

years, Carmen worked tirelessly to elect Democrats at the local, State, and national level. She attended every Democratic National Convention from 1948 to 2008, many as a delegate. In the mid sixties she served as the party's Southern California chairwoman, was a member of the Democratic National Committee, the first woman to chair the California Fair Employment Practices Commission, and a board member of California's coastal and fair housing commissions.

Carmen's passion for politics was equaled by her compassion and philanthropy. She was an active member of many organizations, including the Los Angeles Music Center, the Truman Library Institute, the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles, and the Women's Guild and Helping Hand of Los Angeles.

Carmen long served as a member of the board of directors at Cedars-Sinai, where she endowed medical and research chairs and founded the PROs, which funds the Louis Warschaw Prostate Cancer Center. Two years ago, at age 93, Carmen joined me on a tour of the Cedars-Sinai Emergency Room and Operating Room; I remember joking that she was the only person I knew who could get me to put on scrubs.

Carmen was also very generous to her alma mater, USC, where she and Lou helped to establish the Casden Institute for the Study of the Jewish Role in American Life and the Jesse M. Unruh Institute of Politics at USC. In 2003, Carmen endowed a chair in practical politics at the Unruh Institute so that students could learn about the nuts and bolts of politics as part of their political science education.

This world and Carmen's beloved State of California are much better places thanks to her passion, compassion, and commitment. On behalf of the people of California, I send my deepest gratitude and condolences to her daughters, Hope and Susan; her sons-in-law, John Law and Carl Robertson; her grandchildren, Jack Law-Warschaw, Cara Robertson, and Chip Robertson; and her great-grandchildren and many friends. We will all miss this dynamic force of nature and extraordinary woman.●

REMEMBERING PETER N. LETANG

● Mr. COONS. Madam President, I wish to honor the life and legacy of Peter N. Letang, Esq. For over 40 years, Mr. Letang was a prosecutor for the State of Delaware, a pioneer for justice who was respected and beloved by all those who had the pleasure to know him. Mr. Letang's courtroom achievements are numerous, from being instrumental in the State's first use of DNA for conviction, to handling many of the State's most highly publicized cases.

Peter was a Delaware legal powerhouse, but his courtroom achievements are only part of the man he was. He was a great friend, a tremendous storyteller and a warm and wonderful

human being. It is my privilege to honor his achievements, his spirit and the tremendous impact he had on the State of Delaware.

Peter believed in our justice system, and he devoted his life to ensuring it worked for all Delawareans. Day in and day out, he approached every case with a positive attitude and a willingness to help. He took tremendous pride in his work and earned the respect of his peers through his long career as a deputy attorney general with the Delaware Department of Justice and chief New Castle county prosecutor.

Our thoughts are with the entire Letang family, including his wife Debra, their children Nick and Samantha, his sister Lisa and his nieces and nephews Carson, Cooper and Cutter. The State of Delaware lost a great citizen in Peter Letang, but his legacy will long be remembered.●

REMEMBERING ROMEO BARRERAS

● Mr. HELLER. Madam President, today I wish to honor the life of Pvt. Romeo Barreras, a Nevadan and Filipino-American World War II veteran, whose recent passing is a devastating loss to the Silver State. As a member of the "Mighty Five," a group of veterans living in Las Vegas, Pvt. Romeo Barreras helped lead the fight to provide proper military recognition and compensation for nearly 24,000 Filipino World War II veterans. I am grateful for his service to defend democracy around the world and will continue to do everything within my power to ensure that Filipino veterans are honored for their sacrifices.

Pvt. Romeo Barreras fought bravely for our country and yet was not able to qualify for the military benefits he earned and deserved. That is why I introduced the Filipino Veterans Fairness Act, to establish a process for Filipinos who have fought alongside the U.S. military during World War II to work with military historians to determine eligibility for military benefits. We have a responsibility to ensure that individuals who served honorably alongside U.S. troops are recognized for their contributions to our Nation.

I am humbled to have known Pvt. Romeo Barreras. It was a privilege to work with him on behalf of all Filipino American World War II veterans. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family during this difficult time.

In memory of Pvt. Romeo Barreras, I will continue fighting to ensure that veterans and their families are properly thanked for their sacrifices. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering the life of an honorable man who was dedicated to providing justice for deserving veterans.●

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL KEVIN K. CALLIES

● Madam JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to LTC Kevin K. Callies, upon his

retirement from the South Dakota Air National Guard. Lieutenant Colonel Callies has served as the financial manager for the 114th Fighter Wing in Sioux Falls, SD, since 2003. His career with the South Dakota Air National Guard has spanned a period of over 30 years.

