

on behalf of the diabetes community and the JDRF. I know that her family, her daughter, Lauren, and the people of Massachusetts are extremely proud of her advocacy and service.●

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT F. GILLIGAN

● Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, along with my colleague Senator COONS, I wish to recognize a valued leader and respected public servant as he embarks upon his retirement following a long and distinguished career: the Honorable Robert P. Gilligan, speaker of the House of Representatives of Delaware.

As the longest serving house member in Delaware's history, Bob Gilligan has devoted his career to bettering the State of Delaware. A native of Wilmington, Bob went to Pennsylvania to earn his bachelor's degree from St. Joseph's University and a master's degree from Villanova University. But, fortunately for the people of Delaware and specifically those in Sherwood Park in northern Delaware, Bob soon returned to the First State to begin a remarkable career in public service.

Bob was first elected to the Delaware House of Representatives in 1972, and he has served there with distinction for the past 40 years. As representative of the 19th District, he has served as house majority leader from 1983-1984, house minority whip from 1985-1995, and house minority leader from 1995-2008. In 2008, Bob was elected by his peers to be the 145th general assembly speaker of the house.

During my time as Governor of Delaware, I had the great fortune of working with Bob on a host of important issues, including education reform, welfare reform, and fiscal policy that led to Delaware's credit rating being raised to AAA for the first time in State history—a rating that the State still enjoys today. I have had the privilege of watching Bob grow as a leader in the State house and, ultimately, as speaker over the course of his 40-year tenure. During that time, what I came to admire most about Bob was his ability to bring people together to work collaboratively. His peers on both sides of the aisle have noted Bob's ability to form partnerships and ensure the house proceeds in a civil and orderly manner. This is a truly laudable feat made even more impressive by the fact that over the past 40 years, Bob has worked with 8 different Governors, 67 different State senators, 176 different State representatives, worked on 12 different committees, and had the opportunity to vote on over 15,000 House Bills.

Bob leaves behind a legacy of creating a more open, responsible, and accountable government. When he first took office as speaker in 2008, Bob's goal was clear: He wanted to change business as usual in Dover. Almost immediately, sessions began on time, committee meetings were scheduled at least 48 hours in advance, and agendas were made public at least 24 hours prior to meeting. But the reforms

didn't stop there. Under Bob's new leadership, the first bill of the new general assembly was his bill, House Bill 1, which made the Freedom of Information Act, FOIA, applicable to the general assembly, effectively opening the legislature to FOIA requests. And, fittingly, as Bob closed the chapter on his career in the house, he introduced one of his final bills, House Bill 300, which requires stricter disclosure laws with regard to campaign finance, helping to ensure that elections in Delaware races are conducted in a fair and transparent manner.

Upon his retirement, Bob described the essence of his leadership and reiterated his faith in Delaware's approach to good governance: "I hope this place never becomes like Washington D.C. It's our state. You've got to do what's right for the state. Good government and making good decisions is good politics, and if you don't get elected because of a tough decision, you still sleep well. All the decisions I've made, I never lost any sleep."

A man of extraordinary service, Bob is known as a hard-working and active legislator. In addition to his responsibilities as speaker of the house, he served on the House Administration, Ethics, House Rules, and Veteran Affairs Committees. Prior to his role as speaker, Bob served as a member of the Joint Finance Committee and was chairman of the Bond Bill Committee, the Health and Human Development Committee, and the Energy and Natural Resources Committee. Bob's leadership and commitment to serving others extends well beyond the State house. He is a life member of the Mill Creek Fire Company; a board member of the Blood Bank of Delmarva; a co-founder of the Mid-County and Absalom Jones Senior Centers; and, a parishioner of St. John the Beloved in Wilmington, DE. In addition to his title of "speaker," Bob is also known by the title of "professor" to many students through his role as an educator at Delaware Technical and Community College in Stanton.

Given Bob's incredible career of public service—both as an elected official and as a private citizen—I was of two minds when I heard of his plans to retire. On the one hand, Delaware will sorely miss its devoted public servant and leader. On the other hand, however, he will take some very well-deserved time to enjoy life with his wife Jeanne, their two daughters, son-in-law, and three grandchildren, Cole, Delaney, and Asher. We are in Jeanne's debt for sharing her husband of many years with the people of the First State.

