

the new settlers worked in the darkness and danger of the anthracite coal mines in order to provide for their families. My grandfather, Alphonsus Casey, at the age of 11, was one of those workers. He was a “mule boy” who was once kicked in the face by a mule, sustaining a deep cut from his forehead, across his face. As my father would recall years later, “There were no benefits—no worker’s compensation, no safety net in place to take care of the adult worker, much less an injured child.”

A 2002 book, “A History of the Commonwealth,” described the lives of our region’s coal miners as ones of “danger and economic uncertainty.” The great novelist Stephen Crane recounted a visit to one mine in the region by describing an “extraordinary, black puzzle” in which the “shouts of mule-boys” were sometimes the only sounds.

The work ethic of those who descended into the depth and darkness of those mines shaped Scranton and impacts the city all these years later. As the coal jobs were lost, the city and the region went through a painful transition that left scars on our land and our people. What has undergirded the city of Scranton’s resilience over all these years has been a heritage of hard work and sacrifice and an enduring belief in the promise of tomorrow.

Today Scranton’s economy has been transformed by so-called “meds and eds.” The city is home to some of our State’s top universities and medical facilities. It is a community of entrepreneurs and is being shaped by a new generation of immigrants seeking the same better life as Scrantonians of an earlier era.

Driving the city’s education sector are the five colleges and universities that are preparing thousands of students for careers in the 21st-century economy—advanced manufacturing, technology, and energy. The Commonwealth Medical College, which is the first M.D.-granting medical school built in Pennsylvania since 1962, is providing state-of-the-art medical education to medical students from across the globe. In addition, Commonwealth Health and Geisinger have entered the medical market in Lackawanna County and are investing over \$300 million in innovative technology and improved medical care.

For the last 150 years, Scranton’s story has been part of the fabric of our Nation. As the city looks forward to the next 150 years, it is uniquely positioned to create its own future.

Mr. TOOMEY. Mr. President, I wish to recognize the city of Scranton on its 150th anniversary and highlight the rich and industrious heritage that has continued to drive the Electric City well into the 21st century.

The story of Scranton is unique and yet distinctly American. The city’s visionary founders, brothers George and Selden Scranton, arrived in the Lackawanna Valley in the early 1840s and, after early failures, became the first

Americans to produce iron rails on a mass scale. Railroads expanded dramatically throughout the United States once these crucial components became available, and Scranton became a hub of commerce, manufacturing, and transportation. By the 1860s, the Scranton family’s company had grown into the second largest iron-manufacturing center in America, employing thousands of people. With 35,000 residents at the time, Scranton was officially incorporated as a city on April 23, 1866, and would become the county seat for the newly formed Lackawanna County in 1878.

The success of Scranton’s coal, iron, and steel industries served as a catalyst for other important enterprises in the region. Large-scale textile, printing, and food-processing operations, together with increased educational opportunities, all played a vital role in the region’s growth. Between 1860 and 1910, Scranton’s flourishing industrial activity drew thousands of new immigrants.

The story of the Scranton family’s endeavor, now known as the Lackawanna Steel Company, is one of the greatest success stories of American manufacturing. Through perseverance and dedication, Scranton grew from a small, agrarian village to a thriving, multicultural city.

Today Scranton is a leader in higher education, medicine, and manufacturing. Driving Scranton’s development are five institutions of higher education preparing thousands of students for a 21st century economy. For example, the Commonwealth Medical College provides state-of-the-art medical education to students from across the globe, and companies in Lackawanna County have made significant investments in innovative technology and improved medical care. Scranton is well-positioned to be a beacon for entrepreneurs and businesses looking to take advantage of the high-quality workforce that Scranton’s colleges and technical schools are producing.

Today I wish to recognize the profound contributions that the city of Scranton and its residents have made to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania over the last 150 years. I wish them all the best as the people of Scranton celebrate the city’s sesquicentennial anniversary on April 23, 2016.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CIVIL AIR PATROL

Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the Civil Air Patrol as it celebrates its 75th anniversary this year. The Civil Air Patrol has been a tremendous contributor in our great State, and I am honored to recognize and congratulate it on this important milestone.

