

Dora served as a stenographer with the Deputy Chief of Staff for Military Operations. She then transferred to the litigation division, where she worked for the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General. Dora was responsible for gathering Army witnesses from all over the world to testify in Federal court and kept records of collateral Army aircraft accidents in Vietnam. In 1972, she began working for the U.S. Army Court of Military Review in Falls Church, VA.

Dora briefly left Federal service to work at Williams, Connall & Califano in Washington, DC, and at Robinson, Robinson & Cole in Hartford, CT.

In the grand tradition of transplant Texans, Dora returned to the Lone Star State in 1978, where she has spent the remainder of her Federal service. In San Antonio, Dora worked at the U.S. Attorney's office until 1980, when she began working for the Honorable William S. Sessions, who was Chief Judge of the Western District of Texas. Dora served a vital role in his office until he was appointed as Director of the FBI in 1987. She then served as a secretary to an attorney and three Customs agents with the Narcotic and Dangerous Drug Section of the Department of Justice, DOJ, Criminal Division.

In July 1988, Ms. Samudio began her nearly 30 years of work as a judicial assistant to the Honorable John W. Primomo, U.S. magistrate judge. Judge Primomo holds Dora with highest regards and had the following to say about her:

I have known Dora for more than 30 years since she was the Judicial Assistant for Chief Judge William S. Sessions of the Western District of Texas. After his appointment as Director of the F.B.I. and my appointment as United States Magistrate Judge in 1988, it was my fortune that Dora applied to be my judicial assistant. I was surprised that she would be willing to 'humble' herself to work for a magistrate judge after serving the chief judge of the district. She is exceptional in all respects. I have always told Dora she is over-qualified to be my judicial assistant, yet she has stayed. She is totally dedicated and extremely loyal. We have shared many of our personal ups and downs over the years. A part of me will be missing when Dora retires at the end of the month. It has been a privilege and an honor to work with her for the past 28 years.

Throughout her career, she has served with integrity and character. Her legacy will continue to benefit those who know her, and I join with her family, friends, and coworkers in telling that her experience and dedication will be missed.

I offer my thanks and appreciation to Dora Samudio for 50 years of steadfast service to our Nation and send my best wishes for the years ahead.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING BALDOR ELECTRIC COMPANY

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the Baldor Electric

Company of Fort Smith, AR, for officially completing 15 million accident-free work hours.

Baldor moved its production of industrial electric motors to Fort Smith in 1956 and, in 1961, relocated its corporate headquarters there as well. The company has employed thousands of Arkansans for nearly 60 years.

This company produces products that are part of every industry in America. Its equipment powers everything from drills on oil rigs and conveyer belts in mining operations, to air conditioning systems in hospitals and thrusters on Navy and Coast Guard ships.

The Arkansas Department of Labor, the Arkansas Insurance Department, and the Arkansas Workers' Compensation Commission recently presented Baldor Electric Company with a "Fifteen Million Man Hour Award" for its extraordinary commitment to workplace safety, making it the first company in Arkansas to receive this designation. This means that between August of 2010 and May of 2016, Baldor successfully prevented a work-related illness or injury for 1,250 employees.

This brings me tremendous pleasure as I understand full well that the importance of workplace safety cannot be overstated. Families across the State of Arkansas, as well as the country, depend on and expect the safe return of their loved ones each day—and with 15 million accident-free hours, Baldor Electric Company has truly set the standard in ensuring just that. Much of Baldor's success has stemmed from its use of a safety program that utilizes a safety committee that includes both employees and managers.

I offer my gratitude to Baldor Electric Company for ensuring the safety of its employees for over 15 million hours of work. I congratulate the company for breaking Arkansas' safety record. I look forward to hearing about the company's future success.●

TRIBUTE TO GRACIE SCHRAM

• Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, I wish to recognize an inspirational artist, entrepreneur, and philanthropist from my State, Gracie Schram, who has been awarded the 2016 Nation Federation of Independent Business Owners Young Entrepreneur Award.

Miss Schram, of Leawood, KS, is the founder and owner of Gracie Schram Music, an entertainment company that provides live performance, speaking engagements, original music, recordings, and merchandise.

At the young age of 10, she was introduced to the reality of underprivileged children in Haiti and Africa. Inspired to do good, she was determined to improve the living conditions of so many she hadn't even met.

