

TRIBUTE TO OFFICER NICKOLAS WILT AND OFFICER CORY GALLOWAY

Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, across our Nation, thousands of law enforcement officers make great sacrifices to preserve our freedoms and keep the peace. These law enforcement officers not only serve at great risk but also start every shift with a sense of uncertainty.

On April 10, 2023, Louisville, KY, was fortunate to have two heroes respond to the call of duty. A gunman began shooting innocent citizens at the Old National Bank and took the lives of five individuals. Within minutes of being dispatched, Officer Nickolas Wilt and his training officer Officer Cory Galloway were the first to arrive on the scene. Officer Wilt was on his 10th day of patrol following his graduation from the academy. But the actions of Officer Wilt were that of a seasoned veteran.

Without hesitation, the two officers left the cover of their patrol car and approached the bank while the shooter fired at them with a rifle. Body camera video shows the officers acted with remarkable heroism, bravery, and dedication to save innocent lives. Knowing that each passing second could result in further loss of innocent lives, Officers Wilt and Galloway proceeded toward the gunman. Officer Galloway was struck by rifle rounds in his ballistic vest, causing him to be knocked to the ground and seek cover from further gunshots. During this time, Officer Wilt was struck in the head by one of the assailant's rounds.

At this point, disregarding his own safety, Officer Galloway proceeded back toward the gunman and was able to eliminate the threat as he continued taking fire. Officer Galloway continued into the bank through the shot-out windows and told other responding officers to care for Officer Wilt, who was critically injured.

Today, I stand to honor Officer Nickolas Wilt and Officer Cory Galloway, as well as a multitude of fellow officers, fire, and emergency medical personnel who responded to this chaotic scene. Each of them displayed the true meaning of service before self. The actions of these individuals as well as the dispatchers taking the frantic calls, saved countless lives, including the life of Officer Wilt.

May the actions of each responder be forever remembered as a clear display of heroism in action.

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL JAMES HARVEY III

Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, I rise to honor LTC James Harvey III, a Tuskegee Airman and decorated fighter jet pilot in celebration of his 100th birthday on July 13, 2023. Lieutenant Colonel Harvey flew as part of the 99th Fighter Squadron in World War II before becoming the first African-American U.S. Air Force pilot to fly in Ko-

rean airspace during the Korean war. The U.S. Army was segregated when Lieutenant Colonel Harvey joined in 1943, but his perseverance and heroism, both at home and in the skies, continue to inspire us all.

Lieutenant Colonel Harvey excelled in high school as senior class president and valedictorian. Drafted in April 1943, he was initially assigned to the U.S. Army Air Corps as an engineer. It was there, on a train bound for Fort Meade, he first encountered prejudice and discrimination. While in the Army, he worked to carve airstrips out of jungle terrain before applying for cadet training. He later received his wings and commission in 1944 at Tuskegee Army Air Field. From there, Lieutenant Colonel Harvey was assigned to the 332nd Fighter Group's 99th Fighter Squadron, where he served as one of the original members of the "Tuskegee Airmen." The 332nd Fighter Group was noted as one of the Army Air Forces' most successful and most-decorated escort groups and helped encourage the eventual integration of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Lieutenant Colonel Harvey's skill stood out even among those decorated pilots. In 1949, the Chief of Staff of the Air Force arranged an aerial weapons competition among the best pilots in each group. In May of that year, Lieutenant Colonel Harvey joined his group's three-member team to compete at the inaugural "Top Gun" team competition, which was hosted at the Las Vegas Air Force Base, now known as Nellis Air Force Base. Lieutenant Colonel Harvey's team led the competition from the beginning to the end, ultimately winning against teams flying far more advanced equipment.

Lieutenant Colonel Harvey's service to the Air Force did not end there. He was the first African American fighter jet pilot to see combat in the Korean war. On October 16, 1950, he led an element of four F-80s in close support to a bomber mission under adverse weather to attack enemy troops three miles north of Yongsan, Korea. Flying at a low ceiling of 800 feet, Lieutenant Colonel Harvey's flight found the enemy encampment and immediately inflicted heavy damage. For this engagement, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, along with multiple Air Medals. His heroism on that day and on the 140 total missions he flew during the Korean war will never be forgotten.

After the Korean war, he served as a flight commander, test pilot, assistant group operations officer, flight safety officer, and battle staff training officer for the Commanding General of the North American Aerospace Defense Command, NORAD. Lieutenant Colonel Harvey retired from the Air Force on May 31, 1965, joined Oscar Mayer as a corporate salesman, and settled down with his family of four daughters in Denver, where he still resides.

