

fellowships into the Stars of Valor Fellowships Program. These programs create fellowship positions within the Senate that provide qualified military veterans and their family members with career transition and development opportunities. These regulations describe the administration, eligibility criteria, selection, and placement procedures of the programs.

2.0 Definitions—For purposes of these regulations, the following terms shall have the meaning specified.

2.1 Active-Duty shall have the same meaning as set forth in 10 U.S.C. §101(d)(1).

2.2 Disabled means a Veteran with a service-connected disability rating of 30% or greater.

2.3 Family Member means a widow or widower (remarried or not); parent (mother, father, stepmother, stepfather, mother through adoption, father through adoption, or foster parent who stands in loco parentis); child, stepchild, or adopted child; or brother, sister, half-brother, or half-sister.

2.4 Fellow means an individual serving in the Stars of Valor Fellowships Program.

2.5 Participating Senate Office means the personal office of a Senator that chooses to employ a Fellow and for which a Fellow is available by operation of the priority system described in section 5.0 of these regulations.

2.6 Program means the Stars of Valor Fellowships Program.

2.7 Rules Committee means the U.S. Senate Committee on Rules and Administration.

2.8 SAA means the Senate Sergeant at Arms.

2.9 Spouse shall have the same meaning as set forth in 10 U.S.C. §101(g)(5).

2.10 Stars of Valor Fellowships Program means the SFC Sean Cooley and SPC Christopher Horton Gold Star Family Fellowship established by Senate Resolution 442 (117th Congress) and the McCain-Mansfield Fellowship established by Senate Resolution 443 (117th Congress).

2.11 U.S. Armed Forces shall have the same meaning as set forth in 10 U.S.C. §101(a)(4).

2.12 Veteran shall have the same meaning as set forth in 38 U.S.C. §101(2).

2.13 Wounded shall have the same meaning as set forth in 10 U.S.C. §1129.

3.0 General Program Information—The SAA, in consultation with the Rules Committee, is responsible for the Program's administration.

3.1 Availability. The number of fellowships available is contingent on appropriations.

3.2 Duty Station. Fellows are detailed to a Participating Senate Office in the District of Columbia or a state. Fellows may request specific location assignments, but such requests are not guaranteed.

3.3 Duration. Fellowships are expected to last 24 months and are contingent upon employee conduct and performance, as well as the Senator's continued tenure.

3.3.1 If, for any reason, a Senator leaves office, a Fellow placed with that Participating Senate Office may, upon the determination of the SAA after consultation with the Rules Committee, be reassigned for the remainder of the 24 months to another Participating Senate Office or be terminated.

3.4 Appointment Selection. The SAA is responsible for advertising Program vacancies, forwarding qualified candidates to Participating Senate Offices for consideration and selection, submitting selected candidates for a background check by the U.S. Capitol Police, appointing Fellows, coordinating Fellow onboarding, and setting compensation of Fellows.

3.5 Senate Office Responsibility. Participating Senate Offices are required to sign a Statement of Understanding with the SAA. The Statement of Understanding shall memorialize the terms and conditions gov-

erning the SAA's placement of a Fellow to a Participating Senate Office. Official travel for any Fellow shall be at the sole expense of the Participating Senate Office pursuant to the United States Senate Travel Regulations and as memorialized in the Statement of Understanding.

3.6 Program Employment Policies. Program employment policies for Fellows shall be set forth in a Program handbook prepared by the SAA, in consultation with the Senate Chief Counsel for Employment. To the maximum extent possible, the Program handbook will establish that the policies set by the Participating Senate Office govern in matters concerning a Fellow's day-to-day employment. In matters where the Program handbook and the Participating Senate Office's policies conflict, the Program handbook will control.

3.7 Employment Exclusions. For purposes of the Program's administration only, all Fellows shall be considered employees of the SAA; however, no Fellow shall be included in the SAA's full-time employee count, and no Fellow's compensation shall be included in the determination of the aggregate gross compensation limit for employees of the SAA. The compensation paid to a Fellow serving in Participating Senate Office shall not be included in the determination of the aggregate gross compensation for employees employed by the Senator under section 105(d)(1) of the Legislative Branch Appropriation Act, 1968.

4.0 Program Eligibility Criteria—

4.1 SFC Sean Cooley and SPC Christopher Horton Gold Star Family Fellowship candidates. The SFC Sean Cooley and SPC Christopher Horton Gold Star Family Fellowship candidates must be a Family Member of a U.S. Armed Forces Servicemember who died in the line of duty or a Veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces who died of service-connected injuries. To qualify for the SFC Sean Cooley and SPC Christopher Horton Gold Star Family Fellowship, a candidate must submit the following:

4.1.1 For eligibility through Servicemember's death in the line of duty: DD Form 1300, "Report of Casualty," or DD Form 2064, "Certificate of Death (Overseas)," and documentation of kinship with Servicemember, such as a marriage license or birth certificate.

4.1.2 For eligibility through Veteran's death due to service-connected injuries: Documentation from the Department of Veterans Affairs and documentation of kinship with Servicemember, such as a marriage license or birth certificate.

