

leading an enterprise of 10 Federal laboratories across the country and six major programs performing vital research to understand and predict changes in climate, weather, ocean, and coasts for the benefit of the Nation. Mr. McLean's preeminent leadership of OAR enabled vital advancements, including improved forecasting of weather extremes such as hurricanes, winter storms, extreme precipitation, and drought as well as a greatly increased understanding of the Earth's climate system. His leadership has enabled NOAA to better prepare society in order to reduce the severe impacts of these events on life and property.

On the international stage, as the U.S. Representative to the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization—UNESCO—Mr. McLean's skillful collaborative approach helped advance U.S. scientific goals and garnered support from our partners in ocean observing around the world. He helped broker consensus for global biogeochemical ocean sensors, known as Argo, which enabled a \$53 million international commitment to expand deployments to improve ocean health and climate forecasting. Through this role, Mr. McLean served as a leader for the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development, championing this global undertaking to provide a common framework that ensures ocean science can support countries and achieve the United Nations' 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

Finally, I want to acknowledge Mr. McLean's commitment to scientific integrity within NOAA. During the last administration, he boldly stepped forward as a complainant when NOAA experienced political interference, putting himself at risk to uphold scientific integrity and the Agency's reputation. He also served as the Department of Commerce representative on the National Science and Technology Council Fast-Track Action Committee on Scientific Integrity where he cochaired a working group to provide responsive outcomes for the Presidential Memorandum on Restoring Trust in Government Through Scientific Integrity and Evidence-Based Policymaking. NOAA's science and the Agency's integrity has been made stronger through Mr. McLean's commitment and leadership on this issue.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire, I thank Craig McLean for his decades of excellent service to our Nation and wish him well in his retirement. I hope he enjoys the chance to take his family out on the water more in retirement and enjoys the oceans he has championed throughout his career.

TRIBUTE TO VICE ADMIRAL ROBERT D. SHARP

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I rise today on behalf of myself, Vice Chairman RUBIO, Senator BLUNT, and all

members of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence to recognize the service and accomplishments of VADM Robert D. Sharp and congratulate him on his upcoming retirement. His leadership and vision drove the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency—NGA—to deliver support to a wide array of customers while simultaneously transforming its operating procedures and business practices. As Director of NGA, Vice Admiral Sharp ensured that timely, relevant, and accurate geospatial intelligence was provided to policymakers, warfighters, first responders, the intelligence community, and the congressional intelligence oversight committees.

A veteran of the war in Afghanistan and the Gulf War, Vice Admiral Sharp served our country during a highly decorated 34-year career with the U.S. Navy, receiving two Bronze Stars, the Legion of Merit, two Defense Superior Service Medals, and the Navy Distinguished Service Medal.

Vice Admiral Sharp's service included operational deployments with USS *Ranger* (CV61), Carrier Air Wing 2 embarked on USS *Constellation* (CV 64), and Carrier Group 2 embarked on USS *Harry S. Truman* (CVN 75). Additionally, in 2016, Vice Admiral Sharp was tasked with serving as commander, Office of Naval Intelligence, and director, National Maritime Intelligence-Integration Office.

Vice Admiral Sharp culminated his distinguished career as the seventh director of the NGA. In this capacity he also served as the intelligence community's functional manager for GEOINT, head of the National System for Geospatial Intelligence, and chair of the Allied System for Geospatial Intelligence.

As NGA director, Vice Admiral Sharp led 14,500 military, civilian, and contractor women and men with care, compassion, and resourcefulness during the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. As the government shifted to maximize telework, NGA found new and innovative ways to meet mission demands while ensuring the safety of the workforce and, simultaneously, significantly improving the morale of the workforce.

Vice Admiral Sharp managed the multibillion-dollar annual operating budget of the Agency, including the construction of a new, state-of-the-art \$1.7 billion NGA-West campus in downtown St. Louis, which includes the Senator Roy Blunt Geospatial Learning Center. This innovative facility will be a model for the IC in the future. Under Admiral Sharp's leadership, the agency has maintained a constructive and productive relationship with the city, the local community, academia, and the private sector, marking St. Louis—now alongside Springfield, VA—as a leader in the GEOINT community.

