

most respected in the Nation and highly regarded internationally. Over the course of three decades, Justice Holland has written more than 700 opinions and several thousand orders and gained the reputation as an expert in Delaware's constitutional law. He has done this all with a unique sense of humility and respect for others, something that fellow judges and attorneys have and will continue to emulate. He is the embodiment of the "Golden Rule," always treating others the way he would like to be treated.

It is perhaps his homegrown knowledge of Delaware and his experience as a general practitioner of the law that allowed Justice Holland to make his mark in the Supreme Court. He grew up in Milford, DE, and went on to graduate from Swarthmore College, University of Pennsylvania Law School, and the University of Virginia Law School. Before joining the bench at age 39, Justice Holland was a partner at Morris, Nichols, Arsht and Tunnell in Georgetown, DE, where he was known for his ability to draw clients from all over the State on issues ranging from corporate and contract law to zoning and real estate transactions. During this time, he had the opportunity to appear before almost every judge in every court of the State. It was this wide breadth of knowledge that made him an excellent choice for Delaware's supreme court, even though he had no judicial experience at all.

Justice Holland's colleagues describe him as a mentor and a role model and have relied on him throughout the years for his institutional knowledge of Delaware and the court. This especially came into practice during an unprecedented turnover in the Delaware Supreme Court. That turnover allowed Governor Jack Markell to appoint four justices, including the chief justice, to the five-officer court. Justice Holland's help and guidance to his colleagues throughout this transitional time proved vital as they became acclimated to their new roles.

When Justice Holland was not in his role as an officer of the court, he was writing. Regarded internationally as an author and historian, Justice Holland has written, coauthored, or edited nine books including "Delaware Supreme Court Golden Anniversary," "Delaware Constitution of 1897," "The First One Hundred Years," "Magna Carta: Muse & Mentor," "Delaware's Destiny Determined By Lewes," and "Delaware Corporation Law, Selected Cases." He has also published several law review articles, primarily dealing with judicial ethics and legal history.

Over his three decades on the Delaware Supreme Court, Justice Holland has received numerous awards, including the 2014 American Inns of Court Powell Award for Professionalism and Ethics, 2012 First State Distinguished Service Award, and the 2011 Dwight D. Opperman Award. In 2004, he was elected to be an Honorable Master of the Bench by Lincoln's Inn in London. He

was also recognized by members of our Nation's highest court—Chief Justices William Rehnquist and John Roberts—when they appointed him as the State judge member of the Federal Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on Appellate Rules.

On behalf of Senator COONS and Congresswoman BLUNT ROCHESTER, let me express our heartfelt thanks to Justice Holland for his service to our State and judicial system. Today we are honored to be able to offer him our sincere congratulations on a job well done. It will be quite a change not to see him sitting on the second chair in from the left, but we look forward to him continuing to share his deep knowledge about the history and legacy of Delaware law. From our hearts, we wish him and his wife, Ilona, along with their son Ethan and daughter-in-law Jennifer and granddaughters Aurora and Chloe, many happy, healthy, and successful years to come.●

#### REMEMBERING DR. THOMAS E. STARZL

● Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to Dr. Thomas E. Starzl, the pioneer in the field of organ transplantation who impacted the lives of thousands directly and indirectly. Dr. Starzl died on March 4, 2017, 1 week shy of his 91st birthday.

To say Dr. Starzl was a remarkable surgeon, researcher, or physician does not begin to describe this man or the contributions he made. He was a visionary who created and then transformed an entire field of medicine. He performed the first liver transplant in 1963, the first heart-liver transplant in 1984, and led a team conducting a five-organ transplant in 1987. In 2007, at the age of 80, Dr. Starzl visited with me to seek research funding for the hand transplant program at the University of Pittsburgh. He never stopped envisioning what more could be done or striving to achieve it.

The late Senator Robert F. Kennedy once said, "only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly." Dr. Starzl was not afraid to fail, and through his determination and the innovation and advances he brought forth, organ transplantation preserved human life, and the University of Pittsburgh became the busiest transplant center in the world. Knowing that the actual surgery is only one part of a successful transplantation, Dr. Starzl worked to develop immunosuppressant therapies and played a role in creating tacrolimus, which remains the most widely used immunosuppressant drug in the world. He also believed that it was his obligation to train the next generation of transplant surgeons. Today approximately 90 percent of transplant centers are headed by surgeons Dr. Starzl directly trained or by surgeons who learned from surgeons Dr. Starzl trained.

Over his decades of service, Dr. Starzl profoundly impacted many lives and

families, including my own. Our family will always be grateful for the extraordinary care Dr. Starzl provided for my father, during his second term as Governor of Pennsylvania. In June of 1993, Dr. Starzl oversaw Governor Casey's exceedingly rare heart and liver double transplant surgery. My family cherished the 7 additional years we had with my father.

Among the many accolades Dr. Starzl received was being ranked 213th in the book "1,000 Years, 1,000 People: Ranking the Men and Women Who Shaped the Millennium." Published in 1998, this book named the people who had the greatest impact on the world over the previous 1,000 years. Dr. Starzl's inclusion speaks to the enormous impact he had on so many lives.

Dr. Starzl's passing leaves a void, but we know the foundation he built for organ transplantation will endure through the many lives he saved, the surgeons he trained, and the high standards he set for quality of care. In the statement released by his family, it was noted that he "was a force of nature that swept all those around him into his orbit, challenging those that surrounded him to strive to match his superhuman feats of focus, will and compassion." His "superhuman feats" will remain an inspiration for those in the medical profession and beyond.●

#### RECOGNIZING THE PEOPLE OF LIBBY, MONTANA

● Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, this week I would like to recognize the people of Libby, MT, for their resiliency and strength in confronting economic, environmental, and public health challenges. This week is National Asbestos Awareness Week, and the people of Libby are perhaps the most acutely aware community in our Nation when it comes to understanding asbestos-related menaces. As the seat of Lincoln County, Libby has persevered through a lengthy process of identifying and removing threats to public health and has emerged ready to share the treasures of northwestern Montana.

