

men and women returning from the battlefield. He initiated an unprecedented nationwide dialogue to advance awareness and support for the many issues facing our warriors, veterans, and their families.

Many have recognized Admiral Mullen's dedication to service with a wide range of awards and decorations. But I know first hand that his truest reward is the satisfaction he must feel for a lifetime of service to a country he so deeply loves. Admiral Mullen's commitment to the Americans who have given so much will endure well beyond his days in uniform.

I will add that Admiral Mullen's legacy will continue in another way after retirement. He and Deborah continue to proudly support their sons, John and Michael, as they pursue their own uniformed service in support of the world's greatest Navy.

The U.S. Navy and our military will never forget the service of Mike Mullen, one of its most respected and valued leaders, who took the helm during a dynamic and uncertain time in our Nation's history. And none of us will ever forget how he led—with humility, a selfless devotion to others, and integrity.

Please join me in recognizing and commending ADM Mike Mullen for a lifetime of service to his country and to wish him the best in his retirement. May God bless Mike and Deborah, and their family, for all they have given and continue to give our country. We remain in their debt.

TRIBUTE TO BILL ENGEMAN

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Cincinnati resident Bill Engeman, who has made countless contributions to the sport of rowing over the past 30 years. Bill will be leaving Cincinnati later this year for Lancaster, OH, and I would like to thank Bill for his years of selfless efforts to encourage the sport of rowing.

Since the early 1980s, Bill has been a leader in advancing rowing in southwest Ohio. In the fall of 1981, Bill helped found the University of Cincinnati Rowing Team. Bill also has helped develop many rowing programs and build many boathouses at East Fork State Park and along the Ohio River. He also worked to bring the Men's and Women's National Collegiate championship to the region multiple times in the 1980s and 1990s. Bill was inducted into the National Rowing Hall of Fame in 1998.

In 2008, I had the opportunity to work with Bill to construct the Matt Maupin Memorial Pavilion at East Fork State Park, named in honor of a local high school rower and brave soldier who was killed in the line of duty in Iraq. Over the last 3 years Bill has worked to help rebuild the national rowing program in Iraq and assist in its journey to qualify young athletes for the London Olympics in 2012. This latest project is having a global impact and illustrates his

commitment to rowing and the youth of the world.

Bill Engeman has given tremendously to the Cincinnati area and the sport of rowing over the years, and thousands of area residents have benefited from his legacy. Bill will be honored for his efforts on Tuesday, September 27, 2011. I would like to join with his many friends in congratulating Bill and thanking him for all he has done. While he may be moving to another city, he will always be considered the father of rowing in Cincinnati.

REMEMBERING HENRY SMITH, JR.

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Mr. Henry Smith, Jr. The people of Louisiana lost a giant of a man when Henry A. "Buster" Smith, Jr. passed away on Friday, September 9, 2011, at age 82 after a lengthy illness.

Born in St. Charles Parish and raised in an area outside of New Orleans known as the River Parishes, Mr. Henry, as we affectionately knew him, was a confident and self-made man who had an optimistic outlook on life that would lift you when you were in his presence. He, and others like him, helped build this Nation.

Mr. Henry was a product of the River Parishes whose people draw their strength and sustenance from the Mississippi River, and whose ingenuity and hard work built the incredible industrial complex along the river that fuels so much of our Nation's energy and commerce. He was the guiding force in the development of what became the Magnolia Companies, a multicompany conglomerate in the fields of construction, housing, material sales, real estate, finance, disaster recovery and consulting. He traveled the world in order to help people recover from disasters on six continents, but always returned home to Louisiana and his beloved River Parishes. Mr. Henry assisted with securing the futures for hundreds of families by creating opportunities for meaningful and rewarding work for them to pursue.

Mr. Henry was a champion for his community and the surrounding region. He supported numerous charities, churches and schools in and around the New Orleans area, including the Ursuline Academy, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, First Baptist Church of Norco, and the Mahalia Jackson Early Childhood Development Center. He was a leader who was sincere and steadfast in his drive to help others. He truly believed in the spirit and generosity of mankind and thought that everyone deserved a chance.