Vice Admiral Sharp also directed the use of new technology and commercial capabilities to meet steadily increasing demands of the customer base for

trusted GEOINT with speed, accuracy, and precision—while working to keep ahead of the speed of change occurring in GEOINT inside and outside government and around the globe. The importance to the Nation—and the world—of the ability to utilize new commercial GEOINT capabilities has recently been made clear during Russia's unprovoked invasion of Ukraine. Vice Admiral Sharp also refocused investment in great power competition and emphasized the importance of assured positioning, navigation, timing, and targeting.

Throughout his tenure at NGA, Vice Admiral Sharp focused attention on a whole-of-enterprise approach by expanding and deepening relations with partners across the enterprise. In particular, he has fostered increased engagement with colleges and universities and promoted geographic literacy and STEM education in K-12 institutions. NGA has an active CRADA with the University of Virginia and open source intelligence partnerships with William and Mary University and Virginia Tech. NGA has also signed educational partnership agreements with Harris Stowe State University, a historically Black university in St. Louis; University of Missouri St. Louis, the most diverse public research institution in the St. Louis area; and Galaudet University, in Washington, DC, the Nation's premier university for deaf and hard of hearing students. These initiatives are representative of Vice Admiral Sharp's career-long commitment to diversity and inclusion.

Vice Admiral Sharp's tenure at NGA was marked by strong leadership and dedication to mission. He inspired a workforce to remain committed to the mission while rapidly transforming with changes in technology and tradecraft during an unprecedented time in the history of the nation. His leadership of NGA and his decades of service to our country displayed honor, courage, and commitment. We congratulate Vice Admiral Sharp on his retirement and thank him for his service to our country.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO EDWARD B. GARONE

• Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, I rise today to thank and pay tribute to the service of Derry Police Chief Edward Garone.

For more than 50 years, Chief Garone has served with dedication and has worked to keep the people of Derry and people throughout the Granite State safe.

Throughout it all, Chief Garone has worked tirelessly to ensure public safety—the most fundamental task of any government—creating the stability necessary for our people, families, and economy, to thrive.

After bravely serving our country in the Marines, Chief Garone began his

career as a police officer in 1964 and eventually became captain. In 1972, he and his family moved to Derry, where he took on the role as police chief, a position that he has remained in for more than four decades, becoming one of the longest serving full-time police chiefs in the United States.

Chief Garone quickly became a valued member of the Derry community, even being named Derry's Citizen of the Year in 1984. And in addition to his work in uniform, he worked to improve Derry in a variety of ways, including as Rotarian and by volunteering with the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Derry.

Above all, the chief has said that he has appreciated his many years in Derry because he enjoys helping people. And people across New Hampshire are indeed grateful for his commitment to service.

Chief Garone represents the very best of New Hampshire's law enforcement; he has lived his life in service to our country, and I have appreciated our work together. I join the people of Derry in thanking him, as well as his family, for all that they have done on behalf of the Granite State.●

TRIBUTE TO MIKE MANNING

● Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, I am honored to recognize Mike Manning of Penacook as May's Granite Stater of the Month. After a chance stop-by at the Open Door Community Kitchen, Mike Manning stepped up to volunteer and now even co-manages the kitchen, which provides free meals to help individuals in need in the community.

When Mike saw a "Free Meals" sign outside the United Church of Penacook in 2015 and decided to venture in, he had no idea how much that decision would impact his life. Mike connected with the chair of Open Door Community Kitchen and learned about their mission of serving meals to communities in and around Penacook. Later that year, Mike became the kitchen's cochair, organizing volunteer shifts, food orders, and donations.

In his first years as cochair, Mike made sure that Open Door Community Kitchen provided three free sit-down meals a week, with extra food for people to bring home and last them the following days. Mealtimes provided a sense of camaraderie and togetherness among volunteers and attendees alike.

Yet when the COVID-19 pandemic began, Open Door Community Kitchen was hard hit. Many of the volunteers were older and started to stay home at the onset of the pandemic because of the risk to their health. With limited capacity, the kitchen had to reduce its three free meals per week to two. In addition, the dining hall space had to close, and Open Door transitioned to making-to-go meals.