A few miles outside of Libby, nearly a century ago, a vermiculite ore mine began operations. At one point, this mine accounted for a large portion of total global vermiculite production. Unknown to the people of Libby, the local vermiculite also contained a toxic form of asbestos, Libby Amphibole asbestos. The Libby mine was eventually closed in 1990, and Libby was designated as a Superfund site by the Environmental Protection Agency in 2002. The asbestos identification and cleanup process has been extensive. Last week marked the successful conclusion for submitting new requests to the EPA for identification and cleanup of impacted sites. As the environmental cleanup process draws to a close, we must not lose sight of the continued healthcare requirements for Libby residents and the truly unique challenges they face in improving their quality of life.

Eight years ago, former U.S. Senator Max Baucus led the charge to ensure that three essential functions were established to help the people of Libby. These functions included screening for asbestos related diseases, healthcare for conditions caused by asbestos exposure, and a program to assist patients with unique services due to asbestos exposure. These vital programs, specifically designed to help those most in need, are essential and must be preserved. With these tools available, over 4,000 individuals have been screened and over 2,000 individuals have been diagnosed with asbestos related diseases. On March 6, I sent a letter to Speaker of the House PAUL RYAN and Senate Majority Leader MITCH MCCONNELL to preserve these tools for the people of Libby. The latency period for diseases related to asbestos exposure can be decades into the future. Long after the environmental and economic impacts have been overcome, the human impact in Libby will continue. As the debate over healthcare ebbs and flows, the essential protections for the people of Libby must remain intact.

The Center for Asbestos Related Disease, known locally as the CARD clinic, is a vital nonprofit resource located in Libby that helps with identification, treatment, and research for those with asbestos exposure. The tools championed by Senator Baucus are vital to the success of a community resource like the CARD clinic. As the Senator who now serves the people of Montana from Senator Baucus's old seat, it is my duty to continue to fight for the people of Libby.

To understand the impact these programs have on the daily lives of people in the area, it makes sense to listen to their personal experiences. Lynn Sather-Diller said the CARD clinic has helped "me to stay as healthy as possible even though I have an asbestos related disease. I wouldn't be able to do it without their help."

The basic activity of breathing, something many of us simply take for granted, is a daily concern and immediate priority for those with asbestos related diseases.

Angie Hill added, "Asbestos related disease is life changing. Hard to say in only a few words, our exposure started in our childhood & is so scary when you struggle to breath. We are thankful for the exceptional medical care & educational information the CARD center, Dr. Brad Black & his staff provide to it's patients." Echoing those sentiments was Judy Lundstrom: "You helped with exams and I am on night oxygen and feel much better so can continue my job. I am able to stay in my own home because Dr. Black and Tanis helped."

These examples show the strength of the people of Libby. This region will continue to find ways to reach its potential. Like the rest of Montana, Libby is blessed with awe-inspiring beauty and immense natural resources. The Cabinet Mountain Range south of

Libby has the majesty of a divine painting, and this masterpiece will always draw travelers to the region. The soon to open Montanore Mine will be a major producer of copper and silver. The Kootenai National Forest contains significant timber resources. The Libby Dam to the east of town produces reliable energy, helping to empower the United States through energy dominance. The Kootenai River flows through that dam and is an engine of recreational activity, inviting outdoor enthusiasts from across the globe to explore the natural splendor of Lincoln County and gaze in wonder at the Kootenai Falls. As the people of Libby overcome the past and chart a course for the years ahead, I admire their resilient attitude and steadfast determination. While the hardy character and independent spirit of this small community in far Northwest Montana, we must not abandon our commitment to giving them a hand up and the tools necessary to succeed.●

#### RECOGNIZING FLATHEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

● Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, today I wish to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Flathead Valley Community College in Kalispell, MT, and to honor the many contributions that FVCC has made in northwest Montana.

In 1967, Dr. Larry Blake was hired as the first president of FVCC, and months later, he opened the doors to 611 students who made up the very first class.

Fifty years later, over 3,500 students are enrolled in FVCC and studying more than 100 degree and certificate programs.

The campus today is unrecognizable to those who studied at its original downtown location, and in recent years, I have seen the new campus boom with the construction of additional education facilities, laboratories, and campus housing.

In 2001, Jane Karas was hired as the 11th president of FVCC, and she has been instrumental in the growth of the region's largest higher education institution.

Under Jane Karas's leadership, FVCC has expanded the nursing school and developed a renowned culinary school that has helped meet the growing demand for jobs in the communities that lay in the shadow of Glacier National Park.

In addition to serving thousands of students in Kalispell, FVCC operates a satellite campus an hour away in Libby, MT.

Over the past 50 years, FVCC has made a profound impact in Montana, and I join all of the Montanans who can't wait to see what they have in store for the next 50 years.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to

the Senate by Ms. Ridgway, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

#### REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13536 ON APRIL 12, 2010 WITH RESPECT TO SOMALIA—PM 6

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13536 of April 12, 2010, with respect to Somalia is to continue in effect beyond April 12, 2017.

The United States is strongly committed to Somalia's stabilization, and it is important to maintain sanctions against persons undermining its stability. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency with respect to Somalia and to maintain in force the sanctions to respond to this threat.

DONALD J. TRUMP.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, April 6, 2017.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:02 a.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 bill, without amendment:

S. 544. An act to amend the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to modify the termination date for the Veterans Choice Program, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate: