

Boston, who has contributed a lifetime of service to ensure that electricity in America is available reliably and at a reasonable price.

By the end of the year, Mr. Boston will retire from the role of president and chief executive officer of PJM, a position he has held since 2008. PJM is a world-class institution that oversees the largest power grid in North America and employs over 600 people in Audubon, PA. PJM performs the critical function of keeping the lights on 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for over 51 million people in all or portions of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, and the District of Columbia.

In addition to his work at PJM, Mr. Boston serves as president of the Association of Edison Illuminating Companies, Inc., and was the immediate past president of the GO 15, an association of the world's largest power grid operators. Mr. Boston was recently elected to the National Academy of Engineering, one of the highest professional honors accorded an engineer, and is a member of the board for the Electric Power Research Institute.

Prior to joining PJM, Mr. Boston was the executive vice president of the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Nation's largest public power provider. In his 35 years at TVA, Mr. Boston directed divisions in transmission and power operations, pricing, contracts, and electric system reliability.

Mr. Boston is a past chair of the North American Transmission Forum, dedicated to excellence in performance and sharing industry best practices. He also was one of the eight industry experts selected to direct the North American Reliability Corporation investigation of the August 2003 Northeast-Midwest blackout.

Terry Boston is one of the most qualified engineers and leaders in the electric industry. I wish him well in his future endeavors.

REMEMBERING WAYNE TOWNSEND

Mr. DONNELLY. Mr. President, today, I wish to recognize and honor the extraordinary service of Wayne Townsend, a lifelong Hoosier who spent 23 years in the Indiana State legislature and was the 1984 Democratic nominee for Governor.

Wayne passed away on July 3, 2015, at the age of 89. A native of Grant County, Wayne dedicated his life to Indiana and embodied the true definition of a public servant.

Throughout his legislative career, Wayne was a tireless advocate for Hoosier public schools and helped lead the effort to pass the School Reorganization Act of 1959 and its reauthorization in 1965. He also was a strong advocate for equal rights.

Throughout his political career, Wayne remained humble and caring. He served as a role model to all Hoosiers

and tirelessly fought to improve the lives of millions.

I had the privilege of meeting Wayne on several occasions. His dedication to public service inspired me to create the Wayne Townsend Legislative Program in his honor. The Townsend Program affords college students and recent graduates the opportunity to serve Indiana by working in our Washington, DC, office for a semester. Wayne has been an important mentor to me during my own legislative career, and his legacy continues to motivate me today.

Born on May 1, 1926, on his family's farm in Grant County, the youngest of six children, Wayne graduated from Jefferson Township High School and went on to study agriculture at Purdue University. He joined the Army during the Korean War and served in the Counterintelligence Corps. In 1951, Wayne started his own farming business, which he eventually grew from 225 acres to 2,500 acres. He was elected to the Indiana General Assembly in 1958 at 32 years old and elected to the Indiana Senate in 1970. During his legislative career, Wayne was a member of the house ways and means committee and the senate finance committee.

Outside of politics, Wayne was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He married Helen Hardin, his college sweetheart, in 1953, and they had five children together: Jay, Mark, Lisa, Steve, and Alan. All five of their children went to Blackford High School and graduated from Purdue University. He was also a proud grandfather to 18 grandchildren.

Wayne continued to play a prominent role in Indiana after his time in the state legislature. He was president of the Grant County Purdue Agricultural Alumni Association and a director of the Purdue Agricultural Alumni Association. Wayne also continued his involvement in education, serving as a trustee for Earlham College for 8 years and a trustee for Purdue University for 15 years. In 2007 he received the Frank O'Bannon Public Service Award, and in 2014 he received Purdue University's highest honor, the Order of the Griffin.

Wayne will be deeply missed by all Hoosiers. His integrity, tireless efforts, and strong leadership helped to make Indiana a better place, and we will always be grateful for his service. May God welcome him home and bring comfort to his family and friends.

REMEMBERING LIEUTENANT CALVIN SPANN

Mr. BOOKER. Mr. President, I wish to celebrate the remarkable life and accomplishments of a great American and New Jerseyan, Lieutenant Calvin Spann. As a boy in Rutherford, NJ, Calvin was amazed by the miracle of flight, watching as planes took off from nearby Teterboro Airport. This early passion for aviation, coupled with a determination to prove that as an African American he was as capable as

anyone to fly a plane, would eventually motivate him to take a courageous risk as a young man. Lieutenant Spann enlisted in the Army Air Forces at a time when all branches of the U.S. military were still segregated. He left home behind when he was assigned by the Army to attend Flight Training School at Tuskegee University in Alabama.

In earning his wings at Tuskegee and serving in Europe during World War II as a member of the 100th Fighter Squadron and 332nd Fighter Group, Lieutenant Spann proved not only that he could fly but that he could do it with unusual bravery and skill. Lieutenant Spann flew 26 missions during the war, including what was at the time the longest bomber escort mission in history. Lieutenant Spann received numerous awards for his military service, including—much too late—a Congressional Gold Medal in 2006. The distinction with which Lieutenant Spann and his fellow Tuskegee Airmen served paved the way for President Truman to desegregate the U.S. military in 1948.

Lieutenant Spann, unfortunately, returned home at a time in which racial discrimination still outweighed his distinguished military service. Trying to build flight hours in an effort to remain a pilot, he was denied access to planes at Teterboro, and commercial airlines would not hire him simply because of his race. With characteristic resilience, he earned a living for himself and his family as a factory supervisor, sales representative, restaurant owner, and real estate broker. Fifty years later, he was inducted into the New Jersey Aviation Hall of Fame.

Lieutenant Spann pushed against a system that held all Americans back by denying some individuals the ability to contribute their talent and passion simply because of their identity. The United States of America is a better, stronger country because of Lieutenant Spann. For having the courage to pursue his dreams in the face of tremendous obstacles and at great risk to himself, Lieutenant Spann deserves our deepest respect and gratitude. May he rest in peace.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ALLISON TRANSMISSION

Mr. DONNELLY. Mr. President, today I recognize the 100th anniversary of Allison Transmission, a company that traces its history back to the founding of the Indianapolis Speedway Team Co. in 1915. As a co-founder of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and part owner of several racing teams, James A. Allison established a machine shop on Main Street in Speedway, IN. Allison's initial focus was racing. However, in 1917 when the United States entered World War I, Allison shifted focus to produce parts and tooling for Liberty engines used by many Allied airplanes in the war.

After a brief return to racing at the war's end in late 1918 and a win at the