

former member of the Defense Science Board and vice chairman emeritus of the Air Force Studies Board of the National Academies, as well as a fellow at the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

Taylor is extremely bright, highly respected, and committed to excellence in his field. I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to work with him during his time as my staff director in the Senate, and am proud to represent a State that so many of today's professional leaders, Taylor included, also call home.

I congratulate Taylor on his "Hometown Hero" award, and know that it was well-deserved.

#### REMEMBERING PAUL DAVIS

Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to Paul Davis, who passed away in his home on Sunday, September 23, 2012, at the age of 74. He was an award-winning journalist whose contributions to the journalism industry him the deepest respect from his peers and community. I am grateful that I was able to call Paul a longtime friend and mourn his passing.

Born on September 3, 1938 in Clanton, AL, Paul enjoyed a long career as not only a journalist and publisher, but as an advocate for those who did not have a voice. He served as the owner and publisher of the Auburn Bulletin and Tuskegee News for 25 years and for many years authored a Sunday column in the Opelika-Auburn News. Under his watch, the Auburn Bulletin and Tuskegee News won dozens of awards for their quality news coverage.

One of Paul's greatest achievements was his impeccable reporting on cases of negligence and abuse of mentally disabled patients at the Partlow School and Bryce Hospital for the mentally ill. His stories on these injustices led to a decision by the Federal court that required patients with disabilities receive an equal standard of care. For this work he was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize and appointed by Governor Bob Riley to the Alabama Department of Mental Health Board of Directors.

Throughout his life and established career, Paul was honored with numerous awards, among them the Alabama Press Association's Lifetime Achievement Award, the Community Service Journalism Award from Auburn University, a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program, and the Meritorious Service Award from the Auburn University Chapter of the American Association of University Professors.

Outside of the newspaper business, Paul was one of the founding members of the Food Bank of Lee County and served as the president of the organization for 2 years. He continued to serve on its board as it expanded into five additional counties. He was also a member of the Auburn Church of Christ.

Paul was one of my most trusted friends. An outstanding writer, thor-

ough reporter, and advocate for the less fortunate, he was a man of the highest integrity and was an inspiration to me and to many in the journalism and mental health communities. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends, especially his wife, Gayle, his children, Alan, Susan, and Chris, and his stepchildren, Roger, Keith, and Scott, as they mourn the loss of this irreplaceable man.

Paul's legacy will no doubt live on in the community and in the hearts of those who knew him. His contributions to journalism in Alabama and to the causes that he believed in will forever be remembered.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### RECOGNIZING THE JUNEAU EMPIRE'S CENTENNIAL

• Mr. BEGICH. Mr. President, today we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Juneau Empire, a Morris Communications publication that has been providing news to southeast Alaska since long before Alaska secured statehood. The newspaper was established in 1912, a year before Alaska's territorial legislature first convened. Originally called the Alaska Daily Empire, this newspaper has documented Alaska history as it happened and continues to be a reliable, prominent source of information.

The city and borough of Juneau is the capital of Alaska and covers more area than the entire State of Delaware. The Juneau Empire is an important chronicler of government and tribal affairs in this city accessible only by airplane or ferry. For decades, there have been efforts to move the capital closer to Anchorage, and the Empire has been a strong and successful advocate of preserving Juneau's status as Alaska's capital. In a State with such vast geographic distances, responsible and accurate news reporting from the capital is imperative, and the Juneau Empire has risen to that challenge time after time.

Over the years, contributors to the Juneau Empire have won journalism awards from the Alaska Press Club and the Society of Professional Journalism. Past editors and leadership at the paper have included territorial governors and other prominent political figures in Alaska history, making the Empire an historical figure in its own right.

As media has changed, so has the Juneau Empire. Its graceful transition into the digital age has kept the publication relevant and accessible. While Alaska develops and builds a national and global presence, the importance of reliable news and information about our great State is vital. Today, I honor the hard work and dedication of the many Alaskans who have worked for and contributed to the Juneau Empire over the past century. I hope the Empire will be documenting history for another 100 years.●

#### TRIBUTE TO JACKIE KERBY MOORE

• Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Jackie Kerby Moore for being named one of the 2012 Distinguished Alumni from New Mexico State University. This is an honor given by the New Mexico State University Alumni Association to individuals who have distinguished themselves and thus bring honor and distinction to NMSU.

