

Forces remained segregated by units until President Truman integrated the military services by executive order in 1948. There was intense resistance against any attempts to integrate the military academies and only a half dozen or so African Americans had graduated from West Point by the time Lieutenant Commander Brown was commissioned as the first African American graduate of the Naval Academy.

After Lieutenant Commander Brown graduated from the Naval Academy in 1949, he was commissioned into the Navy Civil Engineer Corps. Prior to that, he served honorably in World War II and after he graduated, he served in Korea and Vietnam. As a Navy civil engineer, he also built houses in Hawaii, roads in Liberia, waterfront facilities in the Philippines, and a seawater conversion plan in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba before retiring from the Navy in 1969. Lieutenant Commander Brown continued his professional life working for the New York State University Construction Fund, the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, and Howard University before retiring in 1998. He also served as chairman of District of Columbia Delegate ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON's Service Academy Selection Board.

In spite of the challenges Lieutenant Commander Brown faced at the Naval Academy, he maintained a close connection to the school throughout his life and served as a member of the Naval Academy Alumni Association Board of Trustees. And in 2008, USNA honored Lieutenant Commander Brown by dedicating a new athletic facility in his name, a decision I supported while I served in the House of Representatives and since I have become a United States Senator. The Wesley A. Brown Field House was the first and only building dedicated to a living alumnus and, in his honor, the building hosts an annual track and field invitational. During the dedication of the building on the banks of the Severn River, ADM Michael Mullen, then chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, stated, "He fought a war his whole life for all of us to improve who we are as individuals, who we are both as a Navy and a nation. It was his noble calling and it was his call to service and citizenship that led to lasting change in our Navy and in our nation." In another tribute to this pioneer, a consortium of minority Naval Academy alumni established the Lieutenant Commander Wesley A. Brown '49 Honor Scholar scholarship in 2007 which awards up to \$5,000 annually to four individuals who are accepted into any 4-year university in Maryland.

Although we have come a long way since Lieutenant Commander Brown's days as a midshipman at the U.S. Naval Academy, our Armed Forces and Nation are still challenged with discrimination based on race, gender, religion, and the other attributes of heterogeneity that make up this great country. While minority and female

students may walk freely through our military academies without the audible taunts and slurs, we know that some of them face hazing and harassment behind closed doors because of who they are. While I know that Department of Defense leaders have a zero-tolerance policy regarding discrimination and harassment in their Service Academies, commands and units, that is not enough. I call on them to go a step further and redouble their efforts to communicate to those who currently serve and those who will serve our Nation in the future what makes our military the greatest force in history: the fact that our Armed Forces reflect the rich diversity of America. We owe it to Lieutenant Commander Brown and others like him who bravely endured racism and discrimination to pave the way so that others could serve honorably, too, and accomplish exceptional achievements on behalf of our country. Therefore, let Lieutenant Commander Brown's life be a testament to how his strength, courage, and humility through adversity not only transformed the people around him but profoundly affected the Naval Academy and our Nation. Today, minorities comprise more than 20 percent of the brigade of midshipmen and many of these young men and women have stated that Lieutenant Commander Brown was their inspiration. All Americans are fortunate to have had Lieutenant Commander Wesley Anthony Brown's selfless service and example.

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TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT COMMANDER MICHAEL GEORGE DULONG

Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts. Madam President, today I wish to congratulate LCDR Michael George Dulong of Brockton, MA on his retirement from the U.S. Navy. Lieutenant Commander Dulong dedicated more than 24 years of his life to serving our Nation as a Navy SEAL. I am privileged to recognize Michael's accomplishments today, and Massachusetts is fortunate to have a man like Michael who has served in our Navy and defended our Nation.

The grandson of a World War II Normandy beacher and the son of a decorated Vietnam-era 101st Airborne Division veteran, at an early age Michael chose to serve our Nation. He enlisted in the Navy at the age of 16 through the Delayed Entry Program and completed the Navy's basic school of electronics and electricity, followed by the basic underwater demolitions/SEAL training in Coronado, CA. He would go on to spend 8 years in the enlisted ranks serving in three platoons within SEAL Team 8 at Naval Base Little Creek in Norfolk, VA.

As a team member on SEAL Team 8, Michael deployed in support of Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm, as well as numerous other special operations deployments throughout the

Mediterranean and Persian Gulf. Needless to say, as part of our Nation's premier special operations forces, Michael was integral to his Team's success and performed exceptionally in some of the most challenging and austere conditions around the world.

