

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

vice president of the United Way of Greater Milwaukee and Waukesha County and continues to be a member of the Urban League, as well as a lifetime member of the NAACP.

Dr. Finlayson is truly a Milwaukee trailblazer, consistently fighting for equality in the State of Wisconsin. Recently, the Milwaukee road that was formerly North 5th Street was renamed Dr. William Finlayson Street in his honor. At 98 years old, Dr. Finlayson continues to have a tremendous impact on so many families in Milwaukee. His legacy and advice will live on due to the insurmountable barriers that he set out to shatter. His advice for the younger generations consists of, "I think the key is learning. Learn as much as you can, do as much as you can." I am pleased to join others in recognizing Dr. Finlayson's success and contributions to the people of Milwaukee, our State, and our Nation.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO HARVEY LEWIS STEIN

• Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate a constituent of mine, Annapolis resident Harvey Lewis Stein, whose inspiration, vision, and perseverance were singularly responsible for construction of the Commodore Uriah P. Levy Center and Jewish Chapel at the U.S. Naval Academy. The facility is named for Levy (1792–1862), the first Jewish commodore in the U.S. Navy who was famous for refusing to flog his men, choosing to lead through inspiration, not intimidation. The Levy Center is centrally located between Mitscher Hall, where midshipmen eat together three times a day, and Bancroft Hall, where all 4,400 of them live. It contains a 410-seat synagogue, a kosher kitchen, a fellowship hall, a character learning center, classrooms, and offices for the brigade's social director, the academic board, and the academy's honor board. It is stunningly beautiful, designed by internationally renowned architect Joseph A. Boggs.

When the U.S. Naval Academy was founded in 1845, all midshipmen were required to attend Christian worship services. It was not until 1938 that the academy allowed Jewish midshipmen to attend a local synagogue—Congregation Kneset—on Sunday to worship their own faith. In 1981, the academy opened an All-Faith Chapel, which provided worship space for Christians and Jews alike. This chapel included an Ark, a Torah reading table, and storage for prayer books and other religious articles. Catholic midshipmen used this chapel to celebrate daily Mass. While this chapel was a great improvement over the other spaces offered for Jewish worship, it too presented problems, particularly with regard to seating. It often proved too small for services

celebrating major holidays and life-cycle events.

Still, the Jewish program grew, and a full-time Jewish chaplain joined the academy's complement of chaplains in 1986. The need for a dedicated Jewish chapel was not just based on space constraints, however. There was a need to show the public, including the Navy, that Jews do serve in the military and have done so in every American conflict since pre-Colonial days. In addition, Jewish middies needed the resources to enhance their identity, both religiously and culturally.

Supporters of a Jewish chapel created the Friends of the Jewish Chapel—FOJC—to provide programs for Jewish midshipmen and support the needs of the rabbi. CDR Howard Pinskey, SC, USN (Ret), a 1962 academy graduate, became the FOJC's first president. He navigated the organization through its earliest days of development and became the cheerleader who bridged the divide between the birth of a fledgling Jewish community and the opportunities that awaited its growth.

Many people worked for many years on the project, but one person had the skill and tenacity to see it through to completion. In 1994, Harvey Stein envisioned a dedicated house for Jewish worship, as well as a social hall for sharing communal dinners, holding classes, enhancing Jewish culture, examining ethics, and bringing together students of all faiths to congregate, study, engage, and socialize.

To proceed, Mr. Stein had to bring the Naval Academy and the Department of the Navy on board, find a building site, design the building, and raise the necessary funding. Mr. Stein was part of the group that successfully appealed to the academy's administration and the Secretary of the Navy, obtaining a letter of intent and then a letter of commitment. Then, Mr. Stein became instrumental in providing the FOJC with its necessary 501 (c) (3) status which allowed FOJC to begin the fund raising process.

Mr. Stein, a successful entrepreneur who founded the home decor and merchandise firm HLD, is a team-builder who skillfully cultivated an effective group of volunteers and professional men and women to champion the Jewish chapel's cause. Through his tenacity, he found ways to navigate the hurdles that seemed to block the way to success. He cultivated relationships with military personnel and civilians who knew how to weave their way through the labyrinth of bureaucracy to a successful end. He encouraged good work by setting an example through his own energy and work ethic. He opened his heart, his office, and his home to the project. Most importantly, he trusted his team, and in return, more than 3,000 donors from three countries lent their financial, legal, spiritual, military, and political support to the Commodore Uriah P. Levy Center and Jewish Chapel. The Levy Center cost \$8.0 million to design,

build, and furnish. Military construction funds totaled \$1.8 million; private donations the FOJC raised covered the balance. Today, this magnificent building stands as a mitzvah and a testament to one man's resolve that failure was never an option.●

#### REMEMBERING JOHN P. CONNELLY

• Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I rise today to commemorate the life and career of John P. Connelly, longtime National Fisheries Institute president and CEO. John succumbed to cancer on November 20, but not before leaving a profound mark on the commercial seafood industry that is so dear to us in Alaska.

Following service in the U.S. Navy—including Active-Duty service as an officer in the Navy's destroyer fleet—John joined the American Chemistry Council, where he rose to become ACC's corporate secretary. In 2003, he was named president and CEO of the National Fisheries Institute. In nearly two decades of leadership at NFI, he joined with many of us in the Senate in tackling the priority issues confronting American seafood producers and the fisheries they rely on—from vital legislation such as the 2007 Magnuson-Stevens reauthorization legislation and the 2011 Food Safety Modernization Act, to ensuring that Federal nutrition guidance reflects the science regarding the value of seafood consumption and utilizing trade agreements to open key markets to seafood exporters from Alaska and elsewhere. On his watch, commercial seafood producers made sustainability the core of their operations. On issue after issue, he brought disparate players together in what often can be a fractious industry, driving concrete progress where others' efforts had stalled.

While at NFI, John Connelly held leadership roles with the NOAA Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee; the International Seafood Sustainability Foundation; the International Coalition of Fisheries Associations; the "FISH" for Crewmembers social responsibility standard; the Seafood Industry Research Fund; and many others. In October 2022, the Global Seafood Alliance awarded him the Wallace R. Stevens Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his "leadership, integrity, and commitment to responsibility."

As is so often the case, however, it was not the plaques on the wall that made John Connelly effective. He was known to many in the seafood world, including to my staff and me, as a warm, engaging person who always wanted to learn about the people he met before delving into business. John loved sharing and swapping stories—the funnier the better—and as any Alaskan will tell you, fishing and storytelling go hand in hand. What a wonderful match between a leader and the industry he chose to serve.

To paraphrase Lincoln, I know nothing I say on the floor today can beguile