Moore received an athletic scholarship to play at NMSU and continued on teams after college, winning the Women's Fastpitch National Championship in 1984 with the Arrow Butane Flames from Las Cruces.

I have had the honor to work with Moore in her role as the executive director of the Sandia Science & Technology Park since its inception in 1998. This 200+ acre technology community is located adjacent to and affiliated with Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, NM. In her role as executive director, she oversees all aspects of the park—including the management, marketing, recruiting of tenant companies, and securing of funding for infrastructure improvements. The park now serves as home for 25 companies employing almost 1,500 people, and total investment in the Park exceeds \$253 million.

Under Moore's leadership, the Sandia Science & Technology Park has received the Technology-Led Economic Development Award from the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration, Outstanding Partnership Award from the Federal Laboratories Consortium Mid-Continent Region, President's Award from the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties, and Roadrunner and Piñon Awards from Quality New Mexico. The park has also been recognized with Public/Private Partnership Awards from the New Mexico State Land Office, Mid-Region Council of Governments, and the International Economic Development Council.

Moore serves as an advocate for New Mexico State University and lends her expertise for the advancement of the Arrowhead Research Park. She is a strong supporter of Arrowhead's Entrepreneurship Center and mentors staff and faculty. She has been an involved alumna by supporting College of Business endeavors and engaging with faculty.

I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Jackie Kerby Moore and thanking her for her commitment to education and technology. It gives me great pleasure to acknowledge her years of service and much deserved success.●

#### TRIBUTE TO MATT WILLIAMS

• Mr. JOHANNIS. Mr. President, today I wish to congratulate and commend Matt Williams, a life-long Nebraskan,

as he recently began his term as chairman of the American Bankers Association.

Mr. Williams is the president and chairman of Gothenburg State Bank, in Gothenburg, NE. Matt has led the bank for 39 years, an institution founded by his great-grandfather. I am fully confident that his strong work ethic, fostered by working summers on the family ranch, and his wealth of knowledge of banking issues will lead him to much success in his new position.

An extremely active member of the community, Mr. Williams has taken a personal role in growing the local economy. He has joined forces with other local leaders to promote Gothenburg, a small town of less than 4,000 people which is now home to operations of 4 Fortune 500 companies. Matt's solid understanding of how access to capital can cultivate economic development and job growth will be essential as he promotes the values of the banking community.

Matt is also no stranger to advocating on behalf of the banking industry. In 2003 and 2004, he served as chairman of the Nebraska Bankers Association and currently serves on the FDIC Advisory Committee on Community Banking. The American Bankers Association is fortunate to have someone with Matt Williams' knowledge and leadership skills at the helm. He understands the important role banks can play in an economic recovery.

I am confident Matt will tackle the obligations of this new position with the same tenacity that has brought him so much success in his past endeavors. I wish him nothing but the best and look forward to working with him on the issues of the day. ●

#### RECOGNIZING PROFESSORS OF THE YEAR

● Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, today I wish to congratulate the four national winners of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching's 2012 United States Professors of the Year Award. Since 1981, this program has saluted outstanding undergraduate instructors throughout the country. In addition to the national winners, a State Professor of the Year was also recognized in 31 States. New York's 2012 State winner is Rees Shad, who is coordinator of the Media Design Programs at Hostos Community College of the City University of New York.

These awards are recognized as one of the most prestigious honors bestowed upon a professor. To be nominated for this award requires dedication to the art of education and excellence in every aspect of the profession. Professors personally vested in each student shape the leaders of tomorrow. These individuals and every one of us should be proud of their accomplishment.

