

He received his Green Beret earlier this year.

Shawn was born in Albany, NY and grew up in the Town of Salem, New Hampshire. An alumnus of Salem High School, Shawn attended the Virginia Military Institute where he was captain of both the cross-country team and the track and field team. He joined the U.S. Army upon graduation in 2006.

Shawn's military honors include the Bronze Star Medal, two Army Commendation Medals, two Army Achievement Medals, the Army Service Ribbon, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal with one Campaign Star, the National Defense Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Sapper Tab, the Ranger Tab, the Special Forces Tab, and the Parachutist Badge.

Shawn was an avid runner, hiker, rock climber, and skier and is remembered for his love of the great outdoors and for his impressive athletic ability. At the Virginia Military Institute, for instance, Shawn placed seventh out of 3,600 cadets in an Army ROTC competition. When he wasn't outperforming the competition on the playing field, Shawn was outperforming his peers in the classroom. Friends and teachers recall Shawn's intense intellectual curiosity and independent mind. He was a finalist in the prestigious Rhodes and Marshal Scholarship competitions, won an award for the best thesis in science and engineering, and was valedictorian of his class at the Institute.

Shawn is also remembered for the kindness he showed others and for his willingness to help anyone in need. He stood out as an athlete, a student, and a person, and his death is a huge loss for all who knew him, for New Hampshire, and for the country.

Shawn dedicated his talents and his life in the service of his community and his country. He answered the call of duty to defend our way of life, and for that, all Americans are forever grateful.

Sadly, Shawn is the fifth Salem High School graduate in recent years to die while serving our country. To honor Shawn and all others who have served before him, it is our duty to remain committed to the cause of freedom and to our returning veterans and their families.

Shawn is survived by his parents, Jean and Richard Hogan of Salem; and his sister, Nicole, also of Salem.

I ask my colleagues and all Americans to join me in honoring the bright life and service of CPT Shawn G. Hogan.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### REMEMBERING DR. EMMA WALTON

• Mr. BEGICH. Mr. President, I wish to recognize the passing of one of Alaska's most accomplished, influential and respected educators, Dr. Emma Walton.

Dr. Walton died recently at the age of 79 in Anchorage, AK. At the time of her death, she was a science education consultant for NASA's Aerospace Education Services Project at the space agency's Ames Research Center.

An accomplished teacher, Dr. Walton taught high school biology in Louisiana, Maryland, and Alaska. Her advanced degrees in science education from Bowie State College and Doctoral Degree in Education Administration Policy gave her opportunities to meet, interact with and work alongside students, teachers and administrators from all over the world. Dr. Walton served as the president of the National Science Teachers Association and held countless chair positions on committees, advisory boards, task forces, judging panels and university groups.

Dr. Walton, a beloved teacher and mentor, played a key role in the development of science education in Alaska and in the United States. Her efforts to promote innovative and sound science teaching practices influenced countless students and teachers. Her passion for science education was second to none, and we are all better for knowing her. Dr. Walton will be missed by many. ●

#### RECOGNIZING THE D'ANTONI FAMILY

• Mr. MANCHIN. Mr. President, today I wish to speak about a great West Virginian, Lewis D'Antoni, and his extraordinary family. I do so because the D'Antoni family is being honored tonight for the countless lives they have influenced and the untold students they have inspired to reach for the stars. At its annual dinner in Charleston, the Education Alliance of West Virginia will celebrate the D'Antonis. And I wish to add my salute to this remarkable family and to thank its patriarch for all he has done for the people of West Virginia in a lifetime of almost 99 years—as a dedicated educator, as an innovative coach, as an inspiring man of integrity and industry.

Lewis D'Antoni had a long career as an educator but he is best known throughout West Virginia as the "coach's coach." And for good reason! He was one of West Virginia's greatest high school basketball coaches, with 450 victories, including a State championship, while coaching at Mullens High School in Wyoming County. He believed in fast-forward basketball even before there was a shot clock. So it should not surprise anyone that two of his sons, Mike and Dan, have been advocates of the run-and-gun offense in their NBA coaching careers. And with Mike named just this week as the new coach of the Los Angeles Lakers—reunited with point guard Steve Nash—look for a lot of full-court play at The Forum this season.

All four of the children Lewis parented with his late wife, Betty Jo, are accomplished and respected throughout West Virginia. Their youngest son, Mark, was an Academic All-American

basketball player at Coastal Carolina College and is a partner in a Charleston law firm. And their daughter, Kathy, is an assistant state superintendent of schools in West Virginia and the author of two books on adult education. The D'Antonis personify the power of families—working hard, supporting each other and standing together, no matter how tough times may get. These are the values of the D'Antoni family. These are the families of the West Virginia family.

