

who have not yet learned about the significance of antique tractors.

A special mention must be made to Mr. Michael Hinton, a native Kansan who has committed his efforts to educating the American public about antique tractors and the legacy they represent. Mr. Hinton pioneered the concept of Antique Tractor Preservation Day and maintains a tremendously helpful website at [talkingtractors.com](http://talkingtractors.com), which serves as a resource for those who seek to learn more about tractors and agriculture. For his distinguished passion and efforts, I am grateful.

I now ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Antique Tractor Preservation Day and, in so doing, the storied legacy of American agriculture, which is paramount to our Nation's merit.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO CYNTHIA EDWARDS

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam President, I rise today to recognize Ms. Cynthia Edwards, as her tenure as Deputy Secretary of Agriculture for the State of Arkansas comes to a close.

We have been fortunate to have Ms. Edwards's careful and expert guidance at the Arkansas Department of Agriculture since 2011. In that time, the department has continued to make strides in bettering the lives of Arkansans, especially our farmers and ranchers, and much of this progress can be directly attributed to her dedication to the industry.

Growing up in DeWitt, AR, Ms. Edwards is no stranger to the agrarian charm the Natural State is renowned for. DeWitt is a small community in the Arkansas Delta, a region of the country where people roll up their sleeves and work hard until the job is done.

The same can be said for Ms. Edwards. A lawyer by trade, with undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Arkansas system, she has dedicated her career to public service, first working under a great leader for the State Senator Blanche Lincoln and culminating in her work for the Arkansas Department of Agriculture.

The lasting impact on the state of Arkansas that Cynthia Edwards is responsible for will be hard to even measure, as well as her influence on future generations of women hoping to pursue careers in the areas of agricultural law and policy. Her example is an inspiration, and it is exciting to see others following in the path she has paved.

I congratulate Ms. Edwards on her outstanding service to the State of Arkansas and its agricultural pursuits and wish her the best in her retirement.●

##### RECOGNIZING THE CINCINNATI OHIO VET CENTER

• Mr. BROWN. Madam President, I rise to honor the Cincinnati Ohio Vet Cen-

ter for receiving the 2024 Vet Center Excellence in Customer Experience Award, given to the highest performing vet center in the Nation. In the past year, the Cincinnati Vet Center has improved the well-being of veterans in southwest Ohio. The center expanded community access points to local college campuses at the University of Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky University and conducted strategic outreach on smaller local college campuses. The team also expanded outreach to local gyms and fitness centers, going above and beyond to meet veterans where they are, to spread the word about the services vet centers provide to our Nation's heroes.

The counselors at the Cincinnati Vet Center have added to the evidence-based treatments available to veterans and servicemembers and worked to find new ways for veterans to heal and build lasting connections with one another. The team accomplished all of this while remaining steadfast in their commitment to its Vietnam era groups and its long-running African-American veteran group.

Veterans and their families have sacrificed so much to keep our country safe. We owe them more than our gratitude; they deserve the healthcare, benefits, and educational opportunities that they have earned through their service to our Nation. That is why the work that places like the Cincinnati Ohio Vet Center do matters so much and why we can never waver in our commitment to veterans and their families.

I would like to personally recognize these employees at the Cincinnati Vet Center for making this possible: Cher Runtenelli, vet center director; Ryan Scharfenberger, outreach specialist; Zachary McGuffey, program support assistant; Taylor Katt, readjustment counselor; Stephanie Downard, readjustment counselor; and Chasitee Little, readjustment counselor.●

##### TRIBUTE TO KIMBERLY LOZADA

• Ms. HASSAN. Madam President, I am honored to recognize Kimberly "Kym" Lozada of Manchester as September's Granite Stater of the Month. After her husband passed away, Kym felt a drive to find ways to support her community—and now, through her barbershop, Get Faded, Kym offers free haircuts and other events to support adults and kids alike.

Kym, a mother of six, opened Get Faded in February 2023. When her husband passed away 6 months later, she wanted to find a way to help other single parents who might be struggling with the busy back-to-school season. She started an annual event with free haircuts for local students, and this year, the shop also gave out 150 backpacks filled with school supplies. The business has also hosted trunk-or-treat for kids on Halloween. Get Faded prioritizes ensuring that all children feel comfortable; it is a certified sen-

sory-safe barbershop, where the barbers are trained to give haircuts to children with autism or sensory processing sensitivities that can make it difficult to experience a traditional haircut. Overall, Kym makes Get Faded a place where every child can feel supported—and, of course, get the haircut they want to feel stylish and confident.

