

that DIANNE FEINSTEIN had to because she had already done that really difficult work of being that much better than everybody else to make sure that she never let women down and that she never let her constituents down.

This morning, after Senator MURRAY called us and said that we are all going to be on the floor, I was rushing to get ready, and to Senator MURKOWSKI's point, I put on different shoes than I was planning to. They were shoes that DIANNE had admired. She had the same pair, and she told me they were good ones to wear.

I wore a scarf—it is not one DIANNE gave me but because I thought DIANNE would think it would add a little something to my presence today. In the last few months of her service, DIANNE graced us with her dignity and with her friendship. She had a way of sitting down next to me in caucus lunch and checking in. She knew I had had some particular caregiving challenges at home, and she would always say to me: Who is with Ben right now? Ben is our son. How are things with the family? I am not sure people really understand that women still have family responsibilities that aren't easily transferable.

She wanted me always to know that we had made a lot of progress but that there was still progress to make. And in her way of nudging us and being an example for us, she was reminding us that we still have work to do and she was counting on us to do it.

The last meeting that my senior Senator and I had with DIANNE about an issue that was really important to our State and we needed a vote on, she had been home in California recuperating, and she had just made it back to the Senate. And we went to meet with her in her hideaway, and I, frankly, didn't know what to expect. I didn't know how her health would be. She had a memo—it wasn't a short one—that laid out the entire issue that we were there to talk to her about. She went through that memo, several places, and said: Well, I read here that this is the case, and I read there that that is the case, and you both are telling me that you think I should vote in a particular way.

We went back and forth about a couple of issues. We reinforced our arguments, our belief in why she should vote to support our position. She asked us questions. She knew her stuff. She had read the memo. And she said for a number of reasons—and she laid them out—that she would vote with us.

She had muscle memory that pulled her up to her full height. She had the intellectual discipline and memory to understand how to cut to the chase and make sure she understood the essence of the issue we were dealing with. And she was reminding us of what you are supposed to do to serve your constituents, your State, and your country as a U.S. Senator.

May her memory be a blessing.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New York.

REMEMBERING DIANNE FEINSTEIN

Mrs. GILLIBRAND. Mr. President, I want to thank Senator PATTY MURRAY for bringing us all together today. It is a privilege to be on the floor of the U.S. Senate; it is a privilege to serve in the Senate; and it was a privilege to serve with someone as extraordinary as Senator DIANNE FEINSTEIN. People know me as a Senator who cares deeply about women's rights, about LGBT equality, about children, family, safety. And anything that I have ever cared about, DIANNE was fighting for, long before I was ever in public service.

When we talk about public servants who leave legacies and when we talk about the giants on whose shoulders we stand, for me, that is DIANNE. She was unlike any Senator I met when I first got here in 2009. She had a really incredible combination of elegance, brilliance, stature, certainty, toughness, and kindness.

When I first got to the U.S. Senate, I didn't know anything. I was appointed. I hadn't just run a long election where I was telling the constituents of New York why I wanted to serve and what my vision for the State was. I was really, really new. I had been a House Member for 2 years. DIANNE asked me to lunch. She said: How can I help you, KIRSTEN? What would be most useful, for you, for me to do for you?

And I said: Well, could you just tell me a little bit about what is it like to be a Senator for a State of 60 million people. I have a State of 20 million people, so it is a lot, but I would love to hear how you have navigated this enormous job that you have.

And she just went through it. She took me step-by-step, everything that she did to manage her office. She would get a memo every week from her staff about where her legislation sat, what was happening, who were her bipartisan cosponsors.

She had a memo about how many calls her office had received, what the calls were about, what people wanted to talk to her about, what their concerns were. And that was extremely meaningful to me because she said: I have a copy of this memo, and I will give it to you. It is very confidential. It is just for me from my staff, but perhaps you can use it to model what you need from your staff every week to know if your office is working well, to make sure all the things you need your staff to be doing are happening.

It was just a small thing, but it was such a big thing to me at that time in my Senate career. And every step of the way, DIANNE always reached out. She always said—just as you said, MAGGIE—how are you doing? How are those boys of yours? Tell me how your struggle is. I never had to raise children while being a Senator. Tell me how that is.