She went on to write and produce several albums, the proceeds of which led to the building of two fish ponds in Africa and an orphanage in Haiti. This is an extraordinary accomplishment. When asked why she has chosen to help

those in need, her response was, "I was just a kid who wasn't willing to wait for somebody else to change the world."

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Miss Schram on her outstanding achievements. We wish her nothing but the best for her future entrepreneurial and educational endeavors.●

PEASE GREETERS' 1,000TH FLIGHT

• Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, as we approach the Fourth of July, I want to salute the Pease Greeters for their very special brand of patriotism—a patriotism of deeds, not words. Since 2005, they have gathered at Pease International Airport in Portsmouth, NH, to give a warm send-off or welcome home to servicemembers in transit to or from conflict zones in the Middle East and elsewhere. This past Sunday, the Greeters reached a remarkable milestone by gathering at Pease to meet their 1,000th flight. The welcoming ceremony concluded with words that have become the group's signature greeting: "We the old warriors salute you the young warriors."

For tens of thousands of uniformed servicemembers, many of them en route to or from combat zones in Iraq or Afghanistan, Pease airport is the last place they set foot on U.S. soil when they depart and the first place they set foot when they return. Prior to 2005, troops encountered a mostly empty and unwelcoming airport terminal. That year, airport officials contacted Charles Cove, a Vietnam war veteran and asked if he would gather a group of Granite Staters to greet a unit of 135 servicemembers heading to combat duty in Iraq. Mr. Cove gathered some fellow veterans and others, and they met the Iraq-bound soldiers with coffee, doughnuts, and warm words of support and appreciation.

Following that impromptu event, Mr. Cove and co-founder Edmund Johnson, a decorated Marine veteran of the Korean war, joined with fellow veterans and other Seacoast residents to form the Pease Greeters. Many in the group are old enough to remember that servicemembers returning from the Vietnam war were greeted with indifference or even hostility. Mr. Cove, who earned two Purple Hearts in Vietnam, said he made a promise to himself and his country that he would not allow this to happen to future servicemembers and veterans.

Since 2005, the Pease Greeters have not missed a single flight, ensuring that every departing and returning servicemember is given a hero's greeting and warm words of appreciation. Several thousand volunteers, ranging in age from retired veterans to young children, have joined in this mission. They have transformed the airport terminal at Pease into a "Heroes' Walk," with framed group photos of all the military units that have passed through the airport since 2005.

Typically, 100 or more Pease Greeters will be on hand for a ceremony, forming a celebratory gauntlet to cheer and welcome servicemembers as they disembark from a troop transport plane. In addition to refreshments and gifts, each servicemember is given a cut-out embroidered star from a retired American flag. On one occasion, the group was informed at 10 p.m. that a Marine unit bound for Afghanistan would be flying out of Pease just six hours later, at 4 a.m. The Greeters scrambled to meet the challenge and were present with refreshments and a cheering crowd for the pre-dawn send-off.

In addition to meeting flights, the Pease Greeters organize efforts to support veterans, Active-Duty servicemembers, and their families. They also send care packages to servicemembers on duty overseas. Since 2008, the Greeters have sent more than 75,000 pounds of care package items to those serving in conflict zones.

I salute the Pease Greeters for their dedication to supporting and thanking our brave men and women in uniform, one flight at a time. Across 1,000 flights, they have delivered to our servicemembers an important message, eloquently expressed by Mr. Cove: "The road to freedom is a toll road. We thank you for paying our way."

We join with the Greeters in thanking the men and women of our Armed Forces. In addition, I want to express my deep appreciation to the Pease Greeters for their own generous service to our Nation.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. ROBERT E. WITT

● Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Dr. Robert E. Witt, chancellor of the University of Alabama system, who is retiring in August of this year. Dr. Witt will be long remembered for his remarkable career, his extraordinary leadership, and for his role in restoring the University of Alabama to its rightful place as the capstone of higher education.

A native of Bridgeport, CT, Dr. Witt received his bachelor's degree in economics from Bates College. He received his M.B.A. from the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College and his Ph.D. from the Pennsylvania State University.

