

life. From her days back home in her native Massachusetts, to her career in New York City, to her visit to the Soviet Union in the late 1970s where she greeted oppressed Soviet Jews with encouragement and a helping hand, Toby has treated people with compassion and respect and has stood up for their rights and dignity. Most recently, during her time as an advocate for us all here in the Senate family, she worked with our offices to ensure a good and fair relationship between employers and employees.

So it is no surprise that Toby intends for the next chapter of her life to involve volunteer work teaching young children. She will continue in the example she has set throughout her life and career as an educator, mediator, and advocate for fairness. I thank Toby for dedicating so many years of her life to service in the Senate and look forward to all that she has yet to accomplish—and wish her congratulations on a well deserved retirement.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING WILLIAM MEEHAN

• Mr. KERRY. Mr. President I come to the floor today to remember William Meehan, an “icon” of Somerset, in the words of former fire chief Steven Rivard. He was a loving, and beloved, husband to JoAnne, brother to Robert and John, father to John and Steve, and grandfather to Jake, Owen, and Liam. William is remembered by those who knew him best as an impassioned cheerleader and reliable presence on the sidelines of his grandchildren's sports games, as a thoughtful and compassionate voice on the Board of Selectmen, as an affable, warm family man armed with a lively Irish humor.

William was an anchor of his family and of his town. His care for his town shone through his work and was reflected in his daily life. The people of Somerset recall a dedicated public servant who embodied the most noble qualities of a community advocate while eschewing the divisive demagoguery that too often finds its way into politics. In his 15 years as one of three selectmen for his town, he proved time and again that he was more interested in understanding the concerns of others and finding a just solution to any problem than he was in political bickering. And his example inspired those around him, with his son Michael venturing into public service and actually serving in my office for many years with great distinction.

In his last year on the board of selectmen, William was a part of the opening of the Veterans Memorial Bridge, a decade's long project to connect Fall River with Somerset over the Taunton River. And he was intimately involved in the process that put into motion plans for the new Somerset Berkley Regional High School. His interest was always in community over

conflict, in people rather than politics, and that is to what he devoted his life.

Friends remember William having lunch every day with peers or first responders or community leaders, and he would often be found chatting with neighbors and storekeepers around town or among the stands at local sporting events. He was a sportsman himself, with baseball second only to family and community. When he wasn't coaching Somerset Little League, as he did for many years, he could be found out on the golf course.

I understand that William would make time each day after lunch to venture to the park and watch the boats sailing the Taunton River. I imagine the gentle breeze off the water, the parade of ships coming and going with the sun high in the sky, and William sitting along the shore facing the water, breathing in the air and taking in the moment. We won't see him there any longer, but when we look out at the boats drifting by, we will think of William and remember the goodness he shared with the people of Somerset and beyond.

To JoAnne and William's family, I extend my deepest condolences. And to William, I wish him eternal rest watching over his family and all those he cared about so deeply. And I wish him the same peace he found along the river's edge.●

RECOGNIZING HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

• Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I rise to honor the Holy Rosary Church of Baltimore as it marks its 125th anniversary.

Holy Rosary Church was consecrated on December 8, 1887. From the beginning, the church provided a spiritual home for new Americans who emigrated from Poland. My own family were parishioners from the beginning. The church was the center of the community. It was the school. It is where new Americans came to practice their faith in their new home. While facing all the challenges of life in a new country, Holy Rosary provided a place of comfort and spiritual guidance. The Church provided a place to practice the beloved traditions of their Catholic faith. It became one of the largest Polish parishes in Baltimore. Its priests were beloved in the community. The church also had a parochial school staffed by the beloved Felician nuns. They not only taught the three R's—religion, reading, writing—they helped young people get on the path of citizenship. They were a bridge between the old world and the new.

