

In 1990, Mr. Ritter was assigned to the Strategic Defense Initiative Organization, later the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, where he led theater missile defense systems integration and battle management, command, control, and communications efforts across the Department of Defense and with allied partners. Following his military service, he continued this work as a civilian, serving in senior engineering and leadership roles responsible for system integration, interoperability, and architecture development for the Nation's missile defense programs.

At the Missile Defense Agency, Mr. Ritter served as deputy program manager and later program director for Command and Control, Battle Management, and Communications, C2BMC, where his leadership was instrumental in establishing a global, integrated network supporting the Missile Defense System. There, he helped build a system that integrates data from sensors across 19 time zones and in orbit, providing real-time situational awareness and coordination to combatant commanders. His direction to deliver enhanced command-and-control capabilities and critical system updates directly increased weapon system effectiveness and contributed to the operational success of the Missile Defense System, helping to strengthen the protection of the United States and its allies.

Mr. Ritter also played a key role in deploying forward-based radar systems and missile defense capabilities across Europe, the Indo-Pacific, and the Middle East, strengthening coordination with allies and expanding the reach of U.S. missile defense. His work advanced space-based sensing, communications, and tracking capabilities and supported the development of integrated, multi-domain missile defense architectures that remain vital to our national security.

Mr. Ritter's leadership and technical expertise have left an indelible mark on the Missile Defense Agency and on the Nation's defense. As he prepares for a well-earned retirement, I thank him for his commitment, perseverance, and dedication to the United States of America. I wish him the very best in the years ahead.

#### TRIBUTE TO ANDREA YOUNG

Mr. WARNOCK. Mr. President, today I would like to recognize Andrea Young, a daughter of Georgia, upon her retirement as a transformational executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Georgia.

As the daughter of civil rights icon Andrew Young and international children's advocate and civil rights activist Jean Childs Young, Andrea Young continues their legacy by living a life dedicated to public service. During her nearly 10-year tenure leading the ACLU of Georgia, her quest for a more perfect union produced a record of

achievement and fighting the good and necessary fights, even when success was not always possible.

Early in her career, Ms. Young was a legislative staffer for Senator Edward Kennedy. She served as floor manager and successfully fought the filibuster intended to derail the passage of legislation establishing the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. She also accompanied Senator Kennedy to South Africa during apartheid and played a key role in legislation that established economic sanctions against the apartheid regime. She later served as chief of staff to the first African-American woman elected to U.S. Congress from the State of Georgia. As chief of staff for a newly created congressional district, she developed a staff and legislative priorities, district offices, and constituent services.

Before joining the ACLU of Georgia, she also created the operational structure of the Andrew Young Foundation, including initial staff and policy directives. Later, she served as adjunct professor teaching leadership courses at Morehouse College, the alma mater of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Georgia State University. She has also authored and contributed to several books, including "Life Lessons My Mother Taught Me," "An Easy Burden: The Civil Rights Movement and the Transformation of America," and "Andrew Young and the Making of Modern Atlanta."

Andrea Young became executive director of the ACLU of Georgia in 2017, at a time when it had a full-time staff of two. Under her leadership, the organization was transformed into a fully staffed, statewide civil liberties organization that has not only improved communities across all of Georgia but also Americans across the country.

She brought a steady, disciplined approach to the work, aligning litigation, policy, communications, and community engagement strategies so the organization could respond clearly and consistently to challenges facing the State and country.

During her tenure, Georgia was at the center of some of the most consequential civil liberties fights in the country. For example, she led the organization through major legal battles, including the successful challenge to Georgia's abortion ban, and stood firm in defending the right to protest and opposing efforts to criminalize peaceful assembly.

Her greatest priority was protecting voting rights, the cornerstone of our democracy. While serving as executive director, the ACLU of Georgia secured a Federal injunction protecting voters from having their absentee ballots rejected without due process, successfully challenged the attempted removal of nearly 160,000 voters from the rolls, and expanded access to voting across the State. Her leadership and vision for a stronger democracy reached communities across Georgia through initiatives such as the Poll Worker

Program and the Local Election Advocates and Defenders Program, which strengthened election operations and increased accountability at the local level. Her efforts to keep voters on the rolls as well as to prevent voting station closings or relocations made a difference in countless local and Federal elections across Georgia.

