

great grandchildren, 16 great-great grandchildren, and thousands of patients. He lived to see his 100th Christmas; he leaves the world a better place.●

HONORING SILVERIO CUARESMA, SR.

● Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the life 2LT Silverio Cuaresma, Sr., whose passing on January 20, 2013, has brought great sadness to the Silver State. As a member of the World War II Mighty Five Nevadans and the State's oldest unrecognized Filipino-American World War II veteran, Mr. Cuaresma dedicated his life to honoring Filipino veterans for their sacrifices. I am grateful for his service to our country and advocacy on behalf of our heroes. While in the Senate, I will continue fighting to guarantee that all veterans and their families are properly thanked for their sacrifices.

As one of the Mighty Five, Mr. Cuaresma fought tirelessly to secure proper military recognition and compensation for our Nation's nearly 24,000 Filipino World War II veterans. We must continue the fight to ensure that Filipino veterans like Mr. Cuaresma are honored for their sacrifices. That is why I introduced the Filipino Veterans Fairness Act. This bill would 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. I believe we have a responsibility to ensure that individuals who served honorably alongside U.S. troops are recognized for their contributions to our Nation.

My thoughts and prayers are with Mr. Cuaresma's family and friends during this difficult time. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of an honorable man who was devoted to providing justice for our Nation's heroes.●

TRIBUTE TO SUE EVERHART

● Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President. I would like to honor in the RECORD Ms. Sue Everhart of Marietta, GA. Sue is a dear friend of mine who is one of the hardest working individuals in Georgia politics. In fact, Sue was elected chairman of the Georgia Republican Party in 2008 and re-elected in 2009 and again in 2011, making her the first chairman to serve three consecutive terms. In 2009, Sue was also chosen as one of ten women in the United States to be honored as a Woman of Achievement by the Republican National Committee.

Sue is an effective leader who has worked tirelessly to elect Republicans in the State of Georgia. In 2010, her efforts over the years came to a crescendo when Republicans swept the State, winning every statewide contest. In fact, Sue has been instrumental in my political campaigns, and I am forever grateful for her support throughout the years.

Although Sue will be ending her successful run as chairman of the Georgia Republican Party in May of this year, I am sure that this will not be the end of her involvement in Georgia politics. Our party will be forever better because of Sue, and I wish her the best in her future endeavors.●

TRIBUTE TO MR. STEVE TINDELL

● Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. President, I speak today in honor of Mr. Steven L. Tindell, who retired on January 11, 2013, at Peterson Air Force Base, CO. Mr. Tindell served 30 years in uniform and for over 10 years in Federal civil service as the director of the Commander's Action Group and the Chief of Legislative Affairs for Air Force Space Command. He has been an enduring presence and a subject-matter expert for all congressional matters related to Air Force space and cyberspace issues and has facilitated countless congressional interactions with Headquarters Air Force Space Command and its numerous subordinate centers, wings and units.

Air Force Major Command Legislative Liaisons facilitate communication between their commands and Congress, effectively bridging our organizational cultures and promoting clear and open communication. These professionals require in depth knowledge of congressional procedures, committee structures and the legislative process. They also must have detailed understanding of the missions, challenges and organizational structures of the commands they represent. My office depends heavily on the rapport we have with our military liaisons for timely information and candid dialogue.

During his tenure as a legislative liaison, Mr. Tindell enhanced the Air Force Space Command mission by delivering space, missile and cyberspace capabilities to the U.S. armed forces and its warfighting commands. He was the architect of Space Command's legislative game plan, which coordinated vital communications concerning the command's space and cyberspace programs. He prepared countless pages of testimony and orchestrated hundreds of congressional notifications and visits, including many for me and my staff to our bases throughout the Colorado Front Range.

Mr. Tindell leaves an indelible mark on Air Force Space Command. His institutional knowledge and savvy analysis of legislative activity will be difficult to replace; however, he can take great pride, satisfaction and confidence in knowing that his legacy will endure through those he has mentored over the years. Mr. Tindell has exemplified the best of the U.S. Air Force.

On behalf of all Coloradans, I thank Mr. Steven Tindell for his many years of faithful, selfless service, and I offer warm congratulations on the occasion of his retirement. May he and his wife, Nancy, enjoy a very bright future as they begin this new chapter in their lives.●

TRIBUTE TO ROSALIND GRAY

● Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Rosalind "Roz" Gray, who is retiring from government service this month after 32 years at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD.

Ms. Gray, originally from Richmond, VA, began her career as a laboratory manager with Hoffman-LaRoche Pharmaceuticals in New Jersey. After a few years in the pharmaceutical industry, she moved to Maryland and joined the National Institutes of Health in the Office of Legislation, Policy, and Analysis. For over 30 years, Ms. Gray has been an outstanding representative of the NIH to the public, to congressional staff, and to patients in need of help. Many of us here in Congress have met Roz when she accompanied the NIH leadership to briefings or hearings on the Hill. She has expertly staffed the past five NIH Directors, including current Director Dr. Francis Collins, former NIH Director and current NCI Director Dr. Harold Varmus, and former NIH Director Dr. Bernadine Healy, the first woman appointed to that role.