Lieutenant Colonel Callies began his career in the South Dakota Air National Guard in 1977 as a traditional guardsman in personnel. In 1978, he transitioned to finance, where he would spend most of his career. In 1988, while working full time, he earned a bachelor of science in business administration from National College, now known as National American University. After almost 17 years of enlisted service, he received his commission through the Academy of Military Science in 1993.

Lieutenant Colonel Callies excelled in the field of finance, with positions in civilian pay, military pay, accounting, and budget. His superior knowledge of financial management has earned him numerous awards locally and nationally. In both 1997 and 2004, Lieutenant Colonel Callies's unit, the 114th Fighter Wing, was named Air National Guard Financial Management and Comptroller Office of the year. As one of the best financial managers in the Air National Guard, the National Guard Bureau and the Pentagon have sought out his expertise.

He served as a member of the Resource Protection Team, RPT, and held the position of commander from 1993 to 2002. While on the RPT he dealt with security issues related to the September 11 attacks, visits by the President, and forest fires. In 2002, Lieutenant Colonel Callies accepted a position as logistics manager, where he was in charge of all the activation activities, expeditionary combat support, and deployment functions of the 114th Fighter Wing during their deployment to Turkey to support Operation Northern Watch. After serving as logistics manager, he returned to finance and in 2010 was deployed to Haiti to assist with a Joint Command financial management mission with the U.S. Army.

It is an honor for me to share Lieutenant Colonel Callies's accomplishments with my colleagues and publicly commend him for his hard work and the many years of dedicated service he has given the South Dakota Air National Guard and our Nation. I wish Kevin a happy and healthy retirement with his wife Joyce and their four children.●

TRIBUTE TO GENERAL TARBET

● Mr. LEE. Madam President, today I wish to honor one of Utah's finest, MG Brian Tarbet, the Adjutant General of the Utah National Guard. After 12 years of leadership with the Utah National Guard and 39 years of highly decorated service in the United States Military, General Tarbet is retiring, closing a transformative chapter in Utah's history.

General Tarbet's military career began in the U.S. Army Reserve in 1973, where he served on active duty until 1975 and then joined the Army National Guard in 1976. From 1976 he served in the 142nd Military Intelligence Battalion and was then appointed Commander of the 300th Military Intelligence Linguist Brigade in 1993. He led the 97th Troop Command in 1996 and from September of 2001 he directed the mobilization, deployment and redeployment of virtually all units of the Utah Army and Air National Guard in support of the Global War on Terrorism. The Utah National Guard has units that specialize in intelligence, special forces and aviation which have been particularly important to the War on Terrorism, and in 2003–2004, 80 percent of Utah's reserve units were mobilized or on alert, which was among the highest in the National Guard. The Guard also provided assistance in the gulf coast in 2005 to the victims of hurricanes Rita and Katrina and to the U.S.-Mexico border in support of Customs and Border protection operations.

General Tarbet's awards and achievements include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon, Utah Medal of Merit, Utah Joint Commendation Medal, Utah Achievement Ribbon, Utah Joint Staff Service Ribbon, Utah State Partnership Program Service Ribbon, Utah Service Ribbon, Utah Emergency Service Ribbon, and the 2002 Winter Olympic Games Service Ribbon.

In 2002, just months after the September 11th terrorist attacks, Salt Lake City was slated to host the Winter Olympic games. Security was a tremendous concern with talk of cancelling the games altogether. With the entire nation on high alert, General Tarbet commanded 4,500 National Guardsmen from 25 States in the security operation. The games were a tremendous success, and the security was lauded for its effectiveness and unobtrusiveness. The games served as a triumphant American moment at a time when the nation needed it most.

The good will of the Utah National Guard extends far beyond the borders of our own State, and guided the men and women of the Guard to places where their service was needed most. Winston Churchill said, "The price of greatness is responsibility." General Tarbet has seen more than his fair share of difficult tasks and responsibilities and has performed each admirably. I believe every soldier who has had the opportunity to serve under his charge would agree that he has been a leader of unprecedented character. The greatest commendation came from one

of Tarbet's own soldiers, who said, "Major General Tarbet is loved by his soldiers. He has served us with impeccable integrity, courage and common sense during a very tumultuous and unprecedented time." Sharon and I thank Major General Tarbet for his service and wish him and his wife Mary all the best as they enter the next chapter of their lives.●

REMEMBERING WARREN E. BRITCHER

● Mr. MENENDEZ. Madam President, on December 10 of this year Mr. Warren E. Britcher, a veteran of World War II and former manager of the Senate restaurant, passed away at the age of 91.

