

ances, all socio-economics categories, domestic violence knows no boundaries, and fear continues to be a strong silencer. However, with the support and services provided by the MCEDEV and its membership, many victims have found exceptional strength to tell their story, found their courage to name the abuse and the abuser and support others to shine a light on this pandemic of violence.

I cannot overstate how awe-inspiring the exceptional staying power and determination of this coalition of advocates is and how impactful their efforts are. They have not only mobilized a state-wide interest in the topic of domestic violence but have also inspired people to work with them to even further strengthen the message that there is no excuse for domestic abuse. It has been said that peace in the world starts with peace in the home. Thank you to the MCEDEV for living those words and helping to change the world for the better.

TRIBUTE TO SUSAN OLSON

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize a member of my staff who has been in public service on Capitol Hill for 30 years. Susan Olson is my deputy chief of staff and general counsel. She has served Members of Congress, the Senate, and congressional committees for decades and is a well-known, beloved public servant around the Hill.

Susan joined my staff when I came to the Senate in 2011, but she already had a long track record of distinguished service and respect from her peers. I got to know Susan when she served as secretary of the House NATO Parliamentary Assembly Delegation, of which I was a member during my years in the House of Representatives. Susan's knowledge, determination, and warm personality helped her earn the respect and admiration of Members and staff alike. She also served as a valued staff member on the House Ethics Committee where she was a legal counsel from 2004 to 2011.

Prior to working on the Ethics Committee, Susan served in the office of former Congressman Doug Bereuter of Nebraska for 17 years as legislative assistant, legislative director, and chief of staff. During her tenure with Congressman Bereuter, she also served as the secretary of the House Delegation to the British American Parliamentary Group from 1998 to 2000.

Susan's time on my staff has been marked by her wealth of knowledge and expertise on so many things. She is a trusted adviser, but more importantly, a dear friend to me and to everyone on my staff in Washington and Arkansas. We love Susan very much and appreciate all her hard work. She takes a personal interest in everyone she meets, from the many interns who cycle in and out of my office, to those on my staff and the countless men and women she has worked with over the years during her time on the Hill.

We are so happy for and proud of Susan for reaching this milestone. I congratulate her for the many years of service she has rendered to the U.S. Congress and to our country.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO DIANA TOLSTEDT

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, during National Adoption Awareness Month, I have the distinct honor of recognizing Diana Tolstedt of Billings. For nearly three decades, she has been helping people navigate all aspects of the adoption process. She has made a positive and lasting impact in the lives of many Montanans.

Through her work with Lutheran Social Services of Montana, Diana has gently guided and counseled adoptees, birth parents, and adoptive families. For a dozen years, she has been a recruiter with Wendy's Wonderful Kids, leading a program dedicated to finding adoptive families for the longest waiting children in foster care from eastern Montana.

Throughout the United States, there are over 100,000 children in foster care who are waiting for adoption, each needing a loving home and stable environment to allow them to thrive and reach their potential. In the midst of this adoption challenge, folks like Diana are a guiding light to help others traverse adoption obstacles. I would like to thank Diana for having a heart as big as Yellowstone County and a commitment to brightening the hopes of children one life at a time.●

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMRO FABRICATING CORPORATION

• Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, today I would like to recognize AMRO Fabricating Corporation for 40 years of business in our State. AMRO, a small family-owned business based in El Monte and Riverside, CA, employs more than 250 people. The company has made important contributions to NASA rocket programs, including building the large aluminum panels for the space launch system rocket and the Orion crew capsule. AMRO has used State and Federal grants to train high school and college students on how to develop critical job skills, such as aerospace welding and engineering, preparing them for good-paying jobs in the future. Founded in 1977, AMRO marks its 40th anniversary this year. I extend my warmest congratulations to AMRO for achieving this milestone.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

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 11:50 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, 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. 2521. An act to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to include South Carolina as a part of the Virginia/Carolina peanut producing region for purposes of appointment to the Peanut Standards Board.

H.R. 2921. An act to establish a vegetation management pilot program on National Forest System land to better protect utility infrastructure from passing wildfire, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2941. An act to provide for the conveyance of certain National Forest System land within Kisatchie National Forest in the State of Louisiana.

H.R. 3567. An act to authorize the purchase of a small parcel of Natural Resources Conservation Service property in Riverside, California, by the Riverside Corona Resource Conservation District, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 2:09 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. 1329. An act to increase, effective as of December 1, 2017, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

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