We continue that work in this body as Federal lawmakers, and I am honored to count Andrea as an ally in our fight to restore the Voting Rights Act of 1965 by passing the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act and the Freedom to Vote Act. Her lifetime of service has directly affected many provisions in this critical legislation, and her work has strengthened not only communities in Georgia but the rights of all Americans.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Andrea Young's service to the State of Georgia and to the country.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### REMEMBERING WILLIAM "BILL" GEORGE SCHNEIDER

• Mr. BANKS. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize William "Bill" George Schneider, a cherished husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and exemplary public servant in my home State of Indiana. Bill left us on April 22, 2026, after a long life of hard work, dedicated service to his family and country, and conservative leadership.

Bill was a fearless conservative leader, advocate, and mentor. For decades, he tirelessly recruited, supported, and counseled conservative candidates at every level of public service, including myself. Bill's steadfast mentorship shaped the careers of countless conservative leaders, and it has left an enduring mark on our State's government.

Bill's journey was distinguished by his commitment to both his family and his community. In 1964, Bill founded Mister Ice of Indianapolis, a company specializing in commercial ice-making equipment. Through years of hard work, he grew the business into a flourishing enterprise.

Bill's passion for the United States, the State of Indiana, and the city of Indianapolis shone brightly during his tenure of public service. He served as a county commissioner in Marion County from 1968 to 1971 and then as an Indianapolis City County councilman from 1971 to 1999. He also served on numerous boards and commissions, including the Marion County Sheriff's merit board and the Marion County Republican Party. For his outstanding service, Bill was honored with the prestigious Sagamore of the Wabash, a symbol of his lasting impact on Indiana.

Bill is survived by his devoted wife of 70 years, Patricia Schneider; his loving children Scott Schneider (Kristine),

Deborah Clem (William), Brad Schneider, and Stacy Madden; as well as 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Bill lived a life marked by hard work, dedication to his family and his country, and unwavering kindness. His warmth, wisdom, and commitment will be deeply missed but forever remembered by all whose lives he impacted.●

#### RECOGNIZING 50 YEARS OF CARTI

● Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Central Arkansas Radiation Therapy Institute, or CARTI.

Since its founding on April 5, 1976, CARTI has grown from a radiation-focused practice into Arkansas' leading cancer care provider and a comprehensive, statewide network serving more than 60,000 patients each year. From its flagship CARTI Cancer Center in Little Rock to locations across the State, CARTI's physicians and care teams deliver advanced, multidisciplinary treatment options in a compassionate, patient-centered environment.

For over five decades, CARTI has remained steadfast in its mission to ensure all Arkansans have access to world-class cancer care close to home. Through its statewide network of medical, surgical, radiation oncology, diagnostic radiology, and hematology/oncology services, CARTI treats all known forms of adult cancer and blood disorders. With board-certified doctors across multiple specialties, it has demonstrated a deep commitment to excellence and clinical expertise. CARTI's accreditation in advanced imaging and oncology services further underscores its leadership in delivering high-quality, innovative care.

Equally important is CARTI's recognition that cancer is a family disease. The organization actively engages patients and caregivers in every care plan and, through the CARTI Foundation's Patients Assistance Program, provides critical support services including housing, transportation, financial assistance, nutritional and emotional counseling, and survivorship programs for qualifying patients. As a not-for-profit institution governed by a community board, CARTI reinvests all resources back into its mission of expanding and improving cancer care for Arkansans.

As we mark this important milestone, we recognize not only CARTI's legacy of excellence, but also the thousands of Arkansans whose lives have been saved, extended, and improved through its care.

I am grateful for CARTI's vision and vital service to countless Arkansans and their families, and look forward to many more years of innovation, compassionate care, and hope.●

REMEMBERING LIEUTENANT COLONEL JAMES "TONY" MOFFATT, LEASA MOFFATT, ANDREW MOFFATT, AND WILLIAM MOFFATT

● Mrs. BRITT. Mr. President, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the Moffatt family of Huntsville, AL, whose lives were tragically lost in a plane crash on April 17, 2026, while traveling from Raleigh-Durham, NC, to Huntsville. LTC James "Tony" Moffatt, USA (Ret.) along with his beloved wife of nearly 35 years, Leasa, and their sons Andrew and William, were taken far too soon. Today, I join their surviving children Grant, Victoria "Tori," and Cate, along with their extended family and loved ones, in mourning this unimaginable loss.