I am also particularly proud that one of the four national winners is from my

State of New York. Professor Todd Pagano, associate professor and director of the Laboratory Science Technology Program at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf at the Rochester Institute of Technology, is the 2012 Outstanding Master's Universities and Colleges Professor of the Year. In recognizing Professor Pagano, judges admired Todd Pagano's program for deaf students in laboratory science technology, which he helped to design, implement, and lead, coupled with the opportunities he has created for undergraduate research and internships that are critical to his students' success. Not only has Professor Pagano helped open up a new profession for an underrepresented group, but he is also a scholar of science education for deaf students, an editor of a leading journal in the field, and an advocate in the professional chemistry community for students, scientists and technicians with special needs.

We need more professors and educators like Todd Pagano. He is a native of Rochester, NY, and decided to come home to educate the next generation of New Yorkers and Americans. He has instilled not only a love and passion for science, but he has given hope and direction to students who are deaf or hard of hearing. His work typifies the high educational standards at National Technical Institute for the Deaf, which is a stellar institution that leads the Nation in the technical education of all students, especially those that are deaf or hard of hearing.

Mr. President, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing and thanking Professor Pagano and all the winners for their leadership and passion for educating. They have undoubtedly inspired an untold number of students. I again offer my congratulations and best regards.

The four national award winners are as follows:

Outstanding Baccalaureate Colleges Professor of the Year: Christy Price, professor of psychology, Dalton State College.

Outstanding Community Colleges Professor of the Year: Lois Roma-Deeley, professor of creative writing, Paradise Valley Community College.

Outstanding Doctoral and Research Universities Professor of the Year: Autar Kaw, professor of mechanical engineering, University of South Florida.

Outstanding Master's Universities and Colleges Professor of the Year: Todd Pagano, associate professor of science and mathematics, director of laboratory science technology program, Rochester Institute of Technology/National Technical Institute for the Deaf.

The 31 State winners are as follows:

Arkansas—Stephanie Vanderslice, professor, Department of Writing, University of Central Arkansas;

Arizona—Albrecht Classen, university distinguished professor of German studies, University of Arizona;

Colorado—Barry Fagin, professor of computer science, U.S. Air Force Academy;

Connecticut—Deborah A. Carroll, professor of psychology and director, B.S. psychology, research specialization, Southern Connecticut State University;

Washington, DC—Patrick Thaddeus Jackson, associate dean for undergraduate studies, School of International Service, American University;

Florida—Pat Anderson, professor of aerospace engineering, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University;

Georgia—Judith Lupo Wold, clinical professor and interim associate dean for educational innovation, Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing, Emory University;

Idaho—Daniel Bukvich, distinguished professor, University of Idaho

Illinois—Gary Creasey, professor of psychology, assistant director, U.S. Department of Education, TEACHER+PLUS Project, Illinois State University;

Indiana—Michele T. Villinski, Hiram L. Jome professor and associate professor of economics and management, codirector of the Environmental Fellows Program, DePauw University;

Kentucky—Tom McCollough, Nelson and Martha McDowell Rodes professor of Religion Centre College;

Massachusetts—Michael Barnett, associate professor of science education and technology, Lynch School of Education, Boston College;

Maryland—John Hamman, professor and chair, Germantown Mathematics Department, Montgomery College;

Michigan—Stephen DeBacker, Arthur F. Thurnau professor of mathematics, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor;

Missouri—Eric William Nelson, professor of history, Missouri State University;

Montana—Michael W. Morrow, professor of biology, University of Montana Western;

Nebraska—Rita M. Lester, professor of religion, Nebraska Wesleyan University;

New Jersey—Kent Fairfield, associate professor, Fairleigh Dickinson University;

New Mexico—Kenneth J. Martin, regents professor of finance, New Mexico University;

Nevada—Alfredo Fernández-González, associate professor of architecture; director, Natural Energies Advanced Technologies Laboratory, University of Nevada, Las Vegas;

New York—Rees Shad, coordinator of the Media Design Programs, Hostos Community College of the City University of New York;

Ohio—Gillian Oakenfull, associate professor and director of experiential learning, Department of Marketing, Miami University;

Oregon—Juliet W. Brosing, professor of physics, Pacific University;

South Carolina—Alliston K. Reid, Reeves family professor of psychology, Wofford College;

Tennessee—Michael Pinter, director of the Teaching Center and professor of mathematics, Belmont University;