

that overlooks the west front of the Capitol, down the National Mall to the Washington Monument. He often relayed the story about putting a Chicago Cubs sticker in his office before a visit from President Obama, who is known to be a Chicago White Sox fan. The office, after all, is that of the Sergeant at Arms, he would remind the U.S. Secret Service agents with a grin.

While escorting the President during the annual State of the Union address, those who know Mr. Gainer best would recognize the tug of the ear or adjusting of his tie as a sign to his grandchildren watching from home.

Mr. Gainer, who grew up in a family of 10 siblings, began his law enforcement career as a police officer in the Chicago Police Department and rose through the ranks, including many years as an experienced homicide detective. An accomplished attorney, Mr. Gainer served as chief legal officer of that department before he entered the Illinois State government as deputy inspector general and deputy director of the Illinois State Police. He served at the U.S. Department of Transportation as Special Assistant to the Secretary before being appointed as Director of the Illinois State Police.

In 1998, Mr. Gainer moved to Washington, DC, where he served as executive assistant chief of police for the Metropolitan Police Department, and 4 years later was selected to be the Chief of the U.S. Capitol Police. He then entered the private sector as a chief executive officer responsible for a multimillion dollar innovative law enforcement program supporting military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. The following year, the U.S. Senate appointed Mr. Gainer as the Senate Sergeant at Arms.

His tenure in law enforcement in DC included the horrific fatal shootings of two Capitol police officers, the September 11 attack on the Pentagon, the discovery of anthrax and ricin in Senate mailrooms, and mass evacuations triggered by aircraft straying into restricted airspace. As second-in-charge of the Washington Metropolitan Police Department, as Chief of Capitol Police, and as Sergeant at Arms, he spearheaded security during four Presidential inaugurations, including the historic swearing in of the first African-American President.

While serving as Sergeant at Arms, Mr. Gainer was appointed a Commissioner on the Independent Commission on the Security Forces of Iraq, charged with conducting an independent assessment of the Iraqi Security Forces and reporting the findings to Congress. He also served with the Special Envoy for Middle East Regional Security, which was created to advance the resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian dispute by assisting in strengthening security institutions.

Mr. Gainer served annually on the Blue Mass Committee, responsible for organizing the Blue Mass Service, which is held at St. Patrick's Catholic

Church in Washington, DC, to pray for those in law enforcement and fire safety, remember those who have fallen, and support those who serve.

Born in Chicago, Mr. Gainer, the son of a milkman and a homemaker, is a decorated veteran who served in Vietnam and retired as a captain in the United States Navy Reserve. His degrees include a bachelor's degree in sociology, a master of science in management, a juris doctor degree, and an honorary doctorate of humane letters. He is married and has six children and 14 grandchildren. Of all his accomplishments, Mr. Gainer would tell you that his family is his greatest accomplishment of all.

Congratulations on your retirement from public service and we wish you the very best in your future.

#### REMEMBERING CAROL REITAN

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, if you drive into the charming, walkable town center of Normal, IL—yes, the town of Normal—you will see the beautiful Carol A. Reitan Conference Center. Who was Carol Reitan?

Carol was the mayor of the Town of Normal from 1972 to 1976. For those of you who have been to Normal recently, you will note what a forward-thinking community it is—with a vibrant town center, a state university, an auto plant, and a high quality of life.

It is a twin city with its slightly larger neighbor, Bloomington, which is home to State Farm Insurance and Illinois Wesleyan University, among so many other things. The area around Bloomington-Normal is some of the best farmland in the country.

Carol Reitan, who was an early and effective community leader, passed away this week at the age of 83. But her legacy can be seen everywhere—in the people she helped and the community she served and helped prosper.

Carol was ahead of her time, both as the first and only female mayor of Normal and because of her foresight as a community leader. If you talk to her friends in Central Illinois, you will quickly pick up on a common set of phrases—a visionary, a mentor, and a leader ahead of her time. I knew Carol, and those descriptions are all true—and just the tip of the iceberg.

Her accomplishments and dedication to public service are vast and long-lasting—and certainly didn't end after her service as mayor. As mayor of Normal from 1972 to 1976 she first introduced a city-manager style of government. She was the cofounder and president of Collaborative Solutions, a nonprofit providing counseling and mediation services for at-risk youth and adults. She played leadership roles in establishing the Heartland Theater Company, Habitat for Humanity of McLean County, and the Community Foundation of McLean County. She helped with the development of the domestic violence shelter Neville House, and she served as director and chief executive of Mid Central Community Action.

Her work earned many awards, including the Normal Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year in 1987, the Martin Luther King Jr. Award in 1987, and a McLean County History Maker award by the McLean County Museum of History in 2014.

Carol and her husband Earl were also early visionaries when it came to the environment, starting Operation Recycle and building a solar powered home together, and she was an early supporter of the town's electric vehicle initiative. In Normal, you can use any number of public charging stations to charge your electric car. In fact, when you look at the growing network of charging stations around the country, one of the most important is in Normal. That is no accident.

In 1990, Carol was appointed to the town's 2015 Commission, which was to consider goals for the next 25 years. A further stroll around the vibrant town shows the results—a children's museum, a multimodal transportation center that includes high-speed rail from Chicago, historic movie theater, shops, restaurants, a library, and a new hotel and conference center—all adjacent to Illinois State University.

I met Carol many times over the decades and was always impressed with her many gifts that she gave back to the community. She was a leader. When she walked into a room, you could feel her leadership and presence. When I first ran for office in 1978 for Illinois Lieutenant Governor, she was making her second attempt to win an Illinois State senate seat at the same time. We both lost those races. And in 1996, when I first ran for the U.S. Senate, she was an early supporter. I will never forget her faith in my candidacy.

Some on my staff have equally warm memories of Carol while growing up in Normal. One in particular is that she made a point of working with those who defeated her in her attempts to win a seat in the Illinois State Senate. We could use a bit of that role model here in the Congress today.

Perhaps current Normal city manager Mark Peterson said it best as reported by Central Illinois radio station WJBC, noting:

She was a visionary, probably born before her time because she was thinking about things 20 and 30 years ago that are happening in Normal now. . . . She had an impact on this community—and I use that term broadly—Bloomington, Normal and McLean County. . . . Few others have had that ability and few others could rival.

Central Illinois has lost someone truly special this week. My prayers and thoughts go out to her husband Earl, daughter Julie, and son Tom.

#### REMEMBERING SHERRY ADKINS

Mr. HATCH. Madam President, I am grateful for this opportunity today to pay tribute to a truly extraordinary woman—Sherry Adkins. Sadly, Sherry passed away on May 13, 2014.

I had the wonderful opportunity of working with Sherry for 37 years. She