

country. It has been such an honor to work with you to extend funding for community health centers and to expand access to care and resources to families living with Alzheimer's disease. And millions of Americans have you to thank for a timely vote to save the Affordable Care Act and their healthcare.

Doug, you know what really matters: pursuing justice, expanding opportunity, and simply making life better for the people who sent us here.

Three days after those beautiful young girls were killed, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., delivered their eulogy. In it, he said this: “(Their deaths) say to each of us, black and white alike, that we must substitute courage for caution.

“They say to us that we must be concerned not merely about who murdered them, but about the system, the way of life, the philosophy which produced the murderers.

“Their death says to us that we must work passionately and unrelentingly for the realization of the American dream.”

Doug, you might not know yet what your future holds, but you have been working passionately and unrelentingly for the realization of the American dream for your entire career. I have absolutely no doubt that in whatever you do next, Doug, you will continue to be a tireless advocate for justice and equality.

Thank you for who you are. It has been such an honor serving with you.

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, today I rise to honor my dear friend and colleague, Senator DOUG JONES of Alabama.

DOUG JONES is fearless. He cuts against the grain, shrugging off critics to chart his own path rooted in deeply held principles of justice, virtue, and equality. After law enforcement had failed to prosecute civil rights cases for decades, DOUG JONES successfully brought a measure of justice to the families of the four girls killed in the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing. When skeptics claimed there was no chance of him winning a Senate race in Alabama, DOUG JONES stayed the course and clinched an upset victory. And despite having seen some of his own colleagues shy away from addressing controversial issues in this Chamber, DOUG JONES stood up for what he knew was right, from his very first speech in the Senate when he delivered a moving address on the threat of gun violence.

But despite his tenacity, Senator JONES has never stopped leading with compassion—compassion for his colleagues, compassion for the people of Alabama, and compassion for all Americans. Like his personal role model, Atticus Finch, Senator JONES abides by the principle that in order to know someone else truly and fully, you need to “climb in his skin and walk around in it.” And it is that empathy that has led Senator JONES to champion unity

over division. My seat is near DOUG's here on the Senate floor, and we sat together during the impeachment trial. Even during one of the darkest moments in our country's history, DOUG maintained faith in our better angels. When the trial of the President came to a close, Senator JONES issued a call for unity, saying, “We must find a way to come together, to set aside partisan differences, and to focus on what we have in common as Americans.” He looked forward, past the tension consuming Washington and toward brighter days ahead. That is DOUG. That is how he works.

From the time I chaired the DSCC during then-Candidate JONES' run for Senate in Alabama, to our years together in this Chamber, I have always admired his desire to put country first, follow his conscience, and value principle over politics. He is a man of enormous integrity—someone who never forgot who sent him to the Senate, someone who always worked to get results, and someone who achieved more in just a few years than many Senators do in multiple terms.

I was proud to work with Senator JONES on the passage of the FUTURE Act, which provided permanent funding for historically Black colleges and universities. His commitment to that cause has directly benefitted the four proud HBCUs in my State of Maryland, and the bill is a step forward in the fight for equity in higher education. I am also grateful for Senator JONES's work to end the military widow's tax, which prevented military spouses from receiving the full benefits they deserved. Senator JONES was a champion for the widows who had lived for too long with broken promises. He was principled, persistent, and got the job done.

DOUG JONES is a model public servant, someone the American people can look up to and admire. His absence will be deeply felt in the U.S. Senate, but I know that just because he will depart the Nation's Capital on January 3 doesn't mean his role in this fight is over. Service is in his bones, plain and simple. It has been a profound honor and privilege to serve alongside him. Thank you, DOUG—thank you for all you have done for our country, and I want to extend my warmest thoughts and wishes to you, your wife Louise, your three children, and your grandchildren on behalf of a deeply grateful nation.

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. Mr. President, I want to take a moment to recognize and thank Senator DOUG JONES for his service in the U.S. Senate and to the people of Alabama. In just 2 years, Senator JONES has become a respected voice in the Senate and built a reputation as someone who puts the interests of his constituents before partisanship or ideology. It has been a privilege working alongside him during the 116th Congress.

