great grandchildren, 16 great-great grandchildren, and thousands of patients. He lived to see his 100th Christmas; he leaves the world a better place.●

HONORING SILVERIO CUARESMA, SR.

● Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the life 2LT Silverio Cuaresma, Sr., whose passing on January 20, 2013, has brought great sadness to the Silver State. As a member of the World War II Mighty Five Nevadans and the State's oldest unrecognized Filipino-American World War II veteran, Mr. Cuaresma dedicated his life to honoring Filipino veterans for their sacrifices. I am grateful for his service to our country and advocacy on behalf of our heroes. While in the Senate, I will continue fighting to guarantee that all veterans and their families are properly thanked for their sacrifices.

As one of the Mighty Five, Mr. Cuaresma fought tirelessly to secure proper military recognition and compensation for our Nation's nearly 24,000 Filipino World War II veterans. We must continue the fight to ensure that Filipino veterans like Mr. Cuaresma are honored for their sacrifices. That is why I introduced the Filipino Veterans Fairness Act. This bill would establish a process for Filipinos who have fought alongside the U.S. military during World War II to work with military historians to determine eligibility for military benefits. I believe we have a responsibility to ensure that individuals who served honorably alongside U.S. troops are recognized for their contributions to our Nation.

My thoughts and prayers are with Mr. Cuaresma's family and friends during this difficult time. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of an honorable man who was devoted to providing justice for our Nation's heroes.●

TRIBUTE TO SUE EVERHART

● Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President. I would like to honor in the RECORD Ms. Sue Everhart of Marietta, GA. Sue is a dear friend of mine who is one of the hardest working individuals in Georgia politics. In fact, Sue was elected chairman of the Georgia Republican Party in 2008 and re-elected in 2009 and again in 2011, making her the first chairman to serve three consecutive terms. In 2009, Sue was also chosen as one of ten women in the United States to be honored as a Woman of Achievement by the Republican National Committee.

Sue is an effective leader who has worked tirelessly to elect Republicans in the State of Georgia. In 2010, her efforts over the years came to a crescendo when Republicans swept the State, winning every statewide contest. In fact, Sue has been instrumental in my political campaigns, and I am forever grateful for her support throughout the years.

Although Sue will be ending her successful run as chairman of the Georgia Republican Party in May of this year, I am sure that this will not be the end of her involvement in Georgia politics. Our party will be forever better because of Sue, and I wish her the best in her future endeavors.●

TRIBUTE TO MR. STEVE TINDELL

● Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. President, I speak today in honor of Mr. Steven L. Tindell, who retired on January 11, 2013, at Peterson Air Force Base, CO. Mr. Tindell served 30 years in uniform and for over 10 years in Federal civil service as the director of the Commander's Action Group and the Chief of Legislative Affairs for Air Force Space Command. He has been an enduring presence and a subject-matter expert for all congressional matters related to Air Force space and cyberspace issues and has facilitated countless congressional interactions with Headquarters Air Force Space Command and its numerous subordinate centers, wings and units.

Air Force Major Command Legislative Liaisons facilitate communication between their commands and Congress, effectively bridging our organizational cultures and promoting clear and open communication. These professionals require in depth knowledge of congressional procedures, committee structures and the legislative process. They also must have detailed understanding of the missions, challenges and organizational structures of the commands they represent. My office depends heavily on the rapport we have with our military liaisons for timely information and candid dialogue.

During his tenure as a legislative liaison, Mr. Tindell enhanced the Air Force Space Command mission by delivering space, missile and cyberspace capabilities to the U.S. armed forces and its warfighting commands. He was the architect of Space Command's legislative game plan, which coordinated vital communications concerning the command's space and cyberspace programs. He prepared countless pages of testimony and orchestrated hundreds of congressional notifications and visits, including many for me and my staff to our bases throughout the Colorado Front Range.

Mr. Tindell leaves an indelible mark on Air Force Space Command. His institutional knowledge and savvy analysis of legislative activity will be difficult to replace; however, he can take great pride, satisfaction and confidence in knowing that his legacy will endure through those he has mentored over the years. Mr. Tindell has exemplified the best of the U.S. Air Force.

On behalf of all Coloradans, I thank Mr. Steven Tindell for his many years of faithful, selfless service, and I offer warm congratulations on the occasion of his retirement. May he and his wife, Nancy, enjoy a very bright future as they begin this new chapter in their lives.●

TRIBUTE TO ROSALIND GRAY

● Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Rosalind ''Roz'' Gray, who is retiring from government service this month after 32 years at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD.

Ms. Gray, originally from Richmond, VA, began her career as a laboratory manager with Hoffman-LaRoche Pharmaceuticals in New Jersey. After a few years in the pharmaceutical industry, she moved to Maryland and joined the National Institutes of Health in the Office of Legislation, Policy, and Analysis. For over 30 years, Ms. Gray has been an outstanding representative of the NIH to the public, to congressional staff, and to patients in need of help. Many of us here in Congress have met Roz when she accompanied the NIH leadership to briefings or hearings on the Hill. She has expertly staffed the past five NIH Directors, including current Director Dr. Francis Collins, former NIH Director and current NCI Director Dr. Harold Varmus, and former NIH Director Dr. Bernadine Healy, the first woman appointed to that role.

Ms. Gray and her husband Charles have a daughter, Tracy, a son, Phillip, and two grandchildren. In her retirement, Ms. Gray plans to work with her church and community to help families in crisis and to improve childhood literacy. She is also looking forward to traveling, including taking her first trip to Europe, and spending more time with her children and grandchildren.

Mr. President, Roz Gray has been a dedicated public servant for 32 years and has inspired her colleagues at the NIH with her integrity, professionalism, and kindness. It is appropriate that we honor her today for her many contributions to advancing the mission of the NIH.●

TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH M. SCIMECA

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, today I would like to recognize Mr. Joseph M. Scimeca. This July, Mr. Scimeca will enter retirement after 44 years of dedicated service to the Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge.

Since 1969, when he began his career as a teacher, Mr. Scimeca has contributed to the moral, intellectual, and spiritual development of young people. His time in education has seen him serve as assistant principal, principal, and Assistant Superintendent of the Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge, a position he has held since 1999. In 1997, he was presented with the Distinguished Secondary Educator award and also received the 1999 Saint Michael the Archangel High School Warrior award.

The National Conference of Catholic Bishops stated, ''Education is one of the most important ways by which the Church fulfills its commitment to the dignity of the person and building of community.''

In Louisiana, our Catholic schools maintain high academic standards, foster a healthy learning environment for