

FLANDERS FIELD ADDRESS

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, on May 29 our colleague, the senior Senator from Vermont, commemorated Memorial Day with a visit to Flanders Field American Cemetery and Memorial in Waregem, Belgium. The Flanders region, of course, was made famous by Canadian physician and LTC John McCrae, who wrote the poem "In Flanders Fields" on May 3, 1915, after he witnessed the death of his friend, LT Alexis Helmer, 22 years old, the day before. While Senator LEAHY visited the cemetery, which serves as a resting place for many American soldiers killed during World War I, he made brief but eloquent remarks in honor of those brave men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom and justice. His remarks follow and I commend them to my colleagues and everyone else who reads the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD as a most fitting Memorial Day tribute:

We are gathered in a cemetery consecrated by the sacrifice of soldiers of our countries who died in the final days of what, in their time, was called the "Great War" and "The War To End All Wars."

It was a battle so fierce that almost a century later, as we gaze across their places of rest, we can still feel their valor and their anguish. These crosses, row on row, carry remembrance forward, and so does the annual reappearance of the poppies in these fields.

Like the Vermonters who have fallen in Afghanistan and Iraq, and their numberless comrades in conflicts before and after the strife of these nearby battlefields, these brave soldiers made no appointment with death. We hail these fallen patriots for braving the violence and tragedy of war.

But more than that, we honor our fallen here because they sacrificed all for a cause larger than themselves—defending humanity, freedom, and the ties of family and friendship that irrevocably bind our countries together.

They were of a generation of Americans, Belgians, British, and French who fought, shoulder to shoulder, and gave their all so we and others could live in freedom.

Four of them were sons of the states of Alabama and Iowa, which two of my Senate colleagues, who are here today, represent.

I am the second United States senator to speak at this solemn resting place. The first was Senator Francis Ryan Duffy of the state of Wisconsin, who came to dedicate the chapel, 74 years ago.

It is worth recalling what Senator Duffy said here in 1937, as the spreading shadow of war was once again darkening Europe:

He said:

"If the boys who are buried out here could sit up in their graves and speak to us today, it would be to give voice to the agonizing question—'Cannot some other means be found to settle international disputes?'"

Just two years later the world was plunged into the Second World War, and every generation of Americans since has known war's brutality.

Across the globe, in the century since then, innocent civilians increasingly have joined the ranks of those in uniform as the victims of war.

Over the years, standing with families from Vermont as they bid farewell to loved ones sent away to fight, I have seen the terrible costs: wives and children left alone, parents who must bury a child.

Lives with so much possibility suddenly cut short, as were those of the soldiers we honor here.

The men who sacrificed everything at Flanders Field—and who are commemorated so vividly through Colonel John McCrae's poetic tribute, heard 'round the world—believed that some things are worth fighting for.

They knew that vanquishing tyranny, and defending the ideals our countries share, were among them. Of course those same values are worth pursuing peacefully. Our obligation to our fallen, and to all of humanity, is to use every peaceful means at our disposal before committing any of our countrymen to battle.

We are here today to solemnly affirm that we remember their sacrifice, and that we will never forget.

RECOGNIZING THE CARBONE AUTO GROUP

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I would like to bring to the Senate's attention the hard work, dedication, and perseverance of the Carbone Auto Group in Bennington, VT. The Carbone Auto Group is celebrating its recent showroom expansion, where they have merged their Ford, Hyundai, Honda, and Toyota dealerships.

From its first garage in 1933, to its 25 franchises currently running across Vermont and central New York, the Carbone Auto Group is an award-winning business that has garnered many regional and national accolades. Approaching eight decades in business, the Carbone Auto Group deserves recognition for its diligence in running such a prosperous family-owned business. The company's longevity and success is a testament to its dedicated staff members and management—particularly the founding partners, Joe Carbone and Phil Sacco. The hub of the auto group, Don-Al Management Company, Inc., is now managed by third-generation family members Joe, Don, Jr., Enessa, and Alex.

The Carbone Auto Group has helped hundreds of Vermonters purchase vehicles over the years, and it has created numerous Vermont jobs. I am pleased to see this local business celebrate its recent expansion, and I wish them continued success in the future.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING JAMES J. HAGGERTY

• Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to the late James J. Haggerty of Dunmore, PA. Jim was my good friend and on Sunday, June 12, he would have celebrated his 75th birthday. He died this past February 8.

Jim and his wife Celia were married for 40 years and they were the parents of seven loving children: Jean, Mauri, James, Matthew, Cecelia, Daniel and Kathleen.

