

country's legal system. His desire to serve MTLA comes from his respect for its members who, each day, work for justice by holding governments, corporations, and other powers accountable to individuals. As MTLA president Sydney McKenna wrote last year, "[Al] articulate[s] in a compelling way why the courts are necessary, that causes and damages are part of justice, and that justice matters."

During the past 13 years serving as the executive director of the Montana Association, Al has worked hard to represent the bar in both State and Federal matters. I have had the privilege of working with Al on a number of Federal initiatives and have always appreciated Al's thoughts on how Federal legislation could impact the rights of individuals in the legal system.

Al also serves on the boards of directors for the National Association of Trial Lawyer Executives and A.W.A.R.E., a private, nonprofit organization providing quality, community-based services for persons with disabilities. Al served as the executive director and attorney for the Montana Advocacy Program, which works to protect and advocate for the human, legal, and civil rights of Montanans with disabilities. In 2009, Al was awarded the Montana Trial Lawyers Association's Public Service Award. Al received the Annual Award for Advocacy from the National Association for Rights Protection and Advocacy in 1991. He received his bachelor's in political science from Montana State University and his juris doctor from the Hastings College of the Law at the University of California.

As a lifelong Montanan, Al has a deep appreciation for the State and all it has to offer. In his spare time, Al enjoys to hunt, fish, kayak, and climb Montana's beautiful mountains. Al is married to Marilyn, who was born and raised in Anaconda, and together they have two children—daughter Kait and son Ben.

I again congratulate Al for his recognition by the American Association for Justice.●

REMEMBERING PHILLIP ORTIZ

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, today I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Los Angeles County Highway Patrol Officer Phillip Ortiz. Officer Ortiz, a 28-year veteran of the Los Angeles County Highway Patrol, died on June 22, 2010, from being struck by a vehicle while in the line of duty. His loss should remind us all of the very serious dangers that our law enforcement personnel face every day as they do their jobs. I would like to take a few moments to recognize Officer Phillip Ortiz's life.

Officer Ortiz grew up in Santa Monica, CA, and joined the California Highway Patrol in August 1982 at the age of 21. Soon after, he successfully completed motorcycle training and in 1982 was eventually transferred to the

West Los Angeles area where he remained for the rest of his career. He loved riding motorcycles both professionally and in his personal time. Officer Ortiz had a distinguished career and was very dedicated to the California Highway Patrol.

I invite all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing and honoring Officer Phillip Ortiz for his leadership and dedication to the safety of over 10 million Los Angeles County residents. He is survived by his wife and childhood sweetheart, Jessica; his parents, Irene and Claude Clauser; and his sister, Anna, to whom I send my heartfelt condolence. Officer Ortiz leaves a lasting legacy of service.●

TRIBUTE TO OFELIA VALDEZ-YEAGER

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I am honored to recognize the career accomplishments and service of Ofelia Valdez-Yeager as she retires from her position as chief administrative liaison to the Riverside County Superintendent of Schools.

Ofelia—a native of Tayoltita, Durango, Mexico—immigrated with her family to the United States in 1958. Although she began first grade as a non-English-speaker, she completed the school year at the top of her class—realizing her parents' high expectations for the academic achievement of their 10 children, even though they themselves had been educated only at the elementary level in Mexico.

Ofelia was admitted to the University of California, Riverside—UCR—in 1965 as one of the initial group of five Educational Opportunity Program—EOP—students. After graduating in 1969 with a bachelor's degree in Spanish and completing the requirements for an elementary teaching credential in 1971, she embarked upon a professional career that has included work as an Upward Bound tutor and counselor, high school counseling assistant, elementary school teacher, bilingual resource teacher, and consultant for several public agencies.

In 1992 Ofelia was elected to serve as the first Latina trustee on the Riverside Unified School District Board; she was later elected vice president of this same body. She expanded her commitment to public service by accepting a part-time position as administrative assistant to the mayor—focusing her expertise and energies on youth, education, and crime issues. She also served as executive assistant to the superintendent of the Riverside Unified School District.

