

United States Senate

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Thank you for allowing me to share a few words.

I want to congratulate this year's recipients of the Governor's Humanities Award.

This year's award winners join a long-list of Montanans who have strengthened communities across Montana by unlocking the treasures of our past.

Through writing, teaching, and broadcasting your ability to highlight our heritage will help Montana move forward.

As a former music teacher, I know the importance that the arts and humanities play in our daily lives. It helps make our communities more vibrant and opens up our families to new ideas and progress.

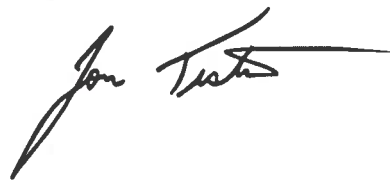
I'm particularly excited this year as we honor Dr. Richard Littlebear whose work preserving the Cheyenne native language is setting the stage for tribes across the country.

But it's not just Littlebear, it's all of you.

Your passions have given way to a generation of folks in Montana who better understand the history and culture of the Last Best Place, and your commitment to Montana has made our state stronger.

Again, congratulations on your well-deserved recognition and keep up the great work.

Sincerely,



Jon Tester
United States Senator