Jim was raised in Dunmore and graduated from Scranton Preparatory School. After graduating from the College of the Holy Cross in 1957, Jim graduated with honors from Georgetown Law School. He returned home to

northeastern Pennsylvania to become the first law clerk to U.S. District Court Judge William J. Nealon. Jim's passion for public service led him to run for Congress in 1964 and State senate in 1966. While he was not successful in those campaigns, Jim was undeterred in his efforts to serve the people of Pennsylvania. For the next 40 years, he was a close friend and an ever-faithful supporter of my father Robert P. Casey and me in all of our campaigns for public office in Pennsylvania. Jim was a brilliant lawyer and he had a very successful law practice in Scranton for many years.

When my father was elected Governor in 1986, Jim came to Harrisburg to serve the people, first as secretary of the Commonwealth and then as general counsel. Jim's friendship and counsel served Governor Casey well during his two terms. He handled his responsibilities with integrity and a deep commitment to public service. He believed, as the Scriptures tell us, that "to whom much is given, much is expected."

After his years in State government, Jim welcomed me as a law partner. He mentored me in life as much as in the law. He understood the call to serve and supported me generously when I decided to seek public office.

Jim's life was a life of hard work and service, faith and family. No personal or professional accomplishments outweighed the love he had for Celia, his children and 18 grandchildren.

While we are all saddened that we cannot spend his birthday with him, we will be comforted that he leaves us his example. As his good friend Frank J. McDonnell said at Jim's funeral mass, Jim embodied the words from scripture that "a faithful friend is a sturdy shelter; he who finds one has found a treasure." For my family and many others in northeastern Pennsylvania, Jim Haggerty was our faithful friend and, for his family, a sturdy shelter of caring and love.

Happy Birthday, Jim. We miss you every day.

I ask to have printed in the RECORD the Scranton Times obituary from February 11-13, 2011.

The information follows.

JAMES J. HAGGERTY

Attorney James J. Haggerty of Dunmore died Tuesday in Naples, Fla. His wife is the former Cecelia Lynett. The couple would have celebrated 45 years of marriage on Feb. 19.

Born in Scranton, son of the late James J. and Margaret Kearney Haggerty Cummings, he was a graduate of Scranton Preparatory School, the College of the Holy Cross and Georgetown University Law Center, where he was a member of the Law Review. He received honorary degrees from Villanova University and the University of Scranton. Jim served active duty in the Army Infantry and as a member of the Pennsylvania National Guard and Army Reserve. Jim served as law clerk to the Honorable William J. Nealon, chief judge, U.S. District Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania. A lifelong friend and adviser to former Gov. Robert P. Casey, Jim served as the secretary of the commonwealth and later as general counsel to the late governor. At the time of his death, Jim was a

partner in the Scranton law firm of Haggerty, McDonnell & Hinton, formerly Casey, Haggerty & McDonnell and later Haggerty, McDonnell & O'Brien. He also served as president of the Lackawanna County Bar Association and was a permanent member of the Third Circuit Judicial Conference. Jim served as chairman of the board of trustees for the University of Scranton and Scranton Preparatory School. He was president of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Lackawanna County and served as director of the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce and the United Way of Lackawanna County. Jim was also a member of the board of directors at the Country Club of Scranton and First National Community Bank.

Jim was a loving and vibrant man, known to close friends as "the Big Fella," and recognized by countless others who had the privilege to befriend him as larger than life. Jim had a renowned sense of humor and an ease with people that endeared him to all whose lives he touched. His infectious personality was outdone by his impressive professional accomplishments as a successful lawyer. He was respected by his peers and revered by fellow members of the bar for his honesty, ethics and fair dealing. He ranks among the most loyal Dunmoreans and Democrats of all time. Loyalty was paramount to his very being. Above all, Jim was a devoted husband, father and grandfather and the most positive role model to those he loved so dearly. His favorite times were spent with his sons and friends golfing at the Country Club of Scranton, and he most relished time spent with family. Summers in Avalon, N.J. with his wife, children and grandchildren brought him indescribable joy. Jim's generosity in life continued as an organ donor.

Also surviving are seven children, Jean McGrath and husband, Christopher, Dunmore; Mauri Collins and husband, Joseph, Scottsdale, Ariz.; James J. Haggerty, Jr. and fiancée, Wendy Lettieri, Scranton; Matthew and wife, Christina O'Brien Haggerty, Scranton; Cecelia O'Rourke and husband, James, New York, N.Y.; Daniel Haggerty and fiancée, Meghan Stott, Wilkes-Barre; and Kathleen James and husband, Brian, Scranton; 18 grandchildren, James, Christopher, Cecelia, Nora and Margaret McGrath; Clare, Catherine, Cecelia, Rita and Elizabeth Collins; Abigail, Caroline, Cecelia and Matthew Haggerty; Brian, Patrick, Edward and Margaret James; and several nieces and nephews. He was also preceded in death by a brother, Joseph O. Haggerty; and his stepfather, John P. Cummings.●

HONORAIR

● Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I wish to speak about a very special flight that just took place. The Louisiana HonorAir flight that came into Washington on Saturday, May 28, included a group of 77 World War II veterans from Louisiana. These veterans visited the various memorials and monuments that recognize the sacrifices of our Nation's invaluable military members.

