

her community through her passion for public service, conservation efforts, and volunteerism. Her tenacious spirit and determination made her one of the most inspiring and hardworking people I have ever had the privilege of knowing, and I am honored to have called her my friend.

Coming from a successful family with a rich tradition of philanthropy and public service, Kate's interest in volunteerism and conservation began at an early age. Her parents, the late Robert and Margaret Ireland, were also avid philanthropists and conservationists who taught Kate to admire and appreciate the beauty of life around her. It was this sense of appreciation that inspired her to hold a lifelong dedication to philanthropy of the arts, education, and health care.

After graduating from St. Timothy's in Baltimore and attending Vassar College for a year, Kate realized that she had another calling in life to fulfill. So, 20-year-old Kate packed her bags and moved to the Commonwealth to volunteer at the Frontier School of Midwifery and Family Nursing, a nursing service to the underserved families of the remote regions around the southeastern Kentucky town of Hyden. Continuing the work of her grandmother and sister, who also volunteered there, Kate served as a courier by looking after the horses and jeeps used by the nurse midwives, tending to the milk cows and pigs that were kept by Frontier, and packing supplies for the nurses for their rounds.

Even early on, Kate's fearless leadership was recognized by her Frontier mentors, as many people looked to her to make sure things got done and done correctly. This "dogged determination," as many who knew her described it, is what moved her to volunteer for the position of director of volunteers for 14 years. Kate's no-nonsense, professional demeanor eventually led her to collect numerous other titles, such as chairman of the Development Committee, vice chairman of the board, and ultimately the title of national chairman of the Board of Governors in 1975, a position she held for 17 years. Respectfully, Kate remains the board's honorary chairman.

Although Kate was an avid traveler with residences in Georgia, Maine and Florida, she remained a guiding force in the Commonwealth for advancements in education and health care for nearly six decades. Kate lent her expertise, advice, hard work and financial support to FNS as well as Hyden Citizens Bank, the Kentucky River Area Development District in which she was chairman, and Berea College, where she was also chairman and trustee.

Kate once said that going to Kentucky had always been in the cards for her. Well, she couldn't have been more right. Because of her generosity and dedication, countless Kentuckians have benefited from education and training programs that she loyally supported and established, such as the Commu-

nity-Based Nurse-Midwifery Education Program, The Mary Breckinridge Chair to support the faculty of Frontier, and the Kate Ireland and Kitty Ernst Scholarships which are awarded to students annually. She was an upstanding woman who dedicated most of her life to serving others. Her impressive accomplishments and pleasant manner left a wide-reaching legacy that forever changed her community, and there is no doubt that the Commonwealth is poorer for her loss. My thoughts go out to her sister, Louise; her dear friend Anne Cundle; and many other friends and family. The Leslie County News recently published an article about Kate and the legacy she left behind. I ask unanimous consent that the full article be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

A LIFETIME SUPPORTER OF FRONTIER, KATE
IRELAND LEAVES A LASTING LEGACY

Miss Kate Ireland, a lifelong philanthropist and a guiding force of the Frontier Nursing Service, passed away on Feb. 15, 2011, at her home in northern Florida. Miss Ireland devoted her life to public service, and her wide-reaching legacy includes her work on behalf of the Frontier Nursing Service and the Frontier School of Midwifery and Family Nursing in Hyden.

Miss Ireland was born in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1930 into a family with a tradition of supporting the vision of Mary Breckinridge. Her grandmother was a donor from the beginning of the City Committees established to support the demonstration of Frontier's nursing service to the underserved families living in the remote regions of Southeastern Kentucky. Her mother was Chairman of the Cleveland Committee. Kate's sister served as a courier in 1938.

Miss Ireland served as courier during the summers of 1951-1954 and as a part-time courier from 1959-1960. In her role as a courier, Kate looked after the horses and jeeps used by the FNS nurse-midwives. She also tended to milk cows and pigs kept by FNS and packed supplies for the nurses for their rounds. Mrs. Breckinridge recognized Kate as a leader, and many people looked to her to get things done. She volunteered as Director of Volunteers for FNS from 1961-1975. For nearly six decades, Miss Ireland lent her expertise, advice, hard work and financial support to help FNS provide healthcare in Leslie County and educate nurse-midwives and nurse practitioners across the globe. In Miss Ireland's biography by David Treadwell, "Full Speed Ahead: with a Twinkle in Her Eye," Kate says of her calling to Frontier that "going to Kentucky had always been in the cards for me."

