

and others, the bank was nominated for the Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award by Army National Guard 1LT Helaman Hurtado. Over 2,800 nominations were submitted for the award.

It is with heartfelt gratitude that I congratulate Zions Bank on being honored as one of the 15 recipients of this award. I thank the bank's president, Scott Anderson, and his predecessors, and I thank the many hard-working employees who have served their fellow Utahns and others for over 140 years. Zions Bank and the extraordinary people who work and serve there strengthen my faith in the American dream and hope for a strong civil society. I urge my colleagues to come together in reducing the size, scope and burden of our government and regulations on free markets and civil society so that more companies are able to emulate the success and positive impact of principled and caring companies like Zions Bank.●

RECOGNIZING GRACE MEDICAL HOME

● Mr. NELSON. Mr. President, I wish to recognize the outstanding work of Grace Medical Home, a comprehensive medical clinic in my hometown of Orlando that provides a broad range of health services to low-income, uninsured residents in Central Florida.

Grace Medical Home provides 8,500 patient visits annually allowing 2,300 Floridians access to high quality medical services at little or no cost to the patient.

Both nationwide and in Florida, free and charitable clinics are a critical component of America's medical safety net.

Our country has a strong tradition of neighbors caring for neighbors, and nowhere is that more apparent than in our free and charitable clinics. There are approximately 1,200 of these clinics throughout the Nation that since the 1960s have been filling in the gap for those who "fall through the cracks" in our current health care system. These clinics believe in giving people a hand-up not a handout, and they activate at the grassroots level, utilizing a volunteer and staff model to provide a range of health care services to economically disadvantaged individuals.

Free and charitable clinics do not receive dedicated Federal funding. Instead, these clinics rely heavily on private donations from individual donors, foundations, grants, and volunteers, which allow them to keep their doors open and to deliver health care to those who need it the most.

Currently, the Affordable Care Act is making great strides to help millions of people gain insurance and access to health care. However, even with the most optimistic projections of health insurance enrollment or Medicaid expansion, roughly 30 million people will still be without health coverage. Therefore, free and charitable clinics

are and will continue to be an important part of our country's safety net.

I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues in Congress to better address the needs of the underserved with respect to affordability, accessibility, and portability of primary, specialty, dental care, and medication access. And I am thankful that free and charitable clinics across the country like Grace Medical Home are continuing to build a healthy America—one patient at a time.●

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR PATRICK W. MILLER

● Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I would like to recognize and honor MAJ Patrick W. Miller, U.S. Army, for his incredible courage and bravery on April 2, 2014, during the tragic Fort Hood shooting.

Major Miller was born and raised in Allegany, NY and was commissioned in the U.S. Army in 2003 after graduating from St. Bonaventure University. He has been deployed to Iraq for two tours, first as a commander of a platoon of medics and second as an adviser to the Iraqi Army. In August of 2013, he and his wife Ashley were assigned to Fort Hood, TX.

It was there, on the afternoon of April 2nd that a gunman opened fire in a shooting rampage. During that time, the shooter entered Major Miller's building and opened fire, immediately hitting Patrick in the abdomen, just 2 inches below his heart. Despite being critically wounded and at great risk to his own life, he rushed to get his fellow soldiers to safety in a closed office as quickly as possible. Then, while attempting to put pressure on his wound, still thinking of his fellow soldiers, he was able to make a call to 911 to report the shooting. In addition to wounding Major Miller, the shooter ended up killing 3 soldiers and wounding 15 others before taking his own life.

The heroic and distinguished acts by Major Miller, beyond a doubt, saved countless lives.

On behalf of the Nation and my fellow New Yorkers, it is my honor to recognize the exemplary service and overwhelming bravery of Major Miller during such a tragic event. I wish him the best as he continues to serve our great Nation.●

TRIBUTE TO DONNA KUETHE

● Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I wish to recognize the achievements of Donna Kuethe Recreation Director for the town of Moultonborough, NH, who was recently named New England Woman of the Year by Every Child is Ours, ECIO, an organization dedicated to promoting universal educational opportunity. For 40 years Donna has been a tireless advocate for children's education, environmental stewardship and community recreation.

