

In 1979, Emmett began his long career in public service as a councilman-at-large. In 1988, upon the death of the current mayor, Emmett stepped up and began his tenure as the longest serving mayor in Beckley's history. During his time in office, he expanded city limits, led a razing campaign on deteriorated properties, and established two new fire stations. He also helped lead the development of the Beckley Intermodal Gateway, the Rahall Company Store at New River Park, Thornhill Courts, Freedom Park, Jim Word Memorial Park, and the Lewis McManus Trail, among other accomplishments. In 1988, he was named Mayor of the Year for his efforts.

When Mayor Pugh left office in 2013, his positive impact on the community and State did not stop. He continued to inspire all whom he encountered and acted as a mentor to his successors and any who sought his advice. He also continued in his role as a family man, and he is survived by his wife, their three children, two step-children, and eight grandchildren. Emmett's passion for Beckley and West Virginia lives on, and I think I speak for many when I say that he will be sorely missed.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING RED SCHOENDIENST

• Mr. BLUNT. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Red Schoendienst, who in passing leaves behind a lifetime of commitment to baseball, the St. Louis Cardinals, and the St. Louis community.

Red Schoendienst began his major league career with the St. Louis Cardinals in 1945, after spending only 2 years with the Albany Cardinals, the franchise's minor league affiliate. His star rose quickly within the franchise and the league, winning the 1946 Home Run Derby and, in the same year, participating in the Cardinals' World Series victory over the Sox.

In his 19 seasons as a player, Red compiled a storied list of accomplishments, including being named to 10 All Star teams, but his contributions to the sport did not end when he retired his bat. He would return to the Cardinals as a coach in 1964 and managed the team from 1965–1976. He led the team to multiple World Series victories and National League pennants, and he was named National League manager of the year in both 1967 and 1968. After 2 years coaching the Oakland Athletics, he returned to the Cardinals to coach from 1977–1995. For the next two decades, Schoendienst would wear the Cardinals "Birds on the Bat" before home games and in spring training as a special assistant to the general manager.

Red Schoendienst was one of the greatest Cardinals of all time, having been a Red Bird as a player, coach, and manager. The Cardinals retired his No.

2 in 1996. St. Louis recognized him with his induction into the St. Louis Walk of Fame in 1998. His legacy was not only engrained in the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame in 1989, but also in the memories of teammates, colleagues, and fans who had the privilege of seeing his accomplishments and his great smile.

To quote the Schoendienst family upon his passing: "He inspired all that knew him to always do their best. Red was a great ball player, but his legacy is that of a great gentleman who had respect for all. He loved his family, friends, teammates, the community and his country. He will be greatly missed."

To Red Schoendienst's family, thank you for sharing him with the St. Louis Cardinals, St. Louis community, baseball, and baseball fans. Red Schoendienst was a great gentleman, a great sportsman, a great competitor, and he will be greatly missed.●

TRIBUTE TO GARY DENT

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, this week I have the honor of recognizing Gary Dent of Pondera County for his over 42 years of service in law enforcement.

Gary Dent was born and raised in Miles City. After high school and college, Gary discussed entering the police force with a family friend, and from there, he began his career in law enforcement. After 11 years of serving around Montana, he landed in the Conrad City Police Department where he spent over 30 years as their police chief. He and his wife have one son named GR.

Gary's passion for his job is clear; yet it is his passion for the community that sets him apart. While serving as police chief, he filled his spare time by serving Conrad in any way he could, including by spending time coaching middle school and high school sports teams.

Gary's legacy in the Conrad City Police Department will survive long after his retirement. His favorite part of serving in law enforcement was the interaction with folks in the community, and that did not go unnoticed. He impacted many around Conrad and the greater Pondera County community. I congratulate Gary on a career well spent, and I wish him the best of luck in retirement.●

REMEMBERING ERIC ENGLAND

• Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, it is an honor today to pay my final respects to Eric Roy England, a great Georgian and American, who passed away on April 7, 2018, after a lifetime of service to our State and Nation.

Eric England was born on April 15, 1933, in Blairsville, GA, in Union County, the son of the late Augustus and Mary Nix England. A few short years later, in 1950, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps, and his extraordinary career was launched.