Michael would go on to earn his bachelor's degree while simultaneously serving on SEAL Team 4 in the Navy Reserve, followed by successful completion of Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, FL. After completing his training, Michael was commissioned as an ensign on active duty and was assigned to SEAL Team 1. There Michael would deploy as the assistant platoon commander for two SEAL platoons in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. Michael always led from the front and inspired SEALs under his command throughout his career and did so again in combat following September 11.

Throughout numerous deployments around the world in support of the global war on terrorism, Michael received countless awards and promotions in the Navy. He would go on to serve in various assignments in the U.S. Southern Command area of responsibility with the Naval Special Warfare Unit 4 in Puerto Rico, the U.S. Embassy in Bogota, Colombia, combating narco-terrorism, the U.S. Embassy in Guyana as the Joint Special Operations Commander, as well as platoon commander of SEAL Team 4. His final assignment brought Michael and his family to our Nation's Capital, at the Washington Navy Yard, where he served as the program manager for the SEAL Delivery Vehicle acquisition program.

Michael has dedicated his life to serving our country, and we owe him a debt of gratitude for his service. Even in retirement, I am confident that Michael will continue to serve his Nation. On behalf of all Massachusetts residents and all Americans, I am proud to thank Michael, his wife Michaelle, son Gabriel, and daughter Eva for their service to the Nation and the Navy.

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RECOGNIZING THE MACOMB ACADEMY OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Mr. LEVIN. Madam President, a few weeks ago I met a remarkable group of young people. They call themselves the Fighting Pi, and they are the FIRST Robotics Competition team from the Macomb Academy of Arts & Sciences in Armada, MI.

FIRST is an annual, international robotics competition for high school students. Teams have 6 weeks to design, build, and test robots to compete in a game, which changes every year. For this year, teams competed in the "Rebound Rumble," which required them to design robots capable of shooting small basketballs into baskets as high as 8 feet off the ground.

This competition demands many things of its teams. They must demonstrate the ability to plan and work

together, to follow a budget, and to meet demanding timelines. They must master complex technical fields such as computer-assisted drafting, electrical engineering, radio control systems, pneumatic systems, and sensors and signals. So the intellectual demands are great.

But just as great is the demand for vision for the foresight to look at a stack of diagrams and a pile of electronic parts and see what it can all become.

Thirty-six teams from Michigan traveled in April to St. Louis for the national championship, the Fighting Pi among them. Representing Michigan were three teams from Bloomfield Hills, two from Detroit, two from Ann Arbor, two from Grandville, two from Pontiac, and teams from Allen Park, Auburn Hills, Berkley, Birmingham, Clarkston, Fremont, Holland, Hopkins, Lansing, Milford, Niles, North Oakland County, Northville, Novi, Okemos, Ortonville, Richmond, Rochester Hills, Sterling Heights, Temperance, Waterford, and Zeeland. All of them have reason to be proud of their accomplishments.

But I want to especially thank the Fighting Pi, whose members and adult leaders were kind enough to spend an hour with me a few days ago. At the Michigan State Championships, the Fighting Pi had won the prestigious State Engineering Inspiration Award. I was deeply impressed by the vision, enthusiasm, and brainpower of the Fighting Pi during my visit. They demonstrated to me their robot design, and they let me drive a robot around a little. They helped me understand the technical aspects of their work and the intense planning and preparation and staying power required.

In addition to their robotics responsibilities, team members participate in public service. Team members volunteer regularly at Ronald McDonald House, where they help the families of ill or injured children. They participate in local adopt-a-road and adopt-a-trail cleanup programs. And they have raised money for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital and Toys for Tots among other worthy charities. They are, in their schoolwork, their robotics work, and their volunteer work, exceptional young people.

Americans spend a lot of time worrying about the next generation. We worry over our dinner tables, in our conversations at work, and in this very Chamber. There are plenty of reasons to worry. But we should not lose sight of the reasons for optimism. Every day, all over this great country, young people are accomplishing extraordinary things. They are studying hard, learning new skills, and even building sophisticated robots. They are preparing to write the next chapter in the American story, and I have no doubt it will be as stirring as the story so far.

