

miles and hotel points is a wonderful—and easy—way for Americans to express their appreciation for our brave warriors and their families. Another worthy organization is America's Vet Dogs, which is working with inmates provided by the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to train service dogs to aid returning veterans who are disabled.

There are countless other groups doing an immeasurable amount of good for our veterans and their families but we always can—and should—do more. So on this Veterans Day, I ask that all Americans give something back to the people who have given so much for this country. Our veterans deserve it, and our country is made stronger when everyone makes sacrifices for it. Veterans understand sacrificing for others; we honor our veterans if we understood that too.

Mr. President, as we honor the brave men and women who have served in our military, we also must turn our thoughts and prayers to those who currently wear a uniform in service to our country, especially those in harm's way in Afghanistan and around the world. They are tomorrow's veterans. So during this lameduck session of the 112th Congress and as we prepare for the 113th Congress, I urge my colleagues to consider our Active-Duty service members, our veterans, and their families' needs as we legislate. It is my deepest hope addressing those needs will not be mired down by partisanship on either side of the aisle.

In closing, I would like to extend my deepest and most sincere thanks to our Active-Duty service men and women, veterans, and their families. I thank you for your selfless service, your dedication, your strength of character, and your courage. As a nation, we owe you an eternal debt of gratitude and appreciation for your innumerable sacrifices on our behalf.

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the outstanding military service of a group of incredible Coloradans. These World War II veterans each played a role in defending the world from tyranny, truly earning their reputation as the "greatest generation" through their service and sacrifice. Now, thanks to an organization dedicated to honoring these veterans for all they have done for us, these great Coloradans came to Washington, DC, to visit the National World War II Memorial, to share their experiences with later generations and to pay tribute to those who gave their lives. It is an honor to have had them here, and I join with all Coloradans in thanking them for all they have done for us.

I also want to say a word about the volunteers from Honor Flight of Southern Colorado who made this trip possible. They are great Coloradans in their own right, and their mission to bring our southern Colorado veterans to Washington, DC, is truly commendable. They have been doing great work

since their inaugural flight in June 2012, this week bringing another group of American heroes to Washington, DC. The volunteers of Honor Flight of Southern Colorado believe our veteran heroes aren't asking for recognition, but they certainly deserve it. This opportunity to come to Washington is just a small token of appreciation for those who gave so much.

I wish to publicly recognize the members of the Southern Colorado Honor Flight who visited their Nation's Capital, many seeing for the first time the memorials their Nation built as a tribute to their selfless service. These are the lucky veterans, the ones who came home. Their war memorials also pay tribute to those who have paid the ultimate price. Today I honor these Colorado veterans on their visit to Washington, DC:

From the U.S. Army: Adolph Wolff, Jack Traxler, Earl Clark, Leroy Jensen, James Beham, and Sherwood Gray; from the U.S. Army Air Corps: Howard Casey and Will "Lew" Finlaynson; from the U.S. Navy: Raymond Feather, Howard Pease, Pete Demario, James Welty, and Clyde Womer; and from the U.S. Marine Corps: Jess Masias.

Our Nation asked a great deal of these individuals: to leave their families to fight in unknown lands against a deadly enemy. And each of these brave Coloradans bravely answered the call, placing themselves between this country and harm. They served our country through dangerous times, when democratic nations and ideals around the world were threatened, and they saved entire continents from falling to fascism and tyranny.

Please join me in thanking these Colorado veterans and the volunteers of Honor Flight of Southern Colorado for their tremendous service to an eternally grateful nation.

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, we have all paused to remember our Nation's veterans this week. This year, the Daniels Scholars wrote letters to our country's heroes in uniform. These letters, published in *Because of you* . . . Letters of Gratitude from the 2012 Daniels Scholars to the Defenders of American Freedom, are heartwarming.

