

Kelly, United States Naval Reserve, for service as set forth in the following citation: For heroism and extraordinary achievement in aerial flight as Pilot of a Fighter Plane in Fighting Squadron Forty-Four, attached to the USS *Langley*, during operations against enemy Japanese forces in the vicinity of French Indo-China, on January 12, 1945. Participating in a daring strike against enemy shipping and installations, Lieutenant Junior Grade (then Ensign) Kelly fearlessly dove his plane through a heavy curtain of powerful anti-aircraft fire to score two direct hits with his rockets and contribute to the damaging of an enemy merchant vessel. Then, joining in an attack against a group of hostile seaplanes on the water, he executed a series of strafing runs and, striking furiously at his target, personally destroyed one of the enemy aircraft. By his expert airmanship, courage, and devotion to duty in the face of grave danger, Lieutenant Junior Grade Kelly upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. For the President, [signed] James Forrestal, Secretary of the Navy.

CITATION FOR THE AIR MEDAL AWARDED TO
LEO KELLY

For distinguishing himself by meritorious acts while participating in an aerial flight in an attack on enemy shipping, Camranh Bay, French Indo-China on 12 January, 1945. As pilot of a carrier-based fighter plane he dived against enemy anti-aircraft fire to hit an enemy merchant vessel with two rockets. This vessel was left beached. A few minutes later he again dived through anti-aircraft fire to destroy an enemy seaplane on the water. His courage and skill were at all times in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

CITATION FOR THE NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION
AWARD TO THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER USS
"LANGLEY"

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in commanding the United States Ship *Langley* for service as set forth in the following citation: For outstanding heroism in action against the enemy Japanese forces in the air, ashore and afloat in the Pacific War Area from January 29, 1944 to May 11, 1945. Operating continuously in the most forward areas, the USS *Langley* and her air groups struck crushing blows toward annihilating Japanese fighting power; they provided air cover for our amphibious forces; they fiercely countered the enemy's aerial attacks and destroyed his planes; and they inflicted terrific losses on the Japanese in Fleet and merchant marine units sunk or damaged. Daring and dependable in combat, the *Langley* with her gallant officers and men rendered loyal service in achieving the ultimate defeat of the Japanese Empire.

[This citation specifically mentions the following operations of the USS *Langley*: Marshall Islands, Jan. 29–Feb. 23, 1944; Palau, Hollandia and Truk Islands, March 29–April 30, 1944; Marianas and Bonins Islands, June 11–Aug. 8, 1944; Philippines, Palau, and Yap Islands, Sept. 6–24, 1944; Ryukyus, Formosa, and Philippines Islands, Oct. 10–Nov. 25, 1944; Luzon, Dec. 14–16, 1944; Philippines, Formosa and Ryukyus Islands, and China Sea, Jan. 3–22, 1945; Japan and Bonins Islands, Feb. 16–25, 1945; Japan and Ryukyus Islands, March 18–May 11, 1945.]

AWARDS TO LEO KELLY FOR HIS SERVICE IN
THE NAVY

Distinguished Flying Cross; Air Medal; Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon; Combat Action Ribbon; National Defense Service Medal with 1 Bronze Star; American Campaign Medal; Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Stars; World War II Vic-

tory Medal; Philippine Liberation Medal with 2 Bronze Stars; Philippine Presidential Unit Citation.

SERVICE OF LEO KELLY IN THE NAVY

Enlisted in Navy, July 9, 1942 as Seaman Second Class and became Aviation Cadet on Aug. 7, 1942; July 9–Dec. 14, 1942—Inactive Naval Reserve; Dec. 15, 1942–Jan. 15, 1944—Active Naval Reserve; January 16, 1944—Promoted to Ensign; June 1, 1945—Promoted to Lieutenant Junior Grade; July 1, 1955—Promoted to Lieutenant Commander; July 1, 1964—Retired.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO SANDRA ESTY

• Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I would like to recognize Ms. Sandra "Sandi" J. Esty, one of our most distinguished civil servants who will retire from Federal service on June 7, 2008, after contributing over 35 years of dedicated service to our country. She serves as the Chief, Air Operations Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, DC. She is responsible for managing, planning, developing and executing all facets of congressional travel matters for the Department of the Air Force. Ms. Esty also serves as the senior adviser and special assistant to the Director, Legislative Liaison and Air Force leadership with oversight of the Air Force Congressional Travel Program.

Ms. Esty left Syracuse, NY, in 1972 to begin her illustrious civil service career as a clerk-stenographer in the Office of the Air Force Reserve, the Pentagon. After demonstrating remarkable competence in working congressional constituent inquiries, she was selected to work Air Force constituent issues in the Secretary of the Air Force Legislative Liaison Inquiry Division, in 1975. She was promoted and served a short tour as the Administrative Assistant for the Secretary of the Air Force Space Systems, Budget Office before being asked to return to the Air Force Legislative Liaison Branch in 1981, this time as the Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Air Operations Division in Legislative Liaison. She was promoted in 1983 and served as Administrative Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Electronic Warfare. In 1985, she returned to Legislative Liaison as the Administrative Assistant to the Director of Legislative Liaison and then was assigned as an action officer in the White House Liaison Branch, Legislative Liaison, where she established herself as one of the top leaders of Legislative Liaison. In 1988, she was promoted and selected as the Deputy Chief, Air Operations Division, Legislative Liaison, and then, in 1997, she was promoted as a GS-15 and continued to serve in her current position as Chief, Air Operations Division.

