

House of Representatives several times, and Congresswoman DELBENE, who now represents the lands this bill would protect. We are fortunate to have bipartisan support for this effort, and we are fortunate as Washingtonians to have unique and beautiful natural landscapes that deserve protection from unrequited development and pressure.

This legislation would protect, in perpetuity, over 22,000 acres and provide the protections of the Wilderness Act to a richer diversity of ecosystems and lower elevation lands. These protections will ensure diverse recreational opportunities and protect one of the closest blocks of wild forests to an urban center in the country.

As I mentioned, Congressional action on public lands have been stymied in recent years. I was pleasantly surprised we were able to find a path forward, and today I wish to confirm my support for tribal treaty rights and for access to these spaces to be designated as wilderness for traditional uses by tribal members. I firmly believe the Federal government has a responsibility to uphold the treaties signed by our predecessors with Native American tribes—a fact that has been upheld by the Federal courts. As the author of this legislation I want to reaffirm that regarding lands defined within the bill located in the Mount Baker Snoqualmie National Forest, nothing in this act alters, modifies, diminishes, or extinguishes the treaty rights of an Indian tribe with respect to hunting, fishing, and gathering rights as protected by a treaty.

Again, I wish to thank Chairman WYDEN and ranking member Murkowski for working together to find a path forward to protect public spaces. And I wish to thank Senator CANTWELL for her steadfast support of this proposal. I look forward to working with my House colleagues to protect this important landscape.

I thank the Chair.

#### TRIBUTE TO COLONEL HAROLD R. VAN OPDORP

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a true patriot, and fellow U.S. Marine, Col. Harold R. Van Opdorp. While some know him as “Odie” and others as Colonel V, we all know him as Marine. After more than 3 years of service leading the Marine Corps’ Office of Legislative Affairs in the U.S. Senate, Colonel Van Opdorp has assumed the responsibilities as commanding officer of the Marine Corps’ Officer Candidate School. I would like to recognize Colonel Van Opdorp’s distinguished service and dedication to fostering a relationship of mutual benefit between the U.S. Marine Corps and the U.S. Senate.

With more than 2 decades of dedicated service to his country, Colonel Van Opdorp has selflessly given to the cause of freedom across the globe, from Somalia to Iran, from Norway to the

South Pacific. His service leading young Marines as a platoon, company, and battalion commander, in garrison and in combat, is emblematic of the caliber of his character. His diverse service reflects the traditions of the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor that he wears and the nature of the Corps.

Over the course of the last 3 years, Colonel Van Opdorp has been instrumental to facilitating the oversight responsibilities of the Senate. Known for his in-depth knowledge of legislative issues and the operational requirements of the Marine Corps, he ensured that Members of the U.S. Senate with an interest in national security were armed with timely information on Operation Enduring Freedom, humanitarian assistance in Haiti, flood relief operations in Pakistan, Marine Security Guards at our diplomatic missions around the globe, and other forward-deployed Marine forces. Colonel Van Opdorp worked hard to ensure all Senators were fully briefed of the programs which make our Corps special, programs such as the Joint Strike Fighter, the Amphibious Combat Vehicle, and the MV-22 Osprey. In 2011, I had the pleasure of working closely with Colonel Van Opdorp during our efforts to recognize the significant contributions of the Montford Point Marines, our Nation’s first African American Marines, with the Congressional Gold Medal.

Colonel Van Opdorp’s absence will be felt in the Senate. I join many past and present Senators in my gratitude and appreciation for his outstanding leadership and unwavering support of the missions of the U.S. Marine Corps. I know my colleagues on the Senate Armed Services Committee wholeheartedly join me in this tribute. I wish Colonel Van Opdorp and his wife, Rebecca, fair winds and following seas as he continues to serve his Nation, charged with the great responsibility of molding our future Marine Officers. “Ooh-rah” and Semper Par, Marine.

