

dealers, and human traffickers and the removal of countless illegal firearms, heroin, and cocaine from our communities. Brian uses his expertise in law enforcement and his ability to collaborate successfully to keep our communities and citizens safe.

Heroic Act Award—John Marsh, Border Patrol agent, U.S. Border Patrol, Swanton sector, Beecher Falls Station—in April 2016, while returning from a call for assistance in New Hampshire, Agent Marsh approached two men on the ground, one pounding the chest of the other. Agent Marsh found the person on the ground was choking on food, was not breathing, and would not respond to verbal stimulation. After requesting emergency medical services, Agent Marsh administered the Heimlich maneuver and was able to dislodge the food from the victim. He remained with him until the paramedics arrived and took over care. Thanks to John's training and his ability to stay calm under pressure, the victim is alive and well today.

Vermont Federal Team of the Year Award—the northwest Vermont locality pay committee: Brandon Ackel, Transportation Security Administration, Robert Brugman, National Credit Union Administration, Brian Johansson, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Kelly Larsen, Federal Aviation Administration, Alaska, Bruce McDonald, Transportation Security Administration, Sean McVey, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Mark Nielsen, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Jeff Ostlund, Transportation Security Administration, Corey Price, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Texas, Lisa Rees, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, and Krista Scheele, Transportation Security Administration—in November 2012, VTFEA discussed what initiatives would benefit the most Federal employees, and it didn't take long to realize that securing locality pay for Vermont was the No. 1 priority. In early 2013, VTFEA created a locality pay committee, consisting of employees from six Federal agencies. Working tirelessly, the team prepared a locality pay proposal for northwest Vermont and, in December 2013, presented it to the Federal Salary Council in Washington, DC. Unfortunately, the first proposal was denied, so the following year, they tried again. Again, the proposal was denied. Not to be discouraged, the team drafted a third proposal in November 2015, and committee members traveled to Washington at their own expense to support the package and their fellow Vermonters. At the hearing, the Council approved the package, which is waiting for approval by the President's pay agent and the President. The northwest Vermont locality pay committee's tenacity, collaborative spirit, and positivity is why Vermont is being considered for locality pay, and it is because of their efforts that VTFEA chose them as "Federal Team of the Year."•

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO DAVID MAXWELL

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, today I wish to honor David Maxwell, the director of the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management, ADEM, and State Homeland Security adviser, who is retiring next month after more than 36 years of service at ADEM.

David began his career at ADEM in 1978 as a temporary housing employee working with Arkansans displaced by major flooding in Little Rock.

Through the years, he held a number of positions at ADEM, including plans and operations division manager, where he ensured the State emergency operations plan, EOP, and local jurisdictional plans were maintained and in compliance with State and Federal guidelines. Prior to assuming the role of director, David served as the department's deputy director.

As director, David chairs the Arkansas Homeland Security executive committee and serves on a number of the State's emergency response-related councils and committees. In October 2009, David served a 1-year term as 2010 president of the National Emergency Management Association, NEMA, and now serves as an adviser to the current NEMA president. Additionally, he serves on the board of directors of the Central United States Earthquake Consortium, CUSEC, and is a member of the executive committee of the National Governors Association, NGA, Governors Homeland Security Advisors Council for which he chairs the catastrophic disaster and preparedness committee. In 2015, David was awarded the Lacy E. Suiter Distinguished Service Award by the National Emergency Management Association.

David has served as the designated State coordinating officer for 24 federally declared disasters and one federally declared emergency during his career at ADEM.

I worked very closely with David during his tenure as ADEM director. I have always found him to be a very responsive, committed public servant who is dedicated to the people of Arkansas.

I thank David for his service to our State and applaud his efforts to keep Arkansans safe over the last three decades. I wish him all the best in retirement.•

CONGRATULATING THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION BLUE DEVILS

• Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, today I wish to congratulate the Montgomery Youth Hockey Association's, MYHA, Squirt AA Blue team for winning the 2016 International Silver Stick championship in Sarnia, Ontario. I am proud that this year—for the 3rd year in a row—the name of the Montgomery Blue Devils from Rockville, MD, will be on a plaque placed alongside the Sil-

ver Stick trophy in the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto, Canada.