She always cared. She always bothered. She always stopped. I have had many dinners with DIANNE. We had dinners together with our spouses. She would take me to her favorite res-

taurant in Georgetown. She would introduce me to her other favorite women who are public servants. And she always had something meaningful to talk about, a challenge, an issue, a crisis. At the first dinner, she wanted to talk about how the military was using nuclear weapons in a much more strategic way and changing the entire framework of what nuclear defense meant. She had that conversation with me and the then-chairwoman of Armed Services, of one of the key subcommittees in the House.

She always asked: What do you think? How are you going to challenge that problem?

Our most recent meeting was a glass of wine in her hideaway a week ago. We talked about what issues could we work on together. We agreed two of the biggest issues facing her State and my State were homelessness and affordable housing, and we decided we would start working on legislation together.

She didn't stop working when she was here just because she had health issues. She never stopped being insightful in the Intelligence Committee, asking the right question at the right time.

DIANNE's legacy is extraordinary. She is an icon for women's politics—the first female Mayor of San Francisco; first of the two women ever elected to the Senate in California.

There will be a lot of speeches about her, and so I am not going to talk about just her bio. But one of the areas where she really was a role model for me was in LGBTQ rights. She became a champion in the '60s. Sadly, she found Harvey Milk's body after he was assassinated. But she channeled that tragedy into her public service and made sure that while she was mayor of San Francisco that she made a difference for that community in her city and in her State.

During the AIDS epidemic, she helped create the global standard for AIDS health in San Francisco. When she ran for California Governor and became the first woman in her State to win a major party's Gubernatorial nomination, despite losing that race, she went on to run for Senate to win. And we have seen her champion all those issues for same-sex marriage; reproductive rights; she helped pass the first assault weapons ban to keep our communities safe. These are all issues that I have always cared about and built on her record. If she didn't fight for those things, we wouldn't have been able to repeal don't ask, don't tell. We wouldn't have been able to make sure transgender servicemembers could still serve in the U.S. military. Without her hard work, we would not have been able to guarantee marriage equality at the U.S. Supreme Court.

This body is less because DIANNE's not here—that grace, that courage, that keen intelligence. She will be missed by me and by all our colleagues.

I brought the last gift DIANNE gave to me, a beautiful pencil drawing; again,

just part of her kindness. And I am wearing DIANNE FEINSTEIN's famous red lipstick.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada is recognized.

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that I be able to display this poster on the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection.

REMEMBERING DIANNE FEINSTEIN

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. Mr. President, like so many this morning, I rise to mourn the loss of a true champion in the U.S. Senate.

DIANNE was one of the kindest, most thoughtful people that I had the pleasure to know. When I first got to the Senate—and I have heard some of my colleagues this morning talk about as new Senators—she was so gracious. As a new Senator, she would invite me to dinner with colleagues, and she was such a lady and so professional and so elegant. Every time you went to dinner with DIANNE, you can be guaranteed that she would have a little set of flowers for you at your place at the restaurant. And then she would have a little parting gift for you, whether it was a little coin purse or something to show just truly who she was. And I heard this morning from my colleagues, similarly, the stories of DIANNE's kindness and her respect for others.

She was a fighter her whole life, leading on so many important issues. In the coming days and weeks and months and years, as people around the world really honor DIANNE's memory, many will speak to her leadership—and rightfully so—on women's rights and foreign affairs.

But I want to take the time to highlight a place where DIANNE did so much. And most people don't know, unless you are a part of Team Tahoe, DIANNE loved Lake Tahoe. Lake Tahoe is a beautiful, pristine Alpine lake that both Nevada and California share. In 1997, DIANNE and then-Senator Harry Reid got together and passed legislation to protect this pristine lake.

And since that time, once a year, DIANNE has been instrumental in bringing people around the lake together to address the needs for Lake Tahoe. That was all DIANNE.

So when I first got to the Senate in 1997, one of the first things we talked about, she pulled me aside and said: We are going to have the Tahoe Summit this year. I hope you are there, and I hope you will be there always to support Tahoe.

