

Government to complete the North-South Appalachian Highway initiative connecting I-68 to the Pennsylvania Turnpike via US-219. We have worked together to expand rural healthcare access and opportunities through federally qualified community health centers, regional hospitals, and other Federal partnerships in the region. We have worked together to support higher education and workforce development programs through Frostburg State University, the Western Maryland Consortium, and the region's three community colleges.

We have collaborated to provide State and Federal grant training for local emergency management and first responders to ensure they have the resources they need to protect their communities. We have collaborated to ensure that small businesses have access to State and Federal resources to grow their businesses. We have collaborated on casework for our constituents with State and Federal agencies related to healthcare, veterans' benefits, housing, banking and taxes, passports, and other issues.

George's legislative accomplishments are too numerous to list, so I will mention just a few. He fought to alter a State revenue formula to provide additional funding to counties, such as Garrett and Allegany, where the State owns 15 percent or more of the land. He secured changes to Maryland's Program Open Space, a land acquisition and recreation program, to give Garrett and Allegany Counties the flexibility they need to use the program without impeding economic development. He increased Allegany County's share of revenue from the Rocky Gap Casino Resort and increased the county's flexibility with respect to how it can spend that revenue. He succeeded in increasing the speed limit on parts of I-68 to 70 miles per hour, which is understandable considering that his Senate district—district 1—stretches 125 miles from Red House at the far western end of the State to Williamsport in Washington County. Earlier this year, Governor Hogan signed into law a bill George sponsored to establish the Western Maryland Economic Future Investment Board and Senator George C. Edwards Fund to provide \$50 million over the next 3 years in State grants and loans for capital infrastructure and business development projects in the region. Of course, George is far too modest to suggest naming something after himself; his colleagues voted unanimously to amend the bill to be named in his honor.

When George announced his retirement, he noted that he had spent the equivalent of 10 years in Annapolis, away from his family. So I would be remiss if I failed to mention Linda, his beloved wife of 55 years, and their two children, Kristin and Paul. Paul has followed in his father's footsteps and serves as chair of the Garrett County Board of County Commissioners. All Marylanders, but especially his district

1 constituents, owe a debt of gratitude to his family for sharing him with the public. He and Linda are the proud grandparents of eight children, and I certainly understand his desire, after half a century of public service, to spend more time with his family.

In Shakespeare's play "Hamlet," Polonius counsels his son Laertes, "This above all: to thine own self be true, And it must follow, as the night the day, Thou canst not then be false to any man." This describes George Edwards and his life of public service. He has been true to himself and never false to his colleagues or to his constituents. I am honored to count George as a friend and want, on behalf of the entire U.S. Senate, to extend my congratulations and deepest appreciation to him and wish him and Linda and their family all the best as he returns home to Mountain Maryland.●

TRIBUTE TO DEBORAH CROSS

● Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, I am honored to recognize Deborah Cross of Manchester as July's Granite Stater of the Month. After surviving stage 4 cancer, Deborah used her artistic talents to create photo journals to help other cancer patients process their emotions and find resilience.

After recovering from endometrial cancer in 2014 and living cancer-free for almost 4 years, Deborah received awful news from her doctor. Her cancer had come back. While Deborah was devastated by the news, she also found solace in a creative outlet that would also help others.

Deborah began creating booklets with strikingly edited photos of nature in New Hampshire, for example, images of seagulls and ocean sunsets around the New England coast. Below the photos are blank lines where cancer patients can journal. Deborah hopes that the photos can evoke deeper emotions that patients might be struggling with in a time of intense personal hardship. In addition, some of the proceeds from the sales go to the North of Boston Cancer Resource.

Deborah exemplifies the Granite State spirit of giving back to others and bringing people together even during challenging times. She took an immensely difficult experience—battling with stage 4 cancer—and found her way through it by creating art that would touch others. I commend her for her work and know that her story will inspire others to make a difference in their communities.●

TRIBUTE TO EVAN CROTTY

● Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, I am honored to recognize Evan Crotty of Wilton as August's Granite Stater of the Month. Twelve-year-old Evan is cleaning up every street in his town over the next year, and the money he is raising through the initiative will go to his middle school's music department.