The International Silver Stick tournament has attracted teams from all over the United States and Canada since 1958. The laudable purpose of the tournament is to develop and promote "Citizenship and International Goodwill through hockey." The Montgomery Blue Devils team of 9- and 10-year-olds—a squad of 15 boys and 1 girl—exemplified this philosophy both on and off the ice. Led by tournament "most valuable player" Reid Pehrkon, the Squirt AA Blue team outscored its opponents by a margin of 30 goals to 17. The team defeated the North York Knights in Toronto, Canada, in four overtimes, 5-4, to win the championship for a 3rd consecutive year. Compiling 145 victories in the process, the Blue Devils can legitimately lay claim to being the best AA team in North America.

In addition to winning the International Silver Stick tournament, the team won its regular season title, the league playoff championship, and the International Silver Stick regional championship.

Throughout the season, the AA Blue team lived up to its simple rallying cry of "work," and never wavered from the main goals established by Coach Rob Keegan and assistants Dave Cohen, Stu Margel, and Lee Rosebush, which were "to be the hardest working team around and to always believe that the team is more important than the individual."

I ask my colleagues to join me today in congratulating the MYHA Blue Devils Squirt AA Blue Team for its dedication to the values of teamwork and perseverance while winning a third consecutive International Silver Stick Championship. Team members include Ethan Birndorf, Caden Blazer, Will Cohen, Andrew Fou, Nick Garner, Cody Keegan, Alexander MacMillan, Dylan Margel, John McNelis, Jack Oliver, Reid Pehrkon, Dakota Rosebush, Brady Silverman, Jack Slater, Lucy Thiessen, and Maddox Tulacro. We should also express our appreciation to the coaches mentioned above and to the parents, other family members, and friends who have tirelessly supported and mentored this superb group of youngsters.•

TRIBUTE TO MONSIGNOR JOSEPH P. KELLY

• Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, today I wish to honor Monsignor Joseph P. Kelly, a dear friend and spiritual advisor, for his decades of extraordinary service in helping others and working to secure the common good. Fifty years ago, Monsignor Kelly was ordained as a priest in the Diocese of Scranton. Since then, he has touched the lives of thousands of people in Northeastern Pennsylvania and Nebraska. He is been a servant leader, one whose profound faith is demonstrated in his works. I would like to take this time to wish him the best on

this milestone and reflect on his selfless commitment to enriching the lives of others.

Over the decades, he has worked in a variety of diocesan assignments and always in a position to teach students or his congregation. As an educator at Holy Rosary School and the Scranton Preparatory School, he spent 25 years teaching religion to eighth graders and high school seniors. He has served as pastor of several parishes, including St. Catherine's Moscow, Holy Rosary, St. Ann's, and Nativity of Our Lord. In addition, Monsignor Kelly served as the Episcopal vicar of Hispanic ministry for the Diocese of Scranton. He has also led Catholic Social Services, St. Michael's School for Boys, and Camp St. Andrew, where he cofounded Project Hope. At one time, Project Hope sent as many as 700 low-income and at-risk youth to Camp St. Andrew, providing summer camp experiences for young people who otherwise would not be able to afford the program.

Service and serving others is not only a deed, it has been a way of life for Monsignor Kelly. Although Monsignor Kelly retired from leading Catholic Social Services at the end of 2015, he currently is the executive director of the St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen in Scranton, PA. He is committed to responding to the needs of those living in poverty in America. I commend his lifelong efforts to foster compassion and promote human dignity for all people, at all stages of life. Monsignor Kelly's reputation for integrity is reflected in his work with the poorest, most vulnerable, and most marginalized members of our communities.

Over the past 50 years, his life has been one of compassion, selfless service, and a steadfast commitment to justice. On behalf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I commend Monsignor Joseph P. Kelly for this milestone and wish him only the best in the days and years ahead.●

TRIBUTE TO MACKENZIE WOOTEN, BROOK HIGBEE, AND HAYDN BRADSTREET

● Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to congratulate three Nevada students, Mackenzie Wooten, Brook Higbee, and Haydn Bradstreet, who were named U.S. Presidential Scholars. This is an incredible accolade, recognizing the very best students across the Nation who have gone above and beyond in their academic pursuits, and I extend my sincerest congratulations to these three Nevadans.