Nevertheless, Mike put every effort into making sure that Open Door Community Kitchen was able to keep running during the entire pandemic, never missing a week. Even with a skeleton

staff and rising food prices, Mike has worked around the clock to continue serving meals. And now, he is working to restart Open Door's in-person meals, which provide an important sense of community.

Mike's efforts to serve his neighbors during a time of need and under unprecedented challenges are commendable. As Mike himself says, if everyone could just help each other, the world would be a much better place. His actions exemplify the best of the Granite State spirit of working together to support each other, no matter the obstacles, and we are lucky to have him in our midst.●

TRIBUTE TO GUS MACHADO

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I recognize and honor the life of Gus Machado, a long-time businessman and entrepreneur in Hialeah, FL, for his contributions to the south Florida community.

Mr. Machado was born in Cuba and moved to the United States at the age of 15, where he founded a vehicle export business. When the U.S. and Cuba broke ties in 1960 as part of the Cold War, Mr. Machado remained in his new home of Miami and built three more businesses that sold General Motors vehicles to inhabitants of Puerto Rico. During the 1980s, he began selling Buicks and Fords as well, and he eventually became the No. 1 Ford dealer in Miami-Dade County.

Mr. Machado's entrepreneurial legacy continues to employ and support the people of south Florida to this day. Moreover, he will be remembered for his charitable contributions, especially to St. Thomas University in Miami—where College of Business students study in the proudly named Gus Machado Building—as well as the American Cancer Society.

Mr. Machado's story is an inspiring example of the American Dream and a testament to the contributions of Cuban immigrants to South Florida. I admire his hard work and his commitment to his community and know that Mr. Machado's efforts will bear fruit for years to come. I send my deepest sympathies and condolences to the entire Machado family.●

TRIBUTE TO EDWARD B. GARONE

● Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I come to the floor to pay tribute to Edward B. Garone, a long-time law enforcement official in the Granite State. There are many reasons to salute Ed Garone, including an incredible 50 years as police chief of the Derry, NH, police department and an extensive record of local involvement. I join Chief Garone's colleagues and countless friends in thanking him for his tireless work and recognizing the qualities behind his many contributions and accomplishments: a humble desire to serve others and strengthen his community.

After a 3-year tour of duty in the U.S. Marine Corps, Chief Garone began his law enforcement career as a police officer in the Lebanon, NH, police department. He would serve the city of Lebanon for 7-and-a-half years, rising to the rank of captain, before accepting an offer in 1972 to become the chief of police in Derry, NH. At 29 years old, he moved with his young family—wife Blanche and children Vicky and Michael—to southern New Hampshire and planted roots in a community he would serve for the next five decades. A local newspaper noted at the time that he was "an experienced officer with a lot of skill."

Chief Garone would tap into these skills to guide the town of Derry through a variety of law enforcement challenges. He also managed considerable growth within his department and witnessed significant development in the community it serves. Derry's population has nearly tripled since the 1970s, and its police department expanded from roughly 20 full-time officers in 1972 to over 70 full-time and part-time personnel today. Chief Garone is their strongest advocate, always making sure his officers have the most current and effective equipment, technology, and training. He is also their loudest champion, and he's quick to deflect any compliment or praise toward his officers who share his belief of "service above self."

Chief Garone is a well-respected figure and sought-after voice in New Hampshire's law enforcement community. He has been on the board of directors of the Regional Information Sharing Systems—New England State Police Information Network for 17 years. He remains an active, 50-year member of the New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police and has served as its secretary for the past 32 years. So many of his fellow officers across the Granite State—from the longest serving chief to the newly-sworn-in patrol officer—look to Chief Garone for guidance, for leadership, and for encouragement as they work to keep our communities safe.

Chief Garone's service goes beyond all he has given and all he has accomplished at the Derry Police Department. He is involved in a number of community and charitable organizations. Chief Garone is a 45-year member of the Greater Derry Boys and Girls Club board of directors and a past president of the club. He is currently the longest serving member and former president of the Derry Rotary Club. He has led the Viviana Leon Memorial Foundation, a charitable foundation that provides funds each year to local groups. He is the current director of the Derry Veterans Assistance Fund, a nonprofit that seeks to improve the quality of life for local veterans. Chief Garone also serves on the board of directors for the Alexander Eastman Foundation and the Seacoast Child Advocacy Center. He even lends his time