In addition, like many Granite State families, the Lozada family has experienced the effects of the fentanyl crisis. Kym's late husband dealt with addiction, and she is open about his experience in the hopes that she can inspire others to get treatment. In Kym's words, "I will keep telling my story in the hope that it can save someone's life." Get Faded recently hosted free haircut events for adults at Hope for NH Recovery, a center that offers peer-based support for those dealing with addiction, and at AmeriHealth Caritas, an organization that works to bring healthcare to communities throughout the State.

Kym's dedication to helping those in need is a true example of the Granite State spirit of pitching in to help our fellow citizens. Her family's experience is one that is not unique in our State, but her perseverance and commitment to helping Granite Staters in her own way can inspire all of us.●

##### TRIBUTE TO DR. LEE EDWARDS

Mr. LEE. Madam President, the resurgence of American conservatism over the last three-quarters of a century had many fathers: James Burnham, Willmore Kendall, Frank Meyer, Richard Weaver, Milton Friedman, Russell Kirk, and, of course, William F. Buckley. They laid the intellectual foundation for the political transformation launched by Senator Barry Goldwater and brought to fruition by Ronald Reagan. All those are names of the past, but one individual remains with us who knew most of them, wrote about them, and popularized their thinking that transformed American society.

This is Dr. Lee Edwards. Now in his tenth decade, he has been an irreplaceable part of the conservative movement longer than most of us have been alive. He is a scholar and teacher with a doctorate from the Catholic University of America and further study at the Sorbonne. He is a philosopher, formerly the distinguished fellow in conservative thought at the Heritage Foundation. His books have been translated into as many languages as societies and their peoples have hungered for freedom.

His volumes still speak eloquently to young Americans who wonder where we go from here: "The Collapse of Communism," "The Power of Ideas," "The Conservative Revolution: The Movement that Remade America," "Reading the Right Books, a Guide for the Intellectual Conservative," and biographies of half a dozen major conservative leaders. He knew them all.

One might think he deserves some sort of monument.

Well, he has one, a monument that he more than anyone else created.

It stands a few blocks from this Capitol at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue, New Jersey Avenue, and G Street. It is the Victims of Communism Memorial, dedicated to "more than 100 million victims of Communism and to those who love liberty."

Authorized by Act of Congress in 1993, it was first suggested to Lee by his wife Anne, who was also his partner in his writing.

If this memorial were a mandatory stop for all the high school tours that come to DC every spring, graduates would be better inoculated against the ignorance of radical leftism that infects too many of our universities.

Lee's work continues through his Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation, here in Washington, where visitors are reminded that one-fifth of humanity still lives under communism in China, Cuba, Vietnam, Laos, and North Korea, as well as other countries where oppressive Marxist-Leninist practices impoverish and subjugate millions.

Whatever honors have been bestowed upon him in the past, and whatever accolades await him in the future, Lee Edwards remains that rare person of enormous achievement for liberty, whose greatest reward will always be the joyous sound of breaking chains across the world, the shattering of tyranny, and the anthems of a free people.

#### TRIBUTE TO JOE CASTIGLIONE

• Mr. MARKEY. Madam President, for 42 years, Joe Castiglione's resonating voice has been the bridge between Boston's great cathedral Fenway Park and Red Sox fans listening to the game in garages, kitchens, workplaces, and vehicles across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and throughout New England.

Whether you were turning your dial to 93.7 FM in Boston or Lawrence or Malden, 105.5 FM in Springfield, 1440 AM in Worcester, or 96.3 FM on the Cape, Joe Castiglione made you feel like you were in the bleachers with peanuts and a score card. When you were listening to him, you always knew who was at bat, you always knew the count, and you always knew how many runners were on base.

With humility, grace, and an encyclopedic baseball mind, Joe Castiglione took us on a journey every season. It was Castiglione who introduced us to our new ball club each spring after the snow of winter gave way to the green grass of spring. It was Joe Castiglione who ushered us through the dog days of summer, when winning and losing streaks began to cement our spot in the standings. And it was Joe Castiglione who carried us through four magical, crisp October runs that cemented Boston's status as the City of Champions.