The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964 by President Lyndon B. Johnson to recognize some of the most academically ambitious students across the Nation. Each year, up to 161 students are named as U.S. Presidential Scholars, which is one of the most prestigious accomplishments that high school students can achieve. All three of these students

have excelled in their studies and are certainly deserving of this award.

Mackenzie is a senior at Northwest Career and Technical Academy in the Clark County School District and was recognized for demonstrating excellence in career and technical education. This category was added to the scholars list this year to recognize students pursuing science, technology, engineering, and math fields. Brook is a senior at Pahrangat Valley High School in the Lincoln County School District and serves as student body president. Haydn attends Davidson Academy of Nevada in Reno and has excelled in his scientific pursuits. Both Brook and Haydn were selected for excellence in their academic studies.

These students are shining examples of what hard work and determination can accomplish, and they should be proud of their accomplishments. Today I ask my colleagues to join me and all Nevadans in congratulating Mackenzie, Brook, and Haydn in this achievement and in wishing them well in their future endeavors.●

RECOGNIZING KIMMIE CANDY

● Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to congratulate Joe Dutra and all of those contributing at Kimmie Candy for receiving the President's "E" Award for Exports. This award is truly prestigious and given to only the most ambitious companies making a significant contribution to the expansion of U.S. exports.

As founder, CEO, and president of Kimmie Candy, Joe first established the company on a farm in his hometown of Sacramento, CA. By 2003, the company had made great strides and won "product of the year" at the annual Candy Grammys held in Long Beach, CA. In 2005, Joe relocated to Reno, NV, with the goal of creating more American jobs. Just 2 years later, Joe purchased the building that is now Kimmie Candy's production facility, and by 2008, the candy company was fully operational. Within the next year, Joe took the company international and increased sales in the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Philippines, South America, and the Middle East. Since its opening, the company has grown to 36 employees and continues to expand. I have toured the facility on multiple occasions and am always impressed by this successful business. Joe's work in creating job opportunities in Nevada has not gone unnoticed, and I am thankful to have Kimmie Candy operating in our great State.

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy signed an executive order to revive the World War II "E" symbol of excellence. The President's "E" Award aims to honor companies across the country that have contributed to America's exports by demonstrating export growth for over 4 years. Kimmie Candy is one of only 123 companies that was honored with this award. Without a doubt, Joe's

work at Kimmie Candy warrants this significant accolade.

Today, I ask my colleagues and all Nevadans to join me in congratulating my friend Joe and the entire Kimmie Candy family for receiving this national award. I am thankful for everything Joe has contributed to the city of Reno and our State, and I wish him well as he continues his endeavors at Kimmie Candy.●

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF BON SECOURS ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL

● Mr. KAINE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital, the first hospital in the Bon Secours Richmond Health System. This not-for-profit Catholic health system, which is comprised of four hospitals in the greater Richmond metropolitan area, serves some of the neediest populations throughout central Virginia.

St. Mary's founding was rooted in a strong history of providing care. In 1824, in Paris, 12 women formed the congregation of the Sisters of Bon Secours, French for "Good Help." The Sisters' purpose was to nurse the sick and dying in their homes. The Sisters of Bon Secours came to the United States in 1881, where they continued their work of aiding the poor, the sick, and the dying in their homes. In 1966, Bon Secours expanded its mission with the opening of St. Mary's Hospital. Through its history, Bon Secours Richmond has stayed true to its founding principles through its community outreach and commitment to serving the neediest among us.

For the past 50 years, St. Mary's Hospital has provided critical health services including cardiac, orthopedic, women's pediatric, surgery, oncology, imaging, neurology, and emergency services. St. Mary's Hospital ranks in the top 10 percent of America's hospitals for emergency care. Today St. Mary's employs over 3,000 employees, including more than 1,000 physicians.

Bon Secours' mission is to bring compassion to health care and to be good help to those in need. I commend St. Mary's Hospital on behalf of my constituents for its commitment to health care excellence and service to the patients and families in the greater Richmond area.●

RECOGNIZING THE GAS TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE

● Mr. KIRK. Mr. President, I would like to honor the Gas Technology Institute, GTI, and its dedicated employees as they celebrate their 75th anniversary. Headquartered in Des Plaines, IL, GTI is a leading nonprofit research development organization in my home State, working diligently to address key global energy and environmental challenges.

A proven leader over the past three-quarters of a century, GTI continues to develop high-impact technologies,