On the national and international stages, Donna has volunteered in New

Orleans and South Africa delivering emergency supplies to areas hard-hit by natural disasters. She has worked with Operation Recreation Relief, a group designed to help provide recreation services to areas impacted by disasters, in addition to focusing on assisting children in those areas through her work with the Save the Children foundation.

Back home in New Hampshire, Donna has been active throughout the State through her work with the Children in Nature initiative, the New Hampshire State Parks Great Park Pursuit and other programs focused on encouraging active and healthy lifestyles. She has also advocated for outdoor initiatives through her service on the House/Senate Committee on Child Care Licensing and as Chair of the Legislative Committee for New Hampshire Parks and Recreation.

Donna has also been a key leader at the Moultonborough Parks and Recreation Department, in addition to coaching New Hampshire high school students and establishing after-school programs, youth sports and summer day camps, and programs for seniors.

Donna's lifelong devotion to her community and the many organizations she has served is truly admirable, and her recognition as ECIO's New England Woman of the Year is well deserved. On behalf of Granite Staters everywhere, I thank Donna Kuethe for her service.●

35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LATINO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF PUEBLO

● Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the 35th anniversary of the Latino Chamber of Commerce of Pueblo and its history of serving Latino-owned businesses in Pueblo County, CO. Created in 1979 by an influential group of Pueblo businessmen, the Latino chamber was organized to harness the Pueblo Latino community's significant economic force.

Demonstrating vast community representation, the Latino chamber's 35 inaugural members included influential local leaders such as Judge Joe Ulibarri, Dr. Tom Autobee, Dr. Thomas Duran, Dr. Joe Roybal and Victor Tony Navarro. This diverse and respected initial membership consisted of architects, attorneys, business owners, medical professionals and others.

Since 1979, the Latino chamber has expanded in big ways. With nearly 1,000 members today, the Latino chamber is a respected, dynamic business organization in the area. Its resources and expertise help the organization serve as a launching pad for Latino leaders. Willing and eager to respond to its community's challenges, the Latino chamber played instrumental roles in the development of the Pueblo Hispanic Education Foundation, the El Pueblo Inter-development Corporation, the Southern Colorado International Trade Center and the Human Relations Commission.

Moreover, the Latino chamber has developed longstanding and successful collaborative relationships with state and federal entities, as well as with the Greater Pueblo chamber and the Pueblo Economic Development Corporation. In addition, it established the Latino Chamber Development Corporation Foundation in 1997 to advocate and promote leadership development in Pueblo with an emphasis on the Latino community.

The Latino Chamber of Commerce of Pueblo has spent 35 years advocating for small businesses, networking its partnerships, developing members professionally and growing alongside its community. Pueblo—and the State of Colorado—are truly fortunate to have such a world-class organization to assist businesses and build our economy. On behalf of Pueblo and all of Colorado congratulations, and thank you to the Latino Chamber of Commerce of Pueblo and its board members. You have left a lasting legacy that will continue to help the community for generations to come.●

TRIBUTE TO PATRICE WALKER POWELL

● Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I wish to congratulate Ms. Patrice Walker Powell, a remarkable Virginian who is retiring after 23 years at the National Endowment for the Arts, NEA. During her more than two decades of service, Ms. Powell has worked to broaden and deepen the engagement of diverse communities with the NEA and with arts stakeholders in urban and rural venues across America.

Ms. Powell's contributions to the NEA are too many to enumerate, but her leadership reflects a commitment to fiscally responsible management, sound stewardship through challenging times, and prolonged outreach to underrepresented communities. In response to leaner operational budgets, Ms. Powell was elevated to lead a department of several consolidated program areas, and was responsible for developing innovative approaches to advancing the agency's mission. Ms. Powell embraced public-private partnerships, innovative grant programs, and arts support programs to strengthen a diverse cultural infrastructure for the Nation.