When it came time for Evan to choose a bar mitzvah project, he knew he wanted to start a community clean-up because of his deep appreciation of nature. Last summer as a Boy Scout, Evan hiked 75 miles and learned about how to preserve nature, leaving no trace behind on trails. In addition, Evan had done many community clean-ups before with his family, and he was excited to expand those efforts into a yearlong project.

Teaming up with a community cleanup expert, Evan launched his project, beginning the process of going street by street in Wilton and removing the plastic bags, cans, and trash that litter the area. Already a couple of weeks into the project, Evan has felt the support from neighbors passing by who have given him a supportive honk from their cars or thanked him for his work.

As part of the project, Evan is also fundraising online and donating the proceeds to his middle school's music department. After performing in Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative Middle High School's production of "Matilda," Evan knew he wanted to support his theater department so that other students could have the positive experience that he had by participating in a show.

Evan hopes that when neighbors drive by and see him removing trash and other litter, they will be inspired to also care for the natural spaces around them. In addition, it is a testament to Evan's passionate spirit that he is also fundraising for the arts through his cleanup project. I am grateful to Evan for his work and for inspiring Granite Staters to each take steps to better their own communities. He represents the very best of our Granite State spirit, taking the initiative to make a difference.●

150TH BIRTHDAY OF HUTCHINSON, KANSAS

● Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. President, I rise today to celebrate the 150th birthday of the city of Hutchinson, KS.

In 1871, Clinton Carter "CC" Hutchinson got the Atchison Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad to route through what is now Reno County and Hutchinson, KS. Upon the arrival of the railroad, Hutchinson was incorporated as a city in August 1872. At first, the city was a rail town, using the railroads to help advance the local area's ranching and farming operations. Upon the discovery of salt, Hutchinson developed into a mining town as well, quickly earning the moniker of the "Salt City."

Since its incorporation 150 years ago, Hutchinson has grown into an industrial hub for central Kansas. From Carey Salt and the Cosmosphere, to Dillons Grocery and the State fair, Hutchinson and its citizens play an integral role in telling the story of Kansas. Thanks to investments of both time and money by community members, Hutchinson remains a vibrant

community today with a bustling Main Street, a world-class golf course, and a robust agriculture industry.

On August 18, the city of Hutchinson and its residents celebrated the town's 150th birthday with a block party down Main Street. I would like to thank everyone in Hutchinson for the pride they have for their city, as well as thank everyone who helped organize the sesquicentennial celebration.

I now ask my colleagues to join the residents of Hutchinson in celebrating the city's 150th birthday, as well as recognize them all for their contributions to the city's 150 years of history.●

RECOGNIZING THE CLASS OF 2022 GRADUATES OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

● Mr. PETERS. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the class of 2022 graduates from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and the 23 exemplary graduates from the State of Michigan.

From plebes to firsties, and now second lieutenants in the U.S. Army, the class of 2022 has come through one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives to join "The Long Gray Line." The class motto, "For Many, Stand the Few," reflects the class of 2022's commitment and moral, mental, and physical strength necessary to graduate from West Point and serve as commissioned officers in the U.S. Army. I commend the graduates for their dedication to support and defend the American Constitution and uphold the ethical standards of the Army and United States of America.

I am honored to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating, from Michigan, Kathryn LeWalk, Spencer Alexander, Cedrick Everaert, Nicholas Listermann, Sarah Guzzo, Teddy Prichard, Matthew Rushing, Alexander Denha, Ryan McAuliffe, Taylor Hayes Ufford, Samantha Fusik, Carter Macias, Megan E. Hutter, Nicholas McDonald, Grace Martin, Richard Russel III, Benjamin Pyle, Cole Chapell, Mirriam Tolston, Emily Leahy, Samantha Chinn, Michael Byrne, and Anamika Shresth. While their service to our Nation has just begun, I am confident these new officers will embody the values of "Duty, Honor, Country."●

TRIBUTE TO MATTHEW E. MCLOGAN

● Mr. PETERS. Mr. President, I rise today in celebration of the retirement of Mr. Matthew E. McLogan, former vice president for university relations and secretary of the board of trustees at Grand Valley State University in Allendale, MI.

Matt McLogan began his 35-year tenure at the university by serving as vice president beginning in September 1987. His extensive knowledge of government relations and leadership of GVSU's marketing and communications units, WGUV television, and radio furthered the success of GVSU.