My great grandmother was one of those immigrants who worshiped at Holy Rosary. Like so many, she came with little money in her pocketbook, but big dreams in her heart for a new and better life. And that life was nurtured by the Polish American community at Holy Rosary parish. In the 1920s and 1930s, Holy Rosary parish was the

largest of six Polish parishes in Baltimore and the largest in the Archdiocese. Over time, my family continued to attend Holy Rosary Church. My parents were married there.

Holy Rosary Church played a part in Baltimore's history. It is where we prayed through two World Wars and the Great Depression. It is where we prayed that the Iron Curtain would be lifted and Poland would be liberated. It is where we organized to help the Solidarity movement. It is where we welcomed Pope John Paul II to Holy Rosary when he was the Bishop of Krakow. That was the first time I met the Holy Father.

Holy Rosary was also where a stunning miracle occurred. It was where the Vatican recognized the healing of Fr. Ronald Pytel as a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Faustina Kowalska, one of the miracles that led to her canonization in 2000.

Today I honor the past, celebrate the present and have high hopes for the future of Holy Rosary parish. The members continue to live their faith of charity and hope. One hundred and twenty-five years ago the people of Holy Rosary came together to forge a parish community anchored on the beliefs of Roman Catholicism and the values of hard work, neighbor-helping-neighbor and patriotism.●

TRIBUTE TO TOM CASEY

• Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I rise today to acknowledge the 30 years of service of Grays Harbor Public Utility District Commissioner Tom Casey and to congratulate him on his retirement. Commissioner Casey is the longest-serving Grays Harbor PUD Commissioner and is concluding his fifth term in office.

Commissioner Casey was elected to the Grays Harbor PUD Board of Commissioners in 1982. Prior to serving in public office, he was actively involved in energy and public utility issues from his home in Satsop, WA. Commissioner Casey also worked as a Policy Analyst in the Washington State House of Representatives.

Commissioner Casey's commitment to public power was not limited to only the Grays Harbor Public Utility District. Commissioner Casey served on the Board of Directors of Energy Northwest for 12 years, 8 of which were on the executive board. Commissioner Casey also served on the Executive Council of the Public Power Council for 16 years.

Commissioner Casey was also a key leader in the effort to create a Public Development Authority to transform the non-operational nuclear plant site in Grays Harbor County into an industrial park for economic development in a part of the state with high unemployment.

Commissioner Casey has been a fierce advocate for public power for decades. That spirit of advocacy for public power has been a keystone for

Commissioner Casey for as long as I have known him. As he retires from public service, I join with others throughout the Northwest in thanking Commissioner Casey for his years of service and his steadfast belief in the unique value of public power.●

TRIBUTE TO WILMA JINKS

●Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, it is with the greatest pleasure that I rise today to honor Wilma Jinks, of Piggott, AR, who is celebrating her 100th birthday.

Wilma grew up on a farm north of Piggott, AR. Her rural location required her to walk 2 miles for school daily, an incomprehensible feat in the modern age of transportation, but to Wilma, it was something you just had to do. As you will see, this approach to life would serve Wilma well in later years. Following her graduation from Piggott High School in 1930, Wilma went on to serve as deputy county clerk. In this capacity, Wilma and her colleague, Ruth Ballard, would make town history when they issued 101 marriage licenses in one day, leaving some to joke that Piggott should change its name to "Marrying Town". It was not long after that Wilma would join those 101 newlyweds. In 1935, she would meet her future husband, Harold, while working as a secretary in his brother's office. They would remain devoted to each other until his death in 1995.

In 1962, President Kennedy appointed Harold as director of the Postmasters and Rural Appointments Division of the United States Post Office, and in April of the same year, Harold and Wilma moved to Washington, D.C. While in the District, the Jinks enjoyed the same social circles as the Nation's leaders, and routinely attended the same events as President Kennedy and President Johnson. Yet, Wilma and Harold still missed Arkansas. After four years of rubbing elbows on the national stage, they moved back to Piggott in April of 1966 and partnered with former Arkansas Governor Orvil Faubus in purchasing Piggott's newspaper, The Piggott Banner in 1967.

