

duty in the Vietnam war. From 1979 through 1985, he served as a member of the Alaska Army National Guard. Those years with the U.S. Army would have been commendable and worthy of thanks in and of themselves, but it is actually the work that C.W. has done since retiring from the Army that sets him apart and needs to be honored. Since his Army retirement, Mr. Floyd has lived and worked to help Alaska's military members at every level. He was appointed the municipality of Anchorage's first military and veterans liaison and was then hired on as special assistant to the Senator in Veteran and Military Affairs. During his time in the U.S. Senate office, Mr. Floyd helped to pass legislation to gain Federal pension and benefits for members of the Alaska Territorial Guard who served during WWII but were overlooked because Alaska was not yet a state when they were active.

C.W. Floyd not only works professionally for veterans and military members, he also volunteers his own time to support the cause. He spent 15 years on the Alaska Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Committee and works as an organizer and volunteer for Alaska Operation STANDOWN, a program advocating for and supporting homeless veterans. C.W. was named Civilian Volunteer of the Year by the Armed Services YMCA of Alaska and was also honored with the Patrick Henry Award, which provides recognition to local officials and civic leaders who distinguish themselves with outstanding and exceptional service to the Armed Forces of the United States, the National Guard, or the National Guard Association of the United States. The Patrick Henry Award states, "Mr. Floyd is an inspirational role model for selfless service in support of our total Homeland Security Team and the National Guard of the United States."

Besides providing doughnuts for the Senate office and championing for the rights of veterans, C.W. has a full and happy personal life. He has been in love with his wife Elaine for 28 years and plans to turn her into a California snowbird when they are both officially retired. They have raised three wonderful men, Chuck, Travis, and Curtis, and are happily watching as their sons repopulate the Earth with girl babies. I am guessing that the sales of powder pink guns will skyrocket as C.W. welcomes each granddaughter into the world. He is a lifetime NRA, National Skeet Shooting Association, Alaska Gun Collectors Association, and Alaska Veterans Museum member.

C.W. is a shining example of all that our country has to offer and all that we can be. He has a smile and wise words of advice for anyone who walks into our office looking for assistance with veterans or military issues. No problem is too small or too big for C.W. to give attention to. My staff and I have witnessed him helping thousands of servicemembers, and I know that there are

thousands more we did not witness. It should also be mentioned that his personal experiences and his articulate nature provide a voice that can explain veterans issues to those of us who do not know what it is like. In this way, he has educated all those who have ever had the chance to speak to him. His impact on the lives of U.S. veterans is far-reaching and immeasurable.

Let history remember C.W. Floyd as one of our Nation's true heroes.●

#### TRIBUTE TO DON JACKSON

● Mr. CHAMBLISS. Today I wish to commend the career of a man who has devoted his entire life to agriculture. After more than 35 years serving in various leadership capacities in the U.S. poultry and agricultural industries, Dr. Don Jackson, president and chief executive officer of JBS USA, is retiring.

Don's agricultural career arguably began in the early 1950s on his father's ranch in Phoenix, AZ. Don, the fifth out of seven children, was one heck of a high school football athlete—securing a game-clinching interception in the State semifinal game and helping to lead his team to the State championship in his senior year.

Don studied as an undergraduate at Arizona State University and then moved to Colorado State University, where he graduated in 1978 with a master's degree and Ph.D. in animal science.

Don officially began his career in agriculture as a nutritionist in the feed and poultry division of Central Soya. When the company's poultry division was sold to Seaboard, Don remained with the organization, serving in several operational and executive roles. From 1996 to 2000, Don served as Seaboard's chief executive officer.

In 2000, ConAgra acquired Seaboard's poultry division and Don moved to Foster Farms, where he served as president for 8 years. In late 2008, Pilgrim's Pride Corporation called on Don to serve as chief executive officer and lead the company out of bankruptcy.

In December 2009, Don helped successfully negotiate the sale of a controlling interest in Pilgrim's Pride to JBS USA, and a short year later, Don was selected as president and chief executive officer of JBS USA, a leading processor of U.S. beef, pork, poultry, and lamb and Australian beef and lamb.

Don has been married to his high school sweetheart, Teresa, for 41 years, and they are the proud parents of six children who have given them seven beautiful grandchildren. For the past 28 years, Don has called Athens and Atlanta, GA, home, and he passionately roots for the Atlanta Braves and the University of Georgia Bulldogs.