Senator JONES's achievements are remarkable for a first-term Senator. I

was proud to work with him on his Military Widow's Tax Elimination Act, which helps ensure that nearly 70,000 surviving military spouses receive their full benefits, as he shepherded this important legislation through Congress. He has also passed legislation to expand insurance coverage for COVID-19 vaccines and treatments, helped his rural constituents navigate the healthcare system, and promoted justice for victims in unsolved criminal civil rights cases. I am proud to have worked with him on my legislation to expand workforce development programs and hands-on learning in high schools.

These incredible accomplishments demonstrate the hard work and dedication that Senator JONES brought to the Senate. He is a man with unwavering principles but a strong drive to find common ground and bring tangible benefits to the people of Alabama.

Senator JONES's legacy in the Senate is one I hope we can all remember as we look to work together for the betterment of our States and the Nation. It has been a privilege to work alongside him for the last 2 years, and I know he will continue to inspire us all as he begins the next chapter in his distinguished life.

Ms. SMITH. Mr. President, DOUG JONES and I came to the Senate at the same time—a class of just the two of us arriving in an off-year to fill partial terms. We were sworn in together on January 3, 2018, with each of us accompanied by a former Vice President—Walter Mondale in my case, Joe Biden in DOUG's. We shared the unique experience of arriving during an unprecedented period in the Senate's history, and I am fortunate to have spent the first 3 years of my Senate journey with a partner like DOUG by my side.

DOUG and I both joined the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee, and we quickly found common cause in rural healthcare. Within months, DOUG had introduced the Rural Health Liaison Act, which helped to unify Federal resources to better support the health of rural communities. This act, which became law through our collaboration on the 2018 farm bill, put the government in a better position to respond to crises like the one we are experiencing today. The foresight and compassion DOUG displayed in leading this initiative were hallmarks of his time in the Senate. Whether he was working to lower the costs of higher education, helping me bring high-speed internet to rural areas, or passing legislation to support military spouses, I could always count on DOUG to be a voice for rural communities on the HELP Committee.

DOUG and I also sat next to each other on the Banking Committee, where I have appreciated his thoughtful focus on rectifying racial disparities in income and wealth, particularly those caused by Federal policies of the past. In addition, DOUG played a key role in leading a bipartisan effort to

update Federal anti-money laundering laws, which I am hopeful will become law as part of the NDAA later this month. Thanks to his work, we are on the verge of finally putting a stop to the use of anonymous shell companies by traffickers, terrorists, and tax dodgers, and making numerous other reforms that will cut off funding for criminal actors and make Americans safer.

I have been proud to call DOUG a colleague and friend. I know that Americans in Alabama, Minnesota, and everywhere in between join me in thanking him for his service and wishing him a fond farewell.

Ms. ROSEN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor and thank my dear friend and colleague, Senator DOUG JONES, for the hard and noble work he has done in the United States Senate. I greatly admire his passion and all that he accomplished for the people of Alabama and all Americans.

For his entire life, Senator JONES has stood tall as a pillar of justice and equality. After graduating law school, Senator JONES became counsel to the Senate Judiciary Committee for then-Senator Howell Heflin and served as an Assistant United States Attorney shortly after. Senator JONES then became the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama, where he fought for civil liberties and against racial injustice. As U.S. Attorney, he successfully was able to prosecute two of the four men who were responsible for the 1963 bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church, and later indicted domestic terrorist Eric Rudolph. By pursuing these cases, Senator JONES encouraged us all to continue to reject bigotry and hate in all its forms.

In 2017, Senator JONES became the first Democrat to represent the state of Alabama since 1997. He made it his duty to represent the people of Alabama in every vote he made on the Senate floor. He always voted in the best interests of his constituents, even when it wasn't politically expedient or convenient. His service stands as a reminder that bipartisanship is vital in addressing the issues that our nation currently faces.

Senator JONES is a man of bravery and strength. His heart and passion are not only moving, but admirable as well. I am very proud to have had Senator JONES as a friend and colleague as we served alongside each other on the HELP Committee these past two years, and I am eager to continue watching his fierce fight against injustice, joining with him in this struggle until hate is rejected in every corner of this nation.

DOUG, you have been a great friend and colleague of mine in the Senate. It has been an honor serving alongside you, and I am so sorry to see you go. We have shared so much, both on and off the Senate floor, and I look forward to continuing our friendship. During your time here, you've shown bravery and strength, you followed your con-

scious, and you have always done what was right. The lives of the people of Alabama have been made better with you as their Senator. You will be dearly missed.