Dr. Witt began his 35-year career in higher education in 1968 when he joined the business school faculty at the University of Texas at Austin. He eventually became department chair, associate dean, and in 1985, he was named dean of the UT business school. In 1995, Dr. Witt was named president of the University of Texas at Arlington, where he served until 2003 before moving to Tuscaloosa, AL.

Prior to his election as chancellor of Alabama's largest education enterprise, Dr. Witt served as president of the University of Alabama from 2003 to 2012. Throughout his tenure, I was impressed by his vision and commitment to growing the capstone into one of the

leading institutions for higher education in the South.

During his 9 years as president of the university, he led an ambitious campaign for academic growth and achievement that positioned the University of Alabama as one of America's fastest growing public universities. Because of his efforts, the university has achieved a higher position academically, which continues to bring positive growth to the University of Alabama and our State as a whole.

In addition to serving as president of the University of Alabama system, Dr. Witt is chairman of the Council of the Presidents of Alabama's public colleges and universities. He is a member of the Governor's College & Career Ready Task Force, the American Cast Iron Pipe Company Board of Directors, the Alexis deTocqueville Executive Committee, the Advisory Board, and the Elizabeth Project Care Board. Dr. Witt is past chairman of the chamber of commerce of West Alabama, a past member of the Tuscaloosa County IDA Board, and the Black Warrior Council Boy Scouts of America.

In 2011, Dr. Witt was inducted into the Alabama Academy of Honor, which is comprised of 100 living Alabamians elected for their noteworthy service to the State.

Dr. Witt's many accomplishments, as well as his contributions to the University of Alabama, city of Tuscaloosa, and the State of Alabama, will not be soon forgotten. Our State and community have been fortunate to have a leader like Dr. Robert Witt, and I wish Dr. Witt and his wife, Sandee, the very best in their next chapter.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 9:32 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 337. An act to improve the Freedom of Information Act.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

At 1:38 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 2133. An act to improve Federal agency financial and administrative controls and procedures to assess and mitigate fraud risks, and to improve Federal agencies' development and use of data analytics for the purpose of identifying, preventing, and responding to fraud, including improper payments.

S. 2487. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to identify mental health care and suicide prevention programs and metrics that are effective in treating women veterans as part of the evaluation of such programs by the Secretary, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following

bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2395. An act to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to strengthen the independence of the Inspectors General, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2607. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7802 37th Avenue in Jackson Heights, New York, as the "Jeanne and Jules Manford Post Office Building".

H.R. 3936. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program under which the Secretary carries out Veteran Engagement Team events where veterans can complete claims for disability compensation and pension under the laws administered by the Secretary, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4010. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 522 North Central Avenue in Phoenix, Arizona, as the "Ed Pastor Post Office".

H.R. 4372. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15 Rochester Street, Bergen, New York, as the Barry G. Miller Post Office.

H.R. 4590. An act to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out certain major medical facility projects for which appropriations are being made for fiscal year 2016, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4639. An act to reauthorize the Office of Special Counsel, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide modifications to authorities relating to the Office of Special Counsel, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4777. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1301 Alabama Avenue in Selma, Alabama as the "Amelia Boynton Robinson Post Office Building".

H.R. 4902. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to expand law enforcement availability pay to employees of U.S. Customs and Border Protection's Air and Marine Operations.

H.R. 4925. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 229 West Main Cross Street, in Findlay, Ohio, as the "Michael Garver Oxley Memorial Post Office Building".

H.R. 4960. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 525 N Broadway in Aurora, Illinois, as the "Kenneth M. Christy Post Office Building".

H.R. 5028. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10721 E Jefferson Ave in Detroit, Michigan, as the "Mary E. McCoy Post Office Building".

H.R. 5170. An act to encourage and support partnerships between the public and private sectors to improve our Nation's social programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5317. An act to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs health care center in Center Township, Butler County, Pennsylvania, as the "Abie Abraham VA Clinic".

H.R. 5388. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for innovative research and development, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5389. An act to encourage engagement between the Department of Homeland Security and technology innovators, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5447. An act to provide an exception from certain group health plan requirements for qualified small employer health reimbursement arrangements.

H.R. 5452. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit individuals eligible for Indian Health Service assistance to qualify for health savings accounts.

H.R. 5456. An act to amend parts B and E of title IV of the Social Security Act to invest in funding prevention and family services to help keep children safe and supported