During her tenure in the Air Operations Division, Ms. Esty was responsible for all the travel requirements of

Members and staff of Congress arranged by the Air Force. Ms. Esty's calm, logical, thorough method of dealing with unique situations involved some of this country's most important citizens, its legislators. Her true dedication to "doing it right," the absolute insistence on honesty and integrity, and the patience under extreme daily pressure are the standards that Ms. Esty leaves for all those who follow. She coordinated and executed over 10,000 congressional trips worldwide, to include the movement of approximately 70,000 Members and staff of Congress to 193 countries and 7 continents. I personally travelled on many of the trips with the Senate Armed Services delegations that Ms. Esty arranged, coordinated, and flight followed. Each was a complete success.

I join my colleagues in expressing our sincere appreciation to Ms. Esty who has provided many years of dedicated and professional service to the Congress and the U.S. Air Force and wish her well in all her future endeavors. •

TRIBUTE TO DR. CARL V. PATTON

• Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, I wish today to honor in the RECORD of the Senate a great educator in the State of Georgia. On June 30, 2008, Dr. Carl V. Patton will retire as president of Georgia State University after 16 years of outstanding service.

Dr. Patton has led Georgia State University in its transition from a commuter school into a vibrant research university that is home to more than 28,000 students representing every county in the State, every State in the Nation, and 160 countries.

Georgia State has grown into one of this Nation's leading urban research universities, reflecting Dr. Patton's vision for a partnership between Atlanta and the university. Instead of designing walls to keep the city and its urban ways separate from the campus, he has insisted that the university fully integrate its research, teaching and service mission into the fabric of the urban environment of its downtown Atlanta home.

As the university has grown physically, it has grown in stature as well. The College of Law, which was in its infancy when Dr. Patton became president in 1992, is now ranked within the top 100 law schools. The Andrew Young School of Public Policy, founded in 1996, has grown from an idea to an internationally recognized program that works in over 30 countries around the globe as well as at home in the areas of health care, environment, air quality, taxation, aging, education, child care, and diversity.

The J. Mack Robinson College of Business continues to rank among the best in both graduate and undergraduate offerings, with two programs ranked in the top 10 by US News and World Report. The College of Health and Human Sciences leads the country

in research on urban health issues such as HIV, health care shortages, criminal justice, social work and nutrition.

Georgia State's College of Arts and Sciences hosts one of only two bio-safe-ty level 4 labs, which will move shortly into a new Science Park that this Congress has seen fit to support. The new Science Park promises to bring cutting-edge research in the bio and neurosciences and will facilitate the growth of bio-technology in Atlanta and beyond.

Finally, the College of Education is hard at work partnering with urban schools to provide a clinical, supervised method for training our future teachers to ensure the success and longevity of these new teacher careers and, most importantly, the long-term success of our children who live within our major urban centers.

Dr. Patton has lived his life in the way he hopes his students live theirs, tirelessly volunteering for service in his community through organizations such as Central Atlanta Progress, the Rotary and the Grady Memorial Hospital Corporation. However, his example and his hard work will not stop at retirement, as he plans to continue to live downtown and assist Georgia State in its future endeavors to raise capital and to expand its student body to tackle the tough issues of our times.

It gives me a great deal of pleasure and it is a privilege to recognize on the Senate floor the contributions of Dr. Carl V. Patton to higher education in Georgia. He has served Georgia State University, the city of Atlanta, the State of Georgia and the United States of America very well. Dr. Patton has earned the many happy years of retirement ahead of him. •

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH

• Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I wish today to congratulate Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church and School in Beech Grove, IN, currently celebrating the centennial year of the founding of the parish. On the weekend of June 27-29, 2008, the clergy, students, and parishioners who are part of the Holy Name community will honor this signal event. I am confident it will be a time of joy, worship, and fellowship that members will cherish well into the future.

Holy Name was founded in 1908 by the Rt. Rev. Silas Chatard, the first Bishop of Indianapolis. In its inaugural decade the parish grew steadily, and the years that followed brought about exciting changes and expansions to the facilities and ministries provided by the church. In the early 1920s, the Holy Name School was built; its first class graduated in 1923; and to date, the school has graduated over 4,200 students from prekindergarten to eighth grade.

I applaud Holy Name and its many members for the laudable service they

provide local communities in the greater Indianapolis area and beyond, and I am hopeful that these festivities will be an opportunity for celebrants to not only honor the past achievements of their parish, but the blessings of another 100 years as well. •

OSWEGO ELKS

• Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask that the following statement be printed in the RECORD.

The statement follows.