TRIBUTE TO MARTHA MCSALLY

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment to recognize and thank Senator MARTHA MCSALLY for her career of service. I had the pleasure of serving alongside Senator MCSALLY on various committees but primarily wanted to underscore our work together on the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources' Subcommittee on Water and Power. In her capacity as subcommittee chair and mine as ranking Member, we were successful in shepherding the Colorado River Drought Contingency Plan Authorization Act, P.L. 116-1, through the Senate and ensuring that it was signed into law on April 16, 2019. This monumental legislation culminated years of work by the seven Colorado River basin States, researchers, local stakeholders, and Tribal governments, and affirmed the commitments made by the basin States to reduce States' water usage and target minimum water levels for reservoirs in the river's watershed, such as Lake Mead on the Arizona-Nevada border and Lake Powell on the Utah-Arizona border. I commend Senator MCSALLY's dedication to this effort to secure sustainable water levels for the 40 million Americans who rely on the Colorado River as a water source. It has truly been a pleasure to work with Senator MCSALLY on this and other western priorities, and I wish her and her family all the best in their future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO DEPARTING REPUBLICAN SENATE COLLEAGUES

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to my friends and colleagues on the Republican side of the aisle who are departing the Senate at the conclusion of this Congress. Although we might not have always seen eye-to-eye on every issue, I am proud to have worked with them on finding solutions to the many challenges facing the American people.

On January 3, when the new Congress is sworn in, we will be missing among our ranks a stalwart advocate for the people of Wyoming who has valiantly served in the U.S. Senate for 23 years, MIKE ENZI. Senator ENZI's service to this body has been defined both by a commitment to principle and a willingness to find common ground. MIKE believed fully that our focus in Washington must always be on crafting legislation, not making headlines. He took a low-ego approach to lawmaking and prized delivering results over fomenting conflict. On many occasions, he extended a hand to those working on the other side of the aisle, including the late great Paul Sarbanes of Maryland, with whom he collaborated in

crafting the bipartisan Sarbanes-Oxley Act. I was privileged to serve with Senator ENZI on the Senate Budget Committee, and despite our differences, he always made an effort to treat me and others on the committee with kindness, as a true professional and a gentleman. His infamous "80 percent tool"—the notion that all of us can agree on 80 percent of the issues 80 percent of the time—will continue to remind us on Capitol Hill of the capacity for Congress to come together on the issues that matter. I wish him the best in the years to come.

I am also sad to say goodbye to my neighbor in the Senate Hart Building and a veteran of this Chamber, Senator PAT ROBERTS, who is retiring after four decades serving his home State of Kansas in the U.S. Congress. Although Senator ROBERTS has had a storied career in Washington, all of us know that his first love was the U.S. Marine Corps. PAT ROBERTS took what he learned in the Armed Forces of humility, friendship, and cooperation and brought those values with him to Washington. As a lawmaker, Senator ROBERTS has led with good humor and grace. I was honored to serve with him on the Senate Agriculture Committee, where we worked together on the 2018 farm bill to enhance provisions to help farmers clean up the Chesapeake Bay, correct an inequity in how our 1890 HBCUs spend Federal funds, and support our Nation's minority and veteran farmers. I was also pleased that he joined me in introducing a bill that would fully fund the IDEA in order to support our schools and ensure a first-rate education for children with disabilities. His tireless commitment to promoting comity and camaraderie in this body demonstrated that kindness often precedes compromise. I salute the years of service he has given in the defense of our Nation and the promotion of the common good. And I say directly to my colleague and friend, PAT ROBERTS: *semper fi* and Godspeed.

But of those departing the Congress this year, few rival the erudition, warmth, and spirit of Senator LAMAR ALEXANDER. He is a true renaissance man, who excelled in the academy as president of the University of Tennessee, served our country first as Governor, then as Senator, and has entertained scores of captivated listeners with his skills at a piano. Those of us in the U.S. Senate who have had the distinct pleasure of working with LAMAR ALEXANDER recognize his talent for building consensus and reaching across the aisle to hammer out real solutions to the problems facing the American people. I am particularly grateful for his work on the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, leading the charge to publish a report on our Nation's competitiveness in science and technology. That report, "Rising Above the Gathering Storm," produced findings that have been vital to the promotion of increased funding for science and STEM education in my