

Mr. President, I yield my time.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. PERDUE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

REMEMBERING JAMES DUNN

Mr. ROUNDS. Mr. President, today I wish to commemorate the life and legacy of former South Dakota State Senator James Dunn.

Jim was born in Lead, SD, on June 27, 1927, and died in Sturgis, SD, on August 11, 2016, at the age of 89.

Immediately after graduating from high school, he joined the U.S. Army Signal Corps and served from 1945 through 1947.

He returned home to Lead and worked at the Homestake Gold Mine for the next 38 years. During that time, he also raised four children with his wife, Betty, and earned a bachelor's degree in business administration and economics. At the mine, he was a crewman, a machinist, the assistant director of public affairs, and then the director of public affairs.

Jim inspired his coworkers with his intelligence, his humor, and his leadership. He became a constant promoter for the Black Hills and all of South Dakota. He inspired magazine articles, books, films, and other publicity about South Dakota.

He was also an enthusiastic supporter and volunteer worker for dozens of local and State organizations during his 89 years. He was even the first male president of the Black Hills Girl Scout Council.

In 1971, he was elected to the South Dakota House of Representatives. In 1973, he was elected to the South Dakota Senate and served until his retirement in 2000. His 30 years of consecutive service is matched by only three other legislators.

Jim Dunn was elected to many legislative leadership positions, including the chairmanship of the executive board of the legislature. However, his leadership went beyond any position he held.

He was a great mentor to all the legislators who served with him, including me. For my first 4 years of working as the majority leader, he sat next to me. The wisdom of his additional 20 years of experience kept me out of trouble. No one saw the many times I wanted to jump up and join a floor fight, but Jim would calmly grab my arm and say, "Not yet, wait." His deep, raspy whispers guided me and taught me how to be a leader.

Jim removed the rancor from committee and floor debates with his knowledge and explanation of the facts. He guided our discussions back to what was really important. Then he would lead us to consensus.

He was a tough negotiator, but also a practical compromiser. He always brought the focus to what was best for the people back home and all the people of South Dakota.

He was always there for us in solving problems and creating new opportunities, such as saving the State's railroads, increasing tourism as the prime sponsor of the Deadwood gaming law, substantial expansion of the financial services industry, implementing welfare reform, reducing property taxes, and promoting the transformation of the Homestake Gold Mine into the deepest underground physics laboratory in the world.

But more important than all of his career accomplishments is the kind of person Jim Dunn was.

He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend to all who knew him. He had an enormously positive impact on the many thousands of people he met and touched with his kindness and generosity.

South Dakota is a better State and we are a better people because of Jim Dunn.

With this, I welcome the opportunity to recognize and commemorate the life of this public servant and great human being, my friend, Jim Dunn.

Thank you, Mr. President.

RECOGNIZING LITTLE ROCK CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. COTTON. Mr. President, in honor of the National Park Service's 100th birthday year, I want to recognize one of Arkansas' most recognized and historic sites: Little Rock Central High School. As one of the most well-known high schools in the United States, Little Rock Central's story is an important one in the history of our Nation.

Central High School played a pivotal role in the desegregation of public schools in the United States. On September 23, 1957, following the Supreme Court's decision in *Brown v. Board of Education* in 1954, nine African-American students attempted to attend class at Little Rock Central High School. Now known as the Little Rock Nine, these students were met with heavy public disapproval by an angry mob. President Eisenhower ultimately ordered Federal troops into Little Rock to escort the students into the school for their first day of class on September 25, 1957.

These courageous nine students changed the course of history. They showed us that we should always pursue what is just, no matter how hard the journey is.

Former President and Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton signed legislation in 1998 designating the school a national historic site. To this day, Little Rock Central High School is the only functioning secondary school in the United States to have this distinction. Preserving Little Rock Central High School and presenting its history so

that others might learn from it is an important mission, one that we should never abandon.

Named "America's Most Beautiful High School" by the American Institute of Architects, Little Rock Central High School certainly has a storied history, and when you find yourself in Little Rock, be sure to take an afternoon to visit the Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING ARKANSAS' FIRST DUAL PURPLE HEART CITY AND COUNTY

● Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Izard County and the city of Horseshoe Bend on becoming the first dual Purple Heart city and county in the State of Arkansas.

