

given back to the State as a social studies teacher at Berlin High School since 1998. Beloved by students, he has inspired proficiency in communication skills, analysis, and reading comprehension by comparing current events with historical patterns. Mr. Bosso has also advised student government and coached basketball. He is a national leader for social studies, serving on the board of directors of the Connecticut Council for the Social Studies, as cochair of the Northeast Regional Conference on the Social Studies in 2012, and a participant of this year's National Council for the Social Studies' annual national conference. He has been published in Connecticut History and is currently working towards a doctorate in education.

When named 2011 Connecticut Teacher of the Year, Ms. Record eloquently described her role and the important job of educators around the world, recognizing that "tonight, we celebrate the fact that, as a teacher, you never truly know where your influence will end." Mr. Bosso similarly proclaimed the significant, multifaceted role of teachers, while speaking at the Connecticut Education Association's Representative Assembly this year, urging fellow teachers to "never, never, again use the phrase, 'I am just a teacher.'" I invite my colleagues to join me in acknowledging Ms. Record and Mr. Bosso, and ask for their continued support of our concerned, courageous teachers.

CONGRATULATING DOUGLAS HUTTON

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, today I wish to honor Douglas Hutton, recipient of the 2011 Milken Educator Award. He is the first teacher from Glastonbury High School to have ever received this prestigious award and the only educator from Connecticut to be awarded last year by the Milken Family Foundation.

Since 1985, the Milken Family Foundation—under the leadership of education visionary Lowell Milken and his family—has given thousands of Milken Educator Awards to top innovators of elementary and secondary education across the country. Whether teachers, principals, or specialists, these honorees are an exclusive group of experts who contribute every day to the critical debate on how we can make our Nation's schools better spaces for learning, growth, and the sparking of lifelong interests. One of the Milken Family Foundation's initiatives—through the Lowell Milken Center—is distinguishing "unsung heroes that have changed the course of history." And so with the Milken Educator Award, we acknowledge our Nation's dedicated educators who are not usually spotlighted but conscientiously work to help turn ideas, thoughts, and questions into interests, passions, and projects.

Mr. Hutton has taught physics for 19 years, serving 17 of them at Glaston-

bury High School in Glastonbury, CT. He illuminates abstract concepts that are difficult to grasp, sharing his love of Stephen Hawkins, science, and math with his students. Through practical demonstrations, group projects, and experiments, he shows that problem-solving is challenging but rewarding. Mr. Hutton has said that teaching "all comes down to seeing [the students'] eyes light up when they understand a new idea."

Mr. Hutton did not apply for this award but was selected by a panel of education experts who, each year, seek out unsung teachers who demonstrate potential for and proven success in the classroom, engage in national discourse on academia, and convey an "engaging and inspiring presence that motivates and impacts students, colleagues, and the community."

The Milken Family Foundation makes education a shared national agenda, connecting educators with other sectors of our society. The foundation's multifaceted and interdisciplinary approach brings business, government, and philanthropic leaders together in the quest for innovative, realistic, and well-tested teaching methodology. Through programs administered by the Milken Family Foundation's National Institute for Excellence in Teaching, NIET, such as the System for Teacher and Student Advancement and the NIET Best Practices Center, the Milken Educator Award regards our Nation's best early to mid-level teachers as policy figures who can contribute their practical knowledge on a national stage.

The Milken Family Foundation and especially Douglas Hutton, now a member of the Milken community, deserve thanks for restoring faith in our educational system. I invite my Senate colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Hutton, who has contributed to the lives of our young people in lasting, significant ways.

REMEMBERING ZEV WOLFSON

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I rise in a tribute to Zev Wolfson, an extraordinary philanthropist and humanitarian whose great deeds are unknown to most people because he never sought to make them known. Throughout his remarkable career, Mr. Wolfson offered millions of people—of all ages all around the world—the opportunity to experience Jewish education and give back to their families, religion, and communities with dignity and pride. He dedicated his life to supporting and advocating for Jewish outreach projects, tirelessly devoted to the power and importance of faith for future generations.