#### RECOGNIZING PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE AND THE LOUISIANA ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the M.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Louisiana and the State of Louisiana Order of the Eastern Star, who have collectively provided 225 years of continuous service and devotion to the State of Louisiana.

For 150 years and 75 years respectively, the Prince Hall Grand Lodge, formed in 1863, and the Order of the Eastern Star, formed in 1938, have served the State of Louisiana through their tireless leadership and dedication. During this tenure, members of the grand lodge have served in community and elected leadership positions both in the State and throughout the Nation. During the Civil Rights movement, members provided invaluable

management, direction, and guidance to countless organizations that contributed to the effort. Throughout their illustrious years of service, the grand lodge has worked with local partners to invest in and improve communities, strengthen opportunities, and expand the impact of public service. The passing of each year brings a greater appreciation for the values of community, education, and civic activism that the grand lodge and order provide to the State of Louisiana.

The Prince Hall Grand Lodge and Order of the Eastern Star inspire noble principles, moral values, and profound convictions in the lives of each individual they touch. Through commitment they teach the principles of family; through charity and volunteerism they teach the values of community and philanthropy; and through honor, integrity, and respect, they teach the convictions of acceptance and compassion. Their teachings and work have provided outstanding support and service to the citizens of Louisiana and will continue to benefit generations to come.

The M.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Louisiana and the State of Louisiana Order of the Eastern Star have been and continues to be an inspiration to all those who have been impacted by their tireless efforts. It is with my heartfelt and greatest sincerity that I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the service, heritage, and tradition of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge and the Louisiana Order of the Eastern Star.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### RECOGNIZING JHPIEGO’S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

• Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, today I wish to congratulate Jhpiego, a non-profit global health affiliate of Johns Hopkins University, on the occasion of its 40th anniversary and recognize the organization for its tireless service in preventing the needless deaths of women and children throughout the developing world.

Dr. Theodore M. King, the former chairman of the Johns Hopkins Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, founded Jhpiego in 1973. The original intention was to share the latest technology, skills, and knowledge of women’s health with health professionals from Latin America, Africa, and Asia by bringing them to Baltimore for training. But Jhpiego officials realized that they could have a greater impact by educating health care providers in the providers’ own countries, so Jhpiego changed its focus to sustainability, to developing the capacity of countries to create a well-prepared network of health care professionals and a strong health system that they can build upon to care for themselves. As a result, Jhpiego and its more than 1,500 employees have brought the resources

and technical expertise of Johns Hopkins to over 150 countries around the globe, creating tens of thousands of health champions who will deliver skilled care for generations to come.

Jhpiego has proudly participated in the U.S. Government's flagship maternal and child health efforts for the past 15 years. The program, now known as the Maternal and Child Health Integrated Program, MCHIP, has made incredible progress in reducing maternal and child mortality, increasing access to reproductive health services and HIV testing and improving immunization and nutrition education in vulnerable countries such as Afghanistan, South Africa, and Rwanda.

For 40 years, Jhpiego has worked in some of the most remote areas of the world—places without hospitals, electricity, or running water. Jhpiego officials and staff know the challenges of working and living in such conditions and use that insight to develop the next generation of extremely low-cost solutions that address many of the leading causes of death, such as cervical cancer, for women in low-resource settings. With regard to cervical cancer, Jhpiego has developed the “single visit approach,” SVA, which combines screening and, if abnormal cells are detected, treatment. The screening costs \$5, and screening with treatment is \$30.

When Jhpiego began its work in Afghanistan in 2002 after the fall of the Taliban, the country's maternal death rate was the second highest in the world. There were only 467 midwives in a country with a population of 22 million and one functioning midwifery school. Today, more than 3,000 new midwives have graduated from 29 accredited, community, and hospital midwifery schools located throughout Afghanistan. This development has helped dramatically improve maternal mortality rates in Afghanistan and bring women into the workforce.