So let me extend my congratulations and my gratitude to the students of the Fighting Pi, and the students who

helped them on their way: team members Michael Graham, Melissa Mikolowski, Nicholas Fitzsimons, Eric Bytner, Trevor Goolsby, Alysya Brice, Zeke Fetty, Michael Scaglione, Steven Scaglione, Stephen Kline, Kurt Wieber, Andrew Graham, Amanda Fulghum, Michael Patrick, Laurel Payne, Collin Tobey, Riley Yaxley, Eric Tobey, Jack Sabelhaus, Andrew Binkowski, Lauren Grobbel, Alex Kesek, Sabrina Tibaud, Ron Kyllonen, Vince Ragap, Rachel Kosek and Krystal Diel; and adults Craig Roys, Tom Line, Richard Wahl, Craig Tobey, Shawn Graham, Judy Tobey, Michael Mroz, Andrea Mroz, Paul Gianferrara, John Antilla, Jacob Caporuscio, and Eric Kosek.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### REMEMBERING DR. FRED MARGOLIN

• Mrs. BOXER. Madam President, today I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the memory of Dr. Frederick Margolin, my former neighbor in Greenbrae, CA. After a 3-year battle with ALS, Fred passed away peacefully on May 10, 2012, surrounded by his beloved family.

Fred Margolin was born in New York in 1936 and raised in Florida. After graduating from the University of Miami Medical School in 1960, he interned at Los Angeles County Hospital and served for 2 years as an Air Force medical officer in Germany, before returning to California, where he lived for the rest of his life.

Following his residency at the University of California, San Francisco, Dr. Margolin practiced radiology at California Pacific Medical Center from 1968 to 2007 and served as chairman of the Department of Radiology from 1978 to 1992. He was the founder of the Breast Health Center and served as its medical director from 1984 to 2007. Widely recognized as a national leader in radiology and breast cancer screening, he was honored as a fellow of the American College of Radiology and the Society of Breast Imaging. In 2001, he was selected as one of America's Best Doctors for Breast Care.

Throughout his distinguished career, Dr. Margolin worked not only to provide the best possible care to his patients but to extend access to care to poor women and underserved populations.

Fred was a devoted family man who adored Myrna, his wife of 54 years. Together they traveled the world, often on cruises with close friends, and each year they took their children and grandchildren to Mexico for a family vacation.

Dr. Fred Margolin will be deeply missed by his patients, colleagues, family, and friends. On behalf of the people of California and the patients and communities he served so well, I send my gratitude and condolences to Fred's wife Myrna; their children, Jody

Margolin Hahn, Elizabeth Brett Garon, and Lawrence Harry Margolin; and their seven grandsons.●

#### TRIBUTE TO DANNY BARE

• Mr. PORTMAN. Madam President, today I wish to honor Danny Bare of Batavia, OH. Mr. Bare is retiring from his position as Executive Director of the Clermont County Veterans' Service Commission on May 31, 2012.

Mr. Bare began his career in the military in 1967 as a member of the U.S. Army. He served one year in Vietnam and was injured twice in one day. For his bravery, he received a Purple Heart, a Bronze Star, and the Army Commendation Medal of Valor.

After his service in the military, Mr. Bare went on to have a 30 year career at First National Bank of Cincinnati, married his wonderful wife, Connie, and raised his family in Batavia. He served on the Batavia School Board for four years, including two years serving as president. He also served his community as a Batavia Township Trustee and Clermont County Board of Elections director.

Mr. Bare became executive director of the Veterans' Service Commission in 2007. He is credited with implementing outreach programs to educate veterans on the many benefits for which they are eligible. Mr. Bare helps to ensure that veterans are able to obtain employment, medical services, and any other services they may need. His dedication to his country and his community are admirable.

Mr. President, I would like to recognize Mr. Danny Bare on his retirement from a lifetime of public service.●

#### TRIBUTE TO DR. ED COULTER

• Mr. PRYOR. Madam President, Dr. Ed Coulter was once told by a colleague in the education field that most individuals spend their lives helping, tweaking, making something better, but seldom having the chance to create. Ed grasped on to that last word and has spent the last 17 years of his professional career doing just that: creating something remarkable for the community and town of Mountain Home. On June 30, 2012, Ed Coulter will serve his last day as chancellor of Arkansas State University Mountain Home, ASUMH, and today I wish to thank him for his dedication to public education in Arkansas and his commitment to the people of Mountain Home.

Ed's love of learning and teaching goes back to an early age. At age 10, his parents, Bill and Evelyn Coulter, purchased a resort on Lake Hamilton in Hot Springs, AR. Ed found an early thrill in teaching by helping countless resort guests learn how to ski and enjoy the water. This love of teaching and his parents' encouragement to acquire a quality education led Ed to enroll at Ouachita Baptist University, OBU, in Arkadelphia. It was here that Ed met his first wife, the late Fran