I commend Don for his years of service and congratulate him on an incredibly successful career. American agriculture has benefitted from his passion, energy, wisdom, and humor, and I am

proud to call him a Georgian. We wish Don well as he embarks on his well-deserved retirement.●

#### COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION WEEK

● Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, today I rise in recognition of Computer Science Education Week, which started on Sunday, December 9, 2012, and continues through Saturday, December 15, 2012. This week long celebration is an opportunity for educators and students to participate in activities that will elevate computer science education at all levels. The date for Computer Science Week honors Grace Murray Hopper, who was born on December 9, 1906, and who pioneered new programming languages and standards for computer systems that laid the foundation for many subsequent advances in computer science. In my home State of Pennsylvania and across the Nation, this annual celebration helps to spark interest in a subject of critical importance to our economy now and in the future.

Computers touch nearly every corner of our economy and mastery of computer science is a valuable skill set for jobseekers. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, there will be 9.2 million jobs in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, STEM, fields by the year 2020. Half of these jobs, or 4.6 million, will be in computing. That is one in every two STEM jobs.

Unfortunately, not enough high school students are mastering these STEM subjects. According to the College Board, in 2011, 3.4 million advanced placement exams were administered to high school students. Fewer than 1 million of these exams tested a STEM subject. Only about 20,000 of these exams were in the subject of computer science, accounting for 2 percent of the total science exams and 1 percent of all AP exams administered last year. Of even greater concern, only 4,000 females took this AP exam. Our policies, schools, and education systems must respond to the demand for a larger, more diverse computing talent pipeline. Computer Science Education Week brings attention to these issues and builds enthusiasm for potential solutions.

In Pennsylvania, computer science educators and supporters have planned a number of events to observe Computer Science Week. At a high school outside of Philadelphia, ninth graders are converting room numbers to binary representation and relabeling the classrooms in their school. Springfield will further host an event for students, families, and community members to present information about that district's upcoming computer science curriculum, as well as hold an exposition of student projects. For the third consecutive year, students from Haverford and Bryn Mawr Colleges will present

their summer and senior work in computing. At Villanova University, computer science projects and computer scientists are being showcased at the library all month. Drexel University will host a series of events that honor computer science's contribution to society and raise awareness of its importance in education, economic growth, and technological innovations.

The inclusion of computer science in K-12 education is of vital importance to prepare students for work in this field and to access emerging available jobs. Earlier this Congress, I was pleased to introduce S. 1614, the Computer Science Education Act, which would strengthen computer science education in elementary schools and high schools. The Computer Science Education Act would help to ensure that American students not only use technology in school but also learn the technical computing skills needed to grow our economy and invent the technology that will drive our economic future. Technology firms and backers of computer science education in Pennsylvania and elsewhere strongly support this legislation as a necessary investment in our future economic competitiveness.

I look forward to working with my colleagues on these issues. America simply cannot afford to continue wasting talent and opportunities in the computing field. This Computer Science Education Week, I applaud the efforts of educators, students, and activities organizers who are showcasing the importance of this subject.●

#### TRIBUTE TO JAMES E. HOGGE

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, today I wish to congratulate James E. Hogge on his upcoming retirement from serving as State director of the Idaho Small Business Development Center, SBDC, and recognize his remarkable career.

As State director of the Idaho SBDC for nearly 18 years, Jim has led the center with distinction and helped shape it into a highly regarded resource for small business consulting and training. He has provided strategic planning and financial and programmatic oversight and guided the center through challenges, including limited budgets. During his time leading the center, the Idaho SBDC was one of the first SBDCs in the country to be accredited and has received the highest accreditation possible in the past two reviews. The Idaho SBDC has also been in the top 10 percent of SBDCs in the country based on productivity and impact, which includes the growth of sales and jobs, capital raised, and return on investment.

Jim recognizes the immense value of partnerships in assisting businesses and has worked to utilize the expertise of individuals and organizations for the benefit of the entrepreneurs and businesses seeking assistance and all those involved in the partnerships. Some of

his collaborative achievements during his time as State director include the development of a partnership with Boise State University, the University of Idaho, and Idaho State University to help Idaho's manufacturers increase their sales and reduce costs. Jim also planned and developed funding for the Technology and Entrepreneurial Center at Boise State University. Additionally, he developed collaborative projects with the University of Idaho Law School, the Idaho National Laboratory, the city of Boise, the Idaho Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Zions Bank, and the U.S. Forest Service.

