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#### TRIBUTE TO LAURA CAPASSO

● Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Laura Capasso for her continued dedication as an intern in my Casper office. I recognize her efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Laura is a native of Wyoming and a graduate of Kelly Walsh High School. She currently attends the University of Wyoming/Casper College Center where she is majoring in psychology and minoring in sociology. She has once again demonstrated a strong work ethic which has made her an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of her work is reflected in her great efforts over the time she has been with us.

I want to thank Laura for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It was a pleasure to have her as part of our team. I know she will have continued success with all of her future endeavors. I wish her all my best on her next journey.●

#### TRIBUTE TO KEVIN FETTEL

● Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Kevin Fettel for his hard work as an intern in the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Kevin is a native of Laramie, WY, and graduated from Laramie Senior High School. He currently attends the University of Wyoming, where he is majoring in microbiology and molecular biology and minoring in chemistry. He has demonstrated a strong work ethic which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Kevin for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It was a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all of his future endeavors. I wish him all my best on his next journey.●

#### TRIBUTE TO STEPHEN HUDSON

● Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Stephen Hudson for his hard work as an intern in my Washington, DC, office. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Stephen is a native of Casper, WY, and a graduate of Natrona County High School. He graduated from Casper College with an associate of arts and from the University of Wyoming with a

bachelor's degree in international studies and minor in Russian. He has demonstrated a strong work ethic which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Stephen for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It was a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all of his future endeavors. I wish him all my best on his next journey.●

#### TRIBUTE TO TYLER NEASLONEY

● Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Tyler Neasloney for his hard work as an intern in my Washington, DC, office. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Tyler is a native of Cheyenne, WY, and a graduate of Central High School. He graduated from the University of Wyoming with a bachelor of arts in Russian and a bachelor of science in marketing. He has demonstrated a strong work ethic which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Tyler for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It was a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all of his future endeavors. I wish him all my best on his next journey.●

#### TRIBUTE TO BERNADETTE NELSON

● Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Bernadette Nelson for her hard work as a volunteer in my Washington, DC, office. I recognize her efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Bernadette is a native of Jackson, WY, and a graduate of Jackson Hole Community School. She attends the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, where she is majoring in science, technology, and international affairs with a concentration in global health. She has demonstrated a strong work ethic which has made her an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of her work is reflected in her great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Bernadette for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It was a pleasure to have her as part of our team. I know she will have continued success with all of her future endeavors. I wish her all my best on her next journey.●

#### TRIBUTE TO LAUREN PERRY

● Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, I would like to take the opportunity to

express my appreciation to Lauren Perry for her hard work as an intern in my Washington, DC office. I recognize her efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Lauren is a native of Buffalo, WY, and graduated from Paint Branch High School in Burtonsville, MD. She recently earned a master of arts in English at the University of Wyoming. She has demonstrated a strong work ethic which has made her an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of her work is reflected in her great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Lauren for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It was a pleasure to have her as part of our team. I know she will have continued success with all of her future endeavors. I wish her all my best on her next journey.●

#### TRIBUTE TO KATELYNN THOMAS

● Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Katelynn Thomas for her hard work as an intern for the U.S. Senate Republican Policy Committee. I recognize her efforts and contributions to my office.

Katelynn is a native of Rock Springs, WY, and a graduate of Oakton High School in Vienna, VA. She graduated from the University of Kentucky with degrees in marketing and management and a minor in international business. She has demonstrated a strong work ethic which has made her an invaluable asset to the U.S. Senate Republican Policy Committee. The quality of her work is reflected in her great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Katelynn for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It was a pleasure to have her as part of our team. I know she will have continued success with all of her future endeavors. I wish her all my best on her next journey.●

#### TRIBUTE TO KALEIGH WILLIAMS

● Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Kaleigh Williams for her hard work as an intern—for a second term—in my Cheyenne office. I recognize her efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Kaleigh is a native of Cheyenne and a graduate of Cheyenne East High School. She graduated from the University of Wyoming in 2011 with a degree in political science. She has once again demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made her an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of her work is reflected in her great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Kaleigh for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It was a pleasure to have her as part of our team. I know she will have continued success with

all of her future endeavors. I wish her all my best on her next journey.●

#### 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

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:33 p.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. 1815. An act to posthumously award a Congressional Gold Medal to Lena Horne in recognition of her achievements and contributions to American culture and the civil rights movement.

H.R. 4089. An act to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing and shooting.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 1815. An act to posthumously award a Congressional Gold Medal to Lena Horne in recognition of her achievements and contributions to American culture and the civil rights movement; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5691. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Silicic Acid, Sodium Salt etc; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 9333-6) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 11, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5692. A communication from the Manager of the BioPreferred Program, Office of Procurement and Property Management, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Designation of Product Categories for Federal Procurement" (RIN0599-AA14) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 11, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5693. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Division of Clear-

ing and Risk, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Customer Clearing Documentation, Timing of Acceptance for Clearing, and Clearing Member Risk Management" (RIN3038-0092, -0094) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5694. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Ann E. Rondeau, United States Navy, and her advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5695. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General John E. Sterling, Jr., United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5696. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5697. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to whether providing an annual allowance would increase the use of preventive health services among members of the Armed Forces and their family members; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5698. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to clinical quality management in the Military Health System; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5699. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Department of Defense Evaluation of the TRICARE Program: Access, Cost and Quality Fiscal Year (FY) 2012"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5700. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Logistics and Material Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to core depot-level maintenance and repair capability requirements and sustaining workloads; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5701. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the training of the U.S. Special Operations Forces with friendly foreign forces during fiscal year 2011; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5702. A communication from the Secretary of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle (EELV) program and program baseline estimates; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5703. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule; Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 65) (Docket No. FEMA-2012-0003)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 11, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5704. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community

Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64) (Docket No. FEMA-2012-0003)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 11, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5705. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 65) (Docket No. FEMA-2011-0002)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 11, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5706. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 65) (Docket No. FEMA-2012-0003)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 11, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5707. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Addition of Certain Persons on the Entity List: Addition of Persons Acting Contrary to the National Security or Foreign Policy Interests of the United States" (RIN0694-AF43) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 16, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5708. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Syria that was declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5709. A communication from the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Bank's 2011 management reports; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5710. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67) (Docket No. FEMA-2012-0003)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 12, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5711. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67) (Docket No. FEMA-2012-0003)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 12, 2012; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5712. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to obligations and unobligated balances of funds provided for Federal-aid highway and safety construction programs during fiscal year 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5713. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules and Regulations Implementing the Telephone Consumer