for future members of the Nevada Wolf Pack.

Ms. Noyes graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno, or UNR, with bachelor's degrees in linguistics, Spanish, and French. Before deciding for multiple degrees at UNR, Ms. Noyes participated in a study abroad program in Puebla, Mexico. After her time in Puebla, Ms. Noyes followed her passion of language and moved to France to study and practice French. Ms. Noyes returned to UNR to pursue her passion in language and continued studying French while taking nearly every Spanish class offered at the university. After completing all of her requirements, Ms. Noyes received her Fulbright scholarship, allowing her to spend a year in Mexico with the Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Program. Ms. Noyes is focusing her efforts on educating students in both Spanish and English, while embedding herself in Mexican culture and lifestyle. After her time in Mexico, Ms. Noyes is expected to enter a graduate program that focuses on translation and creative writing skills. Ultimately, Ms. Noyes plans to become an English and Spanish creative writer and translator.

Today I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating this exceptional young Nevadan. I am proud to have her