Lieutenant Colonel Harvey won numerous awards during his decorated 22-year career in the U.S. Army Air Corps/

U.S. Air Force. These awards include the WWII Victory Medal, Air Medal with 10 oakleaf clusters, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and the United Nations Service Medal. Lieutenant Colonel Harvey, along with every member of the Tuskegee Airmen, received the Congressional Gold Medal in 2006.

As Americans, we owe a debt of gratitude to Lieutenant Colonel Harvey for his heroism. His service to our Armed Forces, recognized by 11 medals during his Air Force career through segregation and discrimination, is an inspiration for generations to come. It is in this spirit of gratitude that I rise today to honor Denver's own Lieutenant Colonel James Harvey III on his 100th birthday.

TRIBUTE TO JUDGE WILLIAM S. GREENBERG

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Judge William S. Greenberg, a dedicated public servant, celebrated jurist, and fierce advocate for our Nation's veterans.

Born in New Jersey and raised in New Jersey, Judge Greenberg received his undergraduate degree in 1964 from Johns Hopkins University and his J.D. in 1967 from Rutgers University in Newark. Upon graduating from law school, Judge Greenberg enlisted in the U.S. Army as an armored cavalry crewman beginning his long history of service to our Nation. In 1970, he earned a commission in the Judge Advocate General's Corps and eventually retired as a brigadier general in 1994 after decades of honorable service in the U.S. Army Reserves.

Judge Greenberg spent the beginning half of his career in private practice as a litigator. He was a founding partner of Sterns & Greenberg from 1970 until 1976 and of Greenberg & Prior from 1976 to 1989. He retired from private practice as a partner in McCarter & English in 2012, after he was nominated to the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims by President Obama. After his confirmation in the Senate, Judge Greenberg was sworn in for a term of 15 years on December 28, 2012, allowing Judge Greenberg to apply his skills and energy as a judge to two of his greatest passions: the law and veterans service.

This nomination to the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims was the culmination of a career dedicated to advocating for our Nation's veterans, both in and out of the courtroom. Judge Greenberg devoted much of his career to ensuring his fellow veterans had the best legal representation. After the horrific attacks on September 11, 2001, Judge Greenberg established the New Jersey State Bar Association's Program of Military Legal Assistance for members of the military Reserves who were called to active duty. This pro bono program connects volunteer lawyers with soldiers who need legal representation for everything from disability benefits claims, to employment

and family law issues that they face both during and after deployment.

Judge Greenberg also admirably represented wounded soldiers at Walter Reed Army Medical Center during their physical disability hearings. For his remarkable work, Judge Greenberg was recommended by the White House to become Chairman of the Reserve Forces Policy Board in 2009 and honored with the Secretary of Defense Medal for Outstanding Public Service, the second highest civilian award in the Department of Defense.

Throughout his long career, Judge Greenberg has held many prestigious positions, including chairman of the Judicial and Prosecutorial Appointments Committee of the New Jersey State Bar Association, president of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, New Jersey, commissioner of the New Jersey State Commission of Investigation, and assistant counsel to the Governor of New Jersey. He is also a published author and has been a professor at Seton Hall University School of Law and Georgetown Law School. But even with all of these accolades, Judge Greenberg considers his work on behalf of veterans as the most important of his career, once quoted as saying, "I have come to consider myself, more than any other attribute, a soldier's lawyer."

Thanks to his extraordinary commitment to justice and public service, his intelligence and legal acumen, and his tireless work ethic and compassion, Judge Greenberg is a model for our Nation's judiciary. Judge Greenberg's dedication to our country, both as a veteran himself and in his remarkable work on behalf of other veterans, will be his enduring legacy.

I applaud his many accomplishments and hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing Judge Greenberg for his remarkable record of public service.

#### 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INCORPORATION OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I rise today to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the incorporation of the town of Mountain View, WY.

On August 19, the folks of Mountain View will come together for the town's 50th birthday party celebration with food, music, games, and fireworks. This event is an exceptional example of Mountain View's strong sense of community. The town of Mountain View was incorporated on November 20, 1973, in Uinta County, WY. Wilford Stoddard became the first mayor, along with council members Eldon Tripp, Jack Byrne, Alfred Davidson, and James Cox. Located in Bridger Valley, at the base of the Uinta Mountain Range, the town is far older than 50 years. Mountain View was platted on 40 acres within the county on February 26, 1898. Today, the town spans over 550 acres.