The Daniels Scholarship Program was created by a true American patriot, Bill Daniels. Bill was awarded the Bronze Star for his service in the Navy in World War II. He was called back into service during the Korean War. Bill went on to have a tremendously successful career. Due to his generosity, young people from Wyoming, Utah, New Mexico, and Colorado are selected to be Daniels Scholars. In addition to their college tuition and fees, they receive tremendous support and encouragement to give back to their communities.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the letter written by Megan Saylor from Casper, WY. May it inspire all who read it.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

Dear Soldier,

I would like to begin by thanking you from the bottom of my heart for your military service to our country. I'm struggling to find the appropriate words that can explain how thankful I am, but the truth is, there are none. Because of you, I am able to sit in this room and freely express my thoughts and begin my path on to a bright future. You made the sacrifice for me, and now it's my turn to return the favor to you. I may not be able to repay you with what you gave me, my freedom, but I can assure you that I will reach for my dreams. I will be successful. I will make a difference. As a 2012 Daniels Scholar, I will live my life with integrity, honesty, loyalty, character, and I will contribute and give back to my community. All too often, we take for granted our rights and freedoms; we live in the best country in the world and you made that possible. You and your family. Actually, after listening to our speakers from the military, meeting with my friend who just returned from Afghanistan, and now writing this letter to you, my major could be changing. Helping our country's soldiers would be the ultimate way to return the favor. You are an amazing person for what you did for our country. Just know wherever you are, whatever struggle you are going through, just know you aren't forgotten. I'll think about you constantly, praying for you and those who are still fighting, and those who will never return. Because of you, I am living a better life, and I won't disappoint you, my country and my community. Thank you again from the bottom of my heart. Never give up!

Sending my highest regards, respect, and love, Megan Saylor, Casper, Wyoming.

REMEMBERING RUSSELL TRAIN

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I rise to briefly honor a distinguished former Republican environmental and conservation leader. As my colleagues know, Russell Train passed away on September 17.

Mr. Train was the first head of the Council on Environmental Quality under President Nixon and the second EPA Administrator, serving under both Presidents Nixon and Ford. He was the chairman emeritus of the World Wildlife Fund and helped found the organization in the 1960s. He founded the African Wildlife Leadership Foundation in 1961 and was president of the Conservation Foundation from 1965 to 1969.

He was a shining example of the age when the political parties cooperated on environmental protection, and Republicans even sometimes led the way forward. He implemented and defended the Clean Air Act and helped protect the health and welfare of millions of Americans. In recent years, he specifically criticized the modern Republican party's rejection of health and science-based decisionmaking, especially as related to EPA's authority to address climate change and carbon pollution. In a 2010 interview, he stated that he had become a registered Independent.

I hope that the Republican Party will soon return to the example of statesmanship and good governance set by Russell Train. Our Nation has enormous environmental challenges, like

climate change, that must be addressed in a bipartisan fashion.

If today's Republican Party leadership continues to keep its members' heads stuck in the sand on the matter of the manmade carbon pollution that is contributing to record-setting drought, heat waves, floods, and other extreme weather in the United States and globally, they will bear the greatest responsibility for the economic, ecosystem, and public health damages that will only accelerate and grow over time.

They would be wise instead to adopt Mr. Train's worthy counsel from his memoir: "Today, as a nation, we urgently need to develop the political will to overcome our avoidance of difficult environmental decisions. The problems will only get worse, and we have a long way to go."

REMEMBERING SENATOR ARLEN SPECTER

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, it was more than 40 years ago when two young prosecutors, one from the biggest city in Pennsylvania and one from a smaller town in rural Vermont, came together at an annual meeting of the National District Attorneys Association in Philadelphia. Little did Arlen Specter and I know then that we would spend 30 years working together in the United States Senate, building on our bond as former prosecutors, seeking to bridge the partisan divide, and striving to find common ground on some of the most contentious issues of our time.

Arlen Specter's public service began during the Korean War. When elected to serve as Philadelphia's District Attorney, he led landmark prosecutions against public corruption and to rid his city's streets of some of the country's most hardened criminals. He was a prosecutor's prosecutor.

Arlen Specter also was a Senator's Senator. He loved the Constitution, he loved and honored the institutions of our democracy, and he loved policymaking and the political process. As a Senator he tried to put the interests of the Nation and the Senate's special role in our system above partisanship while always representing and serving the people of Pennsylvania. He believed in aggressive oversight of government agencies, regardless of the administration's affiliation, from our bipartisan investigation of the shootout at Ruby Ridge, to the political firings of U.S. attorneys and the threats to civil liberties posed during the Bush administration. He reached across the aisle to partner with me to try to pass comprehensive asbestos legislation and we joined to reauthorize the Voting Rights Act during the Bush administration. He supported more transparency, in every branch of our government, to ensure the American people knew what their government was doing. He was a strong supporter of law enforcement and a vigorous and fair judicial system. And he joined with TOM HARKIN to di-

rect billions of dollars to the National Institutes of Health and cancer research.