4.2 McCain-Mansfield Fellowship candidates. McCain-Mansfield Fellowship candidates must be a Wounded or Disabled Veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces. To qualify for the McCain-Mansfield Fellowship, a candidate must submit the following:

4.2.1 Submit DD Form 214 or other official documentation confirming an honorable discharge or a general discharge under honorable conditions;

4.2.2 Have been released from active duty within the last five years;

4.2.3 Qualify as Wounded or Disabled, and provide official documentation thereof, which may include a DD Form 214 or other documentation from the Department of Veterans Affairs; and

4.2.4 Confirm a terminal pay grade at or below E-5 (Enlisted), CW-2 (Chief Warrant Officers), or O-3 (Officers).

4.2.4.1 Veterans promoted to the pay grades of E-6, W-3, or O-4 within six months of separation from active duty are eligible.

4.3 Active-Duty Military Spouse candidates. Active-Duty Military Spouse candidates must, at the time of application, be the spouse of an Active-Duty U.S. Armed

Forces servicemember. Active-Duty servicemembers work for the U.S. Armed Forces full-time and are subject to permanent change of station, or permanent change of assignment orders, upon completion of each tour of duty. Those servicemembers subject to Title X mobilization are not eligible. To qualify for the Active-Duty Military Spouse Fellowship, a candidate must submit the following:

4.3.1 Proof of spouse's Active-Duty service, such as a Department of Defense issued Common Access Card.

4.3.2 Documentation of marriage to the Active-Duty servicemember, such as a marriage certificate or a Department of Defense Uniformed Services Identification card.

5.0 Priority Order for Fellow Assignments—The SAA shall assign fellowships to Senators in the following order and subject to available appropriations:

5.1 The SAA shall use Senatorial seniority to offer one Fellow to the senior Senator from each state.

5.2 The SAA shall then use Senatorial seniority to offer one Fellow to the junior Senator from each state.

5.3 If the SAA has offered Fellows to all Senators as detailed in sections 5.1 and 5.2, and still has fellowship candidates to place, then the SAA shall repeat the assignment process detailed in sections 5.1 and 5.2.

5.4 If a Senator declines to participate in the Program they are not eligible to be assigned a Fellow until the SAA has offered a Fellow to all other Senators through the assignment process detailed in sections 5.1 and 5.2.

#### TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL JODY J. DANIELS

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate the Chief of Army Reserve and Commanding General of U.S. Army Reserve Command, LTG Jody J. Daniels on her retirement from the U.S. Army Reserve. Lieutenant General Daniels' 41-year career has been characterized by exceptionally meritorious service while serving in positions of increasing responsibility, culminating as the Chief of Army Reserve. A native of Rolla, MO, Lieutenant General Daniels' leadership positively impacted the lives of countless servicemembers. Her career of service and achievements will have a lasting impact on the Army's future ability to support our Nation's defense. Lieutenant General Daniels' distinguished performance represents exemplary achievement in the finest traditions of the United States of America, clearly observed through her becoming the first woman to serve in the role of Chief of Army Reserve.

Lieutenant General Daniels served with honor and distinction across command assignments to include commanding general of the 88th Readiness Division; commander of the 87th Army Reserve Support Command (East) where she also served as the deputy commanding general, First Army Division (East); commander of the Theater Support Command, Fort Belvoir, Virginia; commander of the 2200th Military Intelligence Group; commander of 1st Battalion, 417th Regiment, 1st Brigade (Basic Combat Training), 98th Division (Institutional Training); and

commander, Headquarters and Service Company, 524th Military Intelligence Battalion.

Lieutenant General Daniels' professionalism advanced national security initiatives around the globe as she served in key staff assignments to include chief of staff, U.S. Army Forces Command; assistant deputy chief of staff G-2, office of the deputy chief of staff, G-2; deputy director and director, Intelligence and Knowledge Development Directorate (J2) for U.S. Africa Command; and assistant chief of staff for U.S. Africa Command. I, along with countless others, applaud her highly effective leadership and appreciate her ability to connect with servicemembers within her ranks.

I thank Lieutenant General Daniels for her dedicated service to the U.S. Army and our Nation. Part of what makes the U.S. military the greatest in the world is that servicemembers like Jody voluntarily dedicate their lives to serve and sacrifice for this country. Military service is a family affair so I also express our gratitude for the support of her husband, Col. (Ret.) John McCarthy and stepdaughter Shannon. I wish them all the best in what I hope to be a restful and enjoyable future.

#### REMEMBERING JOSE A. OLIVIERI

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, today I rise to honor the life and legacy of Jose A. Olivieri, an accomplished attorney, determined civic leader, and a pillar in the Hispanic community in Milwaukee, whose work left an indelible mark on the State of Wisconsin.

Born in Santurce, PR, he moved to Waukesha, WI, to attend Carroll College, where he graduated in 1978 with a bachelor's degree in political science. In 1981 he received his juris doctorate from Marquette University Law School and, the same year, joined Michael Best as an associate.