Matt has been instrumental in growing GVSU from an institution of fewer than 9,000 students to a regional force with approximately 22,000 students. He often worked behind the scenes developing and securing opportunities for students to improve their chances of success. In addition, he has worked relentlessly to establish a stronger west Michigan, including securing GVSU's place on the Medical Mile in downtown Grand Rapids and pushing key initiatives with State and congressional lawmakers.

In 1981, he was appointed public service commissioner for the State of Michigan, serving 6 years in this role regulating the State's investor-owned electric, gas, telephone, and water utilities. He was also on the faculty of the annual National Association of Regulatory Studies Program at Michigan State University, from 1983–1987.

In 1991, Matt was appointed by the Federal judiciary of the Western District of Michigan to the Civil Justice Advisory Committee. This committee was charged by Congress to develop new guidelines to speed the disposition of civil court proceedings. In 1992, he was appointed by Governor John Engler to the Utility Consumer Participation Board, which oversees the representation of residential customer interests before the Public Service Commission. In 1993, he became board chairman.

In 1993, Governor Engler appointed Mr. McLogan as a special mediator in the Ameritech excess earnings case; the agreement stemming from the mediation was ratified by the Public Service Commissioner and led to the creation of a special fund to support educational distance learning projects. In 1996, he was appointed by the Governor to a 4-year term on the State Officers Compensation Commission, a public body that sets salary levels for Michigan's elected State officials; he became chairman in 1998. Mr. McLogan also serves on the Board of the West Michigan Botanical Garden (Frederik Meijer Gardens).

Matthew E. McLogan holds a BA and MA degrees from Western Michigan University. He is a Michigan native, born in Flint in 1948. Matt is married to Jane L. Brierley, and both are the parents of three children: Katherine, born 1985; Molly, born 1988; and Timothy born 1992.

It is my honor to recognize the profound impact and accomplishments Mr. Matt McLogan has made on Grand Valley State University and within the broader Michigan community over the last 42 years.●

TRIBUTE TO GRADY JUDD

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I recognize Grady Judd as he celebrates 50 years of service with the Pasco County Sheriff's Office. Grady has served as sheriff since 2004, where he is a constant and protective presence in the community.

Sheriff Grady joined the Polk County Sheriff's Office in 1972 as a dispatch officer and rose through the department's ranks. At the age of 19, he was the youngest deputy sworn in and eventually served as a sergeant, colonel, and chief of staff for his predecessor before becoming sheriff.

Devoted to helping others throughout the county, at 16, he managed to convince the Polk County Ambulance Service to hire him despite being 2 years away from the required age of 18. Grady has always sought to help others throughout his community, dedicating his time and talents to making a difference in their lives.

After becoming sheriff, Grady reworked how the department interacts with the local media. The sheriff's office seeks to provide the public with up-to-date information regarding investigations as quickly as possible, and often, Grady will issue warnings aimed at suspects that have since become well-known throughout Florida.

Grady was born in Lakeland, FL, graduating from Lakeland High School before attending Polk Community College and Rollins College, where he earned his bachelor of arts and master's degrees in criminal justice. He is an adjunct professor at the University of South Florida and Florida Southern College, offering students first-hand knowledge of law enforcement.

Grady's work and commitment has made a real difference in the lives of the people of Polk County. I am grateful for his decades of service and extend my best wishes to his wife, Marisa, his two adult children, and his 13 grandchildren on this momentous milestone.●

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF PROJECT ZAP

● Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the 50th anniversary of Project ZAP, or ZAP the Blackstone.

The Blackstone River was once called "the hardest-working river in America." In the mid-1800s, more than a hundred textile mills and manufacturers busily operated along the Blackstone's banks and tributaries, where a steady flow of water provided reliable hydroelectric power. Development and industrialization carried on for decades, with lasting consequences for the health of the river, long after the mills closed up or moved elsewhere. The Blackstone became one of the most polluted in the country. However, on September 1972, Rhode Island made history by hosting the largest single-day environmental clean-up in American history. David Rosser, a conservation leader and dedicated community organizer, recruited over 10,000 volunteers to clean up the pollution that littered the water and the banks. The cleanup effort came to be known as Project ZAP—Zero Away Pollution.

The Blackstone has come a long way over the past five decades. In 1985, the