In addition to her current responsibilities as chief administrative liaison, Ofelia also serves on boards and committees of a number of local agencies and organizations, including the United Way, Concilio Child Development Centers, Fiesta de la Familia, Mission Inn Foundation, Raincross Group, Riverside County Library Foundation, Riverside Library and Museum

Taskforce, UCR Medical School Community Advisory, Riverside Community College Foundation, Hispanic Education Foundation, and the Riverside County Sheriff's Commission on Recruiting, Retention, and Diversity. As founder of the Latina Women's Health Forum, as one of three founders of the Latina Network, and as a strong influence behind the Nati Fuentes Centro de Ninos on the Eastside, she continues to exert influence on education and community priorities.

In recognition of her professional contributions and service, Ofelia has received the Hope Luminarias Award and the La Sierra University President's Community Service Citation. She has been named CHARO Minority Business Advocate of the Year and has been cited by the Riverside Press-Enterprise newspaper as one of the People Who Make a Difference.

It is my pleasure to recognize Ofelia Valdez-Yeager as she prepares to retire from the Office of the Superintendent, Riverside County Schools. I commend her for her fine service to the community.●

REMEMBERING WALTER SHORENSTEIN

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, it is with a heavy heart that I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring the memory of an extraordinary real estate investor, philanthropist, Presidential adviser, civic leader and dear friend of mine, Walter Shorenstein. Walter passed away on June 24, 2010. He was 95 years old. Walter's legendary entrepreneurship and civic involvement will benefit future generations of Americans for decades to come.

Walter Herbert Shorenstein was born into a hard-working middle class family in Glen Cove, New York on February 23, 1915. He briefly attended the University of Pennsylvania before cutting his undergraduate studies short in order to serve his country in World War II. During the war, Walter was stationed in North Africa, where he managed logistics and resources for troops in Africa, Asia, and Europe. Walter met his future wife Phyllis while serving as a major at Travis Air Force Base in California. They were married in 1945, and Walter began his real estate career upon moving to San Francisco in 1946.

Walter joined the commercial real estate firm, Milton Meyer & Company, and became its only partner in 1951. He later purchased the company and in 1960, began rapidly expanding its holdings over the next three decades. At various times, the company, which was renamed Shorenstein Co. in 1989, has owned numerous notable buildings including the Bank of America Tower in San Francisco, the John Hancock Center in Chicago, and the Washington Harbour Complex in Washington, DC. The Shorenstein Co., under the leadership of Walter's son, Douglas, currently controls roughly 30 million square feet of commercial real estate nationwide.

In addition to his exemplary business savvy, Walter was recognized for his sharp intuition and diplomacy skills, and ultimately served as an adviser to three Presidents. President Lyndon Johnson appointed him to serve as an adviser on trade negotiations. President Jimmy Carter appointed Walter to the U.S. delegation that led peace talks between Israel and Egypt in 1978, and to the Committee for the Preservation of the White House. During the Clinton administration, Walter was appointed to serve on the board of directors of the Corporation for National Service and the U.S. Commerce Department Industry Policy Advisory Committee. In 1999, President Clinton presented Walter with the Democratic National Committee's Lifetime Achievement Award for his active service and commitment to the Democratic Party.

Later in life, Walter began donating both his time and money to laudable civic efforts. In 1975, he led a group that placed 2,000 Vietnamese orphans in loving homes in the United States. In 1993, he played a pivotal role in preventing the San Francisco Giants from moving to Florida. A lifelong advocate for education, Walter contributed heavily to several prestigious educational programs and institutes. Along with his wife, he founded the Joan Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, named for his talented daughter who lost her life to cancer in 1985. Walter also funded programs at Stanford University's Asia-Pacific Research Center and the Institute of East Asian Studies at the University of California, Berkeley.

Walter stood out as a driven entrepreneur who cared deeply for his community. He will be remembered by his friends and colleagues not only for his business savvy, but also for his tremendous sense of civic responsibility. His vision and hard work greatly shaped and influenced the city of San Francisco, and his civic contributions and leadership skills improved our Nation.

Walter is survived by his son Douglas; his daughter Carole Shorenstein Hays; and his six grandchildren. My thoughts are with Walter's family at this difficult time.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. JAMES KIMPEL

● Mr. COBURN. Mr. President, today I honor Dr. James Kimpel who has served our government for the last 13 years as director of the NOAA National Severe Storms Laboratory, NSSL, in Norman, OK.