I am truly honored to have worked with Bob Gilligan for many years and call him my friend. It is truly a privilege to pay tribute to a man who has done so much for the great State of Delaware for all of these years.●

● Mr. COONS. Mr. President, I am honored to join my senior Senator, Tom CARPER, as we rise today to honor the

legacy of one of Delaware's longest serving elected officials—Speaker of the House Bob Gilligan.

Speaker Gilligan has served in the Delaware House of Representatives for 4 decades, elected to 20 consecutive terms by his constituents. Bob was first elected in 1972 at age 29—a remarkably young age to be so focused and service-minded.

A lot has changed in this country since 1972, but not Bob's commitment to Delaware, to education, to equal rights and to making our State a better place to live.

After 40 years of service, Speaker Gilligan is retiring at the end of this legislative session to spend more time with his family, including his wife Jeanne, his daughters Katie and Shannon, and his son-in-law Gavin, as well as his grandchildren, Delaney, Cole, and Asher.

Earlier this year, a number of us gathered at the Mill Creek Fire Hall, where Bob is a lifetime honorary member, and celebrated 70/40—his 70th birthday and his 40th year of public service. All it took was a look at the crowd that gathered to see the real and positive impact Speaker Gilligan has had on our community. He always kept his constituents from his district first and foremost on his mind, even as he worked on issues of broader impact to our State and even our Nation.

It was through Speaker Gilligan's leadership that real transparency and openness was brought to Delaware State government. He led the way for House Bill 1—legislation in 2009 that made our State's open-government laws apply to the General Assembly. That may sound like simple fairness and good governance, but it wasn't an easy road to get there. It took all of Bob's legislative acumen to get it done, and now all Delawareans benefit from a more accountable and open government.

Our State has benefitted from Bob's passion and commitment in other ways, too. His legacy is felt in education programs and schools across our State, as well as at the Mid-County Senior Center, which he helped found to support local seniors and provide the recreational, educational, and nutritional services necessary for a dignified retirement.

In these times of deep division and heated political rhetoric, Bob is a breath of fresh air. He listens to diverse perspectives and values principled compromise. As someone who has been around long enough to serve as both Speaker of the House and Minority Leader for Delaware, he has worked hard to find ways to bring people together.

Our State and our Nation could use more Bob Gilligans, and I join Delawareans of all political parties in thanking him for his decades of service and wishing him well in his retirement.●

RECOGNIZING THE DEVEREUX FOUNDATION

• Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, today I have the honor of highlighting the Devereux Foundation, a nonprofit behavioral health organization that supports many underserved and vulnerable communities. The Devereux Foundation is based in Villanova, PA, but provides critical services throughout the entire country. They are about to celebrate their 100th anniversary.

The Devereux Foundation began as the Devereux School, which was established in 1912 by Helena Devereux. Helena Devereux was a Philadelphia schoolteacher known for her success at working with special needs children. Devereux attempted an integrated, residential therapy approach, where lessons were integrated into daily routines. This was a radical approach for its time, but it was one based on Helena Devereux's firsthand experiences as a teacher. The results were a resounding success: by 1920, 22 children out of her 30 students had improved significantly.

By 1938, the State of Pennsylvania granted the Devereux Schools a nonprofit charter, and the Devereux Foundation was established. The foundation expanded to the west coast in the 1940s, and in the 1950s, it began research and clinical training efforts. Today, the Devereux Foundation operates a national network of clinical, therapeutic, educational and employment programs that serve children, adolescents, and adults. Their services include, but are not limited to, residential and day treatment programs, foster care homes, special education day schools, family counseling, and prevocational training. In this role, the Devereux Foundation has played a critical part in uplifting the needy and assisting the vulnerable, in Pennsylvania and across the Nation.

I am grateful for all of the work that Devereux and its employees have done over the last century, and I am proud that Devereux, a national leader in the field of behavioral health care, calls Pennsylvania home. I have heard stories of the many individuals with special needs whom Devereux supports and nurtures. Many are children, and I have seen how these families struggle to find the appropriate care and educational services for them. There is a line in Scripture that says, "Every child has a light." Devereux plays an especially important role in nurturing children who need a little more help to reach their full potential, a little extra to let their light shine out. I congratulate them on a century of hard work and wish them many more years of success.