Jose's career at Michael Best spanned 43 years of service in both the legal and academic profession. He was the firm's longest serving chair, leading the firm's higher education industry group and founding Michael Best's immigration law practice. His leadership roles also extended to the Milwaukee office managing partner and labor and employment relations chair and government and public policy group cochair roles. His work largely centered around counseling universities on a variety of issues and employment law issues and later taught law seminar at Marquette University and spoke on employment and immigration issues.

Jose was also a founding member and past president of the Wisconsin Hispanic Lawyers Association. He served on several additional boards over the years, including the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents, the Mount Mary University Board of Trustees, past chair of Carroll University's Board of Trustees, and National Association of College and University Attorneys—NACUA.

Beyond his work at Michael Best, Jose was deeply committed to strengthening his Milwaukee community. Jose was described as hard working, humble, and as the premier leader of the Wisconsin Hispanic Community by local leaders. He was passionate about education access and elderly care and spent his time advocating on behalf of those issues. For 40 years, he worked with the United Community Center in the Walkers Point neighborhood of Milwaukee, including serving as the chair of the board of directors to strengthen Milwaukee's near South Side neighborhoods. He also held positions on the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, Milwaukee Public Library Foundation, Milwaukee Art Museum, United Way of Greater Milwaukee, Lutheran Social Services, and Froedtert Health System boards.

Throughout his career, Jose received awards and recognitions that highlighted the work and dedication he demonstrated to his community. He was a recipient of the Notable Alumni Award by BizTimes Media, Future Milwaukee Community Service Award, Metropolitan Milwaukee Civic Alliance Special Service Award, the Todd Wehr Award from the Greater Milwaukee chapter of the national Society of fundraising executives, the Greater Milwaukee Foundation's President's Leadership in Racial Equity and Social Justice Award, the Posner Pro Bono Award, and named a Top Latino Lawyer by Latino Leaders magazine. He was consistently included on the prestigious Best Lawyers list, including Lawyer of the Year twice.

Jose's legacy is one of professional excellence and dedicated public service. Our Milwaukee community is better because of Jose, and he will be missed.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO ELLEN NISSENBAUM

• Mr. BOOKER. Mr. President, I wish to recognize Ellen Nissenbaum, senior adviser and senior member of the government affairs team at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, for her extraordinary leadership towards meeting the needs of people with low incomes.

On July 24, the Coalition on Human Needs will honor Ms. Nissenbaum with its 2024 Human Needs Hero award. For over 40 years, Ellen Nissenbaum has been a tireless and effective advocate, protecting and advancing Federal programs to improve health and reduce hunger and poverty.

In 1984, Ms. Nissenbaum testified on behalf of the formerly named Coalition on Block Grants and Human Needs before the Senate Committee on Agriculture, chaired then by Senator Jesse Helms, to oppose a bill allowing States to opt into a block grant to replace the Federal Food Stamp program. Then and now, she stood firmly for the responsibility of the Federal Government

to ensure that the basic needs of Americans are met, wherever they live, protected from discrimination based on race, ethnicity, disability, or poverty.

Ms. Nissenbaum was part of the initial staff of seven at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities at its formation in 1984 and has been an essential leader in the decades since. She is a master of the complexities of the Federal budget process, providing respected and reliable information to Members of Congress and human needs advocates alike about the impact of Federal proposals on the health and well-being of people with low incomes.

Over the decades, Ms. Nissenbaum has educated Congress and human needs advocates about the need for strong Medicaid, SNAP, and low-income tax credit programs and has played a truly significant role in expanding benefits for those most in need. Millions of Americans, young and old alike, have been helped because of Ellen Nissenbaum's work. I am proud of the opportunities I have had to work with her to secure major advances in the child tax credit and to protect against efforts to reduce benefits in Medicaid, SNAP, and other programs.

Ms. Nissenbaum is a stellar educator of policymakers and advocates, speaking regularly to faith and civil rights groups and those advocating to improve health and reduce poverty, hunger, and inequality in this Nation. She has been a very effective member of the board of the Coalition on Human Needs for decades and is a regular speaker at its weekly meetings of advocates.

Members of Congress, the executive branch, and advocates alike all know that Ellen Nissenbaum's command of facts and analysis of policy options is utterly reliable. She is respected by all because of her rigorous, fact-based approach.

All of Ellen Nissenbaum's work is grounded in her devotion to reducing inequality. She recognizes that the growing concentration of wealth and income, unfairly untaxed, prevents our Nation from making the investments needed to ensure that no one is denied health coverage or is too poor to afford nutritious food.

Over the years, Ms. Nissenbaum has addressed organizations representing diverse faiths, helping them to advocate effectively to demand a strong Federal role in reducing poverty. She has been a mainstay of the Coalition on Human Needs' strong efforts to lift up the needs of the poor, people of color, immigrants, children, the aging, and people with disabilities in Federal budget and tax decision-making. It is my honor and privilege to recognize Ellen Nissenbaum today for her unflagging commitment and effectiveness and to celebrate her receiving the Coalition on Human Needs' 2024 Human Needs Hero award. •