Dr. Kimpel held the position of director, where he oversaw research in weather radar, technology transfer from research to applications, and forecast and warning improvements. The activities that Dr. Kimpel coordinated at NSSL helped save lives and property throughout the United States. During his tenure at the lab he provided the

United States with devoted and visionary leadership.

Through research and development during his 13 years as director, NSSL finished development of a Doppler weather radar technology that led to the birth of the national NEXRAD network, which consists of more than 150 radar systems. The NEXRAD network was also upgraded from proprietary to open systems, which enabled dual-polarization upgrades. These technological advancements will greatly increase precision when it comes to estimates of rainfall, delineation of rain from snow, and provide a more exact estimate of hail size. Since its installation, the NEXRAD program has reduced tornado related deaths by 45 percent and reduced personal injuries by 40 percent.

Under the leadership of Dr. Kimpel, radar-based rainfall analyses were created to improve flash flood and river forecasting. He was also a key player in sparking interest and support for new facilities for NSSL that led to the construction of the National Weather Center building, which is shared by the National Weather Service and the meteorology enterprise at the University of Oklahoma.

During Dr. Kimpel's watch as the director, NSSL scientists had over 600 archival, refereed journals published, were granted three patents and participated in four cooperative research and development agreements with private companies. He also played a large role while at the University of Oklahoma as a full professor, dean of the College of Geosciences, provost, and senior vice president of the Norman campus.

Dr. Kimpel's service to our country goes far beyond the NSSL. As a member of the U.S. Air Force, he served in Vietnam and earned the Bronze Star Medal for his acts of courage and valor. He was also elected president of the American Meteorological Society, received the University of Oklahoma Regents Alumni Award, and received the Presidential Rank Award-Meritorious Executive. He is a well-respected academic, researcher, and mentor. He is also the proud father of five children and a grandfather to two grandchildren.

I give my highest regard to Dr. Kimpel and wish him the best. He has contributed much not only to the State of Oklahoma, but to the United States. The achievements and service of Dr. James F. Kimpel are worthy of celebration and commendation.●

RECOGNIZING THE PINK ANGELS

● Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, I would like to recognize the dedication and tireless efforts of a group of approximately 50 men and women from the North Shore of Massachusetts called the Pink Angels. Formed in January 2005 as a group with the common goal of finding a cure for breast cancer, they have completed the Boston 3-Day Cancer Walk every year since.

They are survivors, daughters, wives, husbands, sisters, brothers and friends of people stricken with breast cancer. When they first met, they were strangers simply sharing their experience with the disease and now they have become lifelong friends. They began training together that year in February, sharing stories and some tears, creating a bond that holds a reservoir of strength, determination and hope. Their mutual support of one another during the training, the fundraising and ultimately the 60-mile route allowed each of them to begin a transformation from victim to warrior. Each has a different story that brought them to the group but together they created a unity of purpose signified by their crossing of the finish line as a group.

Since 2005, the Pink Angels walk around the city of Boston every year. Many team members have also walked in Arizona, Cleveland, Philadelphia, San Diego, San Francisco, and Washington, DC. In May 2009, under the leadership of Joanne Seneta and Hilda Santos, they achieved a significant milestone by raising more than \$1 million.

On July 23 in Framingham, MA, the Pink Angels will take flight again and on the 25th in Boston they will again cross the finish line as a group. I would like to thank them for their commitment to help find a cure for breast cancer.●

RECOGNIZING THE CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN THEATER FESTIVAL

● Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, today I congratulate and commend the Contemporary American Theater Festival, CATF, in Shepherdstown, WV, on its 20th season which began this past weekend on July 9. This renowned festival, presented in partnership with Shepherd University, is an extraordinary event that runs for several weeks each summer, bringing thousands of people to our beautiful State and highlighting Shepherdstown's arts community.

More than two decades ago, Ed Herendeen had a dream of producing new works in theater, so he came to Shepherdstown and did just that. He had the vision and dedication to start and nurture this festival. And under Ed's leadership, the theater festival continues to produce and develop new American theater that not only examines current events and reflects on national trends but also serves as a haven for contemporary playwrights. This year, as it does every year, the festival confronts bold and controversial issues to prod the audience and explore new ideas. Since its first season in 1991, CATF has produced 80 new American plays and 30 world premieres.

A recent National Public Radio story described what the festival has meant to the artists and the community:

The Contemporary American Theater Festival at Shepherd University in