In 1843, fur trapper Jim Bridger set up a trading post on the Black's Fork

River just a few miles from present day Mountain View. The post served travelers on the Oregon Trail and later the Mormon and California Trails. In 1858, the U.S. Army took over the post and named it Fort Bridger. The army abandoned the fort in 1890. As Americans began moving west, many settlers in Bridger Valley and what is today Mountain View established ranches. Today, Mountain View remains deeply rooted in agriculture, feeding Wyoming and the rest of the country.

The views and scenery of Mountain View are unparalleled. The town serves as a hub offering its residents and visitors remarkable opportunities for fishing, camping, and hiking in the Uinta Mountains. The Uintas are one of only two major mountain ranges in the United States that run east to west. One of the earliest local businesses in Mountain View was Benedicts, the town's only grocery store. Started in 1938 as the Benedict Trading Company by Harlen Benedict, the store is still a cornerstone of the community. Another local and long-standing business is the Union Telephone Company. Founded by John Woody in 1914, Union provided the first phone service in Bridger Valley. John Woody used rifle cartridges as plugs and jacks on his first homemade switchboard. Managed by four generations of the Woody family, the company is still headquartered in Mountain View where they serve over 40,000 Wyoming customers. In June 1937, the people of Mountain View and the surrounding Bridger Valley unified to create the first electric utility under President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Rural Electrification Administration. Bill Riding served as the first general manager for the newly formed Bridger Valley Electric Association. The association continues to provide Mountain View with power in 2023.

Mountain View boasts a long and rich local history. From the time of the fur trappers, to the Nation's westward expansion of the 19th century, to modern day, Mountain View truly embodies the culture of the Cowboy State.

Mountain View is led by these dedicated individuals:

Bryan Ayres, Mayor  
Tori Carter, Council  
Jenny Harvey, Council  
Jamy Ferrin, Council  
Kelly Bonner, Council  
Penny Robbins, Clerk/Treasurer  
Amanda Fraughton, Deputy Clerk  
Mark W Harris, Attorney  
Tammy Murray, Deputy Clerk  
Heather Ayres, Deputy Clerk  
Jacob Porter, Public Works  
Steven Kendall, Public Works  
Spencer Bates, Public Works  
Steve Catlin, Public Works  
Allister Bunch, Police Chief  
Dexter Moehler, Fire Chief.

Event Planning included these committed citizens

Mark Tesoro and Todd Griffith, Southwest Wyoming Outdoor Trails  
Tom Dean and Dennis Freeman, American Legion Post #36  
Leila Dean, Linda Lingle, Donna Bindl, and Vicki Fader, American Legion Auxiliary

Andy Kopp, Sheriff and Trevor Rasmussen, Under Sheriff, Uinta County Sheriff's Department

Mindy Tollefson—Uinta County Fair Manager

Isaac Lords, Scoutmaster and MarNae Lords—Leaders, Boy Scout Troop #7798

Cara Trees—Leader, 4-H Group—The Red-necks

Collette Bugas, Instructor, UC School District #4 High School Student Council

Wade Stoddard, Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest Service

Regina Dickson and Allen Deru, Wyoming Game and Fish

Jessica Guild, Instructor, Mountain View High School Cheerleaders.

It is an honor for me to rise in recognition of this significant milestone for Mountain View, WY. Their golden anniversary celebration is a tribute to generations of determination and commitment that built this town. Bobbi joins me in extending our congratulations to the town of Mountain View on their 50th anniversary of incorporation.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO JEANNIE MITCHELL BAUMGARDNER

• Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I recognize Jeannie Mitchell Baumgardner, the Gulf County Teacher of the Year from Wewahitchka Elementary School in Wewahitchka, FL.

Jeannie believes each of her students brings positive impacts amongst each other and plays an important role in ensuring they are successful. She values each day as a new opportunity to prepare her students for the challenges they will face throughout their lives.

Jeannie enthusiastically begins her classes with activities that are meant to make learning fun and leaves a lasting impression on her students. She finds teaching a fulfilling job, allowing her to impart the lessons she has learned to the next generation of leaders.

Jeannie has been an elementary school teacher since 2018 and teaches third grade at Wewahitchka Elementary School. She is a graduate of Florida State University.

I convey my profound appreciation and extend my best wishes to Jeannie for her commitment to her students. I look forward to hearing about her continued good work in the years to come.●

##### TRIBUTE TO LORI BLUE

• Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I recognize Lori Blue, the Taylor County Teacher of the Year from Taylor County High School in Perry, FL.

Lori pours her heart out for her students each day in her classroom. She helps her students and makes her school a better place to learn and work.

Lori's passion for her community and school shows in everything she does on