The Civil Air Patrol was founded on December 1, 1941, the week before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, by a group of brave civilians interested in donating both their aviation skills and

free time to protecting the Nation’s coastlines during World War II, in addition to contributing to other civil defense missions. During this time, pilots volunteering with the Civil Air Patrol flew more than 500,000 hours and helped in a variety of ways, including patrolling the coastline for submarine activity, monitoring our forests and southern borders, and searching for ships and personnel in distress.

On July 1, 1946, the Civil Air Patrol was established as a federally chartered nonprofit corporation by President Harry Truman. Following this, on May 26, 1948, Congress passed a law, designating the Civil Air Patrol as the Air Force Auxiliary and establishing primary missions for the Civil Air Patrol. The legislation established that the Civil Air Patrol would focus on emergency services, cadet programs, and aerospace education. Today this important organization is a national community service group with 31,000 professionally trained civilian volunteers and serves as a partner to the U.S. Air Force as a member of its total force. The Civil Air Patrol serves to assist Federal, State, and local governments and offers assistance for homeland security missions, counterdrug efforts, search and rescue missions, and disaster relief.

The Nevada Wing Civil Air Patrol upholds these values, maintaining strong search and rescue programs, cadet programs, and aerospace education, and has a far-reaching positive impact on both urban and rural communities throughout the Silver State. The many volunteers contributing to the Nevada Wing have helped at a variety of events, departments, and facilities across the State, including the State Veterans Home, the Boulder City and Fernley Veterans Cemeteries, Operation Home Front, Blue Star Widows, Nevada Department of Emergency Management Search and Rescue Board, and many more.

In addition, the Nevada Wing has strengthened its relationship with the Nevada Department of Emergency Management and has reinforced its incident management action team, triggering a quicker and more thorough response to support calls from across the Nation. This incredible wing’s contributions to both adults and children across the State are invaluable. I extend my deepest gratitude to the many men and women who volunteer for the Nevada wing for their genuine concern and services in helping others. The legacy they have built for the Nevada Wing will live on for generations to come.

For three-quarters of a century, the Civil Air Patrol has proven its unwavering dedication to our State and to our country. The hard work of those that have served both nationally at the Civil Air Patrol and within the Nevada Wing has not gone unnoticed. These courageous men and women stand as role models in their pursuits to help others in states of emergency and in

everyday events. I ask Nevadans across the Silver State and my colleagues to join me in honoring the Civil Air Patrol on its 75th anniversary and in thanking the Civil Air Patrol for its commendable missions.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RUTHERFORD B. HAYES PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY & MUSEUMS

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the 100th anniversary of the Hayes Presidential Library & Museums in Fremont, OH. On May 30, 1916, COL Webb Hayes, son of President Rutherford B. Hayes, made his father's papers and artifacts available to the public for research with the opening of a library and museum on his parents' estate, Spiegel Grove. It was the first in what is now a Federal presidential library system.

Spiegel Grove is unique in that the former President's home, tomb, museum, and library are all on the same site, which sits on 25 acres surrounded by six sets of gates originally located at the White House. The site has continued to grow and change since its opening. In 2012, a \$1.5 million restoration of the Hayes Home was completed. Major additions to the museum in 1922 and 1968 brought the building to its present configuration comprising of 52,640 square feet. In January 2016, the museum temporarily closed to the public to undergo a \$1.6 million renovation, which will premiere Memorial Day weekend 2016.

It is the mission of the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library & Museums "to enrich lives through the historical preservation of Spiegel Grove and to provide a greater understanding of President Hayes and his contributions to the State of Ohio, the country, and his fellow Americans." In keeping with that mission, the organization uses its resources, including 21,000 artifacts, 80,000 books, and 6,000 linear feet of manuscript collections, to illustrate the life and times of Rutherford B. Hayes, his family, and his Presidency.

We are honored to have this American treasure located in the State of Ohio.