As the agency began to acclimate to a reduced funding environment, NEA research showed that there were 20 States receiving 5 or fewer direct grants per year. Ms. Powell devised a comprehensive pilot strategy that collaborated with State arts agencies to hold staff-led seminars on NEA funding opportunities and identify potential applicants. Over the course of the 3-year commitment to this pilot program, the number of NEA-supported projects in these States increased by 350 percent.

Under her leadership, the NEA undertook a massive modernization project focused on access and outreach. As a

result, every publication produced by the NEA has been digitized and is now available electronically to students and to the general public. This achievement has been praised as a significant contribution toward ensuring that the record of the agency's history is maintained for the future.

Ms. Powell's dedication to the NEA would ultimately result in her being called upon to serve as Acting Chair. She has proudly represented her country in the international arts arena, including on delegations to South Africa, Germany, Senegal, and Austria. Although these accomplishments are but some of the highlights of Ms. Powell's career, they exemplify her proven record of public service and advocacy for the arts and our Nation. I thank her for her service and wish her a long and happy retirement.●

CONSTITUTION DAY

● Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, September 17 was Constitution Day—a day when folks are encouraged to teach and learn about the Constitution. I would like to recognize the middle and high school students from across the Nation who traveled to the U.S. Capitol yesterday in honor of Constitution and Citizenship Day.

I would also like to recognize the students unable to travel to Washington, DC, who are no less engaged in their studies of the Constitution and citizenship, specifically the many students in my home State of Oregon who have shown a strong commitment to civic engagement. These young Oregonians have demonstrated a willingness to get involved in their communities and work for positive change and are an example of the important role community involvement plays in developing a strong society.

Of the students able to be in Washington, DC, on Constitution Day, I would particularly like to recognize several middle school students from Oregon who visited my office yesterday.

Alyssa Etheridge and several of her classmates from South Middle School located in Grants Pass, OR, dedicated every day of the last school year to honor the 142 Oregon soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice in Iraq and Afghanistan. These young women created the Bayard Wilkeson Project—named for a Civil War officer killed at the battle of Gettysburg—a Web site designed to educate Oregonians about the lives of those servicemembers from our State who have given their lives for our country.

Coming from Portland, OR, William Britton and his seventh grade class from Southwest Charter School studied and considered the problem of outdoor secondhand smoke, and its impact on the health of their community. They conducted surveys, interviews, and lobbied some of their local elected officials to control secondhand smoke exposure.

It is wonderful to see these students participate so actively in the democratic process, and it is truly heartening to see so many young people taking the time to get involved and express their opinions. I am pleased to be able to recognize the commitment and dedication these young Oregonians have shown to better their communities and urge them to keep up their good works.●

ADDRESSING THE ENERGY NEEDS OF U.S. INSULAR AREAS

Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of H.R. 83, which was received from the House and is at the desk.

The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 83) to require the Secretary of the Interior to assemble a team of technical, policy, and financial experts to address the energy needs of the insular areas of the United States and the Freely Associated States through the development of energy action plans aimed at promoting access to affordable, reliable energy, including increasing use of indigenous clean-energy resources, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. PRYOR. I ask unanimous consent that a Murkowski substitute amendment, which is at the desk, be read a third time and passed; and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 3928) in the nature of a substitute was agreed to as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 3928

(Purpose: In the nature of a substitute)

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. STUDY OF ELECTRIC RATES IN THE INSULAR AREAS.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY PLAN.—The term “comprehensive energy plan” means a comprehensive energy plan prepared and updated under subsections (c) and (e) of section 604 of the Act entitled “An Act to authorize appropriations for certain insular areas of the United States, and for other purposes”, approved December 24, 1980 (48 U.S.C. 1492).

(2) ENERGY ACTION PLAN.—The term “energy action plan” means the plan required by subsection (d).

(3) FREELY ASSOCIATED STATES.—The term “Freely Associated States” means the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau.

(4) INSULAR AREAS.—The term “insular areas” means American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands.

(5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

(6) TEAM.—The term “team” means the team established by the Secretary under subsection (b).

(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act,