

the line. They know the nature of the regime they confront. And they go out into the streets anyway. They do it today, even as the regime shuts down internet access inside the country, so the world cannot see. But the United States and the international community cannot be silent in the face of their courage. We cannot look away.

Speaking up when we see the spilling of protesters' blood is the very least we must do. And that is why I rise today to express deep disappointment that my colleagues did not join me in passing S. Con. Res. 47. The resolution calls on the international community and the private sector to look for every opportunity to support the protesters. It calls for cooperation to hold the regime accountable as it represses, detains, and murders its citizens. This resolution is not controversial. Indeed, it is the minimum message that the U.S. Congress should be sending.

But we all need to do more. That is why I introduced this resolution to amplify the voices of Iranian protesters around the world using social media and other technologies, as well as American surrogate networks. It is why I think the United States needs to be raising this issue in every international forum—as we have successfully done in the UN Human Rights Council and the UN Commission on the Status of Women.

But we should not stop there. We should be using the tools we have to help circumvent the regime's efforts to jam communications of its own people. And we should invoke the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act and other provisions against those who are perpetrating these heinous acts.

No one should underestimate the deep and real grievances of Iranian protesters. Their chants against the Iranian regime reflect decades of pent-up frustration. That sense of desperate longing for the kinds of things many of us take for granted comes through in the viral protest song "Baraye" by Shervin Hajipour, a musician that the Iranian regime also has detained. The Iranian protesters' demands for justice and fundamental rights are inspirational, especially in the face of the Iranian regime's response.

All they want is to live life in peace and prosperity. So let's keep standing shoulder to shoulder with the protesters as they stand up to the regime's human rights violations and violence. Let's help them keep fighting against the senseless repression of women and girls. Let's keep the world's eyes on Tehran's ruthlessness.

And remember the lyrics of Baraye: Women. Life. Freedom.

Because if we do, we not only honor the memory of Mahsa Amini and every Iranian yearning for freedom and justice, we honor our own democratic values and principles which we all hold so dear.

We have not done that today. This is no time for hesitation or equivocation.

I urge my colleagues to join me in ensuring quick passage of similar legislation in the new congressional session.

TRIBUTE TO RETIRING SENATORS

Mr. REED. Mr. President, as the 117th Congress winds down, I would like to offer some reflections on some of our departing colleagues: ROY BLUNT, RICHARD BURR, ROB PORTMAN, BEN SASSE, RICHARD SHELBY, and PATRICK TOOMEY. Too often, the Senate is viewed through a partisan lens, but the truth is that we all work together to serve the American people. We all swore the same oath to uphold and defend the Constitution. Although we may have differing views, we certainly have common values.

It has been my honor to serve with these outstanding senators, as well as my good friends, Senator JIM INHOFE and Senator PATRICK LEAHY, whose service I spoke about earlier.

TRIBUTE TO ROY BLUNT

ROY BLUNT knows how to get things done. Because of his efforts as the top Republican on the Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health, and Human Services, and Education, we have been able to make extraordinary investments in healthcare research at the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control. I am grateful for the role he has played in helping to raise funding for key programs like the Pell grant, adult education, the Library Services and Technology Act, and the Childhood Cancer STAR Act. Additionally, I have had the privilege of teaming up with Senator BLUNT for many years on legislation to increase our healthcare workforce with the Building a Health Care Workforce for the Future Act, which would help incentivize people to go into the primary care field.

He has been a champion for children. We have worked together on the Ensuring Children's Access to Specialty Care Act, to improve access to pediatric subspecialists, including children's mental health workers.

I greatly admire his advocacy and success when it comes to strengthening mental health services and access to care. That was reflected in the nationwide expansion of the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics program, which he worked so hard to accomplish.

Finally, as the chairman and ranking member of the Senate Committee on Rules, Senator BLUNT has worked to safeguard the Senate community, and in partnership with Senator KLOBUCHAR, he has worked to craft the bipartisan Electoral Count Act to eliminate any doubts about the process for tabulating electoral votes in Congress. This legislation will help eliminate the perceived ambiguities in current law that President Trump sought to exploit on January 6, 2021. And it is yet another example of Senator BLUNT's principled, bipartisan leadership.

We will miss him in the Senate and wish his wife Abigail and their children and grandchildren all the best.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD BURR

I thought I drove the most beat up car in the Senate until I saw Senator BURR's 1973 Volkswagen Thing, which I can't believe didn't fully retire before he did.