Lewis D'Antoni's father, Andrea, came from Italy to West Virginia in 1910. He was so proud to be an American that he initiated what is probably a very unique tradition in any American household, especially these days. Every April 15, after paying his taxes, Andrea D'Antoni would open a bottle of wine and celebrate Tax Day with the entire family. Kathy D'Antoni remembers stories of how happy her grandfather was to pay his taxes because, as she explains, "he loved America and he wanted to show his appreciation and to give something back to this great country."

That has been the hallmark of the D'Antoni family ever since Andrea D'Antoni's Tax Day celebrations. That certainly has been the hallmark of Lewis D'Antoni's life work—through his many years as a coach, a teacher and school administrator. He taught discipline on the court and in the classroom. He emphasized that success depends on "how well you prepare" and "how you react to the ebb and flow" of the game. And never, ever give up. And that has also been the hallmark of the careers of his children, Mike, Dan, Mark and Kathy. All have given great service to their communities, their State and their country.

The Education Alliance is a non-profit organization that works to keep students in school and on track to graduate through various programs, including mentoring. And every year, at its annual dinner, the organization honors West Virginians who have had a positive impact on the lives of students, as role models for discipline and hard work. This year, the Education Alliance is honoring the D'Antoni family whose own lives bear witness to the fact that talent is unstoppable, that tenacity has rewards and that dreams can come true. They have lived lives that made Andrea D'Antoni's dream come true—that the D'Antoni family name would be honored in America and in West Virginia. ●

#### RECOGNIZING THE JUNEAU EMPIRE CENTENNIAL

• Ms. MURKOWSKI. On November 2, 1912, the Alaska Daily Empire published its first edition in Juneau. Over the next one hundred years it would bear the names Daily Alaska Empire, the Juneau Alaska Empire, the Southeast Alaska Empire and today, The Juneau Empire. I wish to pay tribute to The Juneau Empire on the occasion of its centennial anniversary.

From the Gold Rush days and through much of the 20th Century, Juneau was quite a competitive newspaper town. The Empire was not Juneau's first newspaper. That distinction belongs to the Alaska Free Press, which was first published in 1887. But in rough and tumble Juneau, newspapers came and went. The Empire is the only one of perhaps 18 newspapers that survived.

In 1912, when the Empire was founded, there was but one daily newspaper in Juneau, the Daily Alaska Dispatch, which was Republican oriented and reflected the progressivism of Theodore Roosevelt's era.

Franklin Alexander Strong was a Democrat at a time when his party in Alaska was conservative and business oriented. A newspaper man who had already established The Nome Nugget, Alaska's oldest newspaper in 1900, Strong had already relocated to Seattle when he was wooed back to Alaska. There were plans to make Strong Alaska's second Territorial Governor at the time. Fortunately, Strong left a printing press in Iditarod, AK, another Gold Rush town, and moved it to Juneau upon his return to launch the Empire as well as his political career.

In spite of his political aspirations, Strong promised that the paper would be politically independent, "reserving the right to comment or fairly criticize any political party that may be in control of the federal or territorial administrations." Strong had much to criticize.

Strong's initial editorial read in part: Notwithstanding the many disabilities under which Alaska has labored for years past, partly due to ignorance, misinformation and misdirected zeal on the part of the national school of ultra-conservationists, the growth and development of this great commonwealth has been greatly retarded, if not absolutely prohibited in important sections. A change in policy by the federal administration we believe to be indispensable to the end that the people of Alaska may be permitted to enjoy the fruits of their labors, in developing its great latent natural resources.

This is a man who understood Alaska. Sadly, Strong was prescient about the challenges that Alaska would face dealing with the Federal Government in the coming years. His 1912 editorial could very easily appear in Alaska newspapers during this 21st century.

Strong would achieve his dream of becoming Alaska's second Territorial Governor in 1913, a role he would hold until April 1918 when it was discovered that Strong was not eligible to hold the job because he was a Canadian who had never obtained US citizenship. Another of the Empire's leaders, John Weir Troy, would serve as Alaska's Territorial Governor, serving as publisher after Strong from 1914 until he became Governor in 1933. From 1933 to 1955 the Empire's publisher was one of the first women to run a newspaper in Alaska, Helen Troy Bender Monsen. She was followed by William Prescott Allen from 1955 to just after Statehood in 1960 and then by Donald W. Reynolds until 1969.