[From the Elks Magazine, Apr. 2008]

ALL-AMERICAN LODGE—OSWEGO ELKS SHINING FORTH IN NEW YORK STATE

(By Mark Hagland)

Just because something is old doesn't mean it's tired. In fact, in the case of Elks Lodge No. 271, in Oswego, New York, the opposite is, most vigorously, true. The Oswego Lodge, with over eleven hundred members and a very large contingent of core active members, has been for years a leader lodge in its region, its state, and the nation. Showered with awards for outstanding achievement in such key areas as youth programs, veterans activities, and ritual ceremony, the Oswego Lodge was designated an All-American Lodge in 2006-2007 by the GL Lodge Activities/State Associations Committee.

In fact, in the key area of youth programs, the Oswego Lodge has won first or second place in the state of New York every year for more than twenty years, confirms John Rinaldo, Oswego's exalted ruler. "We're absolutely committed to the youth of this community," Rinaldo says, and all the awards are evidence of the lodge's long-term commitment, a commitment that actually goes back nearly to the beginning of the lodge's history, he notes.

That history is a long and storied one. The Oswego Lodge was inaugurated on June 24, 1894, at a time when Grover Cleveland was in his second term as president, during the nationwide depression of 1893 to 1896.

That the Oswego Lodge should have come into being during a time of community—and nationwide—need should surprise no one who understands and upholds Elks' values. For the 114 years of its existence, the lodge has been deeply involved in supporting its community through a wide range of programs and activities. Because of all the hard work and constant participation of its active members, the Oswego Lodge exemplifies the motto Elks Care—Elks Share.

Just ask some of those who have benefited from lodge members' volunteerism.

Sheri Valle, Voluntary Service Program Assistant at the nearby Syracuse VA Medical Center, for example, points out that "local Elks lodges have donated the equivalent of more than \$18,000 just this year in activities, items, and cash donations, and this particular lodge has donated more than \$5,000 in items, time, and cash donations."

And though the monetary amounts are gratifying, Valle immediately adds that "the biggest benefit to us is always the time the Elks spend with our veteran patients, especially in our nursing home care unit. Patients live there and really don't have a lot of opportunity to see people outside the medical center." The Oswego Lodge members, in addition to volunteering to transport patients and residents to various places, visit the nursing home residents virtually every day. Among numerous other activities, the lodge supports a playing card club in the nursing home; regularly hosts the distribution of T-shirts and golf hats to residents;

and makes sure to create special activities for the various holidays. "They've been wonderful during the holidays," Valle enthuses. "It's wonderful to see the faces of the veteran patients when the Elks are here. They're a lot happier, and they're asking, 'When are they coming next?'"

The same kinds of comments come from school officials in Oswego. "There doesn't appear to be anything that they've been asked to do that they've said no to, if it benefits kids," says Bill Foley, public relations director for the Oswego School District. "And," Foley adds immediately, "practically everyone asks them for help, but they're always more than willing to give."

Foley cites the smaller size of the Oswego community, and the interconnectedness of its residents, when describing the generosity of the Elks' giving and volunteerism there. "Almost all of them went through our schools," he notes. "So they're giving back to the community in which they've grown up, and that is just tremendous."

Among the recognitions and awards the Oswego Elks bestow in the local school system are Teen of the Month awards and annual scholarships for graduating seniors. In a smaller community like Oswego, which serves about forty-five hundred students, such awards and recognitions are by definition high-profile and resonate strongly. Indeed, Foley can speak of them with personal zeal, since his own son, Michael, was named Teen of the Month during the 1996-1997 school year. "Michael was very proud," Foley recalls. "He held his head so high when he achieved that; it meant so much to him to be recognized."

From such experiences, Foley says that it's clear that "students need to receive some recognition. Being named Teen of the Month or receiving a scholarship builds confidence, morale, and self-esteem. There's nothing but positive value in this, and the Elks are having a major impact on our youth through such programs."

A SPECIAL CULTURE

Because of all the activities that the Oswego Elks Lodge is involved in, there is always a buzz of volunteerism humming around the lodge itself. If there were a single word that would best describe the lodge's atmosphere, it might be "enthusiastic."

"It's all about an enthusiastic, community-focused outlook," says Rinaldo. "What you've heard from these folks," he explains, referring to community leaders like Bill Foley and Sheri Valle, "is what this lodge is all about. Everything has been geared toward the kids, toward the vets, toward the community. It all comes back to what the Elks are doing for the community. As far as the All-American Lodge Award goes, I think we've earned it. Everyone here is committed to this community."

"At the same time," says Daniel Capella, a past exalted ruler of the Oswego Lodge and a past president of the New York State Elks Association, "we have a lot of fun, and that's part of what makes it go nicely. We know how to laugh."

Still, Capella notes, a tremendous amount of work and energy go into all the lodge's activities, including the social activities that take place at the lodge itself: "From the first Friday in January through April, we serve three hundred or four hundred meals every Friday night here at the lodge. Volunteers show up at four or four-thirty in the afternoon, we start serving dinner at five, and it goes on well into the evening. And yet we're never short of volunteers to support the Friday dinners."

GOOD CITIZENSHIP MAGNIFIED

The Oswego Lodge demonstrates its Americanism and good citizenship in various ways,