She was well-known in the Leslie County community. Miss Ireland, a prominent member of Cleveland society, felt passionately about her work in Leslie County. Upon returning there in the early '60s, Miss Ireland built a beautiful home called Willow Bend overlooking Hurricane Creek and the Middle Fork. Although a world traveler with residences in Georgia and Maine, while serving the people of Leslie County, Miss Ireland primarily resided at her home in the community of Wendover with her lifelong friend and companion, Anne Cundle, a former FNS nurse-midwife.

While living in Kentucky, Miss Ireland became involved in local interests such as the LKLP and Hyden Citizens Bank and served as Chairman of the Kentucky River Area De-

velopment District and Trustee and Chairman of Berea College.

In 1963, in recognition of her strong leadership skills, Miss Ireland was elected to the FNS Board of Governors and served in various capacities on the Board until her death. She was Chairman of the Development Committee in 1967; Vice Chairman of the Board in 1968; and National Chairman of the Board of Governors in 1975, a post she held until 1992. In 1997 she was named National Honorary Chairman.

"She was a great mentor and a very determined and forceful woman who had the gift of convincing others to agree to support her in whatever project she was interested in," said Jane Leigh Powell, Chairman of the FNS Board of Governors and a friend of Miss Ireland's for nearly 50 years. "She maintained her interest in Leslie County after moving to Florida and continued to be a very loyal supporter of the FNS."

One example of Kate Ireland's ability to see the potential for Mary Breckinridge's vision for nursing and midwifery was her support for the creation of the Community-Based Nurse-Midwifery Education Program (CNEP). "We clearly would not have the successful, distance education programs that we have today without the support of Kate Ireland," reports Susan Stone, President and Dean of the Frontier School of Midwifery and Family Nursing.

Miss Ireland was better able than many to see that such a program could take the Frontier model of care out to the "wide neighborhoods" of mankind, which it is successfully doing as it prepares thousands of nurse-midwives and nurse practitioners to care for families in rural and underserved areas across the United States and abroad. Her support of distance education continued when, with Mary Breckinridge's cousin, Marvin Breckinridge Patterson, she established the first endowed Chair of Midwifery in the United States, The Mary Breckinridge Chair, to support faculty at the Frontier School. For support of students, she established and endowed the Kate Ireland and Kitty Ernst Scholarships to be awarded to students annually. Her footprints on the future of Frontier School continue to make a lasting impact on faculty and students alike.

In lieu of flowers, Miss Ireland requested donations be made to one of several named organizations or to a charity of your choice. There are several ways to give to Frontier in honor of Miss Ireland:

ESSENTIAL AIR SERVICE
PROGRAM

Mr. NELSON of Nebraska. Mr. President, I strongly oppose a provision included in the FAA Air Transportation Modernization and Safety Improvement Act that would eliminate the Essential Air Service Program at those airports boarding 10 passengers or less per day. Essential Air Service, EAS, truly is essential to the communities of Alliance, Chadron and McCook in my home State of Nebraska being impacted by this provision. In all, there are 40 rural airports in several States across the country which would no longer be a part of the EAS Program if this provision is included in any piece of legislation signed into law.

The adoption of this amendment to the FAA bill is bad for Nebraska and bad for rural America. The communities and surrounding areas being served by these airports use them as

economic development tools and rely on having commercial air service in order to stay connected to our Nation's transportation network. The many Nebraskans who have contacted me about this attempt to cut off EAS funding for their rural airports have expressed great concern about how losing EAS support would be devastating to their communities' ability to attract employers and create jobs. During a time when our country is starting to see glimpses of economic recovery, cutting off EAS support for these airports is not the answer.

As a supporter of the EAS Program and someone who always considers the impact any legislation will have on rural Nebraska, I once again express my opposition to this provision and will work to see that it is not included in any final legislation authorizing our Nation's aviation programs.

PAY PROHIBITION

Mr. COBURN. Mr. President, I rise to voice my concerns regarding S. 388, a bill to prohibit Members of Congress and the President from receiving pay during government shutdowns. While I believe it is important we in Congress lead by example, I am concerned this bill does not go far enough. Every bill that Senate moves this Congress should send a clear message to the American taxpayer that we are serious about our Nation's finances, the economic struggles being faced by our fellow citizens across the country, and the future of this great country.

If we are going to prohibit pay for Members of Congress and the President, we must also include members of the President's Cabinet, for example.

The bill prohibits retroactive pay for Members of Congress and the President who would not be paid during a government shutdown. This prohibition on retroactive pay should also apply to nonessential Federal Government employees who would be furloughed during a government shutdown. It is unfair to force hard-working Americans to pay the salaries of politicians who have failed to do their jobs or government employees who did not have to report to work because they are non-essential.