He was very passionate about politics and immersed himself in supporting candidates for local, State, and Federal office. I was fortunate enough to have Mr. Henry's support and counsel through my years in politics. Even though Mr. Henry was opinionated, he always said that no matter what, there

were two sides to every story. He was a Democrat but was always more interested in the merits of a debate rather than partisanship. He believed most of all in moving his community, State, and Nation in a positive direction. We could certainly use more people like Mr. Henry.

Above all else, Mr. Henry was devoted to his family his sons, Glen and his wife Marilyn and Gary and his wife Pam, along with his grandchildren, Representative Gary Smith, Jr. and his wife Katherine, Rebecca Smith Tassin and her husband Justin, and Madison Elizabeth Smith—just as they were to him and each other. The Smith family is one of the most loving families I have ever known. Mr. Henry worked joyfully with his two sons Glen and Gary every day for more than 40 years. Never have I seen two sons more devoted to their father.

Today I ask my colleagues to join me along with Mr. Henry's family in honoring and celebrating the life of this most extraordinary son of Louisiana.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO DAN FLOWERS

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the life and career of Dan Flowers, who is retiring as director of the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department after a lifetime of service and dedication to the State.

Dan Flowers began his career with the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department more than 40 years ago after spending his summers in college as an employee in the departments Resident Engineer Office in his hometown of Batesville. He held this position for 4 years until he graduated in 1969 from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville with a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering. Enjoying his time with the department, Dan went on to complete the engineering orientation program and was assigned as a planning engineer in the Planning & Research Division. He has worked in a total of eight other engineering and management positions within the Department before being promoted to director in 1994.

Dan Flowers has had many achievements during his career as the director, and in announcing his retirement to his staff he was quick to point out the collaborative effort "we plan, we build, we maintain, and we manage—but the key word in all of that is WE."

Perhaps one of Dan's greatest accomplishments was the 1999 interstate repair program and one that he says was the most interesting. The 5-year, \$1 billion repair program overhauled the Arkansas interstate system which included 54 projects and more than 350 miles of interstate. Dan has truly helped make Arkansas roads safer and his work has touched countless lives.

Not only was he active in transportation on a regional level but also

highly active on a national level. As a new member on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee I quickly learned how well respected Dan was not only in Arkansas but across the country as witnesses would tell me of their appreciation for his work. He has served on numerous organizations from president of the Southeastern Association of State Highway & Transportation Officials and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation to chairman of the American Associations Special Committee on International Activities Coordination, and prior to being president Dan served as chairman of the Associations Subcommittee on Design, Standing Committee on Highways, and as the associations vice-president.

Dan has also earned many accolades for his work. In 2001, the Arkansas Chapter of the Associated General Contractors presented Flowers with its most prestigious award, the Skill, Integrity, and Responsibility Award, SIR, for his outstanding contributions to the industry, and in 2004 the University of Arkansas Department of Civil Engineering dedicated the Dan Flowers Education and Training Facility.

Dan has displayed dedication, perseverance, and commitment to excellence. I appreciate his friendship and am grateful for his years of service and efforts devoted to the State of Arkansas.●

REMEMBERING JACKIE LEE HOUSTON

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in reflecting on the life, accomplishments, and service of the late Jackie Lee Houston—a prominent businesswoman and philanthropist in the Coachella Valley. She passed away on September 14, 2011.

Jackie Lee Houston was born and raised in Seattle, WA. She began modeling as a pre-teen and continued to do so through graduation from the University of Washington, from which she earned a degree in economics and fashion design in 1956. Her modeling led to a television career as Seattle's first female weathercaster, as well as hostess of the "Hoffmann Easy Vision Talent Show." For a brief period, she pursued a professional career in Los Angeles as a model for Oscar-winning fashion designer Edith Head; but eventually she returned to Seattle to marry her college sweetheart, James Houston.

In 2005, Jackie and James purchased CBS affiliate KPSP located in Thousand Palms—at the time, Jackie was one of only two women in the United States who owned a television station. Through public service announcements and profiles, they utilized their community-focused station to promote causes across the Coachella Valley—from helping the homeless to supporting food banks to AIDS research.