MSgt Eric England served as a scout sniper for the U.S. Marine Corps 3rd Marine Division while serving in the Vietnam war. He is credited with 98 confirmed kills on record, likely saving untold numbers of American lives. By age 19, he was a nationals rifle-shooting champion, and he set a record as a long-range champion at Fort Benning in 1968. Master Sergeant England served as a member and coach of the U.S. Marine Corps Rifle Team for 24 years, setting records both nationally and internationally.

After his military retirement and for the next 14 years, Master Sergeant England coached the Blairsville 4-H program's BB gun team, which was comprised of boys and girls in grades four through eight. These young Georgians benefited from his exemplary leadership and dedicated training and by winning competitions at the State and national level.

During his life, his talents were recognize and celebrated. They even made him the subject of a book, "Phantom of Phu Bai," written by Dr. J. B. Turner, and his military rifle is displayed in the National Rifle Association museum. The courthouse in Union County, GA, features a bronze sculpture in England's likeness that was erected in 2006.

On November 4, 2017, Master Sergeant England was one of 17 veterans inducted into the Georgia Military Veterans Hall of Fame for his outstanding achievement while serving his country. Other notable Hall of Fame inductees are Master Sergeant England's cousin, our former U.S. Senator and Georgia Governor Zell Miller, and former U.S. Senator Sam Nunn.

MSgt Eric England was interred at Arlington National Cemetery on June 4, 2018, with full military honors.

I send my condolences to his wife, Glenda Sue Berrong England, his stepson, Howard Beck, Jr., his sister, Edna Ruth Rich, and to his niece, nephew, grandchildren, and other friends and love ones.

I am very proud to share a bit of MSgt Eric England's story for the Record, to honor this great patriot and help more Georgians and Americans learn of his great legacy for our country.●

TRIBUTE TO STEPHANIE BELLINO

• Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I am pleased to recognize Stephanie Bellino, the Duval County Teacher of the Year from Garden City Elementary School in Jacksonville, FL.

Stephanie was named Teacher of the Year for successfully pushing a growing number of disadvantaged students to achieve grade-level performance or better in reading and language arts. She helps students by taking scripted lesson plans and adapting them to fit each of their individual needs. Stephanie is credited with helping Garden City improve from a D to a B school.

While teachers typically stay at one grade level, Stephanie loops with her

students. Many of her current fifth grade students were also in her third grade class. About 16 of these students were a year or two behind their grade level but have now caught up, with Stephanie being credited for this accomplishment.

Stephanie has worked at Garden City Elementary School for 3 years and was a Teach for America recruit. She taught reading and writing to the entire fourth grade and pushed students to a 48 percent passing rate, a 15 percentage point increase in 1 year.

I extend my sincere gratitude and appreciation to Stephanie for her work and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO SHANNON ELLISON

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I honor Shannon Ellison, the Dixie County Teacher of the Year from Dixie County High School in Cross City, FL.

Shannon's colleagues attest that of the many excellent teachers in her district, she stands above the rest due to her commitment to excellence and passion for helping every student develop a love for learning. She designed a rigorous curriculum to equip her students with the necessary skills for success in college and the workplace.

She is passionate about helping her students reach their academic potential by maintaining relationships with her students, their parents, and her community by inspiring trust and confidence in both her instructional skills and leadership abilities.

Shannon's teaching skills as an advanced placement teacher helped her school earn national recognition from the College Board. She has attended the advanced placement summer institutions for the past 5 years, qualifying her ability to teach AP world history, AP psychology, and AP art history.

Shannon earned her bachelors of arts degree in history from the University of Florida in 1993 and her master of arts/education in arts and academic interdisciplinary education from Southeastern University in 2011. She has been a teacher at Dixie County High School since 1994, having served as social studies department chair, Beta Club State sponsor, and grade level department chair.

I am pleased to learn of the hard work and dedication Shannon has for her students. I express my best wishes to her on her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO TRACY HALL

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I honor Tracy Hall, the Taylor County Teacher of the Year from Taylor County Elementary School in Perry, FL.