Throughout his life, Mr. Wolfson constantly aided communities wherever Jewish education was endangered. He began as an advocate for the Jewish nation. Walking the halls of Congress, he vigorously and expertly supported programs and institutions in Israel,

such as schools and other educational centers—many helping Jewish refugees and their children who had escaped from Arab countries. Committed to providing assistance on a global scale, he focused on a particular project and, once it was sustainable and self-sufficient, moved to the next one.

Mr. Wolfson donated millions of dollars to underprivileged areas of the United States and underserved areas of the world. He drew from the personal pain of exile to Siberia in wartime—where he carried his father's body to a place where he could have a proper Jewish funeral in the freezing tundra—and then served as a father figure to millions. He helped young people, students, and families to stay connected with the Jewish nation, in lands stretching from the former Soviet Union and Israel to France and the United States.

As deliberately and tirelessly as he advanced his good deeds, he consistently avoided public recognition for them. He gave without any expectation of praise or acclaim, and his anonymity was purposeful and persistent. His diverse and numerous initiatives—birthright programs in colleges around the country, vocational and religious education activities around the globe, and many other programs—made Mr. Wolfson one of his generation's most influential leaders, but he remained virtually unknown. Now, I invite my colleagues to join me in according Mr. Wolfson this measure of recognition for the millions of people whose lives he touched and enhanced.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of Cleveland Catholic Charities and its mission to serve people in need throughout the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland.

Catholic Charities was established in Cleveland in 1912 under the direction of Bishop John Farrelly during a time when there were few organized charities in the United States. It was founded in response to challenging economic conditions that existed for the poor and orphaned of the day. Throughout the organization's 100-year history, its work, programs and family centers have touched the lives of many people throughout northeast Ohio.

Over the years, Catholic Charities' leaders, employees, supporters and volunteers have cared for their neighbors and provided guidance to address the social needs of our community. Their charitable mission is inspirational and their generous work has had great impact, helping millions of people. Their efforts provide meals, shelter, emergency assistance, counseling services, training and employment for many throughout the 8 northeast Ohio counties in the diocese.

On this occasion I would like to congratulate Bishop Richard Lennon,

Cleveland Catholic Charities, and the Catholic community and thank them for their leadership, kindness, commitment and collective effort to serve the community and improve the lives of those in need. It is a privilege to recognize this centennial anniversary, and wish Cleveland Catholic Charities all the best for the future.

TRIBUTE TO TERRANCE C.Z. EGGER

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Terrance C.Z. Egger for his many contributions to the news industry over the past 30 years. Mr. Egger will be retiring early next year from The Plain Dealer in Cleveland, OH, where he has served as publisher, president, and chief executive officer since 2006. I would like to recognize his accomplishments, his contributions to journalism, and his commitment to the Greater Cleveland community.

Terry enjoyed an early start in the news business, when as a young man, he started his first newspaper job as a 6-year-old paperboy. Egger is a native of Rock Island, IL, and became the first in his family to attend college. He received a bachelor's degree from Augustana College in Sioux Falls, SD, and a master's degree from San Diego State University.

Terry began his 30-year career at a small biweekly newspaper in Southern California. Before joining the Plain Dealer in 2006, he worked for Copley Los Angeles Newspaper, Tucson Newspapers in Arizona, and as publisher and president of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

He is known not only for his professional leadership, but also for his civic engagement. He has faced the challenges of the news industry and provided steady and confident direction during a crucial time. He has a reputation for being deeply committed to the mission of a daily newspaper and the important role it plays in the community and in the democratic process. As an executive and manager, he is known for connecting with employees on a personal level and taking great interest in their professional success and family lives.

Beyond his work in news, Terry brought with him to Cleveland a long-standing commitment to civic involvement. He quickly integrated himself into the Greater Cleveland community, serving as an active member of several area boards including: the Greater Cleveland Partnership, the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, the Musical Arts Association, and the Cleveland Museum of Art. He is a member of the United Way of Greater Cleveland Board and served as the organization's board chairman from 2010 to 2012.

Terry and his wife of more than 24 years, Renuka, have three children and live in Bay Village, OH. I would like to congratulate Terry on his many contributions to the news industry and to the Plain Dealer and wish him and his family all the best for the future.

RECOGNIZING TAIWAN'S NATIONAL DAY

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Taiwan as their National Day of Celebration, October 10, 2012, approaches. This day commemorates the end of imperial rule in China.