Prior to his work at the Idaho SBDC, Jim spent 20 years serving our Nation in the U.S. Air Force as a weapons systems operator in F-111 and EF-111 aircraft. He has also provided significant service to the community and Nation through volunteering and serving on various local and national boards. This includes his service on the board of the Association of Small Business Development Centers, ASBDC, and his service as ASBDC Accreditation chair. He also served on the board of directors for Drug Free Idaho and the Idaho GemStars and was a founding board member for the Idaho Non-Profit Center. In addition, he was appointed to the Governor's Rural Task Force to help develop long-term strategies to help Idaho's rural communities, and he served on the Criminal Justice Council and as president of the Boise Sunrise Rotary Club.

Outstanding service has been the hallmark of Jim's career. I congratulate Jim on his many successes and thank him for his service to the community, State and Nation. I wish him a very happy retirement.●

#### TRIBUTE TO FRANCIS J. BUTTERFIELD

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I wish today to commemorate Francis James Butterfield's 92nd birthday and pay tribute to his remarkable life.

Francis, who was born on November 2, 1920, to Millard E. and Margaret C. Payne Butterfield in Franklin County, NE, has led a positive life of dedicated service. His devotion to his country started early. His mother was active in the women's suffrage movement and looked forward to voting for the first time. Margaret was in labor with Francis on election day and braved the labor pains to cast her ballot before giving birth to Francis. As Francis describes it, "So, that's how I got here—my Mom voted first, then she went home and had me."

This dedication and resolve runs deep in Francis. He grew up during the Great Depression in a happy, resourceful, and grateful family despite the challenges. He helped with his two brothers' mechanic operation and worked retail sales before volunteering for the U.S. Army in 1942. He completed Officer Candidate School and served in the Pacific Theater during

World War II. He was assigned to an Amphibian Tractor Battalion that served in Okinawa. He also served as a Tank Destroyer Unit commander and rose to the rank of captain before his honorable discharge from Active Duty in 1946. The military honors he earned for his service to our Nation include the American Theater Service Medal, Asiatic Pacific Service Medal, and World War II Victory Medal. He continued to serve in the U.S. Army Reserves until his honorable discharge from Reserve service in 1953.

On October 18, 1959, Francis married Doris Jo Runge, and they were blessed with two daughters: Georgia Jo and Virginia Jo. Francis had a 23-year career with the U.S. Postal Service. He served as a mail carrier, and he walked 25-30 miles per day delivering mail in Sidney, NE. Since Doris' passing in 1998, Francis spends time traveling to visit his family, including his daughters and granddaughter, Aleah. His daughters keep him busy fixing things, and he also enjoys shopping.

Francis is a positive, outgoing, friendly, and patriotic American. He is a problem solver with a "can do" spirit who does not let challenges get in his way. I commend him for his example of optimism and devotion and wish him great happiness.●

#### TRIBUTE TO SOUTH DAKOTA NATIONAL GUARD

● Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. President, today, on the 376th birthday of the National Guard, I wish to honor all those who have served in the National Guard and to pay tribute to the South Dakota National Guard, which this year celebrates its 150th anniversary. The South Dakota National Guard has served in every major American conflict since the Civil War, in addition to helping countless communities recover from natural disasters and other emergencies. This June, South Dakotans participated in celebrations across the State to commemorate the Guard's important milestone.

The history of the South Dakota National Guard dates back to the early days of the Dakota Territory. On January 27, 1862, the Guard first formed in Yankton, SD, to protect settlers in the fledgling territory. Since that time, the South Dakota National Guard has served our Nation in every major conflict, sending units to the Spanish-American War, World Wars I and II, and Operations Just Cause and Desert Storm. The Guard has also been called to aid in our country's military efforts during the Mexican border conflict, the Korean war, the Vietnam war, and peacekeeping missions in Bosnia and Kosovo.

Since the attacks of September 11, over 8,000 South Dakota guardsmen have served in Iraq and Afghanistan, and we honor the service of those guardsmen who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. As the father of a soldier in the National