As a Member of the House and the Senate, RICHARD BURR has become an expert on healthcare policy, helping shepherd countless public health and research bills into law. This includes important reauthorizations of the National Institutes of Health and the Food and Drug Administration. I have appreciated his help in clearing important legislation I have introduced, including measures to address childhood cancer, mental health, and suicide prevention.

In the Senate, Senator BURR became an ardent and outspoken leader in preserving our public lands, parks, refuges, and recreational areas. His quest to permanently reauthorize and fund the Land and Water Conservation Fund—LWCF—ultimately led to the passage of the Great American Outdoors Act, which permanently funds the LWCF at \$900 million per year and provides dedicated funding to address maintenance backlogs at our major land management agencies. This was a huge accomplishment that will benefit future generations of Americans.

Finally, as the chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, Senator BURR was unflappable and even-handed in investigating and assessing the threats against this country posed by Russia and other malicious actors.

After a career of landmark legislative achievements, I wish RICHARD well as he drives his signature Volkswagen Thing back home to North Carolina.

TRIBUTE TO ROB PORTMAN

Senator ROB PORTMAN is one of the most prolific public servants in the Republican party, serving in the Senate, the House, and senior posts as the Director of the Office of Management and Budget and as the U.S. Trade Representative. He certainly has had a varied and distinguished career.

Early in his Senate tenure, as the U.S. economy struggled in the wake of the Great Recession, Senator PORTMAN and I teamed up to try to extend enhanced unemployment benefits for the millions of Americans who had been forced out of work. We made great progress in the Senate, bringing together a core group of 10 Senators to shape a package of assistance. While that package passed the Senate with a strong bipartisan vote, we could not overcome opposition in the House. Nonetheless, that pattern of working with bipartisan groups of like-minded Senators became the hallmark of Senator PORTMAN's legislative career, paying off in this Congress with the enactment of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, and the Respect for Marriage Act.

On issues like addiction treatment, retirement security, and marriage equality, he became the maestro of orchestrating bipartisan agreement.

Senator PORTMAN has also become a leading voice in supporting U.S. efforts to assist Ukraine, helping to ensure that we bring the resources that President Zelenskyy and the Ukrainian people need in order to secure their freedom.

While Senator PORTMAN will be leaving this Chamber, I expect he will remain engaged in policy debates and serving the community. And I hope that his bipartisan leadership and efforts to bring people together to find common ground will endure.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD C. SHELBY

RICHARD SHELBY has been at the center of addressing some of the most consequential events that have faced the country during his tenure. He was the top Republican on the Select Committee on Intelligence in the immediate aftermath of the attacks of September 11, 2001. He served as the chairman and later ranking member of the Senate Banking Committee during the Wall Street financial collapse and Great Recession. And as chair and vice chair of the Appropriations Committee, he helped guide us through the challenges of the Budget Control Act and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Always faithful to his conservative views, RICHARD has never been a partisan firebrand. He has been a person committed to getting things done on behalf of all Americans and particularly the people of Alabama. When I was ranking member of the Banking Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development, I was privileged to work closely with Chairman SHELBY to reauthorize our Nation's transit programs under the SAFETEA Act. In the midst of the Great Recession, we worked together on the Banking Committee to pass the Housing and Economic Recovery Act, which helped homeowners with subprime mortgages avoid foreclosure. Important for today's supply constrained housing market, that law created the Housing Trust Fund to increase and preserve the supply of housing for people with the lowest incomes, including families experiencing homelessness.

And during his tenure at the top of the Appropriations Committee and the Subcommittee on Defense, RICHARD has worked with Chairman LEAHY and Chairwoman Barbara Mikulski to fund our national defense, invest wisely in public infrastructure, and address the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. It is fitting that Senator SHELBY, working with Senator LEAHY, is capping his career by passing an omnibus appropriations bill, which bears the mark of his work.

Finally, let me add this, RICHARD, in a very understated way, has been a true champion in promoting women to positions of authority in the Senate, including naming the first woman to

serve as staff director of the Senate Appropriations Committee. And it is fitting now that his former chief of staff, Senator-elect Katie Britt, will be his successor in the Senate.

In wishing him well in his retirement, I also want to pay tribute to his wife Annette, who has been a partner in his service to the country.