Ms. Gray and her husband Charles have a daughter, Tracy, a son, Phillip, and two grandchildren. In her retirement, Ms. Gray plans to work with her church and community to help families in crisis and to improve childhood literacy. She is also looking forward to traveling, including taking her first trip to Europe, and spending more time with her children and grandchildren.

Mr. President, Roz Gray has been a dedicated public servant for 32 years and has inspired her colleagues at the NIH with her integrity, professionalism, and kindness. It is appropriate that we honor her today for her many contributions to advancing the mission of the NIH.●

TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH M. SCIMECA

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, today I would like to recognize Mr. Joseph M. Scimeca. This July, Mr. Scimeca will enter retirement after 44 years of dedicated service to the Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge.

Since 1969, when he began his career as a teacher, Mr. Scimeca has contributed to the moral, intellectual, and spiritual development of young people. His time in education has seen him serve as assistant principal, principal, and Assistant Superintendent of the Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge, a position he has held since 1999. In 1997, he was presented with the Distinguished Secondary Educator award and also received the 1999 Saint Michael the Archangel High School Warrior award.

The National Conference of Catholic Bishops stated, "Education is one of the most important ways by which the Church fulfills its commitment to the dignity of the person and building of community."

In Louisiana, our Catholic schools maintain high academic standards, foster a healthy learning environment for

students, and encourage family involvement in the ongoing education of children. Mr. Scimeca has promoted these ideals with extraordinary leadership, professionalism and a vision to provide our children with the tools they will need to go out in to the world and become valuable members of society and their community.

His efforts to bring together adults and children, educators and volunteers, business leaders, and elected officials in a learning environment highlights his ability to impart comprehensive curriculums that stress the importance of education as part of the mission of the Catholic Church and the importance of community in shaping our young people.

While I know he will be missed after his departure later this year, I thank Mr. Scimeca for his selfless commitment to the education of our children, his outstanding contributions to the Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge and the State of Louisiana, and extend to him our best wishes for continued success and happiness in all of his future endeavors.●

TRIBUTE TO CSM JOHN MCDONOUGH

● Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the service of Rhode Island's State CSM John McDonough. Command Sergeant Major McDonough is retiring after over 35 years serving the Rhode Island National Guard with honor and distinction, and I am proud to acknowledge his remarkable career today.

Command Sergeant Major McDonough first enlisted in the Rhode Island Army National Guard in 1976, and graduated with honors from basic combat and advanced individual training at Fort Sill in Oklahoma. He was then assigned as an artilleryman in Battery A, 1st Battalion, 103rd Field Artillery. He quickly became an invaluable member of the Guard's field artillery team and went on to serve in a variety of positions, including cannon crewman, assistant gunner, gunner, howitzer section chief, gunnery sergeant, intelligence sergeant, first sergeant, and operations sergeant major.

Over the years, Command Sergeant Major McDonough received numerous awards commending his superior service, and he was eventually selected to be the State command sergeant major, the highest noncommissioned rank in the Rhode Island National Guard. In this role, Command Sergeant Major McDonough represented all enlisted soldiers in command, and served as the principal enlisted adviser to the adjutant general. His commitment to enforcing standards fairly and improving the quality of life for his fellow enlisted Guardsmen made him a celebrated and valued member of the Rhode Island National Guard community.

I thank Command Sergeant Major McDonough for his dedication to the

Guard and to his comrades, a dedication he continues to demonstrate even in retirement. The command sergeant major has taken on a new endeavor to improve the lives of veterans as the director of Supportive Services for Operation Stand Down, an organization that works to combat homelessness among veterans and provide services to help struggling veterans get back on their feet.

Throughout his career in the Rhode Island National Guard, and with his continued service today, Command Sergeant Major McDonough has been an inspiration, advocate and role model for his fellow Guardsmen. I am proud to honor his life's work, and I again thank him for his outstanding commitment to serving our country and our military.●

TRIBUTE TO BRYAN ALMEIDA

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Bryan Almeida, a 2012 intern in my Washington, DC, office for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Bryan is a rising junior at the George Washington University. Currently, he is majoring in political communications and minoring in statistics. He is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Bryan for all the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO OLIVIA BARKET

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Olivia Barket, a 2012 intern in my Washington, DC, office for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Olivia is a rising junior at the University of Florida in Gainesville, FL. Currently, she is majoring in finance. She is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Olivia for all the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO RYAN BASS

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Ryan Bass, a 2012 intern in my Washington, DC, office for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Ryan is a rising junior at Emory University in Atlanta, GA. Currently, he is studying mathematics and political science. He is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Ryan for all the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO MARJORIE BROFFMAN

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Marjorie Broffman, a 2012 intern in my Washington, DC, office for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Marjorie is a rising junior at George Mason University in Fairfax, VA. Currently, Marjorie is double majoring in government and international politics and economics. She is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Marjorie for all the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO EILEEN CORKERY

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Eileen Corkery, a 2012 intern in my Washington, DC, office for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Eileen is a rising junior at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA. Currently, she is majoring in finance with a concentration in accounting. She is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Eileen for all the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO STEFAN DIAZ

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Stefan Diaz, a 2012 intern in my Washington, DC, office for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Stefan Diaz is a rising sophomore at Florida International University in Miami, FL. He is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Stefan for all the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO JACOB DRUCKER

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Jacob Drucker, a 2012 intern in my Washington, DC, office for all of the hard work he has done for me, my