Louisiana HonorAir, a group based in Lafayette, LA, sponsored this latest trip—its 22nd flight—to the Nation's Capital. The organization honors surviving Louisiana World War II veterans by giving them an opportunity to see the memorials dedicated to their service. On this trip, the veterans visited the World War II, Korea, Vietnam and

Iwo Jima memorials. They traveled to Arlington National Cemetery to lay a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

World War II was one of America's greatest triumphs, but was also a conflict rife with individual sacrifice and tragedy. More than 60 million people worldwide were killed, including 40 million civilians, and more than 400,000 American servicemembers were slain during the long war. The ultimate victory over enemies in the Pacific and in Europe is a testament to the valor of American soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines. The years 1941 to 1945 also witnessed an unprecedented mobilization of domestic industry, which supplied our military on two distant fronts.

In Louisiana, there are roughly 21,000 living WWII veterans, and each one has a heroic tale of achieving the noble victory of freedom over tyranny. The oldest in this HonorAir group was born in 1915 and 7 veterans on this HonorAir flight were women. These veterans served in various branches of the military—20 Army, 26 Navy, 12 Army Air Corps, 11 Marines, 1 Coast Guard, and 7 in women's services.

Our heroes served across the globe, participating in major invasions such as those at Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Guadalcanal, Leyte, the Philippines, and southern France. One was a prisoner of war who also received the Army of Occupation medal, while others fought in the historic Battle of the Bulge or at Pearl Harbor during the infamous attack in 1941. Many of these veterans have been decorated with honors such as the Purple Heart or the Bronze Star Medal.

These men and women, who have given so much for our country, truly represent our greatest generation. I ask the Senate to join me in honoring these 77 veterans, all Louisiana heroes, that we welcomed to Washington on May 28 and Louisiana HonorAir for making these trips a reality.●

TRIBUTE TO DAVID CRAIG

● Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President on behalf of Senator CANTWELL and myself, it is with great privilege that I congratulate a hard-working Washingtonian, Mr. David Craig, on his well-deserved retirement on June 23, 2011, after forty seven years of dedicated service to the students of Highline High School.

Mr. Craig taught business in classroom 216 at Highline High School for his entire career. To put his extraordinary longevity in perspective, Mr. Craig's first graduating class were 18 years old during the 1964-1965 school year. During that same year, President Lyndon Johnson declared war on poverty and signed the 1964 Civil Rights Act; Beatlemania was sweeping the globe, and Muhammad Ali was named the heavy weight champion of the world. Today, those 18-year-old students are now senior citizens.

Over the course of five decades, Mr. Craig has touched the lives of over 10,000 students. He had the pleasure, as few teachers do, of having his children, Michael and Shelley, as students. He taught Royce Badley, now his co-worker and Academic Dean of Students for the Highline High School, and Shaya Calvo, now senior prosecuting attorney for King County. He has also seen his share of tragedies, including losing students to conflicts in Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Yet he is consistently reminded of the joy of teaching, seeing it not only in the young people he continues to help today, but also in the frequent encounters he has with former students in his day-to-day life.

It is important moments such as the retirement of a great teacher that we reflect on their impact on their school and community. In assessing the legacy of a teacher like Dave Craig, Henry Adams perhaps said it best: "a teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops." The legacy that Dave Craig leaves is one that has positively affected the lives of thousands of young people, giving them one of the greatest gifts America can bestow upon its citizenry: the gift of education. As a teacher, Dave Craig has served his school, his community, his country and most importantly his students with enthusiasm and dedication. We should all be very thankful for his selfless devotion to Highline High School.

On behalf of all Washingtonians, we commend David for his many years of commitment to our State. His knowledge, experience, and loyalty to education will be sorely missed. We congratulate David and wish he and his wife Paula the best of luck in their future endeavors.●

RECOGNIZING TOWLE'S HARDWARE AND LUMBER STORE

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, while our efforts here in Washington regarding small business are often focused on how to help start new companies, our economy also relies on those small firms which have been in operation for generation after generation. One such small business, Towle's Hardware & Lumber Store in Dixfield, this week celebrates its 100th anniversary. Today I commend Towle's for its remarkable achievement and highlight its tremendous story.

Towle's Hardware and Lumber Store opened its doors in 1911 as C.H. Towle's Hardware, when Charles Towle purchased the former Stockbridge Hardware Store on Weld Street in Dixfield. At that time, Towle's offered its customers a wide variety of basic necessities, from paint, lumber, and tools, to cast iron stoves, electric and gas refrigerators, and even John Deere tractors.

The Towle family considers the company's long-term success and longevity as byproducts of its work ethic, attention to customer service, and decision