

I strongly urge and challenge my colleagues and this administration to demonstrate their concern for their constituents and all American workers by publicly adopting this same pledge.

We owe nothing less to the 28 victims of the L'Ambiance Plaza disaster.

Thank you.●

REMEMBERING INA BOON

● Mr. BLUNT. Mr. President, Missouri has lost a true crusader of the civil rights movement. Ina Boon passed away Monday, February 27, in St. Louis, at the age of 90 after dedicating her life to fighting and advocating for justice and equality through her long tenure at the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, NAACP.

Ina Boon started as a volunteer for the St. Louis Branch of the NAACP. She quickly demonstrated her tenacity and strong leadership skills to work her way up in the organization. Ms. Boon's work included a position at the NAACP headquarters in New York, but she is best known for the work she did as the region IV director of the national NAACP office. In that role, she became the national office's longest serving regional director.

Over the years, she became a fearless advocate and organizer, helping to address racial inequities in the workplace. Even in the face of adversity, she was not deterred. When her counterpart Medgar Evers was killed in 1963, Ina Boon sent her children to live with family members in Wisconsin, while she continued to push for changes. For over 50 years, Ina Boon worked in various roles for the NAACP, never ceasing and always full of energy, even up to her retirement in her late 70s.

As a true civil servant, Ina Boon continued to give back after her retirement through her work on many St. Louis area boards such as the Myrtle Hilliard Davis Comprehensive Health Center, the St. Louis Black Roundtable, and the Eastern Star Missionary Baptist Church. She even provided her expertise to help the local St. Louis County NAACP, where she volunteered to serve as their branch president.

Ina Boon is survived by her son Gentry Trotter, founder of Heat-Up St. Louis/Cool Down St. Louis. Like his mother, Gentry Trotter saw the needs in the community and stepped up to address them. His organization focuses on regional energy assistance to help as a safety net to prevent low-income families, seniors, and people with disabilities from losing their heat or air-conditioning in times of freezing temperatures or the excessive summer heat. The organization also offers energy; efficiency education and advocates for public engagement regarding utility rates, health, and safety issues. Ina Boon leaves behind nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and seven great-and great-great-grandchildren. She will be missed by many, but her work and efforts will never be forgotten.●

RECOGNIZING MOUNTAIN HOME AIR FORCE BASE AND THE 366TH FIGHTER WING

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, my colleague Senator JIM RISCH joins me today in honoring Mountain Home Air Force Base both on its 75-year anniversary and the 366th Fighter Wing of Mountain Home Air Force Base on its 50-year anniversary of being recognized as the "Gunfighters."

According to historical accounts from Mountain Home Air Force Base, the 366th Fighter Wing's roots trace back much further than 50 years, all the way to the activation of the 366th Fighter Group in 1943. The fighter group participated in action over France, ground support in the Normandy invasion, air attacks near St. Lo, France, and attacks and reconnaissance in the Battle of the Bulge. Following World War II, the fighter group went through deactivations, reactivations, redesignations, and base reassignments before earning its nickname, the "Gunfighters," in the 1960s, for its weapons innovation and effectiveness in accomplishing its missions in Vietnam. The wing became renowned as the Gunfighters after it mounted Gatling gun pods on its aircraft wings to improve short-range capabilities in battling enemy aircraft over Vietnam. The Gunfighters' effectiveness was recognized with a Presidential unit citation. The tenacity and ingenuity at the heart of the wing and its earning its Gunfighters moniker is an attribute we celebrate today.

While both the fighter wing and Mountain Home Air Force Base started taking shape in 1943, it was not until 1972 that the two combined when the then-366th Tactical Fighter Wing, later redesignated the 366th Fighter Wing, moved from Vietnam to its current location at Mountain Home Air Force Base. Mountain Home Air Force Base reports that the base first opened on August 7, 1943. The base has since been home to many of our Nation's outstanding servicemembers, including the men and women of the 366th Fighter Wing. From accommodating the training of crews for a variety of aircraft to supporting combat, covert, and special operations missions, the base has a long history of remarkable contributions to defending Americans and allies both at home and all around the world. As part of its more recent service, Mountain Home Air Force Base has provided personnel and equipment to support efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as throughout Southwest Asia.

