

As we so watched this hero time and again
 come roaring back . . .
 All because of how he so touched each and
 everyone!
 For kindness would follow him everywhere
 he'd go!
 Because, somewhere in the ruffs of life he so
 let his ego!
 Marching For The Dimes,
 for all of those children so all in time . . . all
 to help them so!
 For on these fields of green,
 ninety-two championships he has seen!
 But, his greatest victory of all was what in
 his heart we saw!
 As this Gold Medal upon you Arnold we now
 so bestow . . .
 All for your service to our Nation so,
 and your excellence and sportsmanship in
 the game of golf wherever you would
 go!
 As Arnold, you always stood Pin High!
 On The Green In One!
 For yes you, The Legend of Latrobe are but
 America's Golden Son!
 Fourrrrrr . . .
 As this Gold Medal upon you we now so bestow
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 Because, on the fairways of life you've always
 gone for gold!
 The Legend of Latrobe!

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO FRANK AND ANN GILMORE

• Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, Henry Ford once said, "Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young."

On October 12, 2012, Montana Tech in Butte, MT, will honor two people who embody that very spirit: Frank and Ann Gilmore. As reflected in their stories, both Frank and Anne recognize the importance of education and giving back to society.

A Mississippi native, Dr. Frank Gilmore sought educational opportunities early and often. He was the first member of his family to earn a college degree. Frank's intellectual curiosity paved the way for an impressive academic career, one that includes studies at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard University. Frank obtained a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Virginia Military Institute, and then went on to earn his Ph.D. in organic chemistry with a minor in industrial relations at MIT. His career in higher education began in 1967 at the University of Mississippi. Dr. Gilmore then taught at the West Virginia University Institute of Technology, and finally joined Montana Tech in 1998 as chancellor.

Montana Tech has earned a reputation as one of the finest science, engineering, and technical colleges in the world, and much of its success can be attributed to the incredible leadership under Dr. Frank Gilmore. Under Dr. Gilmore's chancellorship, The Princeton Review selected Montana Tech as one of its "Best 368 Colleges" for 11 consecutive years. One of Dr. Gilmore's

proudest accomplishments is improving Montana Tech's efforts to find students employment before they even graduate.

During Frank's time as chancellor, Montana Tech boasted placement rates for its graduates between 93 and 98 percent. And, lucky for us, 70 to 80 percent of Tech graduates chose to remain and work in Montana.

Frank's dedication to his students went far beyond the classroom. I proudly partnered with Montana Tech in 2007 and 2010 to organize the Montana Economic Development Summits. We could not have asked for a better host than Montana Tech. Frank proudly offered the campus to hold workshops and host some of the world's most influential business and economic leaders. The connections made at Montana Tech during those summits have yielded untold investment and job opportunities for Montanans.

Not only is Dr. Gilmore's career in education inspiring, he also served his country with distinction in the military. He first served as a Marine Corps reservist when he was a teenager, then as an Active-Duty soldier in the Army, and finally as a captain in the Army Reserve.

This past year, Frank was appointed as president of the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation. The Goldwater Foundation was established to encourage college students to pursue science, math, and engineering. I proudly advocated for Dr. Gilmore's appointment, as I cannot think of anyone more qualified to lead these efforts.

Ann Louise Gauthier Gilmore was also the first in her family to earn a college degree. She received her bachelor's degree in dietetics from the University of Northern Colorado. Like Frank, she also honorably served in our Nation's military.

Ann joined the U.S. Army in 1961 and completed her dietetic internship at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC. She continued to serve our Nation in the Army Medical Corps until her honorable discharge in 1963 as a first lieutenant.

Not only has Ann demonstrated a life-long commitment to education and to our country, she has directed her talents toward serving her community. Ann worked with the Women, Infants and Children, WIC, Program in Mississippi, the PEO, Philanthropic Educational Organization, a sisterhood committed to empowering women through education, and served on the board of the Butte Symphony Orchestra.

Frank and Ann's stories give us hope that there are dedicated, hard-working folks in our schools, providing our children with the tools they need to succeed. In a world more competitive than ever before, it is essential that we provide all Montanans with a world-class education. Investing in Montana's young minds is the best way to keep us competitive with our global neighbors and to ensure a solid economic future.

Thanks to the community's overwhelming generosity and support, Montana Tech constructed a new university center to honor Frank and Ann Gilmore. The new Frank & Ann Gilmore University Relations Center serves both students and alumni. The center provides a much-needed venue for students to meet their future employers, as well as place for alumni to convene and reminisce about their time at Montana Tech.

As we all can see, both Frank and Anne possess an insatiable hunger for education which they have used to better their community. The University of Montana, the Butte and Anaconda communities, and especially the Montana Tech students, faculty, and staff, all know that with people like Frank and Ann, Montana will continue to become an even better place to live, work, and raise a family.●

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

• Mr. BEGICH. Mr. President, I wish to proclaim September 2012 as Alaska Preparedness Month. No one can predict when or where the next crisis will be, and as a state that is particularly vulnerable to natural disasters and human-caused emergencies, it is essential that Alaskans be prepared to respond to any crisis that may arise.

The American public remains largely uninformed on and unprepared for possible disasters and other life-threatening emergencies in their communities. Since government agencies and disaster organizations cannot bear sole responsibility for preparing and responding to disasters, it is important for all to plan ahead.

National Preparedness Month is a nationwide effort led by the American Red Cross to raise awareness about the importance of planning for all types of emergencies. Held each September, National Preparedness Month aims to encourage American households to learn more about preparedness and to create a family disaster plan.

It is my hope that by proclaiming September 2012 as Alaska Preparedness Month, Alaskans will be inspired to make sure they are well-equipped to deal with any and all possible crises in the future.●

REMEMBERING ALBERT ADAMS

• Mr. BEGICH. Mr. President, on August 13, 2012, Senator Al Adams passed away peacefully at home in Anchorage, AK, surrounded by family.

Albert P. Sikiagruk Adams was born June 18, 1942, in Kotzebue, AK. He attended Mt. Edgecumbe High School in Sitka. Following high school, he attended the University of Alaska Fairbanks and RCA Technical Institute.

Al Adams is survived by his wife, Diane; his children Al "Sonny" Adams, Guy Adams, Herb Adams, Michelle Mercurieff, Thomas Adams, and Luke Adams. He is survived by his sisters Adra Distefano, Sarah Scanlan, and