

Six decades later, we are still proud of him, and we should all still follow his example and always press on toward the next frontier, wherever it may be.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. KELLY. I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

RECESS SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. In my capacity as a Senator from Arizona, I ask consent that the Senate stand in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8:47 p.m., recessed subject to the call of the Chair and reassembled at 8:49 p.m., when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mr. KELLY).

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BENNET). The majority leader.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

REMEMBERING WILLIAM BRANDT, JR.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, 2 months ago I had the privilege of delivering the commencement address at Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine in Chicago.

It was an inspiring celebration. Among the new doctors receiving their medical degrees that day were six young people who had been brought to this country as children and educated in American schools, but had never been able to become citizens.

It used to be that such young people had no real future in America. In 2012, however, with bipartisan encouragement from Senator Dick Lugar and myself, President Obama created the DACA program, which allows young people who are undocumented and meet rigorous conditions can remain in America and work legally.

That same year, Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine became the first medical school in America to openly welcome undocumented DACA recipients. It was a courageous decision. But there was a big obstacle: DACA recipients are ineligible for Federal tuition assistance, and without such financial aid, most Dreamers cannot afford college, much less medical school.

In stepped a smart, visionary public servant with a creative solution. His

name was William Brandt, Jr. As chair of the Illinois Finance Authority, he created a program to provide interest-free loans to DACA students at Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine. In exchange, these Dreamer doctors, after they graduate, work in medically underserved areas in Illinois. In a life filled with many firsts and financial successes, Bill Brandt considered Illinois' loan program for DACA medical students his proudest achievement. It is really a model for the Nation. Thirty-eight DACA recipients have now graduated from Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine.

As someone who has worked for more than 20 years to pass the Dream Act, I am grateful to Bill for having such faith in Dreamers. And I am deeply saddened by his recent death at the too-young age of 73. Bill Brandt was born in Chicago and his talent for business was obvious early on. In college, he worked as a door-to-door salesman for Kirby Vacuum Cleaners and once won the salesman-of-the-year award from the local distributor. His introductory pitch to customers was: "Brandt is the name; dirt sucking's the game." Who could say no to that?

In 1976, after earning a master's degree in sociology from the University of Chicago, he founded his own company, Development Specialists, Inc., and became a pioneer in the corporate restructuring and bankruptcy consulting industry.

There are people—Gordon Gekko types—who specialize in buying distressed companies only to strip them of their assets and then declare bankruptcy and fire all the employees. Bill Brandt was the opposite of that. To Bill, success meant helping struggling companies turn around. He was proud of all the companies he helped regain their financial footing and of the thousands of jobs he helped save. He believed that good public policies could make the economy stronger and fairer for everyone. When Congress passed a new Federal bankruptcy law in 1994, he testified about ways to make the new law fairer, more streamlined, and accessible to everyone.

To Bill, social justice wasn't just a theory; it was a calling. As a high school senior, he started to do community outreach at the Benton House, a social services organization in Chicago's Bridgeport neighborhood. He believed that government could help make life better for people and that everyone has a responsibility to hold government accountable. He was a trusted adviser and friend to many public officials, including former Illinois Governor Pat Quinn and President Bill Clinton. Bill also believed that everyone has a responsibility to leave the world a better place than they found it. He certainly lived up to that responsibility, and he will be missed.

Loretta and I offer our condolences to Bill's family, especially Patrice, his wife of 43 years; their children Kath-

erine, Joan, John, and William; their grandchildren; to Bill's many friends; and to the countless others, like those Dreamer doctors at Loyola University Chicago, who will help keep his legacy alive for years to come.

TRIBUTE TO JODY SINGER

Mrs. BRITT. Mr. President, I wish to recognize and congratulate Jody Singer on her retirement as the Director of the Marshall Space Flight Center and to express my gratitude for her countless contributions to our Nation and to the State of Alabama.

Singer, a native of Hartselle, AL, earned a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering from the University of Alabama in 1983. She has completed two NASA fellowships, one at Pennsylvania State University in State College and another at the Simmons College Graduate School of Management in Boston.

Singer began her trailblazing 38-year National Aeronautics and Space Administration career in 1985 through the professional intern program in the mission planning and development office. In 1986, she joined the Space Shuttle Program Office, where she was an engineer in the Space Shuttle Maine engine office. In this role, she was able to aid in Return to Flight activities after the Challenger accident.

From 1990 to 2002, Singer served in various roles in the External Tank project office. These roles included business manager, technical assistant, and deputy manager. From 2002 to 2007, Singer served as the first female project manager for the Reusable Solid Rocket Booster Project, leading the team during the Columbia Return to Flight activities. Additionally, Singer served as the deputy manager in the Space Shuttle Propulsion Office from 2008 until the shuttle's successful retirement in 2011.

