

these outstanding individuals during the 105th Wyoming State Fair.

In Wyoming, we talk a lot about the code of the West. "Take pride in your work," "Always finish what you start," and "Ride for the Brand" are just a few tenets of the creed that motivates the way we live in Wyoming. Growing up on a dairy farm in Wheatland, Keith learned these principles early and abides by them today.

Across the state, Keith is well known for his steadfast commitment to strong Wyoming communities. After starting his career in banking and spending nearly two decades with the Farm Credit Services of America, Keith has served as the president of Platte Valley Bank in Wheatland for 15 years. In addition to his work at the bank, Keith is exceptionally active in his community. The list of organizations, boards, and associations that have benefited from Keith's leadership and involvement is long. He has served, among others, as a member of the Platte County Economic Development Board of Directors, as chairman of the Wyoming Agriculture in the Classroom, and as a member of the Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust Board of Directors. Most notable, however, is Keith's focus on the youngest members of our Wyoming communities.

Keith and his wife, Marie, have two children, several grandchildren, and have served as foster parents. Keith knows that a community's strength is in its future, and he has worked hard to ensure that the next generation will be as dedicated to our State as he is. As president of the Platte Valley Bank in Wheatland, WY, Keith works with agriculture producers every day, including young people whose 4H or FFA project may become a lifelong passion. His work to ensure the next generation of farmers and ranchers will have the capital and an understanding financial officer is renowned across the State.

Selection as a member of the Wyoming Agriculture Hall of Fame is about more than a good calf crop or strong growing season. The people who grow crops, raise livestock, and provide the capital to make ranching possible are the people who give of their time to school boards, economic development groups, and even nursing home boards. Keith is one of the people who makes our Wyoming home so special.

It is with great honor that I recognize this outstanding member of our Wyoming community. Keith makes outstanding contributions to families across the State and sets an exceptional example for current and future generations of farmers and ranchers. My wife, Bobbi, joins me in congratulating Keith Geis as one of the 2017 inductees into the Wyoming Agriculture Hall of Fame.●

TRIBUTE TO SKIP WALTERS

● Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, this week, I have the distinct honor of recognizing Skip Walters of Great Falls

for a tremendous radio broadcasting career. Last week, Skip retired after providing over four decades of entertainment to his fellow Montanans. It was great to be interviewed by Skip on several occasions; he was always professional and never pulled any punches.

Skip originally came to Montana while serving our Nation in the U.S. Air Force during the early 1970s, and his media journey began in Miles City on the same weekend as the annual Bucking Horse Sale in 1976. During his early days in Custer County, he broadcast mostly rock-and-roll tunes and covered local sports, on KATL radio for the folks in eastern Montana. Three years later, an opportunity in his industry brought Skip to Great Falls. It was in Great Falls that Skip would further refine his skills by broadcasting country music to the listeners in Cascade County and the surrounding communities of central Montana. His 41-year career in the radio business culminated at KMON radio in Great Falls, where he broadcast for 27 years.

Among his accomplishments, Skip was recognized in 2008 by the Journalism Education Association as a "Friend of Scholastic Journalism." When asked about the circumstances that inspired him to begin a career in radio, Jim stated "it's all about the music." Skip's love of music has been an acoustic blessing to many in the Treasure State.

From helping to guard the intercontinental ballistic missile fields in the center of the State, to broadcasting good tunes across an even larger swath of the State, Skip has had a good journey. As he begins to enjoy his retirement, I would like to offer my thanks for his service to our Nation and appreciation for the artistic entertainment he provided to our State.●

TRIBUTE TO ZANE HEHNKE

● Mrs. ERNST. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the distinguished accomplishment of Mr. Zane Hehnke of Winterset, IA, a 2017 finalist for the NFIB Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award.

Mr. Hehnke, of Winterset, IA, is the founder and owner of Inspired Finds, an interior design company which specializes in designing and creating accents using vintage and antique items.

I ask my colleagues to join me as I proudly recognize Mr. Hehnke on his outstanding achievements. We wish him nothing but the best in his future entrepreneurial and academic pursuits.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Ridgway, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages

from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:10 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1927. An act to amend title 54, United States Code, to establish within the National Park Service the African American Civil Rights Network, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2370. An act to authorize Escambia County, Florida, to convey certain property that was formerly part of Santa Rosa Island National Monument and that was conveyed to Escambia County subject to restrictions on use and reconveyance.

H.R. 3210. An act to require the Director of the National Background Investigations Bureau to submit a report on the backlog of personnel security clearance investigations, and for other purposes.

At 5:54 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3298) to authorize the Capitol Police Board to make payments from the United States Capitol Police Memorial Fund to employees of the United States Capitol Police who have sustained serious line-of-duty injuries, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 6:27 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3298. An act to authorize the Capitol Police Board to make payments from the United States Capitol Police Memorial Fund to employees of the United States Capitol Police who have sustained serious line-of-duty injuries, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1927. An act to amend title 54, United States Code, to establish within the National Park Service the African American Civil Rights Network, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 2370. An act to authorize Escambia County, Florida, to convey certain property that was formerly part of Santa Rosa Island National Monument and that was conveyed to Escambia County subject to restrictions on use and reconveyance; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3210. An act to require the Director of the National Background Investigations Bureau to submit a report on the backlog of personnel security clearance investigations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on