TRIBUTE TO FUTURE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. President, today I wish to honor 461 high school seniors in eight northeast Ohio counties for their commendable decision to enlist in the U.S. Armed Forces. Of these 461 seniors from 127 high schools in 94 towns and cities, 141 will enter the Army, 126 will enter the Marine Corps, 61 will enter the Navy, 25 will enter the Air Force, 1 will enter the Coast Guard, 103 will enter our Ohio Army National Guard, and 4 will enter the Ohio Air National Guard. In the presence of their parents/guardians, high school counselors, military leaders, and city and business leaders, all 461 will be recognized on May 4, 2016, by Our Community Salutes of northeast Ohio.

In a few short weeks, these young men and women will join with many of their classmates in celebration of their high school graduation. At a time when many of their peers are looking forward to pursuing vocational training or college degrees or are uncertain about their future, these young men and women instead have chosen to dedicate themselves to military service in defense of our rights, our freedoms, and our country. They should know that they have full support of this Senate Chamber and the American people, who are with them in whatever challenges may lie ahead.

These 461 young men and women are the cornerstone of our liberties. It is thanks to their dedication and the dedication of an untold number of patriots just like them that we are able to meet here today in the U.S. Senate and openly debate the best solutions to the many diverse problems that confront our country. It is thanks to their sacrifices that the United States of America remains a beacon of hope and freedom in a dangerous world. We are grateful to them, and we are grateful to their parents and their communities for instilling in them not only the mental and physical abilities our Armed Forces require but, more importantly, the character, the values, and the discipline that leads someone to put service to our Nation over self.

I would like to personally thank these 461 graduating seniors for their selflessness and the courage that they have shown by volunteering to risk their lives in defense of our Nation. We owe them, along with all those who serve our country, a deep debt of gratitude.

I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the names of the 461 high school seniors.

There being no objection, the list was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

UNITED STATES ARMY—141

Achterhof—Medina; Addison—South Euclid; Alexander—Medina; Artis—Brooklyn; Baldyga—Broadview Heights; Basile—Maple Heights; Bell—Akron; Berry—North Ridgeville; Boggs—Bedford; Bost—Chardon; Bradshaw—Newburgh Heights; Brandt—Broadview Heights; Brasty—Parma; Brewer—Cleveland; Broeckel II—Vermilion; Brown—Parma; Burgos—Lorain; Burt—Barberton; Cannon—Cleveland; Chauvin—Hudson; Clark—Cleveland; Colon—Berea; Cook—East Cleveland; Cooper—Sheffield Township; Crowder—Akron; Curiale—Olmsted Falls; Daniels—Akron; Davis—Lorain; DeJesus—Cuyahoga Falls; Delgado—Lorain; Dingess—Wadsworth; Domiguez—Lorain; Felix—Parma Heights; Finkel—Wellington; Fuss—Wadsworth; Gant—Ashtabula; Gary—Garfield Heights; Giavonette—Parma; Golan—Brunswick; Grays—South Euclid; Griffith—Jefferson; Hanrahan—Parma Heights; Hardin—Martinez—Geneva; Hawkins—Painesville; Hawthorne, J—Lorain; Hawthorne, N—Lorain; Hawthorne, J—Lorain; Hayes—Ravenna; Hoch—Middleburg Heights; Holian—Lakewood; Hughes III—Willoughby.

Irby—Garfield Heights; Jackson—Elyria; James, B—Broadview Heights; James, D—Cleveland; Jennings—Warrensville; Johnson, D—Akron; Johnson, J—Akron; Jones—Bar-

berton; Kelly—Ravenna; LaRiche—Geneva; Larsen—Stow; Lausin—Kirtland; Lawson—Berea; Lewis—Elyria; Loosli—Amherst; Lopez, L—North Ridgeville; Magrell—Cuyahoga Falls; Martinez—Ashtabula; McFall—Fairlawn; Mendez—Painesville; Mickels—Akron; Milich—North Royalton; Miller—North Royalton; Mongenel—Ashtabula; Montesano—Northfield; Moore—Cleveland; Neely—Amherst; Nelson—Cleveland; Nemitz—Conneaut; Nethers—Broadview Heights; Nowagarski—Grafton; Page—Akron; Parella—Stow; Perrigan—Lorain; Poling—Lakewood; Pullman—Parma; Purnell—Cleveland; Quinões, Jr.—North Olmsted; Radke—Parma Heights.