Since that day more than 100 years ago, Taiwan has successfully transitioned to a democracy. Taiwan has peacefully transferred power between political parties and earlier this year held another free and fair Presidential election. As we know from our own American history and have seen in countries around the world this past year, achieving a democracy is no easy feat, and I commend all those who have helped Taiwan reach this point.

The United States and Taiwan continue to enjoy a close friendship, and I hope my colleagues will join me in congratulating the people of Taiwan on the 101st anniversary of their National Day.

I also would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Ambassador Jason Yuan, Representative of the ROC, Taiwan, to the United States, on his new post as Secretary-General of the National Security Council of Taiwan. I cherish the friendship with Ambassador Yuan and wish Ambassador and Madame Yuan the very best of luck in the future.

TRIBUTE TO 2012 OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST KAYLA HARRISON

Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts. Mr. President, I rise today in tribute to a young woman from Marblehead, MA, who made us so proud during the 30th Olympiad. Like all our Olympians and Paralympians, judoka Kayla Harrison practiced for years, put in thousands of hours in training, sacrificed mightily and defeated countless competitors just to make Team USA.

At 6 years of age, Kayla's mother, herself a black belt, introduced Kayla to judo. Kayla excelled at the sport and by the time she was in her teens, was a two-time national champion. Yet, while this talented and dedicated athlete, still just a girl, was taking the judo world by storm, she was doing so while suffering in silence from the pain of sexual abuse.

If Kayla had never fought again or if she simply faded away, people would have understood. But with Wakefield coach Jimmy Pedro at her side, Kayla used martial arts to transcend the trauma, anger, and pain. Judo wasn't a way out, it was a way through. She went on to fight harder, and better, than ever. Watching Kayla compete, you get the sense that she is fighting at a whole different level. Kayla doesn't just defeat her opponents; she leaves them wondering why on Earth they ever fought her in the first place. Kayla would go on to win countless American and international competitions, all of which led to the 2012 London Olympic games.

In London, Kayla and countless others inspired our Nation. For the millions who themselves have suffered abuse, Kayla's gold medal was far more than a point of national pride, it was the most powerful reminder that there is hope. She reminded us that we can rise above any obstacle and that we don't have to be ruled, defined, or limited by the evil done to us. In the pursuit of a gold medal, Kayla taught us that we can be free.

Days before her first Olympic match, Kayla recorded a video in which she described each step she would take, from waking and eating breakfast on the morning of her first Olympic match, to her victory over her final competitor, and even predicting her tears of joy upon hearing our national anthem at her gold medal ceremony. Her commitment to her vision and her determination to see it through are a lesson in true perseverance.

We cannot understate the odds that Kayla faced in her chosen sport; no American man or woman had ever won an Olympic gold medal in Judo. Yet there is the enduring image of Kayla in London, overcome with emotion, standing at the highest point on the podium, hearing the notes of the "Star Spangled Banner." Kayla Harrison's immense courage, raw talent, and pursuit of an audacious dream inspire us all.

In closing I congratulate all our Olympians and Paralympians. In a time of uncertainty where there is so much focus on what separates and divides us, for a few weeks in late summer Kayla Harrison and her fellow athletes helped us come together as a nation and showed the world the best of America.

TRIBUTE TO 2012 UNITED STATES OLYMPIAN ALY RAISMAN

Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts. Mr. President, heading into the summer games, much of the focus was on the superstar athletes considered our best hope to bring home the gold. Certainly this was the case with Michael Phelps, LeBron James, and Sanya Richards-Ross, who seemed destined to secure gold medals for their teams. Yet, as is often the case, the Olympics produced upsets and triumphs and story lines that no one could predict. This is such a story.

Alexandra Raisman from Needham, MA, was the obvious choice for captain of the U.S. women's gymnastics team in the 30th Olympiad. She was coached by the best, the award-winning Mihai Brestyan, who, along with his wife Silvia, owns Brestyan's American Gymnastics Club in Burlington, MA, one of our country's top training facilities for gymnasts at all levels. Mihai also coached 2008 Olympic silver medalist and Winchester, MA native Alicia Sacramone.

Aly was calm under pressure, a solid performer, and could be counted on to consistently do exceptionally well. There seemed to be a peace about the