While no words can fully capture their remarkable lives, Tony, Leasa, Andrew, and William each left an indelible impact on the Huntsville community, our entire State, and all who had the privilege of knowing them.

Lieutenant Colonel Moffatt was a retired U.S. Army aviator and a decorated pilot. His 21-year military career also included experience as an aerospace engineer who served as a payload and flight crew support specialist at NASA's Johnson Space Center Astronaut Office. After his retirement from the U.S. Army in 2008, Lieutenant Colonel Moffatt founded Moffatt Systems, Inc., a defense and aerospace consulting firm and served as a principal research engineer at the University of Alabama at Huntsville, UAH, where he supported the Rotorcraft Systems Engineering & Simulation Center, RSESC, and also directed the Digital Engineering Transformation Lab until 2024. Lieutenant Colonel Moffatt coached the Freedom Cowboys football team from 2015 to 2017, during which William played for the team, Andrew was the team's sideline photographer, and Leasa came to the games and practices to support.

Leasa Moffatt was a first and second grade learning coach at Valley Leadership Academy. Her incredible heart for education is reflected in a statement from her school, which reads, in part, "She was devoted to her students and brought warmth, wisdom, steadiness, and joy into her classroom each day. She had a remarkable gift for teaching young children, and her influence on their lives will not be forgotten . . . While Valley Leadership Academy welcomes families of all faiths, we honor the beautiful way Leasa's Christian faith shaped her life. Her faith underpinned the way she loved, served, taught, and cared for others, and it was evident in the kind of person she was—beautiful inside and out."

Andrew Moffatt was a UAH alumnus and received a bachelor's degree in industrial and systems engineering in 2021. He followed his father's career, serving as a research engineer in the UAH RSESC since his graduation. Jerry Hendrix, executive director of RSESC, said it best when he reflected,

"Andrew was a well-rounded and fine young man, and his spirit made every day an enjoyable day," in addition to his "smile, inviting personality and his encouragement." Andrew's talents as a sports photographer also extended to volleyball, and he photographed the Huntsville Volleyball Academy for several years.

William Moffatt graduated from Calhoun Community College, where he studied information technology and Cloud security, earning his Microsoft Certified Azure Administrator Associate certification and CompTIA Security+ and Linux+ credentials. He worked as a NOC analyst and vulnerability analyst with Summit 7, a Huntsville-based defense IT firm, and most recently as a Cloud security administrator for Family Resource Home Care. Calhoun Community College noted William's "resilience, determination, and a commitment to his future that reflected the very best of our student body." Both William and his brother Andrew also served as counselors at Space Camp at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center.

I join the Huntsville community and all of Alabama in commemorating the lives of Tony, Leasa, Andrew, and William Moffatt. Their strong faith, deep love for each other, and dedicated service to their community will always be remembered. I am humbled to ensure their legacy is preserved in the annals of Congress, a testament to lives lived with faith, love, and devotion.●

#### 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY COLLEGE

● Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. President, I rise today to honor and celebrate the 100th anniversary of San Bernardino Valley College, a milestone that reflects a century of educational opportunity, service, and community impact.

On June 23, 1926, the first board of trustees convened at a site on the east side of Mount Vernon Avenue, between downtown San Bernardino and Colton, and cast a forward-looking vision for higher education in a rapidly growing region that would later be known as the Inland Empire.

What began as the San Bernardino Valley Union Junior College District has since become a cornerstone institution, educating generations of students and strengthening the economic and civic life of San Bernardino County.

The land, however, holds a deeper history. Long before modern institutions were established, the area was home to the Serrano people, whose descendants include the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians. Their enduring presence and stewardship of the land and San Bernardino Valley College are an important part of the history and deserve recognition as we reflect on the progress and institutions built here.

For 100 years, San Bernardino Valley College has served as a gateway to opportunity, opening doors for first-generation students, veterans, working