Raduka—Barberton; Raeburn—Cuyahoga Falls; Ramos—Ashtabula; Rawdon—Akron; Reitz—North Ridgeville; Rhodes—Akron; Richardson—Akron; Richmond—Cleveland; Ridenour—Lodi; Rider—Kent; Rivera—Lorain; Roberts—Akron; Robertson, J—Elyria; Robertson, N—Parma; Rodriguez—Cabalero—Cleveland; Rukule—Lyndhurst; Sack—Middleburg Heights; Sanchez, E—Medina; Schmitt—Barberton; Schraner—Parma; Schveder—Perry; Shaw—Cleveland; Sibits—Brunswick; Sistrunk—Akron; Smith, L—WadsworthSpurlock—Oberlin; Starcher—Windham; Sullivan—Windham; Terrasi—Willoughby; Thacker—LaGrange; Thomas—Geneva; Toensing—Cleveland; Tousley—Wadsworth; Vaughn, J—Lorain; Vaughn, T—Cleveland; Walker, C—Cleveland; Walker, T—Conneaut; Ward—North Royalton; Ware—Twinsburg; Webster—Lorain; Weintz—Brunswick; White—Ashtabula; Wildhaber—Elyria; Williams, D—Garfield Heights; Williams, M—Shaker Heights; Willyard—Ravenna; Wojnowski—Wellington; Woodrum—Stow; Woods—North Ridgeville; Workman—Wellington; Young—Elyria.

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS—126

Adler—Middlefield; Ady—Euclid; Allan—North Olmsted; Arbogast—North Royalton; Augustine—Euclid; Bacik—North Olmsted; Bailey—Brunswick; Bakita—Barberton; Barnett—Ashtabula; Bischoff—Norton; Bodkins—Wellington; Bosak—Cleveland; Braman—Elyria; Brandt—Cuyahoga Falls; Brill—Sheffield Lake; Brown—Elyria; Buckwald—Brunswick; Burchard—Cleveland; Burgess—Wellington; Bush—Euclid; Calafato—Kent; Campbell—Conneaut; Cannell—Northfield; Carlyn—Akron; Carson—Akron; Castro—Cleveland; Cole—Garfield Heights; Collins, J—Twinsburg; Collins, R—Ashtabula; Cousin—Middleburg Heights; Crespo—Olmsted Township; Crookston—Doylestown; Curry—Garfield Heights; Cushing—Sheffield Lake; Cushman—Northfield; Durigon—Painesville; Eaton—Wadsworth; Eberhardt—Fairlawn; Elliott—Olmsted Falls.

Fairman—Madison; Fields—Oberlin; Figler—Northfield; Fisher, C—Medina; Fisher, G—Medina; Flege—Stow; Foster—Cruz—Cleveland; Frey—Sheffield; Gabel—Wadsworth; Grabowy—Macedonia; Grasso—North Royalton; Gruber—Medina; Gutierrez Rodriguez—Painesville; Hahn—Parma; Hall—Medina; Harrold—Elyria; Hetrick—Cleveland; Hill—Akron; Holmes, Ja—Medina; Holmes, Jo—Barberton; Jackson—Akron; Jerome—Bay Village; Jones, A—Garrettsville; Jones, J—Cleveland; Jurgens—Medina; Kahl—North Kingsville; Kisil—Cleveland; Kontz—North Ridgeville; Kramer—Medina; Law—Bedford Heights; Leisure—Chesterland; LeMire—Strongsville; Lepley—Barberton; Locksey—North Olmsted; Maag—Berea; Maciech—Parma; McCandless—Painesville; McCauley—Silver Lake; McGarvey—Painesville; McLelland—Wadsworth; Medina—Lorain; Mercedes—Lakewood; Mills—Wadsworth; Mori—Garfield Heights; Morris—Cuyahoga Falls; Murray—Bedford; Nashroyal—Akron; Newhart—Ashtabula.