In Mozambique, fewer than 25 percent of Mozambique's 22 million people currently know their HIV status. To address this problem, Jhpiego has helped over 900,000 people to be tested for HIV and counseled on their status by members of local health groups and faith-based organizations in their homes.

Mr. President, I ask the Senate to join me in recognizing the incredible accomplishments of Jhpiego, currently under the outstanding leadership of Dr. Leslie Mancuso, and congratulating the organization on its 40th anniversary. I am proud that Jhpiego is based in Maryland but has a truly global reach with regard to the lifesaving work it does.●

#### TRIBUTE TO CHUCK CLARKE

● Mr. MURPHY. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize a distinguished and outstanding citizen of the State of Connecticut, Charles J. “Chuck” Clarke, on the eve of his retirement from Travelers. In 1958, Chuck joined Travelers

as a property casualty underwriter. He has lived and raised a family in the Hartford area since 1963, currently residing in Glastonbury. Chuck's responsibilities grew steadily during his long tenure with the company, as he moved up from the position of underwriter, to vice president, to senior vice president, to president of the Travelers Property Casualty Corp., and most recently to vice chairman of The Travelers Companies, Inc. Chuck is a leader in the insurance industry and a legend among his co-workers at Travelers. For 55 years, he has provided leadership, sound judgment, and a passion for the business of insurance that has benefited Travelers and the State of Connecticut.

I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to this outstanding man. A leader in action and by the example he set for others. A humble man who always referred to himself as “just an underwriter,” when those who worked with him knew that he was much more. The State of Connecticut has been enriched by his service, and I truly wish him happiness and enjoyment after his long tenure.●

#### RECOGNIZING WESTERN IDAHO CABINETS

● Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, some of the most successful small businesses in America originate with an entrepreneur who takes a leap of faith to try something new. Dale Wilson and Brett Hatfield, the owners of Western Idaho Cabinets, had no prior experience working in a cabinet shop. Brett has a degree in production, while Dale has a degree in information studies. Despite their initial inexperience, Western Idaho Cabinets, since its founding in 1993, has grown to be the largest cabinet manufacturer in Idaho. This remarkable story is why I wish to honor Western Idaho Cabinets in Boise, ID as the Idaho Small Business of the Day as part of National Small Business Week.

Western Idaho Cabinets is a great example of job creation and expansion, starting as a two-man shop in Dale's garage to a company whose annual sales will reach nearly \$15 million this year. This is the American dream. Currently, Western Idaho Cabinets is the premier kitchen cabinet supplier in the State, housed in a state of the art facility and boasting 170 employees. Last year, the company took first place in four out of seven categories at the 2012 Parade of Homes.

In addition to delivering quality products, Western Idaho Cabinets works hard to streamline the process of manufacturing, optimize usage, and eliminate waste—perhaps Western Idaho Cabinets should teach the Federal Government a thing or two about this. Co-owners Dale and Brett traveled internationally to learn from different countries' manufacturing processes in order to develop the most efficient methods. In doing so, the company was able to cut waste by 60 percent, mean-

ing they could make twice the amount of product with the same amount of labor. They continue to invest in equipment that will automate the production process and help to save money and allow them to meet their customers' demands. This lean production model has led to Western Idaho Cabinets' reputation as the local expert on the manufacturing process and the company is frequently approached by others who want to learn their methods. Western Idaho Cabinets enjoys great success that seemed an improbable feat from the early days of constructing cabinets out of a two-car garage.

With the willpower to achieve success and the commitment to perfecting their business model, Western Idaho Cabinets proves that a small business can start from a basic idea and evolve to be at the top of their industry. Small businesses around the country and globally could stand to learn much from Western Idaho Cabinets and I am proud to honor them today as a part of National Small Business Week.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, 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 which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

#### REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13617 OF JUNE 25, 2012, WITH RESPECT TO THE DISPOSITION OF RUSSIAN HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM—PM 14

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the