And I said: DIANNE, I grew up around this lake. The first time I was there was when I was 18 years old. My mother grew up around this lake. We love Lake Tahoe in Nevada, and you can guarantee that I will always be there for it.

And if you sat and talked to DIANNE, the first thing you will hear her talk

about in Lake Tahoe are her memories—her memories of riding her bike as a young girl around the lake. Her memories of times when she was there with her family, having the opportunity to enjoy incredible Lake Tahoe.

So I couldn't pass this day without recognizing, of course, all the incredible things DIANNE has done; but what most people don't know, unless you are a part of Nevada and California, is the hard work that she has done around this lake for the people who live there, for the people who cherish this lake, for the tourists that come here every single day. And it is not just the work that she has done here in the Senate. This was 2017. This was the first opportunity that I had as a young Senator to join DIANNE. And as you can see, DIANNE was hosting it that summer, the Lake Tahoe Summit.

But DIANNE had this ability not only to have this summit once a year to talk about how we protect this lake, but she brought together incredible stakeholders and experts around the lake—people who live there, people who worked in our State—to address not just the quality of the lake and the pristineness to protect it, but everything else around it from the transportation side to the wildfires that were happening to the environment. And she had a luncheon, a regular luncheon after the Tahoe Summit to talk about how we continue that work together.

And because of DIANNE's prestige, she had the ability to bring incredible speakers to the Tahoe Summit once a year. First, President Clinton; then one time, President Obama; and just recently, we had our former Speaker, Speaker Emerita NANCY PELOSI speaking. We had one of our incredible Senators, chairwoman of Energy and Natural Resources at the time, LISA MURKOWSKI. It was about how we work across party lines to really focus on protecting, for everyone who wants to enjoy this, Lake Tahoe.

She was a true champion, and she will be missed. On behalf of Team Tahoe, which is what she coined it—Dianne never took credit for anything she did around this lake. Even though people wanted to recognize her and show that support, she never took the credit. She said: This is about a team. This is Team Tahoe. This is what we do together. This is how we work together.

This is the legacy of her work in the U.S. Senate, carried forward right here in Lake Tahoe.

So, to DIANNE, to her family—her incredible family—and to everyone on Team Tahoe, we will miss DIANNE FEINSTEIN. She will always be a part of the work we do. Her legacy will live on not just around Tahoe but in so many other areas as we have talked about today.

I am going to miss her. I am going to miss the opportunity to sit with her at lunch and talk about what we still need to do to fight to protect this incredible, pristine lake.

Thank you, DIANNE, for your service. With that, I yield the floor.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Morning business is closed.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

SECURING GROWTH AND ROBUST LEADERSHIP IN AMERICAN AVIATION ACT—Continued

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3935, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3935) to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize and improve the Federal Aviation Administration and other civil aviation programs, and for other purposes.

Pending:

Schumer (for Murray) amendment No. 1292, in the nature of a substitute.

Schumer amendment No. 1293 (to amendment No. 1292), to add an effective date.

Schumer motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with instructions, Schumer amendment No. 1294, to add an effective date.

Schumer amendment No. 1295 (to (the instructions) amendment No. 1294), to modify the effective date.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Tennessee.

REMEMBERING DIANNE FEINSTEIN

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. President, I join my colleagues on the floor this morning to pay tribute to Senator FEINSTEIN and to remember her warmth, her generosity, her kindness, and the way she really loved to elevate women. It didn't matter what your party was; it didn't matter where you came from; when you achieved, she loved to recognize that.

As I came to the Senate from the House and in being the first female from Tennessee to serve in the U.S. Senate, she talked about the likeness of that experience for her as breaking barriers and being the first female mayor of San Francisco and being the first woman from California to hold a seat in the U.S. Senate. So I always appreciated that she pushed forward with elevating women and encouraging women.

Of course, as we all know, she loved to gather the women of the Senate together for dinner or for a photo to make certain that we recorded our gains here in the Senate and that we had a place to share our stories of what we were experiencing, because we all know there were times that she had incurred different unkind words from people who thought that she should not be in that position. So we appreciated that of her.

I really enjoyed the opportunity to work with her on the Senate Judiciary