

life. I want to commend her children, and most especially Deanna, who are lovingly caring for their mother now in her time of need.

Pat has a strong belief in our Heavenly Father and his son our Savior Jesus Christ. She has made her testimony in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints an important component of her life and has spent countless hours serving others in various capacities.

Mr. President. I am truly grateful for the tremendous service Pat Godfrey rendered to me, to our community, and to the thousands of constituents whose lives she touched with her kindness and compassion. I want to wish Pat the very best in retirement and know that she will make many more wonderful memories in the loving strength of her family. May our Heavenly Father bless Pat for the person she is and the service she has rendered to so many.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO VICE ADMIRAL RAY RIUTTA

• Mr. BEGICH. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize an Alaskan for his extraordinary 34 years of service to the United States Coast Guard and our Nation as well as 10 years of leadership within the Alaska seafood industry where he had a tremendous positive impact for our fishermen.

Ray Riutta has held the position of executive director of the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute, ASMI, since August 2002. Since then, he has guided the organization through pivotal changes, including the implementation of the sustainability platform to showcase Alaska's commitment to responsibly managed fisheries. ASMI has worked diligently to increase the economic value of Alaska seafood resources through a collaborative partnership with the seafood industry. Since Mr. Riutta's arrival in 2002, the value of Alaska seafood exports increased nearly 23 percent from \$1.78 billion to \$2.2 billion in 2011.

Prior to joining ASMI, Mr. Riutta served in the United States Coast Guard for 34 years, retiring at the rank of vice admiral. During his career, he served on six ships, commanding four of them with over 12 years of sea service in the Bering Sea, Atlantic and Pacific Oceans as well as the Great Lakes and the Caribbean Sea. For 3 years he was assigned to the U.S. Embassy in London. While assigned to Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, DC, Mr. Riutta was deputy chief of the Office of Law Enforcement and Defense Operations and later chief of operations.

During his tenure as district commander for Alaska, Mr. Riutta served as a member of the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council. He worked closely with the Pacific Region Coast Guards, China, Japan, Korea, Canada and Russia, while in command of all

U.S. Coast Guard forces in the Pacific, a post he held on September 11, 2001. Mr. Riutta is originally from Astoria, OR, where many members of his family were involved in the fishing industry. Prior to entering the service, he worked part time commercial fishing on the Columbia River.

Mr. Riutta is a 1968 graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and a 1990 graduate of the National War College. He is married to Barbara Starr Kramer of Chester Springs, PA. They have two sons, Ian and Aaron.

On behalf of the State of Alaska, I ask my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing Vice Admiral Riutta's exceptional career. We owe him a debt of gratitude for his commitment to the Coast Guard, our Nation and Alaska's seafood industry. We wish him well in his retirement.●

ARKANSAS FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, today I wish to congratulate the DeSalvo family for earning the distinction of 2012's Arkansas Farm Family of the Year.

This honor reflects the dedication of Tony DeSalvo, his son Phillip, daughter-in-law Beth, and grandchildren Benjamin and Isabelle to ranching and the importance of agriculture as Arkansas's No. 1 industry.

As owners of Big D Ranch, the DeSalvos oversee a 350-head commercial cow-calf operation. It is one of the largest herd of registered Ultrablack cattle in the State, and includes a 150-head of registered Ultrablack cattle 30 to 40 of which are registered bulls. The DeSalvos also grow around 900 acres of wheat and sorghum-sudan silage and Bermuda hay on the ranch. The DeSalvo family settled near Center Ridge in the late 1800s, and the family continues to work on that same land today. Phillip is passing along his passion for ranching with Benjamin and Isabella, and now they are learning the rewards of farm work.

The Arkansas Farm Bureau's program honors farm families across the State for their outstanding work both on their farms and in their communities. This recognition is a reflection of the contribution to agriculture at the community and State level and its implications for improved farm practices and management. The DeSalvos are well-deserving of this honor.

I congratulate Tony, Phillip, Beth, Benjamin, and Isabelle on their outstanding achievements in ranching and agriculture and ask my fellow colleagues to join me in honoring them for this accomplishment. I wish them continued success in their future endeavors and look forward to the contributions they will continue to offer Arkansas ranching and agriculture.●

TRIBUTE TO JOHN GRAY

• Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, today I wish to celebrate the life of John

Gray, a son of the great State of Oregon, and a true pioneering spirit whose legacy will live on through his contributions to communities throughout our State.

John Gray, born in the small town of Monroe, OR, to a family of modest means, achieved personal success most can only dream of.

It was once written about John Gray that one "might expect a man such as Gray, who has made it so big so quickly, to behave like the tycoon he is. Instead, he has the manner of a bashful lepidopterist making his first trip to the big city."

At the time of that profile, Salishan was a new community, Sunriver had yet to open, and Skamania was but a twinkle in John Gray's eye. More than 4 decades later, the man who has forever changed the landscape of Oregon remains humble.

John Gray's longstanding commitment to preserving and protecting Oregon's natural beauty is evident in the communities he's developed, such as Sunriver, which complement their surroundings with signature elegance.

That commitment was matched by his passion for strengthening urban communities. Over the last several years, John Gray gave \$2 million to Habitat for Humanity in Oregon. His cornerstone contribution of \$1 million to Habitat's "Block by Block" initiative laid the foundation for a \$10 million land-bank fund, which allowed Habitat to purchase large groups of home lots on Portland's east side. On these lots, Habitat will build entire blocks of new homes for low-income families, most of whom will be first-time homeowners.

Mr. Gray's generosity was expansive, extending beyond homeownership to a range of efforts to make Portland a better place. Twenty years ago, he established a fund at Reed College to make sure the school's students are able to enjoy "cultural, social, and recreational programs of excellent quality" outside the classroom. In 2011, he gave nearly half a million dollars to a private Portland-area school serving students from homeless and very low-income families to build a new classroom for its expanding roster of students. That same year, he pledged \$5 million to the Knight Cancer Institute at Oregon Health & Science University to create an endowed professorship and to fund research and clinical care.

Mr. Gray's professional and civic accomplishments are widely known. As a developer, he created several of Oregon's signature communities. As a businessman, he led Omark Industries and was a director of Tektronix, Precision Castparts and First Interstate Bank. As a philanthropist, he has given millions of dollars to make Portland a place that offers opportunity for all.

But, not many people know that he is also a decorated veteran. He served with the Army's 82nd Airborne Division during World War II, rising to the