

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING JOE PRESTON
JOSLIN, JR.

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, today I wish to remember the life of Joe Preston Joslin, Jr., who passed away on May 14, 2016, after living an extraordinary life of service.

Joe Joslin was born in Dallas, TX, on September 26, 1947. He served in the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment as a track mechanic and forward observer in Vietnam. After the war, he lived in Dallas and Austin until 1995, when he and his his wife of 30 years, Sharon, moved to Mountain View, AR. For the last 13 years, they lived in Leslie, AR, where Joe left a lasting mark on the community.

This January, after nearly 50 years, Joe was finally given the recognition he deserved. He received the Bronze Star with Valor for putting the lives of his fellow soldiers before his own and dismounting his armored vehicle to help those in need. This, along with the Army Medal of Commendation, accompany his many distinguished medals while serving in the U.S. Army.

Like many veterans, his selfless acts have gone far past the battlefield. Joe dedicated his life to helping his fellow veterans. He served as a past commander of American Legion Post 131 and American Legion District 2. He also served as commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 12127, and in October of 2015, he retired after serving as the Searcy County veteran service officer for 3 years.

Joe enjoyed sharing his passion for the community with others. He had a soft spot for animals and shared his love of dogs with other members of the Searcy County Humane Society.

A true family man and dear friend, Joe leaves behind many loved ones, including his wife, Sharon; his mother, Helen Loftin; five children; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. I want to offer my prayers and sincere condolences to his loved ones on their loss. Joe was a true American hero. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize him and join with his family and friends in showing gratitude for his life and legacy.●

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL ROBERT
ERICKSON

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President:

Whereas, Colonel Erickson served in the United States Air Force for twenty-five years and is retiring from his current position as the Air National Guard Advisor to the Commander, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, Joint Base San Antonio—Randolph, Texas; and,

Whereas, he is husband to Colonel Megan Erickson and father to Margaret Jean and John William; and,

Whereas, he ascended Montana mountain peaks in his youth with his cousin Steve Daines, current United States Senator for Montana; and,

Whereas, Colonel Erickson graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 1991

as a Cadet Wing Commander and with a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science with a minor in Russian Language; and,

Whereas, Colonel Erickson has logged more than 3,100 flight hours since he first earned his wings in April 1993 and has subsequently served in various flying assignments, including instructor pilot and flight commander; and,

Whereas, his call sign was Leif, in honor of his Norwegian grandfather Harold Erickson;

Whereas, from July 1999 to July 2002 he served as Assistant Director of Operations and Flight Commander, Instructor Pilot and Evaluation Pilot in the 12th and 44th Fighter Squadrons out of Kadena Air Base, Japan; and,

Whereas, upon Colonel Erickson's return from Japan in 2002, he joined the Oregon Air National Guard at Kingsley Field, Klamath Falls, Oregon. During his time there, he served as an Instructor Pilot, Evaluation Pilot, Assistant Weapons Officer, Chief of Academics, Chief of Scheduling, Chief of Standardization and Evaluation, Director of Operations, and Squadron Commander of the 114th Fighter Squadron; and,

Whereas, Colonel Erickson summited Mount Rainier with three combat injured veterans in 2009—Ryan Job, former Navy SEAL; Chad Jukes, Army reservist; and Jose Martinez, former Marine; and,

Whereas, in March 2011 Colonel Erickson was selected as the Director of Operations (A3) for the Oregon Air National Guard and served in that position for six months. In September 2011, he then served for the next three years as the Air National Guard Advisor to the Director of Intelligence, Operations and Nuclear Integration at Air Education and Training Command in Joint Base San Antonio—Randolph, Texas; and,

Whereas, his incredible hard work, leadership and dedication to the Air Force has earned him sixteen major awards and decorations, some of which are the Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with four oak leaf clusters, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and Air Force Longevity Service with four oak leaf clusters.

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, this twenty-sixth day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fortieth, we honor Colonel Robert Erickson.●

RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL
ROOFING CONTRACTORS ASSO-
CIATION

• Mr. KIRK. Mr. President, I would like to honor the National Roofing Contractors Association, NRCA, headquartered in Rosemont, IL, and support recognizing the week of June 5-11, 2016, as National Roofing Week.

NRCA's 3,800 members, located across all 50 States, play a key role in the installation and maintenance of roofing systems. In rain, snow, or wind, the roof is the first line of defense against natural elements for any home or business. However, until a roof falls into disrepair, its importance is often overlooked.

National Roofing Week is a valuable reminder of the significance that quality roofing has on our communities and honors the thousands of contractors in the roofing industry across the United

States. The NRCA's vast network of roofing contractors and industry-related members handle a majority of new construction and replacement roof systems on commercial and residential structures across the United States. However, the organization's activities extend beyond its construction duties.

National Roofing Week offers an opportunity to distinguish the thousands of NRCA members and their commitment to supporting their local communities. I commend the NRCA for their efforts and ask all my colleagues to join me in acknowledging their contributions to our communities during National Roofing Week.●

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
MICHIGAN MILK PRODUCERS AS-
SOCIATION

• Mr. PETERS. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the Michigan Milk Producers Association on the occasion of its 100th anniversary. Over a century ago, on May 23, 1916, some 400 dairy farmers from across southern Michigan met in East Lansing at the Michigan Agricultural College, spurred into action by their peers from Livingston County, who had just a month before raised a critical issue: the establishment of a fair price for their product. The result of their meeting was Michigan Milk Producers Association, MMPA.

In the early 1900s, Michigan dairy farmers faced a variety of pressures, including the increasing costs of land, labor, and feed, which threatened the livelihood of many producers. Without a unified voice, farmers were confronted with growing difficulties in negotiating prices for their products which would cover their production costs. For many, the severity of these challenges was leading to the real possibility of the collapse of Michigan's dairy farm industry.

Engaging in a cooperative endeavor, dairy farmers from Michigan sought to speak with one voice in their mission to secure a fair price for their products. As an organization for dairy farmers, open only to dairy farmers, MMPA immediately embarked on finding a resolution to this existential crisis. Within its first 5 months, MMPA membership swelled from just under 200 to nearly 1,000 milk producers from almost every county in southern Michigan. Within a year, MMPA successfully ensured a cost for milk that would support the livelihood of its members. With this vital goal met, MMPA stretched its efforts to include increasing the quality of its members' products, an effort that was vital to counter prevailing public opinion. By joining together, Michigan dairy farmers were also well positioned to work with the Federal Food and Drug Administration in its efforts to accommodate producers' price demands.

As with all Americans, MMPA faced considerable hardship during the Great Depression. An overproduction of milk