The approximately 3,500 military and civilian members and 4,300 family members of the 366th Fighter Wing and Mountain Home Air Force Base have an extensive record of excellence. In 2015 and 2016, the 366th Fighter Wing received the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, adding to a long list of accomplishments of the men and women of Mountain Home Air Force Base. The families of the 366th Fighter Wing and

Mountain Home Air Force Base represent a lasting tradition of distinction in meeting our Nation's call to service. As we celebrate the significant milestones of the Mountain Home Air Force Base and 366th Fighter Wing, we also honor the exceptional dedication inherent in those who serve and the families who support their service.

Congratulations, Gunfighters and all those who support Mountain Home Air Force Base, on your decades of achievements and extraordinary service.●

REMEMBERING ELEANOR BYERS

● Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, today I wish to celebrate the life of my aunt, Eleanor Atwater Byers, who passed away peacefully on March 20, 2017. Nunnie, as she was affectionately known, was born on November 30, 1927, in Fall River, MA, and grew up in Tiverton and Providence, RI.

She grew up doing anything she could with water such as swimming, fishing, and sailing, as well as climbing trees, collecting arrowheads, and communing with the natural world on and around Nanaquaket Pond for the first 14 years of her life in Tiverton. At 12 years old, Nunnie took her first photograph with a Brownie camera of her best friend. At age 14, her family started to summer in Little Compton, RI, and while her childhood pals continued to sail and swim, Nunnie photographed the Sakonnet landscape. She continued snapping pictures until age 22 and then never photographed again until 30 years later. After the loss of her family's home to fire in 1940, Nunnie and her family moved to Providence, where she attended Lincoln School. After graduating from Lincoln School in 1945, Nunnie went to Bradford Junior College in Haverhill, MA. Soon after graduating from Bradford in 1947, Nunnie suffered a broken back from a skiing accident which required a year's recovery, including many months in a full body cast. This injury would be a source of physical discomfort and limit her mobility for the rest of her life, but it would fail to squelch her mischievous and indomitable spirit.

Ahead of her times and a true adventurer, Nunnie joined the American Friends Field Service and participated in a mission trip to the village of Santiago Ixcuintla in Nayarit, Mexico. She taught in health clinics and schools to improve the quality of life for the native Huichol and Mexican women and children with whom she fell in love. Soon after her return from Mexico, she accepted the marriage proposal of Randolph Kunhardt Byers, Jr., of Milton, MA, and they were married in August of 1951.

Randy's enlistment in the Army took them to Lawton, OK. They then returned to Rhode Island where Nunnie gave birth to their first of four children, Elizabeth "Libby". In 1955, they moved to Wilton, CT, while also bringing son Bartlett "Bart" Cooke into the world. Two more daughters were to follow, Eleanor "Ellie" and Mary.

Nunnie created extraordinary homes showcasing naturally found objects and her photography. She also loved crafting joyful holiday celebrations, including such things as greeting trick-or-treaters dressed as a witch with a memorable cackle and laugh from the roof of the garage. She adored her dachshunds, West Highland white terriers, and chocolate lab, giving them people names to assure them of their family status.

Her days in Mexico inspired memorable travels with Randy to Guatemala, Haiti, Mexico—again—Europe, and beyond, and she always had her camera at her side. She displayed her business acumen through leading a women's investment group, played paddle tennis, skated, cross country skied, fished, and boated. In 1970, Nunnie moved to her dream home in Wilton, which was surrounded by acres and acres of woods and on a reservoir. There, she balanced time communing with birds and skating on black ice with completing her job raising and launching her four teenagers, a job she later acknowledged to be one of the most gratifying, albeit societally underrecognized, accomplishments of her life.

Once done with child rearing, Nunnie turned her attention back to her photographic artwork, and in 1980, she went back to school and studied photography seriously for 5 years, including participating in workshops abroad. She dug out her old Brownie black-and-white vintage negatives and set about developing them herself, along with new images she took with her Leica camera, at a local community dark room. She also mounted and framed the prints and then displayed them at photography shows and exhibits for all to enjoy. She also created several series of color postcards of her beloved Little Compton and sold them at the local general store. She experimented with images, wanting to show others what can be seen with the "naive eye" and produced a large volume of photographic work until her eyesight started failing her in her 80s. Nunnie shared her gift, teaching others how to see and how to construct interesting and aesthetically pleasing visuals.

Nunnie was a force to be reckoned with, a fierce and passionate woman who felt and experienced life at a very deep level. Her sense of humor was full of wit, and time spent with her was always memorable. She stood her ground, valued truth, and supported others in being their own selves.

