

## TRIBUTE TO BRUCE REICHERT

• Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, along with my colleagues Senator JIM RISCH, Representative MIKE SIMPSON and Representative RUSS FULCHER, I congratulate Bruce Reichert who retired after being the host, one of the main writers, and executive producer of Idaho Public Television's Outdoor Idaho for more than 35 years.

Devoting 35 years to any occupation is certainly a remarkable commitment, but particularly so when your job takes you to Idaho's rugged and hard-to-reach places. From exploring Idaho's mountain ranges and headwaters to examining what it is like to live and work in Idaho's "Spud Country" and seeking out some of our State's most storied barns, Bruce has given Idahoans a view of what lies beyond the roads, trails, and ridges. For example, he was executive producer and host of the award-winning "Canyonlands Calling," showcasing the magnificence and beauty of the Owyhee Canyonlands, where collaborative efforts to manage these lands were achieved with private and Federal agencies. As Bruce has said, "It's a state you can easily get lost in, both literally and figuratively. I know I speak for all who work on Outdoor Idaho—it's an honor to share our state with fellow Idahoans. Idaho is truly the keeper of special places. *Esto Perpetua*. May she live forever."

The other shows Bruce has produced include "Idaho Geology: A Convergence of Wonders," "State of Change," "50 Years of Wilderness," "Salmon Reckoning," "Sawtooths on My Mind," "Pend Oreille Country," "Land of the Lost River Range," "Idaho Headwaters," and "Beyond the White Clouds." He has earned a number of recognitions for his work. This includes multiple Emmys, Edward R. Murrow, and Press Club awards.

Bruce, thank you, for your excellent work all these years to tell Idaho's stories and shed light on the people, canyons, mountains, aquifers, prairies, lakes, fish, and wildlife that make Idaho such a magical place. You obviously realized long ago how truly special our great State is and have devoted your career to enabling others to get a sense of this spectacular treasure. Congratulations on your remarkable career.●

## TRIBUTE TO HEIDI MATTHEWS-CANTIN AND JOHN CANTIN

• Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, I am honored to recognize Heidi Matthews-Cantin and John Cantin of Manchester as April's Granite Staters of the Month. Heidi and John comanage Missy's Closet, a resale boutique that is holding its fourth annual "Say Yes to the Prom Dress" event this month. This initiative allows young women who otherwise would not be able to afford a prom dress the opportunity to pick one out for free.

John lost his daughter, Melissa "Missy" Charbonneau, to a domestic

violence incident in 2009, and Missy's Closet was started in her memory. The resale boutique runs on donations and volunteers and aims to serve survivors of domestic violence and those struggling with mental illness or substance misuse.

The mission of "Say Yes to the Prom Dress" is to make sure that every young woman, no matter her economic circumstance, has the opportunity to feel special and confident in her gown on prom night. Missy's Closet offers a wide range of colors and sizes that young women can choose from. This year, the boutique started off prom dress season with more than 1,000 donated gowns, many of them new.

In addition, each young woman is assisted by a "fashion ambassador," a volunteer who is trained to give clients words of encouragement and help them feel confident in their dresses. Free makeup and jewelry is also available to complete their looks.

Heidi and John's work with Missy's Closet's "Say Yes to the Prom Dress" campaign is not just about the dress; it is about providing young women a way to feel confident on their special night. Furthermore, it is not only the young women who walk away happy; the volunteers at Missy's Closet take immense pride in their work and recognize the importance of making a positive change in their community. As Heidi herself says, kindness has a trickledown effect, and all you need to do is help one person a day.

John and Heidi embody the New Hampshire spirit of generosity and kindness by working to ensure that everyone—regardless of financial circumstance—has the opportunity to thrive.●

## 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SUNSHINE MINE FIRE

• Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, 50 years ago, on May 2, 1972, 91 miners lost their lives when a fire broke out in the Sunshine Mine. Along with my colleague, Senator MIKE CRAPO, I rise today to honor those men and commemorate the worst mining disaster our State has ever seen.

The Silver Valley mining heritage dates back to the 1860s. Whole generations of Silver Valley residents have worked in mines, with sons following their fathers and uncles into the mining tradition. As its name indicates, this area in North Idaho's Shoshone County is especially abundant in silver. Throughout its history, this region has produced over 1.2 billion ounces of silver, making it one of the richest silver-producing areas in the world.

Mining has always been a dangerous job. While safety conditions in the mines have improved over the decades, the hazards of mining can be reduced, but never completely eliminated.

Just before noon on May 2, 1972, a fire broke out on the air intake side of the Sunshine Mine as 173 miners worked underground. As the fire burned, the

intake of air led carbon monoxide to fill the No. 10 mineshaft. Eighty men were safely evacuated from that shaft before the death of the No. 10 shaft hoistman. After that, only two more men were rescued.

The cause of the fire is still unknown, and in its wake, the Sunshine Mine shut down for 7 months before production resumed. It ceased operation in 2001, having produced over 360 million ounces of silver.

The 91 men who died during this horrific incident left behind 77 widows and 200 children, many of whom still reside in Kellogg and the surrounding area. The Sunshine Miners Memorial, which stands near where the mine was located, lists the name of each of the men killed along with a poem by former Governor Phil Batt commemorating the incident. Ken Lonn, a former Sunshine miner, sculpted the monument.

The Sunshine Mine fire looms large in the region's memory, and every year on May 2, the people of the Silver Valley gather at this memorial to remember the tragedy. This year, Idaho Governor Brad Little has declared May 2 as Miners Memorial Day.

We commemorate the tragic and untimely loss of these 91 men and the disaster's decades-long impact on the Silver Valley community. We commend the memorial committee for their efforts to preserve their legacy through maintenance of the memorial and by organizing the Miners Memorial Day ceremony. We hope all Idahoans will remember the events from May 2, 1972, and the men who went underground that morning but did not return.●

## TRIBUTE TO MARY CECILE BARRETO

• Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I honor Mary Cecile Barreto on the celebration of her 100th birthday.

Mary Cecile Barreto was born in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Canada on April 19, 1922. Seeking new opportunities, she and her parents moved to Miami, FL, in 1925. She attended Gesu Catholic School, joined several school clubs, was crowned Miss Gesu, and met Roger Barreto, her high school sweetheart whom she married after graduation.

Cecile worked as a secretary at the Pan American Airlines Seaplane Terminal in Miami before giving birth to seven sons and four daughters. Her children were raised with both her Canadian roots, as well as her husband's Hispanic upbringing. French and Spanish were regularly spoken throughout their home.

Cecile made time for each of her children and made them feel special. She is a kind listener who is always there for them, no matter how busy their days are. Under her guidance, her children grew up to become a Miami Beach Police chief, real estate agents, Super Bowl host committee chairs, and a Miami-Dade Rescue deputy chief.