The Empire's modern period began in 1969 when the Morris newspaper chain of Augusta, Georgia acquired and brought stability to the publication. This would be a godsend to Juneau in its fight to forestall repeated efforts to move Alaska's capital out of the Southeast city. The Empire would be a vehement opponent of the move.

The Empire was unusual at its founding in that it was a non-partisan newspaper, not supposedly favoring either national political party. It made that point in its first edition when it said:

It may well be here to emphasize that the Empire is not in politics. Politics is a mere incidental to a legitimate business industry. As a matter of fact, Alaska has been suffering, and is still suffering from a glut of politics. More work and less talk of partisan politics may accomplish something tangible.

The newspaper was unusual in other ways. While crime news was a fixture—the paper's first crime stories were focused on Robert Stroud, who became famous as the Birdman of Alcatraz after he shot and killed a bartender in Juneau to start his criminal record—became one of the first papers in the Nation to run an obituary of a dog on its front page. On March 31, 1942, the paper ran the obituary of Patsy Ann, a pit bull, who met every steamship to dock in downtown Juneau for more than a decade, often posing for pictures with visitors "with an aloof . . . dignity that befitted her official position," as the town's official mascot, the dog being the only animal that the City Council itself paid for her dog license.

The Empire over the years made its living covering "hard" news—from the town's first industry, gold mining, to fisheries and government affairs, highlighted by World War I, World War II and the Cold War with Russia. But the paper also found time to cover visiting dignitaries to Alaska's Capital City, from President Warren Harding who arrived on July 10, 1923 to movie stars John Barrymore, Ingrid Bergman and Gary Grant and from comedians Bob Hope and Edgar Bergen, to a four-legged movie star—Lassie.

Over the years the Empire has been home to a number of writers who would go on to play significant roles in Alaska public policy issues. Larry Persily, who once served as the Empire's Managing Editor, today serves as Federal Coordinator for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects. Kim Elton, who served as editor from March 1976 until June 1978 would go on to represent Juneau in the Alaska Legislature and currently serves as Director of Alaska Affairs at the US Department of the Interior under Secretary Ken Salazar.

On behalf of my Senate colleagues, I congratulate the staff of the Juneau Empire on the occasion of the newspaper's 100th birthday and wish the Juneau Empire many more years of service to the people of Alaska.●

#### REMEMBERING RUBY RIDDLE

● Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, they call Fairbanks in my home State of Alaska the "Golden Heart City." Ruby Riddle, who moved to Fairbanks from North Carolina in 1963 called it "heaven." Ruby would know this. She was designated Official Hostess of the City of Fairbanks in 2001 and of the Fairbanks North Star Borough in 2006. With the Mayors of the City of Fairbanks and the Fairbanks North Star Borough at her bedside, "Miss Ruby" passed away on November 1, 2012. I rise today to speak in memory of a lovely lady who epitomized all that is special about Interior Alaska.

Ruby Lenore Riddle was reportedly eighty something when she died. A true Southern woman never admits her age. She was born on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, in Lenoir, NC. An independent spirit, Ruby came north with her husband in 1963. He passed away in 1989 and she decided to stay in Alaska. Fairbanks was Miss Ruby's home from the day she arrived. She worked for the Northern Commercial Company which later became Nordstrom. When Nordstrom closed, Miss Ruby went to work for Lamont's until her retirement. Retirement, said Miss Ruby, is when life begins.

Miss Ruby lived her life with gusto. She was an impeccable dresser—always. If something was going on in Fairbanks, Miss Ruby was there with a camera. She shot thousands of photographs with visitors and locals at events and functions. After the function she would have the film processed and send it with a handwritten note card. Those notes were signed, "Southern Ms. Ruby." Miss Ruby was involved in the Fairbanks community like none other. She attended the local assembly meetings, city council meetings, chamber meetings, townhalls and military functions. She had a reserved seat in the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly Chamber and rarely if ever missed a meeting.

Following Miss Ruby's passing that reserved seat was adorned with a simple lavender vase holding pink and white flowers ringed by pieces of candy that Miss Ruby would often hand out.

Ruby Riddle was not an Alaskan by birth but she was surely a Fairbanks original, and we miss her greatly.●

#### RECOGNIZING PAT'S PIZZA OLD PORT

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, each year on the November 11, as a nation, we celebrate the service of all U.S. military veterans. Veterans Day is a chance to honor those who protect our freedom while they give others the opportunity to pursue the American dream. It is our veteran entrepreneurs who know the sacrifices and struggles both of military service and of pursuing that dream first hand. Today I rise to recognize and commend two such veteran entrepreneurs, Chris and