TRIBUTE TO BEN SASSE

During his tenure in the Senate, BEN SASSE has been a leader in addressing the threat of cyber attacks. With my House colleague, Congressman JIM LANGEVIN, Senator SASSE worked to create the Cybersecurity Solarium Commission in 2019. The goal of the commission was to develop a strategic approach to defending the United States against cyber attacks of significant consequences. As a member of the commission, Senator SASSE helped craft a thoughtful report and important legislative recommendations that will guide our policy on cybersecurity for years to come.

TRIBUTE TO PATRICK J. TOOMEY

Most States have two Senators, but for the last 12 years, there have been three Rhode Islanders serving in the Senate: Senator WHITEHOUSE, myself, and Senator PAT TOOMEY—Republican from East Providence.

Growing up in a large working-class family with parents of Irish and Portuguese ancestry, Senator TOOMEY's background is familiar and shared by many Rhode Islanders, but his success has been uncommon and evident almost from the start. In fact, Senator TOOMEY and I went to the same high school—the legendary LaSalle Academy. We were a few years—actually several years—apart. I was a good student. PAT was the valedictorian. He went on to Harvard and Wall Street and served in the House before coming to the Senate.

As a member of the Senate Banking Committee and eventually serving as the top Republican on the panel, he was well-versed and well-prepared to debate the issues. As we worked to craft the CARES Act and other COVID-19 pandemic legislation, PAT was rigorous and relentless in asking tough questions as we worked to develop this legislation to keep the economy moving.

Closer to home and his Portuguese roots, PAT was a champion for improving U.S. relations with Portugal. Working with my colleagues SHELDON WHITEHOUSE and DAVID CICILLINE, he pushed for the passage of the AMIGOS Act—a bill to improve trade and investment ties between the U.S. and Portugal. I am pleased that thanks to PAT's efforts we were able to include this legislation in this year's National Defense Authorization Act.

With PAT's retirement, Rhode Island will have to make do with just two Senators, but I hope that we will continue to see him and his wife Kris and their children from time to time both in Washington and in the Ocean State.

Again I want to thank these extraordinary colleagues for their hard work

over the years and for their service to the American people and the people of their States.

TRIBUTE TO DR. WILLIAM FINLAYSON

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the exceptional career and life of Dr. William Finlayson. Dr. Finlayson is a pillar of the Milwaukee Black Community and has left an indelible mark on so many families in Wisconsin's largest city.

Dr. Finlayson was born in 1924 in Manatee, FL. From a young age, he studied and excelled at school, and at age 16 he started his collegiate career at Florida A&M. At age 19, Finlayson entered the U.S. Army and served as a first lieutenant from 1943 through 1946. During his time in the U.S. Army, he taught illiterate Black soldiers how to read, receiving a promotion to second lieutenant due to his work. He then served in the Army Reserves between 1946 to 1953.

While serving in the Reserves, Finlayson moved to Atlanta to attend Morehouse College. It was during this time that he became classmates and fraternity brothers with the late Martin Luther King, Jr. Finlayson graduated from Morehouse in 1948 with his B.S. and then attended Meharry Medical College in 1953.

After graduating from medical school, Dr. Finlayson arrived to the city of Milwaukee in 1958, where segregation was making it difficult for Black physicians to get hired by the city's best hospitals. Ever determined, Dr. Finlayson founded his own private practice, along with Dr. Walter White, Dr. Randall Pollard, Dr. George Hillard, and Dr. Gerald Poindexter. He was eventually admitted as the first Black doctor at St. Joseph's Hospital. He built a successful practice, with people often sitting on the steps outside of his office just to see him.

However, his passion for helping the Black community did not stop there. Dr. Finlayson participated in fair housing marches led by Alderwoman Vel Phillips and Father James Groppi. During the civil rights era, it was Dr. Finlayson who was instrumental in bringing MLK Jr. to the city of Milwaukee to speak.

Dr. Finlayson was a champion for financial literacy, cofounding the first Black-owned bank in the city, North Milwaukee State Bank, wanting to offer full-service banking to underserved communities. He also founded the W.E.B. Du Bois Club, educating high school students with the financial skills they needed to succeed while preserving Black history.

In his life, Dr. Finlayson delivered over 10,000 babies, served as president of the Cream City Medical Society, Milwaukee Gynecological Society, and his local YMCA. He was a house delegate to the Wisconsin Medical Society, teaching at both the Medical College of Wisconsin and the University of Wisconsin Medical School. He served as