She was predeceased by her parents, Eleanor Bartlett and David Hay Atwater. She was the sister of the late David "Tiny" Hay Atwater, Jr., and Damaris "Dicie" Sayre Atwater. Living to carry on her memory are her husband of 65 years, Randy, and her children, Elizabeth "Libby" Moore and husband, Raoul, of Little Compton; Bartlett "Bart" Cooke Byers of Denver, CO; Eleanor "Ellie" Byers of Shelburne, VT; and Mary Truslow and

her husband, Charles, of Milton. Living to carry on her legacy are her grandchildren, Justin, Loren, Chas, Kelsey, Andrew, Will, and Graham. Living to carry on the Atwater legacy are her sister, Sally Anne "Sadie" Havens, and brother, Nathaniel "Nate" Bartlett Atwater, both of Little Compton.●

JACKIE ROBINSON DAY AND THE TAMPA BAY RAYS

● Mr. NELSON. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize an important civil rights anniversary in the annals of our Nation's favorite pastime. Seventy years ago this month, Jackie Robinson started on first base for the Brooklyn Dodgers, becoming the first African American to play for a Major League Baseball team and marking the beginning of the end of racial segregation in baseball.

That watershed moment came after a distinguished career in what were then known as the Negro Leagues, the coalition of teams for players of Color and whose retirees remain a vibrant part of the community in the Tampa Bay area of Florida.

Jackie Robinson's contributions to the sport of baseball and to our Nation are unparalleled. His accolades ranged from "Rookie of the Year" in 1947 and "Most Valuable Player" in 1949 to the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1984. In 2003, he was posthumously awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest honor bestowed by Congress.

His character and spirit have not ended with his passing, and his legacy remains a part of our communities, including the Tampa Bay area. Through the work of his wife, Rachel, and the Jackie Robinson Foundation, college-bound students have been provided with over \$65 million in grants, scholarships, and direct program support, resulting in a 98 percent graduation rate among recipients. Each of the students are mentored with consideration to the values espoused by Jackie Robinson himself—courage, determination, teamwork, persistence, integrity, citizenship, justice, excellence, and commitment.

It is in honor of Jackie Robinson's character and contributions that teams across Major League Baseball honor him every April 15, on Jackie Robinson Day.

In particular, I am especially proud to recognize the Tampa Bay Rays' work in its community to honor Jackie Robinson's legacy. To mark this year's anniversary, the Rays and their community partners carried out service projects in Pinellas and Hillsborough Counties, in neighborhoods now home to men who, like Jackie Robinson, once played in the Negro Leagues. Along with updating a local baseball park and beautifying small businesses in the 16th Street Business Corridor, the Rays honored nine "unsung heroes" in the Tampa Bay area who exemplify the aforementioned values Jackie Robinson held.

The Rays' leadership and commitment to community represent the best of American citizenship and public service, and I am honored to recognize the team's work to uphold and live up to Jackie Robinson's legacy.●

TRIBUTE TO DALLAS HUMPHRIES

● Mr. ROUNDS. Mr. President, today I recognize Dallas Humphries, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota.

Dallas is a graduate of Douglas County High School in Castle Rock, CO. In August, he will graduate from the University of South Dakota where he studies political science and criminal justice. Dallas is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience and who has been a true asset to the office.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Dallas for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT TRAVIS WOOLEY

● Mr. ROUNDS. Mr. President, today I recognize Robert Travis Wooley, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota.

Travis recently graduated from the University of Michigan, where he studied political science and Portuguese. He is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience and who has been a true asset to the office.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Travis for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO DAVID CAPP

● Mr. YOUNG. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the service of David Capp, who is retiring from the U.S. Department of Justice after 31 years of service. Let the record reflect how proud I am of Mr. Capp's service to fellow Hoosiers and our country.

After graduating from Valparaiso University School of Law in 1977, Mr. Capp served in the private sector for 8 years prior to joining the U.S. Attorney's Office in 1985. During his tenure, Mr. Capp served as interim U.S. attorney, as well as first assistant. On April 28, 2010, Mr. Capp was sworn in by Chief Judge Philip Simon as the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Indiana and has been serving in that capacity ever since.

Mr. Capp has undoubtedly left this office and community a better place. Mr. Capp's tireless commitment to his work helped alleviate gang-related violence and drug-related offenses. In addition, Mr. Capp's dedication to ending