Created by George Washington in 1782, the Purple Heart is our Nation's oldest military medal. The Purple Heart is awarded to members of the Armed Forces who are wounded or killed in combat. These men and women are some of the finest heroes in our Nation.

Similarly, Izard County has also committed to show its respect and appreciation for our veterans by becoming a Purple Heart County. Showing our admiration for the heroes who have served and sacrificed so much for our freedom is such a worthy endeavor and this recognition is well-deserved. I commend Izard County and the city of Horseshoe Bend for publically acknowledging these heroes, declaring unwavering support of them, and showing how grateful we are for our veterans and their willingness to serve their country. There truly is no greater display of service and sacrifice than that.

I want to take this opportunity to applaud the city of Horseshoe Bend and Izard County for publicly recognizing our veterans and Purple Heart recipients by becoming a Purple Heart City and Purple Heart County. Arkansas is proud that our local communities are paying respect to our veterans and standing behind them.●

RECOGNIZING MARION COUNTY

● Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Marion County, AR, which became a Purple Heart County on November 15, 2015.

Created by George Washington in 1782, the Purple Heart is our Nation's oldest military medal. The Purple Heart is awarded to members of the Armed Forces who are wounded or killed in combat. These men and women are some of the finest heroes that our Nation has to offer.

Last year, Marion County chose to honor the service and sacrifice our Purple Heart heroes in Arkansas by becoming a Purple Heart County. Marion County's unwavering support of the heroic actions of our Purple Heart recipients stands as a reflection of the appreciation and gratitude of its residents.

Marion County recently held a celebration of its designation as a Purple Heart County that brought the community together to honor Purple Heart recipients. Showing our admiration for those who have served and sacrificed so much for our freedom is such a worthy endeavor, and this recognition is well-deserved.

On behalf of all Arkansans, I echo the sentiments of the citizens of Marion County in saying how grateful we are for our veterans and their willingness to serve their country. There truly is no greater display of service and sacrifice than that.

I would like to take this opportunity to applaud Marion County for publicly recognizing our veterans and Purple Heart recipients by becoming a Purple Heart County. Arkansas is proud that our local communities are paying respect to our veterans and standing behind them.●

TRIBUTE TO KEN GORMLEY

● Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the 13th president of Duquesne University, Ken Gormley, a renowned lawyer, scholar, teacher, and author. A native western Pennsylvanian, Ken has dedicated his life to public service and education. He was sworn in as president of Duquesne University on July 1, 2016, after serving as interim dean and dean of Duquesne's School of Law from 2008 until 2015. The inauguration of Duquesne University's 13th dean, and just its third lay dean, highlights the impact this 138-year-old institution has made on the city of Pittsburgh and its students, displaying a constant and deep commitment to Spiritan values and academic rigor. Founded in 1878 by the Congregation of the Holy Spirit to educate the children of immigrant steel mill workers, Duquesne now enrolls nearly 10,000 students from throughout the country and the world.

Ken first began his tenure at Duquesne in 1994 after a career in private practice and teaching at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, where he founded a successful legal writing program for minority students and women returning to professional school after raising their children. Under his leadership as dean of Duquesne's School of Law, the institution ascended to the top tier of law schools and has become nationally ranked. Ken's commitment to public service is deeply rooted in western Pennsylvania. From 1998–2001, he served as mayor of Forest Hills, PA, where he helped to establish a community development corporation to focus on the borough's business corridor. He has also served as the president of the Allegheny County Bar Association, where he helped establish the Gender Equality Institute to work to advance women in the legal profession.

Ken Gormley earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Pittsburgh and his J.D. from Harvard Law

School. He quickly earned a reputation as a leading constitutional scholar, writing for such esteemed publications as the Stanford Law Review, the Rutgers Law Journal, the Pennsylvania Lawyer, and Politico. He is an expert on the U.S. Supreme Court and has testified before the Pennsylvania Senate Judiciary Committee and here in the U.S. Senate. Ken is also an accomplished author, having penned the biography of Archibald Cox, one of the great constitutional lawyers of the 20th century, for whom he served as a teaching assistant at Harvard. The book was awarded the 1999 Bruce K. Gould Book Award for outstanding publication relating to the law and was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize. Ken's most recent book, "The Presidents and the Constitution: A Living History," draws upon the Nation's top experts on the American Presidency and the U.S. Constitution to tell the incredibly important story of how each President has confronted and shaped the Constitution.