His work ethic and dedication were tested when he was first diagnosed with an advanced form of Hodgkin's lymphoma in 2005. Through that ordeal, Arlen kept his humor, his spirit, and his rigorous work schedule. He served as chairman of the Judiciary Committee in 2005 and 2006. I was the ranking Democratic member of the committee during those years and worked collaboratively to make my friend a success and ensured that we treated him fairly. During those years and those that followed, when it was my turn to chair the committee and his to lead the Republican members, we used to joke that we spoke to each other more often than we spoke to our wives, Marcelle and Joan.

Arlen was a fighter. I never knew anyone who worked or fought harder. I think he hoped to fight through his disease one more time.

The history books will note that Arlen Specter was the longest-serving U.S. Senator in Pennsylvania history. History should remember Arlen Specter as a person who tried to do what he thought was best for the country and to challenge the ever more constricting litmus test of partisan politics. He represented Pennsylvania and served the Nation. Like the Republican Senators who have represented Vermont, Arlen is an example to all senators, of any party. He will be missed.

REMEMBERING ROGER D. FISHER

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, on August 25, 2012, the United States and the world lost one of its most creative thinkers and problem solvers. Roger D. Fisher, Williston Professor of Law at Harvard University and coauthor of "Getting to Yes: Negotiating Without Giving In," the most widely read book ever written on the subject, was 90 years old.

Roger Fisher was a pioneer and a giant in the field of negotiation. He not only changed the way people think about dispute resolution, inspiring and mentoring countless students who have gone on to use his teachings in their own careers, he applied his theories to real-life conflicts from South America to the Middle East.

I had the good fortune to meet Roger and was struck by his affable manner and big smile, his inquisitive mind, and, perhaps above all, his enthusiasm for devising creative ways to help others solve seemingly intractable problems and in doing so make the world a better place. No conflict was too big or too small. He had imaginative, thoughtful approaches to everything, from ending the Vietnam war to resolving an argument among siblings at the family dinner table.

Roger was a gifted advocate. He had a brilliant mind and an extraordinary ability to persuade. But, as others have said, "he taught that conflict was not

simply a 'zero-sum' game in which a fixed pie is simply divided through haggling or threats." Rather, it was about how one approaches the problem, recognizing the other side's needs, understanding their interests, and in doing so maximizing outcomes for both sides. That was the genius of the "without giving in" part of "Getting to Yes." While some might assume he meant getting one's way at another's expense, Roger recognized that is rarely possible or desirable, and it is often not necessary for a good result. But he also saw how lacking in the basic analytical and practical tools of negotiation most people are.

I often think of Roger when I see the House and Senate so polarized and incapable of the positive, creative thinking and compromise that are necessary to deal effectively with issues of importance to our constituents, to the country, and to the world. "Getting to Yes" should be mandatory reading for every Member of Congress. It contains invaluable lessons for the job the American people sent us here to do.

I want to express my condolences to Roger's two sons, Elliot and Peter. Elliot Fisher lives in Vermont, is a respected physician at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center and a leading voice for health policy reform. Peter Fisher has had a distinguished career in finance, including at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and as an Under Secretary of the Treasury. I have no doubt they both have put to good use the lessons of their father.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD an obituary in the Economist about Roger Fisher.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

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ROGER FISHER

ROGER FISHER, LAWYER, TEACHER AND PEACEMAKER, DIED ON AUGUST 25TH, AGED 90

He might be an academic—40 years on the faculty of Harvard Law School—but Roger Fisher was really a fixer. He would relax by mending the plumbing, or laying brick terraces at the summer house he loved in Martha's Vineyard. But that was tiddler stuff. At breakfast he would scan the New York Times, looking for bigger problems he could fix: arms control, hostage-taking, the Middle East. Over dinner the conversation would be sorting out Vietnam, or ending the war in El Salvador. At his 80th birthday party, most other guests gone, he was found deep in a discussion of peace between Arabs and Israelis.

As long as there were disputes in the world and energy in his body, he was going to help resolve them. If it needed a letter to a head of state, he would send it. If it needed him on the next flight to Moscow or Tokyo, he would catch it. People didn't have to invite him in. He would go anyway, tall, slim and smiling, and slip into action behind the scenes. With that sunny confidence he always had, he knew he could make the world better. And so did others: J.K. Galbraith remarked that if he knew Mr. Fisher was on to a problem, it always eased his conscience.

Mr. Fisher had a system. He outlined it with William Ury in his book "Getting to