

opportunity for veterans to fly to Washington, DC free of cost, so they can visit the national memorials dedicated to their service. Of the 123 veterans who visited Washington, DC 22 served in World War II, 69 in Korea, and 32 in Vietnam.

Military service is an exceptional duty to country. When the United States has been threatened, our veterans have stepped up and answered our country's call without reservation or fear.

Though these memorials honor our veterans' service, no statue or monument can truly express the level of gratitude we feel for those who courageously risked their lives to preserve our inherent rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Today we honor those who fought to secure the blessings endowed by our Creator for future generations.

Please join me in honoring Leonard Bennett, Verne Berry, Donald Debus, Frank DeSeure, Earl Harper, Joe Hoberman, Boyd Johnson, Charles Johnson, Phyllis Iverson-Farver, Glenn Lawrence, William Loper, Thomas Mascarenas, Jack Miller, James Mitchell, Glenn Morrell, Robert Palmer, Margaret Rowlett, Waldemar Schielke, Eric Schoenhaar, Lyle Stearley, Perry Sullinger, James Wayne, Henry Amen, Donald Babcock, William Berg, JD Bernard, Norton Billings, James Boltz, Leslie Bridwell, John Brunner, Francis Carrigan, Arne Christensen, Kenneth Cook, Edna Coseo, Lowell Davis, George Dillan, Edward Doebbeling, James Doherty, Paul Duneman, Philip Edwards, Karl Ehmann, Frank Faiella, Robert Fiscus, William Franklin, Melvin Gerling, Douglas Gifford, Otis Gordley, Jr., John Hefton, Robert Heldt, Richard Hirn, William Hotes, Bert Jones, Jr., Robert Kearney, Wayne Kluck, Richard Krebs, Vito LaBarbara, Richard Larson, Donald LeFever, Richard Lewis, John Marks, William Marlatt, Dale Mason, Verle Miller, Howard Morgan, Norman Oling, Donald Packard, Burdett Parsons, Harold Potter, Roland Reinick, Louis Richardson, Dudley Rider, Clyde Rink, Jr., Richard Ruggles, Richard Schilling, Raymond Schropfer, Wilbert Shimoda, Raymond Slauson, Charles Stevens, Jimmy Stickley, John Stitzel, Robert Stitzel, Thomas Stults, Eugene Stumpf, Dorral Threlkel, Jerry Turner, Ray Walker, Linus Wasinger, Ernest Wimmer, Delmar Wittier, Wallace Wolverton, Charles Wyant, Edward Andrews, Dennis Arnold, Berton Bessey, Ralph Bowling, Eugene Burmeister, Martin Carrera, Ronald Carrera, Thomas Claspell, Randy Colby, Kenneth Curry, Kenneth Eck, Timothy Feia, Sylvia Fiscus, Larry Giauque, Roger Hess, Warren Hindman, David Jones, Wallace Lavery, Michael Linder, William Lodge, Merle Luther, James Maxwell, Gaylen Miller, Martin Musick, Edward Obrecht, Jr., Daniel Scalise, Ronald Schaft, Gary Stricklin, John Stricklin, Robert Van Driel, David Webb, John Zochol.

#### 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF WHP 580 TALK RADIO

Mr. TOOMEY. Mr. President, today I recognize WHP 580 Talk Radio, a radio station in Harrisburg, PA, celebrating its 90th anniversary on April 3, 2015.

WHP 580 was established as WHBG in 1925 by the Skane Electrical Service. The station was sold in 1927 and changed its name to WHP on station dial 1280 AM 2 years later. In 1951, WHP was moved to dial number 580 AM, where it has remained ever since.

WHP 580 continues the tradition of providing quality programming and news just as it did 90 years ago. WHP 580 provides listeners with insightful talk radio aimed at informing citizens in Pennsylvania about current and national affairs, while keeping them engaged in local issues. The station offers a variety of talk radio programming, local and regional news updates, and daily weather and traffic reports for commuters. By broadcasting pertinent, up-to-date information, WHP 580 continues its legacy as a respected news source in the Central Pennsylvania region.

I recognize the significant contributions that WHP 580 Talk Radio has made to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. I wish them all the best as they continue their efforts to lead by example with a vision for better broadcasting in central Pennsylvania.

#### GREATER BLOOMINGTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. DONNELLY. Mr. President, I congratulate the hard-working members of the Greater Bloomington chamber of Commerce as they celebrate 100 years of creating jobs, building Indiana's economy, and improving the lives of Hoosiers across our State.

The Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce was founded in 1915 by a group of local business leaders dedicated to improving their community. For the past century, the chamber has proudly served Bloomington and Monroe County businesses, as well as the community as a whole, with integrity, leadership, and collaboration.

Since its founding, the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce has provided leadership through member engagement, business advocacy, and civic partnerships designed to strengthen the Bloomington business environment. They have been a voice of business in greater Bloomington, advancing collaboration, regional partnerships, and fostering young professional development in order to prepare students for work.

The Bloomington Chamber of Commerce has many noteworthy accomplishments over their 100 years of existence. Some of these include leading support for local and statewide transportation improvement projects; supporting the development of public water resources such as Lakes Lemon,

Griffey, and Monroe; leading school bond referendums, programs, and opportunities through the Franklin Initiative; and supporting efforts to revitalize downtown Bloomington. For these efforts and so many more, the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce has been named Chamber of the Year in both Indiana and on the national level by the American Chamber of Commerce Executives.

Businesses and everyday residents have benefited from the efforts of the Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce, and its members to create an exceptional quality of life for families in and around Monroe County. As a leading advocate for business in the Bloomington area today, the chamber's mission remains true to its foundation while at the same time adapting to accommodate the ever-changing landscape of today's business world. Their core vision of keeping Greater Bloomington a vibrant community in which to live, learn, invest, and work has paid off for area residents and will continue to do so for years to come.

On behalf of the citizens of Indiana, I sincerely congratulate all members of the Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce on their 100th anniversary, and I wish them continued success and growth in the years ahead.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO ZEKE GRADER

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing William F. "Zeke" Grader, Jr., who is being honored by the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations and the Institute for Fisheries Resources in recognition of his extraordinary contributions to the fishing community.

Zeke's roots to fishing date back to his childhood. He was raised in Fort Bragg, a small coastal town in Mendocino County, and spent his free time down on the docks helping his family's fish business. Zeke later attended Sonoma State University and graduated with a degree in political science before going to law school at the University of San Francisco.

In 1976, Zeke began working as the executive director of the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations, PCFFA, a trade organization supporting commercial fishing and fishermen rights. Throughout his 40-year career with PCFFA, Zeke worked tirelessly to support fishermen and their families, serving with unmatched distinction and skill. Zeke always understood the importance of ocean conservation, supporting groundbreaking legislation such as the Magnuson-Stevens Act and the California Coastal Act and advocating for sustainable fisheries that protected against overfishing and restored fish habitats.

Zeke's passion for the ocean led him to other leadership positions, including

roles as the founding executive director of the Institute for Fisheries Resources, a member of the U.S. Department of Commerce's Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee, and a member of the Marine Fish Conservation Network.

A resolute and determined defender of the sea and those whose livelihoods depend on it, Zeke Grader is truly a force of nature. His work will continue to make a difference for years to come, and I send my deepest gratitude to Zeke for his outstanding service to California and the Nation.●

#### TRIBUTE TO REBECCA ALEXANDER

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, today I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Rebecca Alexander, a native Californian who has overcome tremendous obstacles and inspired countless others to face their own challenges with courage and strength.

On April 14th, the Foundation Fighting Blindness will honor Rebecca Alexander with its Hope and Spirit Award at the Thirteenth Annual For the Love of Sight Visionary Awards Dinner here in Washington.

Rebecca was born in Oakland with Usher syndrome type III, a rare genetic disorder that causes progressive blindness and deafness. She began losing her sight as a teenager, and suffered a fall at age 18 that broke nearly every bone in her body. Today, Rebecca is almost completely blind and deaf.

Despite these daunting setbacks, Rebecca has persevered. Now 36 years old, Rebecca is a psychotherapist with two master's degrees from Columbia University and a successful private practice in New York City. She is also the author of a moving memoir, "Not Fade Away."

In addition to her professional achievements, Rebecca regularly teaches spin classes and competes in the Civilian Military Combine, CMC, for extreme athletes. Some of her extraordinary athletic feats include helping run the Olympic torch across America, participating in a 600-mile bike ride from San Francisco to Los Angeles, skydiving, and bungee jumping.

As the Foundation Fighting Blindness prepares to honor Rebecca, I want to join them in expressing my congratulations, appreciation, and profound admiration for this remarkable young woman.●

#### TRIBUTE TO DAVID MITZNER

● Mr. CRUZ. Mr. President, our Nation was founded on an idea—an idea that every person has the right to freely speak, live, worship, work, and build flourishing lives for themselves and their families. And today I want to recognize a man who embraces those liberties and whose witness is exceptional. For a century, Mr. Mitzner has been a warrior for freedom.