A passionate philanthropist, Mrs. Houston quietly helped struggling individuals and her efforts benefitted a

wide array of organizations, projects, and endeavors—including Angel View Crippled Children's Foundation, Palm Springs Stroke Recovery Center, Desert AIDS Project, Palm Springs International Film Festival, Palm Springs Art Museum, McCallum Theatre, Fashion Week El Paseo, and December Festival of Lights parade. She also gave unstintingly of her creativity and time—using her Rolodex and her home to groom a new generation of philanthropists and to organize distinctive red-carpet events that raised millions for charity.

In recognition of Mrs. Houston's profound influence on the Coachella Valley and the inspirational legacy she leaves for the community, the city of Palm Springs will name the new main entry plaza of the Palm Springs Convention Center in her honor.

On a more personal note, it was an honor for me to have known Jackie. She and her husband founded an extraordinary food bank called FIND, which is run by Jackie's daughter-in-law, Lisa Houston. I was honored to visit FIND with Jackie and Jim at FIND's original Cathedral City location in 2009 and again in 2010 at its new home in Indio. I saw her great pride in this particular project which helps so many survive, particularly in this tough economy.

I extend my heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Mrs. Houston. She will be sorely missed by so many, including me.●

TRIBUTE TO MARGARET NACHTIGALL

● Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize and honor the service of Mrs. Margaret Edna Nachtigall upon her retirement as executive director of the South Dakota Stockgrowers Association.

Margaret was born on May 18, 1937, to parents Leslie and Edna Coates, in Edgemont, SD. She grew up and spent her childhood on the family ranch near Burdock, SD, which instilled in her a strong work ethic and a love of animals, especially horses and cattle. This love for animals blossomed into volunteer work with community agricultural education and outreach through the 4-H program. She could often be found showing her calves and lambs at the Fall River County Fair in Edgemont and the Western Junior Livestock Show in Rapid City. Her love for horses eventually led her to compete in barrel racing and break-away roping. In 1955, she even ended up fifth in break-away roping at the National High School Finals.

Margaret's insatiable drive for learning, combined with her love of animals, eventually led her into the world of cattle breeding and the role that nutrition plays in reproduction. By the time she began her work for the American Breeder Service her business had grown to the point that she was booked solid during breeding season. That work

ethic and passion extends into everything Margaret does.

Margaret's service to the South Dakota Stockgrowers Association spans many years and has had a significant impact on the association and its members. I have always valued Margaret's insight and input on a number of issues impacting agriculture. She has offered a very important voice on behalf of South Dakota Stockgrowers and agriculture producers over the years and her knowledge, expertise and advice have helped guide me and my staff when it comes to general agriculture, farm and ranch, and trade policy. Her work helped us to finally get a country-of-origin labeling law in place in the 2008 farm bill and she helped to lay the groundwork for the livestock competition rule currently pending with USDA's Grain Inspection, Packers, and Stockyards Administration, GIPSA.

In addition to the valuable input and guidance she has given me over the years, she also served as an effective and well-liked leader of the Stockgrowers Association. As just one testament to Margaret's leadership, Larry Nelson, past president of the organization, has this to say about her: "Margaret has been an asset to the South Dakota Stockgrowers Association as our Executive Director. Her strong work ethic and her commitment to the independent, family-owned ranches of South Dakota have shown through her work. I am grateful for her dedication to advancing the policies of the South Dakota Stockgrowers Association and her work to promote our livestock industry."

Margaret's life work on issues that concern cattle producers and their operations has been done because of an intense love for the ranching industry. It is because of the work of people like Margaret that the cattle and ranching industry continues to thrive and maintain its crucial role throughout South Dakota. I am proud to recognize and honor Margaret's retirement from the South Dakota Stockgrowers Association, and am delighted to join with her family and friends in congratulating her on this occasion.●

REMEMBERING VICTOR BUSSIE

● Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I come before you today to celebrate the life and contributions of one of Louisiana's favorite sons. This week the citizens of Louisiana are remembering the monumental life of Mr. Victor Bussie. Mr. Bussie passed away Sunday, September 4, 2011, at the age of 92. He was laid to rest in Baton Rouge, LA last Friday. Mr. Bussie was buried not far from our State Capitol, where he fought tirelessly for more 50 years to strengthen and uphold the rights of working men and women in Louisiana and across the Nation.

A hero to thousands, the scourge of some, and ally for many; Mr. Bussie spent a lifetime fighting side-by-side with like-minded men and women. He