Tracy's inspiration for her students and enthusiasm for teaching led to this important recognition. Her students recognize that she goes above and beyond her required duties to be the best teacher for them. She focuses on put-

ting her students first and believes their emotions are as important as their schoolwork. She teaches them to believe in themselves and their ability to achieve. She is especially proud that two former students were inducted into the National Honor Society after they previously had difficulty learning and adapting while in third grade. They are now extraordinary students.

Tracy has been a teacher for 21 years. She graduated from Florida State University with honors in 1997 and currently teaches third grade reading at Taylor County Elementary School. She has also taught at the primary and elementary levels with the Florida Virtual Academy.

I express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to Tracy for her hard work and extend my best wishes for her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO SUSAN McNULTY

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Susan McNulty, the Pasco County Teacher of the Year from J.W. Mitchell High School in New Port Richey, FL.

As a journalism teacher, Susan's students state she deserved this award not just for what she does in the classroom, but because she helps her students before, during, and after school. Susan is a caring teacher and is always available to lend a hand when they need it the most. She is viewed as a person to confide in, with her students knowing instantly that they could depend on her.

I extend my best wishes to Susan for her perseverance as a dedicated teacher for her students. I look forward to hearing of her continued success in the years ahead.●

TRIBUTE TO TRISHA PUMPHREY

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Trisha Pumphrey, the Jackson County Teacher of the Year from Cottondale Elementary School in Cottondale, FL.

Trisha was awarded Teacher of the Year for her passion to education and commitment to making sure her students feel important. She believes this helps enhance their educational performance.

Trisha prides herself on her teaching practices and designs lesson plans that make sure her students are learning in a way that is suitable to their needs, and was able to bring her class to grade level for reading comprehension. She also looks for ways to help students that are not in her class by helping other teachers locate resources and install new technology to improve the overall culture and performance of her school.

Trisha is a first grade teacher at Cottondale Elementary, where she began teaching in 2016. She has been a teacher for 20 years, previously teaching at Grand Ridge Elementary School and Kate Smith Elementary School.

She earned a bachelor of science degree in Early Childhood Education from Troy State University.

I express my sincere thanks and appreciation to Trisha for all of the great work she has done for her students and congratulate her for winning this award.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. LINDA L.M. BENNETT

● Mr. YOUNG. Mr. President, today I wish to thank Dr. Linda L.M. Bennett for her remarkable career as president of the University of Southern Indiana, USI. Dr. Bennett started with the university in 2003 and became its third president on July 1, 2009. She will be retiring on June 30, 2018, after 15 years of dedicated service.

Dr. Bennett truly exemplifies the university's vision, "shaping the future through learning and innovation," and her work hasn't gone unheeded. Under her leadership, the University of Southern Indiana established its first two strategic plans, raising the academic standards, community engagement, and faculty development.

Throughout her career, President Bennett has served with the American Association of Colleges and Universities, Indiana Campus Compact Board, the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Valley Conference Council of Presidents, and the Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities Executive Committee. During her tenure as president, USI implemented its first doctoral program, doctor of nursing practice, and expanded its engineering and MBA programs.

In addition to her time as president, Dr. Bennett has contributed to a wide variety of local organizations, including the Southwest Indiana Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Evansville, the Diversity Lecture Series, the Indiana University School of Medicine Advisory Board of Directors, the Red Cross, the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra, United Way, Mesker Park Zoo Planning Committee, Holly's House, Joshua Academy, the Wellborn Baptist Foundation, the Mayor's Education Roundtable, the Economic Development Coalition of Southwest Indiana, and the Rotary Club of Evansville. Over the past few years, Dr. Bennett has received several awards, including the 2015 Rotary Civic Award, the Boy Scouts of America Buffalo Trace Council Distinguished Citizen Award, 2017, the Indiana Commission for Women Torchbearer Award, 2017, and the Girl Scouts of Southwest Indiana Women of Distinction award in 2018.

Although Dr. Bennett's retirement marks the end of a chapter, it also presents the opportunity for an exciting new beginning. I congratulate her on all of her achievements as USI's president and look forward to her further contributions to the Hoosier community.●