I am proud to rise today to honor Dean Ken Gormley and to recognize his wife, Laura, and their children Carolyn, Luke, Rebecca, and Madeleine. I thank Ken for his decades of service to Pennsylvania and this Nation and wish him luck for his significant work to come on behalf of Duquesne University.●

TRIBUTE TO MINNESOTA POLICE OFFICERS

● Mr. FRANKEN. Mr. President, today I would like to recognize three outstanding Minnesota police officers. The Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association, the largest association representing Minnesota's rank-and-file police officers, met earlier this year for their annual conference and named Officer Sayareth Toy Vixayvong of the St. Paul Police Department "Police Officer of the Year" and gave "Honorable Mention Awards" to Officer Tony Holter of the St. Paul Police Department and Detective Bryan Bye of the Burnsville Police Department.

Officer Vixayvong is a 15-year veteran of the St. Paul Police Department and, until recently, was assigned to the FBI Safe Streets Task Force, where he worked tirelessly to make St. Paul a safer place to live and work. Officer Vixayvong has spent his career fighting drug trafficking and has put numerous high-profile criminals behind bars and worked to prevent others from becoming involved in the illegal drug trade. Working undercover with the task force, he put his life on the line repeatedly to protect and serve his community of St. Paul.

St. Paul Police Officer Tony Holter is a dedicated member of the St. Paul Police Department. He has served for 15 years and is currently the senior investigator in the Ramsey County Violent Crime Enforcement Team. Throughout the past year, Officer Holter has served as the primary undercover officer in a

number of narcotic investigations focusing on members of international drug cartels and other dangerous drug dealers and gang members.

Since 2002, Burnsville Detective Bryan Bye has loyally served his community as a member of the Burnsville Police Department. His work with Burnsville's Emergency Action Group tactical team has earned him five distinguished service awards for his tactical response. In 2015, the Burnsville Police Department named Detective Bye "Police Officer of the Year."

I join with the Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association and all of my fellow Minnesotans in applauding these three distinguished public servants. I would also like to thank not only these three individuals, but all of Minnesota's brave law enforcement officers who work tirelessly to keep our communities safe from harm. They put their lives on the line to protect our safety and that of our families every day.●

HONOR FLIGHT NORTHERN COLORADO'S 16TH FLIGHT TO DC

● Mr. GARDNER. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the veterans of Honor Flight Northern Colorado and the organization's 16th trip to Washington, DC. This group includes veterans from various wars and generations, who are all joined together by their service to our country.

In 2008, Honor Flight Northern Colorado was created as a local chapter of the National Honor Flight Network. The organization flies World War II veterans to Washington, DC, to allow these veterans the opportunity to see the national memorial built in their honor.

Honor Flight Northern Colorado now welcomes veterans of any war the chance to fly to Washington, DC, free of charge, to visit the memorials of the wars in which they fought.

Currently, there are more than 21.8 million veterans living in the United States. No matter the conflict, these veterans made exceptional sacrifices in order to serve and defend our country, and we owe them a debt of gratitude.

Of the 123 veterans on the most recent honor flight, 23 served in World War II, 53 served in Korea, 47 served in Vietnam, and 1 served in Iraq.

Please join me in honoring Robert Armstrong, Leonard Branecki, Richard Ciesielski, Lawrence Colby, John Davis, Melvin Engeman, Irene Hunter, Walter Hunter, Malachi Kenney, William Klun, Donald Kreutzer, Alfred Martin, Joseph Moren, Thomas Paterson, Stanley Raddatz, Raymond Rader, Gerald Ravenscroft, Harold Stoll, Douglas Stratton, Henry Tagtmeyer, Sidney Waldrop, Peter Zarlengo, Donald Ziemer, Louis Balogh, Donald Begalle, Robert Braden, Walter Brown, William Budd, Robert Burgess, Gerald Clinton, Thomas Dixon, Edward Dreher, Jim Ferguson, William Gaede, Ronald