Even after Harold's retirement, there was no slowing down "Team Jinks". Wilma and Harold's can do attitude was infectious throughout the State, earning the friendship of every major officeholder in Arkansas, as well as two of our Nation's great leaders, President Carter and President Clinton. Senator Dale Bumpers said of Harold "if the term yellow-dog' were in the dictionary, Harold Jinks would be listed as the definition." Harold went on to form several grassroots organizations in Arkansas and served as chairman of the Arkansas Joint Legislative Committee of the National Retired Teachers Association and AARP. Wilma was proudly by his side for every step.

Mr. President, Wilma Jinks truly is one of Arkansas's gems and we are blessed to have her. I ask my colleagues to join me today in congratulating Wilma Jinks as she and her family celebrates her 100th birthday.●

RECOGNIZING THE BANKERY

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, our Nation's entrepreneurs understand the rigors and fears of starting a new business from scratch. The creativity, adaptability, and courage it takes to open a business are immense. However, because of that risk and uncertainty, the rewards seem all the greater. The drive and determination required of a new business can be seen prevalently in the entrepreneurs of my home State of Maine. Many of today's businesses create a meeting ground where classic and traditional meets the new and innovative; refurbishing nostalgia and re-vamping tradition. I rise to recognize a business steeped in history which embraces the challenges of today with youthful vigor.

The Bankery located in downtown Skowhegan, ME seamlessly blends antique charm and history with an innovative repurposing of space. Opened in 2008 by owners Michael Hunt, graduate from the University of Maine, and Matthew DuBois, alumnus of the Connecticut Culinary Institute, The Bankery is more than a classic bakery. The sweets and confections of this bakery are kept under lock and key, literally. The Bankery is housed in a renovated bank that was built in 1864. The owners preserved the history of the architecture by carefully restoring the original vaults and displaying many nostalgic mementos from the building's original purpose.

After expanding from a simple menu of classic baked goods to include meal items such as soups, sandwiches, and meat pies, The Bankery continues on an upward and outward trajectory. In 2010, Michael and Matthew acquired their next door neighbor, Skowhegan Fleuriste, a florist and formal wear shop. Now they offer a one-stop-shop for many events. It is their ambition and continued desire to pursue the next challenge and grow in new ways that gives them a competitive edge and is so characteristic of Maine's small business owners.

With an eye to the future and a nod to the past, The Bankery has met the challenges of growing a new business with excellence. I know that, through their hard work and delicious products, this Skowhegan staple will continue to flourish. I offer Matthew and Michael and everyone at The Bankery congratulations on their success and best wishes for a sweet future.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations

which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:55 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 316. An act for the relief of Ester Karinge.

H.R. 357. An act for the relief of Corina de Chalup Turcinovic.

H.R. 794. An act for the relief of Allan Bolor Kelley.

H.R. 823. An act for the relief of Maria Carmen Castro Ramirez and J. Refugio Carreno Rojas.

H.R. 824. An act for the relief of Daniel Wachira.

H.R. 1857. An act for the relief of Bartosz Kumor.

H.R. 6582. An act to allow for innovations and alternative technologies that meet or exceed desired energy efficiency goals, and to make technical corrections to existing Federal energy efficiency laws to allow American manufacturers to remain competitive.

At 12:34 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 6634. An act to change the effective date for the Internet publication of certain financial disclosure forms.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 316. An act for the relief of Esther Karinge; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 357. An act for the relief of Corina de Chalup Turcinovic; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 794. An act for the relief of Allan Bolor Kelley; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 823. An act for the relief of Maria Carmen Castro Ramirez and J. Refugio Carreno Rojas; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 824. An act for the relief of Daniel Wachira; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 1857. An act for the relief of Bartosz Kumor; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-8427. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Alkyl(C8-C18) dimethylamido-propylamines; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9369-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 29, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.