As we move forward with the fight to ensure that quality and affordable health care is accessible to all Americans, I call on us to recognize and emulate the efforts of the Devereux Foundation and the role they have played in bringing about positive change throughout the country.●

REMEMBERING HENRY MOORE

• Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, today I rise to honor and remember Henry L. Moore for his exceptional service to his community, Commonwealth, an country.

Born April 8, 1921 in Ocilla, GA, the son of Andrew and Eliza Moore, Henry entered the armed services on September 22, 1942. Though originally from the Peach State, Henry spent his adult life living in Pennsylvania.

Henry was a man of service, a man of science, and a man of faith. Today I wish to honor him as such.

As a man of service, Henry distinguished himself as one of the Tuskegee Airmen who so faithfully served our country during one of its darkest hours. Drafted in 1942, Henry graduated from the only class of African-American airplane mechanics at Lincoln Airbase in Nebraska in June 1943. After graduation he was assigned to the ground crew of the Fifteenth Air Force 332nd Fighter group. By 1944 Henry had become a crew chief working on B-25 bombers in the Mediterranean theater.

The Tuskegee Airmen hold a special place in American history, and Henry never forgot his part in it. Throughout the rest of his life, he remained active in the Tuskegee Airmen Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to honoring the accomplishments of African Americans in the U.S. Army Air Corps during WWII and introducing young people across the Nation to the world of aviation and science through local and national programs. At the time of his passing, Henry was serving his second term as the national parliamentarian of that organization.

As a man of science, Henry graduated from West Virginia State College with a bachelor of science in physics and electrical engineering and later with a master of science from Temple University. Following graduation, Henry began a career physics and electronic engineering until retiring from government service after 26 years.

Henry loved science, and, following his retirement, he continued to pass this passion on by teaching science and math, first at Roosevelt Middle School and then later at Abraham Lincoln High School in the Philadelphia school district.

As a man of faith, Henry was very active in his church. Always involved, Henry served on a number of boards and was president of both the deacons and trustees. His love of music intertwined with his church life as he sang in the choir and on special occasions played his trumpet.

As Henry's family and friends mourn his loss, I pray that they will be comforted by the knowledge that this great Nation will never forget the service and sacrifice of Henry L. Moore. May he rest in peace.●

HONORING COLONEL EUGENE SMITH

• Mr. COONS. Mr. President, I wish to commemorate the extraordinary life of Col. Eugene Smith of Wilmington, DE.

Gene was the eldest child of Pat and Mary Smith, and his family's story is the American story. He was born in Ireland but moved to Wilmington at age 13, where he grew up playing sports and joined the Delaware National Guard while he was still attending Salesianum High School. After spending some time at seminary and working at DuPont—a great Delaware tradition—Gene went on Active Duty when the National Guard was federalized in the early 1940s. Colonel Smith served with honor in World War II and rose quickly to become a highly regarded military investigator with the Office of Strategic Services, leading the now-famous investigation into the post-war theft of over \$1 million in jewels.

On Thanksgiving Day 1952, the Smiths heard the knock at the door that every military family fears. Two Air Force officers brought news that a plane en route from Washington State to Alaska had crashed, and all 51 onboard were missing, including Gene.

The wreckage of the aircraft was spotted east of Anchorage, but by the time recovery teams entered the area, it had vanished, likely buried by an avalanche. The crash was simply stamped "unresolved."

But America doesn't give up on our military heroes. We don't abandon our service men and women, no matter how long it takes. That is why I was so glad to read in the News Journal that on June 10 of this year, the Smith family finally got the closure they have been seeking. An Alaska Army National Guard team in a helicopter spotted debris on a glacier, and a specialized team was called in to officially identify it as the lost aircraft from more than 60 years ago. The remains of the souls lost that day were exhumed, identified, and buried at Arlington National Cemetery—the resting place for American heroes.

The only surviving brother of Colonel Smith, Mike Smith of Wilmington, has carried on his family's legacy of service with honor and dignity, and we are proud to count him among our neighbors. I join all Delawareans in saluting the service and sacrifice of Col. Eugene Smith of Wilmington.●

TRIBUTE TO ADMIRAL KIRKLAND DONALD

• Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, my colleague Senator JIM RISCH joins me today in paying tribute to ADM Kirkland Donald, U.S. Navy, as he prepares to complete a naval career that began with his graduation from the Naval Academy in 1975 and concludes with his past 8 years of service as Director of the Office of Naval Reactors.

As Director of the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program, Admiral Donald