From 2010 to 2012, she held deputy positions for three concurrent major programs: the Space Shuttle, Ares, and the start-up of the Space Launch System. As deputy for the Shuttle Propulsion Office, she guided successful fly-out and retirement of the space shuttle in 2011 as the deputy of the Ares Project Office.

From 2013 to 2016, Singer served as manager of the Flight Programs and Partnerships Office at Marshall, where she held primary responsibility for the center's work with human advanced exploration projects, science flight mission programs, technology demonstration missions, commercial crew, and International Space Station life support systems, research facilities and payload operations. Singer also was responsible for identifying opportunities to develop and maintain partnerships with government agencies, academia, and international and commercial partners to help achieve NASA's vision.

Additionally, Singer was integral to the startup of the Space Launch System, SLS. As the deputy program manager of SLS at Marshall, she helped

oversee nearly 3,000 civil servants and contractors involved in developing and testing of the vehicle, the most powerful rocket ever built. In November 2022, as Marshall's center director, Singer led the team through the successful launch of SLS. The historic Artemis I mission restored America's capability to send humans to the Moon, a feat we have not undertaken since 1972.

Singer was appointed in September 2018 as the 14th Director of Marshall Space Flight Center and first female Director. She manages one of NASA's largest field installations, with nearly 7,000 on- and near-site civil service and contractor employees. Prior to being named to the position, Singer served as Marshall's Acting Director starting in July 2018 and was Deputy Director from February 2016 to July 2018, assisting the Director with the daily management of the Center's workforce and operations.

Her awards and commendations throughout her service to NASA are a testament to her dedication to this Nation. She has received multiple NASA Outstanding Leadership Medals and two Presidential Rank of Meritorious Executive Awards, the highest honor for career Federal employees. She received the Space Flight Awareness Leadership Award in 2005 for inspiring the Shuttle Propulsion Office to strive for excellence and continuous improvement; and the NASA Exceptional Service Medal in 1993 while managing the External Tank Project's business office. For her unwavering commitment to excellence and achievement in support of the human space program, she received the Silver Snoopy Award from the NASA astronaut corps and was named a Space Flight Awareness Launch Honoree.

Singer has also received numerous external awards and recognitions. This includes the Rotary National Award for Space Achievement, Stellar Award; Alabama Engineering Hall of Fame; Distinguished Fellow by the University of Alabama College of Engineering; Federal Asian Pacific American Council—FAPAC—Outstanding SES Leadership Award; Women in Leadership, and Morgan County Hall of Fame; Gardner Award (2020); 2022 AIAA Associate Fellow and 2022 Engineer of the Year. Singer was named in Alabama Magazine's "Top 40 Over 40!" and Business Alabama's "20 Who Make Alabama Business Tick." She serves as a board member for Leadership Alabama and is a member of the University of Alabama President's Cabinet.

On behalf of the people of Alabama and our Nation, I offer Director Singer my heartfelt thanks and a long and happy retirement with her husband Chris, their three children, and five grandchildren. Her career is defined by remarkable innovation and unwavering devotion to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. We owe her a debt of gratitude for her exemplary service to her community, the Marshall Space Flight Center, and her country.

TRIBUTE TO WILL AIKEN

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Will for his hard work as an intern in the Energy and Natural Resources Committee. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Will is a native of Virginia. He attends the University of Florida, where he studies business administration. He has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Will for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all of his future endeavors. I wish him all my best on his journey.

TRIBUTE TO BROOKS ANDERSON

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Brooks for his hard work as an intern in the Senate Republican Conference. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Brooks is a native of New York. He attends Harvard University, where he studies government. He has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Brooks for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all of his future endeavors. I wish him all my best on his journey.

TRIBUTE TO BRITTANY BARTON

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Brittany for her hard work as an intern in the Senate Republican Conference. I recognize her efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Brittany is a native of Evanston. She attends Brigham Young University, where she studies business. She has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made her an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of her work is reflected in her great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Brittany for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have her as part of our team. I know she will have continued success with all of her future endeavors. I wish her all my best on her journey.

TRIBUTE TO NOAH BELL

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Noah for his hard work as an intern in the Energy and Natural Resources Committee. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Noah is a native of Cheyenne. He recently graduated from the University of Wyoming, where he obtained a bachelor's degree in political science. He has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Noah for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all of his future endeavors. I wish him all my best on his journey.

TRIBUTE TO GREG FORNSTROM

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Greg for his hard work as an intern in the Senate Republican Conference. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Greg is a native of Pine Bluffs. He attends the University of Wyoming, where he studies political science. He has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Greg for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all of his future endeavors. I wish him all my best on his journey.

TRIBUTE TO MCKENNA KAIL

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to McKenna for her hard work as an intern in my Washington, DC, office. I recognize her efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

McKenna is a native of Lander. She attends the University of Wyoming, where she studies marketing. She has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made her an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of her work is reflected in her great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank McKenna for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have her as part of our team. I know she will have continued success with all of her future endeavors. I wish her all my best on her journey.