On behalf of Red Sox fans everywhere, thank you, Joe Castiglione. I hope retirement brings you as much joy and happiness and entertainment as you have brought Red Sox Nation. Your wonderful wife Jan, sons Joseph Jr. (Duke) and Thomas, daughter Kate, and six grandchildren are fortunate to have you.

As a poet, a wordsmith, an alltime orator, we leave with some of Joe Castiglione's greatest words: "Swing and a ground ball, stabbed by Foulke, he has it, he under hands to first, and the Boston Red Sox are the World Champions! For the first time in 86 years, the Red Sox have won Baseball's World Championship. Can you believe it?!"

#### TRIBUTE TO KEN MCNEELY

• Mr. PADILLA. Madam President, I rise today to recognize the 32-year career of Ken McNeely, AT&T western region president, ahead of his retirement at the end of this month.

Ken joined AT&T in 1991 as a senior attorney specializing in corporate litigation and has held several key positions for the company since. As vice president of law and government affairs, the longest serving president of AT&T California, and now as president of the western region, Ken has been an exceptional leader and a trusted partner to colleagues in the public and private sectors.

As president of the western region, Ken has led AT&T's activity in 19 States and overseen a workforce of over 50,000 employees, working tirelessly to deliver greater reliability for communities throughout California.

Ken is also a dedicated member of his community, serving on several boards, and supporting numerous philanthropic organizations over the years. He has also been recognized by others for his outstanding leadership, including by the Black Business Association with their Top 100 African Americans in Technology Award, Equality California with their Vanguard Award, and Our Family Coalition with their Luminary Award.

Ken has always represented our State and its values, and thanks to his work, we have made great strides in bridging the digital divide, ensuring first responders can stay connected to their communities, and preparing our students for future careers in the STEM field.

Today, I want to congratulate Ken on his many accomplishments and to thank him for his work over the past three decades. I wish him, his husband Inder, and their children Kabir and Meera well in the years ahead.

#### RECOGNIZING SACRAMENTO STATE

• Mr. PADILLA. Madam President, I rise today to recognize the students and faculty of California State University, Sacramento—or "Sacramento

State"—as they embark on their first year as California's first-ever "Black-Serving Institution," as well as the inaugural class of their "Black Honors College."

Reflective of the most diverse State in the Nation, Sacramento State has long been a leader in providing quality, higher education to students of all backgrounds. Already, they are recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as both a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) and an Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution (AANAPISI).

But as the home to the largest enrollment of Black and African-American students in the California State University (CSU) system, this past summer, the California State Assembly recognized Sacramento State as the first "Black-Serving Institution" in the State of California, a testament to the university's support of Black students who come from around the world to enroll.

Sacramento State is always looking for more ways to attract, support, and help graduate more Black students. That is why earlier this year, they created and launched the Nation's first Black Honors College, an enhanced co-curricular college providing specialized coursework for students interested in Black history, life, culture, and contributions.

Thanks to the vision and leadership of Sacramento State president Dr. Luke Wood, inaugural dean of the Black Honors College Dr. Boatamo Mosupyoe, and CSU chancellor Dr. Mildred Garcia, Sacramento State is building a world-class academic environment for Black students to follow their passions and to thrive.

Today, I want to congratulate Sacramento State on their official State recognition and to wish the inaugural class of the Black Honors College enormous success in the years ahead.

#### TRIBUTE TO JACKIE REED

• Mr. WICKER. Madam President, on behalf of the people of Mississippi, I commend the accomplishments and career of Jackie Reed.

Jackie is a veteran driver known for his lofty standards of care. The Collinsville, MS, resident has notched 3 million safe miles in his 34 years behind the wheel, and he has been increasingly recognized as a leader in the Nation's vital trucking industry. His lifelong commitment to excellence has made our highways safer and helped power the American economy.

For the past few years, Jackie has competed at the National Truck Driving & Step Van Championships. The event—known as the "Super Bowl of Safety"—has consistently demonstrated his knowledge of safety requirements, his industry awareness, and his driving skills. In 2022, he secured the Mississippi Grand Champion award in the three-axle category. He