Warren Britcher was born and raised in Springfield, OH. He proudly served in World War II as a T4 sergeant in the U.S. Army, eventually managing the kitchen of Fort McClellan, one of the largest Army installations during World War II. After serving in the Army, Warren went to work for Canteen Food Service, where he held various managerial assignments. In August of 1950, Warren came to Washington, DC, to serve as manager of the Senate restaurant, where he oversaw the inaugural luncheon of U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Afterward, he became the operations manager for Yankee Stadium Foods and Concessions before opening his own restaurant and catering establishment, Swiss Town House, in my hometown, Union City, NJ. He left his restaurant in 1977 to pursue a new position at Yonkers Raceway and later supervised the USS Intrepid Air and Space Museum food service. Prior to his retirement to Florida, he created Britcher Concession Corporation.

Warren was the devoted husband of the late Dorothy Mae Lighthiser Britcher and the father of Sherrie Ahrens, Drew Britcher, and the late Warren Britcher, Jr. He was the proud grandfather to four grandchildren, Douglas, Craig, Sean, and Caitlin Anne, and had four great grandchildren. He will be laid to rest at Ferncliff Cemetery in his hometown of Springfield, OH.

Warren's service to our Nation and his contributions to the food service industry will not be forgotten. My sympathies go out to Warren's two surviving children, Sherrie and Drew, and his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.●

LOSS OF DR. MARSHALL LONDON

● Mr. SANDERS. Madam President, I rise today to take note of the death of a remarkable resident from my State of Vermont, Dr. Marshall London. Dr. London was one of the most prominent citizens in Burlington, VT. A deeply beloved physician, he was also a lifelong progressive and a liberal.

A native of Vermont, he attended the University of Vermont, where in 1948 he served as the campus organizer for

the Progressive Party nominee for President, Henry Wallace. He served as a flight surgeon in the US Air Force from 1961–1963. In the late 1960s, Marshall London and his family volunteered in support of Caesar Chavez's United Farm workers. He provided medical services to migrant workers in Delano, CA.

In 1970 he returned to his native Burlington with his wife and children. A lifelong supporter of universal health care, Dr. London was committed to serving the underserved and the elderly. Not only did he make house calls, but in addition to his medical bag he regularly carried plumbing and electrical tools to make home repairs for his patients. In the early 1990s, Dr. London, as President of the Jewish Community Council of Burlington, worked to resettle émigrés from the former Soviet Union.

He never severed his ties to the UVM Medical School, where he continued to serve as a mentor and teacher at the Fletcher Allen Hospital, even after he retired in 1997.

In a time when corporate values have spread beyond business to such areas as education and health care, Marshall London serves an enduring example that there are other values which can guide human life. He was a caring physician, one who always charted his course by paying attention to those most in need, and always depending on an exemplary social conscience. He was dedicated to his family. And he did not restrict his life to work. Dr. London was an alto saxophone player in the Vermont Catamount Band and Burlington City Band. He was also an avid tennis player and skier. Like so many Vermonters—and he was a fifth-generation Vermonter—he was also a loyal Red Sox fan.

Dr. Marshall will be missed, though the example of his life and values will endure.

I ask that Dr. London's obituary be printed in the RECORD.

The obituary follows:

[From the Burlington Free Press,
Dec. 13, 2012]

MARSHALL G. LONDON

BURLINGTON.—Marshall G. London, a fifth generation Burlingtonian, beloved family man and dedicated local physician who made house calls an integral part of his practice, died at home on Dec. 12, 2012. He was 83.

The grandson of a founding member of Burlington's first synagogue, Ahavath Gerim, Marshall was a featured participant in the recent Vermont Public Television documentary "Little Jerusalem."

He took pride in his local roots and Jewish heritage, and had an enduring passion for Jewish history, and a strong commitment to Israel.

He was born and raised in Burlington's Old North End. He graduated in 1951 from the University of Vermont, where he was president of the Tau Epsilon Phi Fraternity. Always staunchly liberal in his politics, Marshall was a campus organizer of the 1948 presidential campaign for Progressive Party candidate Henry Wallace.

He and Susanne (Sue) Abrams were married in 1953 and had six children.