David Mitzner was born to Jewish parents in Poland, and during World War II he lost his family to the Holocaust. He survived 8 long years in a Soviet gulag. A Russian officer told the men at the labor camp, "Here you're going to live, here you're going to die." David refused to accept that as his fate and fought to live. In 1949 he defied his captors and escaped the iron grip of communism to come to the United States.

He arrived in New York with just \$17 in his pocket. He didn't know English and didn't have any relatives to rely upon. He got his first job working for a hosiery manufacturer and today he is one of world's most successful private real estate investors whose projects span from Texas to Poland.

He works with the same vigor, energy, and gratitude as he did when he stepped onto American soil 66 years ago. And at 100 years old, Mr. Mitzner still goes into the office to make sure his company continues to operate with uncompromising integrity and excellence. He has pioneered development in cities across the world, and particularly in Warsaw, his childhood home, which was nearly destroyed by communism. His fellow investors said it couldn't be done but he proved them wrong.

As he often says, there are miracles all around us. David's life is a miracle and it is one that continues to overflow into all those who are blessed to know him.

In closing, I want to recount a brief anecdote from the Passover Seder, which I had the privilege of celebration with David and the extended Mitzner family last year. It was very close to his 99th birthday, and I remember him saying, "99 is nothing. When I turn 100, that will be something." David, you are now 100, and it is indeed something. Happy birthday, friend, and thank you for the legacy you have built, not merely on bricks and mortar, but on upon your fortitude and your faith.●

#### CONGRATULATING JUSTICE BEST

● Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today, I wish to congratulate Justice Best on being chosen as a second prize winner in C-SPAN's national 2015 StudentCam competition. Ms. Best is a junior at Spanish Springs High School in Sparks, NV, and was one of 5,000 students in 45 States to compete. This was the largest amount of participants to ever enter the contest since it began 11 years ago. The competition allowed for middle school and high school participants and required the students to make a 5- to 7-minute documentary responding to this statement: "The Three Branches and You: tell a story that demonstrates how a policy, law, or action by either the executive, legislative, or judicial branch has affected you or your community." Students were chosen based upon how well their videos demonstrated research and planning and upon their ability to include a

diverse range of expert interviews on the topic. Last, judges paid close attention to the students' ability to demonstrate critical thought on their topics.

Ms. Best chose an important topic pertinent to Nevada on both a State and Federal level: the greater sage grouse endangered species listing. Throughout the documentary, she presented the two sides of the issue by interviewing professionals and locals with knowledge on the topic and concluded that listing the greater sage grouse as an endangered species would be detrimental to the Nevada economy. Ms. Best was one of 16 second prize winners, earning a total of \$1,000. She is a shining example of how hard work and dedication result in success and stands as a role model for future Spanish Springs Cougars.

I am excited to see a local student bringing recognition to both Nevada and to Spanish Springs High School for her advancement in a national competition. She should be proud to call herself a top contender in a competitive environment. I ask my colleagues to join me and all Nevadans in congratulating Ms. Best for her efforts and honorable representation of Nevada.●

#### CONGRATULATING SHIRLEY MCLEE

● Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today, I wish to congratulate Shirley McLee on being named Regional Magnet Teacher of the Year by the Magnet Schools of America. Ms. McLee was one of eight selected to receive the national award, recognizing her dedication to Ed W. Clark High School's magnet program. Her unwavering commitment to the program has grown it to be the success it is now, providing some of the best magnet courses in the Nation.

Ms. McLee was chosen as the western region winner out of teachers from Nevada, California, Oregon, and Arizona. The award recognizes full-time teachers who are dedicated to providing innovative programs to students, as well as promoting equity and diversity among those involved in the program. Ms. McLee's hard work has had great influence at Ed W. Clark High School and has positively contributed to the three different magnet programs offered to students, including the Academy of Mathematics, Science and Applied Technology, the Academy of Finance, and the Teacher Education Academy. These programs focus on specific areas of study pertaining to future career work and are available to students as they move through their high school coursework. They also offer extra hours of school instruction and a reduced student to teacher ratio, as well as collaboration between Ed W. Clark High School and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and the College of Southern Nevada to offer college credit. Ms. McLee is a shining example of how devotion to a program can truly impact the lives of students. Her accolade is well deserved.