It is also my opinion that this legislation encourages Members of Congress to raise the debt ceiling. Clearly Congress does not need any more incentive to borrow and spend money or raise the debt ceiling. Since March of 1996 Congress has raised the debt limit 12 times. In 1995, the gross Federal debt was \$4.92 trillion. Today, the national debt exceeds \$14 trillion. We should not be passing legislation incentivizing more borrowing and debt. If anything, this bill should reduce Members' pay if they increase the debt limit, not the other way around.

I am also concerned with the timing and need for this bill. Prior to the Presidents Day recess, the House of Representatives passed a bill funding

the operations of the Federal Government through the remainder of the fiscal year that included over \$60 billion in spending reductions. Unfortunately, the Senate, which has not passed a single appropriations bill for fiscal year 2011, once again failed to act on this bill. And just today, the House passed a 2-week continuing resolution that the Senate will pass. It is about time for the Senate to do its most basic job—ensuring the continued operations of the Federal Government in a fiscally responsible manner.

With government spending at unsustainable levels, it is imperative that every Member of Congress make hard choices regarding Federal spending and cut waste, fraud, abuse, and duplication at every level of government.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL SHEPARD

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, today I recognize Michael Shepard for his achievement of being named the National Assistant Principal of the Year for his work at Har-Ber High School in Springdale, AR.

In his fourth year as an assistant principal at Har-Ber, Michael is continuously looking for ways to improve educating students. His efforts as the advanced placement coordinator helped secure funding for lead AP instructors for math, English and science. Since taking on the role of AP coordinator the number of students taking AP courses has more than doubled and minority participation has increased tremendously. Going above and beyond, Michael found funds to expand Har-Ber's technological capabilities, allowing students the use of laptops, wireless Internet access, and projection units.

Michael is committed to educating our youth and continues improving his skills to help meet the needs of Springdale students. He recently earned a licensure endorsement in English as a second language to help meet the needs of the district's 8,000 English language learners.

It is the efforts of educators like Michael Shepard that will enable our future generations to reach their full potential and I am proud of his commitment to education and his efforts to improve the lives of students in Arkansas. National Assistant Principal of the Year is a well-deserved honor and I congratulate Michael on this recognition.●

TRIBUTE TO COLBY QUALLS

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Colby Qualls from Monette, AR, for being selected for participation in the annual U.S. Senate Youth Program.

Created in 1962, the U.S. Senate Youth Program was organized to encourage an understanding of our gov-

ernment with an emphasis of how its three branches work and how elected officials work for their constituents and create policies that impact our Nation and the world. The weeklong visit to Washington, DC, allows students to meet and interact with lawmakers, appointed officials and staff who are involved in crafting legislation and making decisions that influence our laws.

This program brings together some of our Nation's top youth leaders, like Colby, who show a commitment to public service. An outstanding student at Buffalo Island Central High School, Colby excels both in and out of the classroom.

He previously served as student council vice president and treasurer, in addition to his activities with the Future Business Leaders of America as vice president and national convention representative. Colby is captain of Quiz Bowl and all-region MVP; he is president of the 4-H Club and a member of the Buffalo Island Youth Council and the Arkansas Teen Leadership Council. In addition, he participates in many community volunteer activities. Colby plans to attend a top university and aspires to hold public office one day.

Colby is very deserving of this honor. I congratulate him for his determination, dedication, and service and encourage his growth as a leader.●

RECOGNIZING MARSHALL UNIVERSITY

• Mr. MANCHIN. Mr. President, today I recognize Marshall University, which this week celebrates its 50th year as a designated "university." Founded in 1837, Marshall is the oldest public institution of higher education in the State of West Virginia. However, the granting of university status to the school formerly known as Marshall College did not occur until March 2, 1961.

The change from "college" to "university" was far more than a shift in nomenclature. Marshall's greatest champions—including Dr. Stewart H. Smith, president of Marshall from 1946 to 1968; State legislators and the local community—had to overcome entrenched beliefs that West Virginia did not need another large university.

Marshall's supporters made a strong case for the school, which was growing in enrollment as well as offering many academic programs and advanced degrees. The institution earned "university status," which recognized its role as an advanced institution of higher learning in the state, and all of West Virginia has benefited as a result.

Marshall University now educates more than 14,000 students at campus locations in Huntington, Point Pleasant, South Charleston, Beckley, Logan and Gilbert, offering degrees at the associate, baccalaureate, master's and doctoral levels. The school boasts 90,000 proud alumni around the world.

For every dollar the State of West Virginia invests in Marshall University, the school generates more than