

The conversations between Katherine and the many veterans she encountered are what inspired her to create the Pain Free Socket, an invention that incorporates thermal biofeedback to eliminate phantom pain. This device began as a tenth grade science project and has made her a hero to veterans in distress.

Since patenting the invention, Katherine has started her own company and will soon begin clinical trials.

Not surprisingly, Katherine has received a lot of media attention as a result of her innovation and achievement, including global coverage by CNN, the New York Times, BBC, and many others.

The West Virginia University junior was even featured in Glamour Magazine as one of the Top 10 College Women in the country and won \$2,500 from the L'Oreal Paris Beauty of Giving Award.

Katherine, who came to West Virginia from Waldorf, MD, is an extraordinary example of success in the STEM fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics, not just in my home State, but across the Nation and the world.

A Newman Civic Fellow, she is one of the youngest ever to present to the Royal Society of Medicine's Medical Innovations Summit in London, England.

I am so proud of Katherine and her dedication to helping those who have fought courageously and honorably for this country. She has found a way to serve those who have served this great Nation—and who have risked it all in doing so.

On behalf of the State of West Virginia, I congratulate Katherine on all her achievements and wish her the best of luck in her very bright future. And I ask my Senate colleagues to join me in thanking Katherine for her compassion to work for the brave men and women of our Armed Forces.●

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

● Mr. RUBIO. Madam President, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the 50th anniversary of the University of Central Florida, UCF. As a shining success story in America's higher education system, UCF has recently become the Nation's second-largest university. Not only has UCF grown in size, but also diversity, quality of education, and reputation. Today, UCF serves nearly 60,000 students, including a 39 percent minority population.

I was pleased to learn the first class of medical students graduated from UCF earlier this year, those graduates were a part of a historical undertaking. The impact of UCF's medical school in the region is historic as well. UCF's College of Medicine plays a vital role in Orlando's "Medical City" at Lake Nona, a cluster of research institutions that will help to position Central Flor-

ida as a leader in medical care. UCF hopes for the medical school to not only increase opportunities for medical education in Florida, but to create a climate of excellence among regional research, education and medical care that will make it one of the premier institutions in the world.

I would also like to mention the Institute for Simulation and Training at UCF, who has recently celebrated 30 years of Modeling and Simulation Training and is an internationally recognized research institute who has partnered with both military contractors and the Department of Defense.

Congratulations to the University of Central Florida on reaching this milestone and on its many distinguished achievements in research, teaching, and public service as it celebrates its Golden Anniversary. I look forward to 50 more years of accomplishments.●

TRIBUTE TO KATHRYN A. CONDON

● Mr. SANDERS. Madam President, as chairman of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, I would like to take a moment to recognize Ms. Kathryn A. Condon, who has retired after over 30 years of public service. Specifically, I would like to thank Ms. Condon for her steadfast leadership as the Executive Director of Arlington National Cemetery.

Arlington National Cemetery embodies one of our commitments to those who defend our Nation—to provide them with a final resting place that honors their service. With approximately 27 to 30 funeral services a day, Arlington is one of many active cemeteries for our fallen heroes. It is also considered a national treasure for its rich history, dating back to the Civil War, and historic memorials, such as: the Tomb of the Unknowns; the Women in Military Service Memorial, which honors the brave women who have honorably worn our Nation's uniform; and Chaplains Hill, the eternal resting place of Chaplains from four different wars.

Although Arlington is now a shining example of how we honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, it has not always been so. In 2010, the Army's inspector general discovered grievous errors, dysfunction, and mismanagement at Arlington. These highly publicized problems were linked to antiquated procedures and failure by the cemetery's senior leadership.

Ms. Condon's steadfast commitment and dedication as Arlington's top executive has reinstated Arlington as a national shrine for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Her leadership has led to the correction of all of the issues highlighted by the Army inspector general's 2010 report and the creation of processes that will ensure the longevity of this national shrine and make certain that previous mistakes are not repeated.

Particularly, I would like to highlight Arlington's new burial record sys-

tem, ANC Explorer. In 2010, Arlington relied on a paper-based record system that caused confusion and led to the misplacement of burials. Thanks to Ms. Condon, Arlington now operates a new geospatial tracking system, which permits the families of our fallen heroes and cemetery staff to, among other things: receive turn-by-turn direction to any burial site or monument; view events, in real-time, occurring through the cemetery; and easily track and maintain burial space.

On behalf of our Nation's veterans and their families, I would like to thank Ms. Condon for her devotion to reaffirming Arlington National Cemetery's status as a national treasure and commend her on an illustrious career in public service.●

TRIBUTE TO CAROL MACK

● Mrs. SHAHEEN. Madam President, today I wish to to recognize Carol Mack, principal of Matthew Thornton Elementary School in Londonderry, NH. Carol's dedication to the school's faculty, the Town of Londonderry and the students and families who comprise the school community has shone throughout her 25 years of service to Matthew Thornton. While I know that her leadership will be missed by the school community, I join Carol's family and friends in recognizing her impact and achievements and celebrating her retirement.

Carol's connection to Matthew Thornton began in 1983, when her son Jack was a first grade student at the school and she served as a volunteer. Carol then accepted a position as a teaching assistant at the school, and eventually decided to return to graduate school to attain a Master's Degree in education. Upon completion of her professional degree, Carol rose quickly at Matthew Thornton, serving first as a substitute teacher, then a first grade teacher, and eventually becoming the school's assistant principal. Carol's dedication and hard work was recognized statewide when she was named Assistant Principal of the Year by the New Hampshire Association of School Principals in 2002.

In 2004, Carol moved into a new role as principal of Matthew Thornton Elementary School. Her leadership, vision and commitment to the school's betterment was recognized again in 2012 when the New Hampshire Parent Teacher Association named Carol its Administrator of the Year. But as a former public school teacher, Carol's rewards have come from the students with whom she works on a daily basis. Her vision and leadership undoubtedly inspired generations of students to make the world a better place.

I would like to thank Carol Mack for her hard work on behalf of countless residents of New Hampshire. I am sure that she will be truly missed by the families, staff, and most importantly, the students, of Matthew Thornton Elementary School. I know that her family, including her husband Andy and