

1919 Indianapolis 500, Allison continued to focus on engineering aircraft and marine products. When James Allison died in 1928, General Motors bought the company. Shortly before the start of World War II, aircraft engines became the Allison Division's focus. Later, as part of GM, Allison Transmission developed the first cross-drive hydraulic unit for the M-41 Patton tank. Since then the company has made transmissions for most of the U.S. military's armored and tactical wheeled vehicles.

Further development of transmissions for buses, automatics for trucks and buses, hydraulically controlled trucks and buses, and transmissions with electronic controls were developed by Allison from the 1950s through the 1990s. GM sold Allison Transmission in 2007 to a pair of private equity firms, and in March 2012, Allison Transmission Holdings Inc. became a public company with its shares trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

Today, Allison Transmission, a company founded on the values of innovation and Hoosier hard work, continues to deliver quality products and reliable services with a current focus on fuel economy. Headquartered in Indianapolis, Allison Transmission is the world's largest manufacturer of fully automatic commercial-duty transmissions and a leader in hybrid-propulsion systems. Today, vehicles powered by an Allison fully automatic transmission can be found on every continent doing everything from transporting school children, fighting fires, and unlocking oil beneath the earth's surface. Allison Transmission currently has approximately 2,700 employees and a presence in more than 80 countries, including manufacturing facilities in the United States, Hungary, and India.

On behalf of the citizens of Indiana, I would like to congratulate Allison Transmission on 100 years of success. As a multinational company that grew out of a humble machine shop in Speedway, IN, Allison Transmission has served as an economic and community anchor for the greater Indianapolis area and beyond.

On this special occasion, we congratulate Allison Transmission on 100 years of excellence in innovation and service, and honor the generations of Hoosiers who have devoted their careers to manufacturing excellence under the Allison Transmission brand. We are proud that Allison Transmission calls Indiana home, and we wish them continued success for many years to come.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH CASEY

• Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, today I wish to congratulate Mr. Joseph M. Casey for his years of renowned service to the Southeastern Pennsylvania

Transit Authority, SEPTA, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. On September 30, 2015, Mr. Casey will retire as general manager of SEPTA.

Mr. Casey has worked in the transportation sector for over 30 years. His efforts have helped propel SEPTA, the sixth largest transit system in the Nation, to new heights in an era of great change and innovation within the transportation industry. Joe has been at the forefront of this innovation, leading the charge to transform SEPTA from a dependable transportation service to a nationwide leader and trailblazer in public transportation.

During his tenure as general manager of SEPTA, Mr. Casey demonstrated a steadfast dedication to customer service, infrastructural innovation, and business integrity.

Mr. Casey is committed to the principle of putting the customer first. He established SEPTA's first customer service division, which worked endlessly to ensure customer service was the cornerstone of SEPTA and its employees. Mr. Casey's "Four Cs" of customer service—cleanliness, convenience, courtesy, and communication—quickly became doctrine engrained in the daily operations of the authority. Mr. Casey's unwavering dedication to customer service helped propel SEPTA to record ridership numbers and mold SEPTA into the authority it is today.

Mr. Casey not only helped SEPTA become a more advanced and innovative authority, he worked tirelessly to improve the entire transportation infrastructure of Southeastern Pennsylvania. He supervised the attainment of 120 new Silverliner V rail cars and 700 hybrid buses, which were major improvements to SEPTA's operation. Mr. Casey also testified before the U.S. and Pennsylvania House and Senate committees regarding infrastructure and the need for investment. His testimonies helped lead to the passage of Act 89 in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, which provides necessary funding for critical infrastructural advancements for both rail and highway projects.

Mr. Casey's reputation of integrity and character is reflected in his commitment to economic, environmental, and social sustainability. His dedication to sustainability resulted in SEPTA earning awards such as the 2012 American Public Transportation Association Outstanding Public Transportation System and the Gold Sustainability Recognition. These awards highlight the bright and successful tenure of Mr. Joe Casey as general manager of SEPTA.

After his retirement, Mr. Casey will apply his transportation expertise as chair of the transportation committee tasked with planning and coordinating transportation logistics for the 2016 Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia.

I want to once more congratulate Joe Casey on his career as an innovative

and honorable leader of SEPTA. His efforts and accomplishments have helped Pennsylvania grow and prosper. I wish him the best of luck and a happy and healthy retirement.●

##### TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL WALTER ZINK

• Mrs. FISCHER. Mr. President, I rise to recognize one of my Nebraska constituents, MG Walter Zink. For the last 45 years of Major General Zink's professional career, he has served our country, its military, and the great State of Nebraska. His work has spanned many areas of public service, and I wish to recognize Major General Zink and his family as he moves on to the next stage of retirement.

As a young man from Sterling, NE, Major General Zink felt the call to public service early. He enlisted in the Nebraska Army National Guard in 1970 after completing his undergraduate course work at Nebraska Wesleyan University. Major General Zink received his commission as an infantry officer through the Nebraska Military Academy in June of 1972. He spent 4 years drilling as a young officer in the 134th Infantry Battalion while he completed his law degree at the University of Nebraska College of Law. Major General Zink went on to serve as a staff judge advocate at the brigade and State headquarters level before being selected as the Nebraska assistant adjutant general for the Army. Major General Zink retired in 2008 after becoming commander of the U.S. Army North's Operational Command Post One.

Working in the legal community as an attorney, Major General Zink specialized in worker's compensation practices and tort law, while also donning the uniform on weekends to assist soldiers and the Nebraska National Guard with legal issues.

After he left the service, Zink continued to work for the State of Nebraska. Serving as State chair of the Nebraska Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve for over 5 years, Major General Zink has been an advocate for Nebraska servicemembers and their employers. His leadership helped to strengthen employer knowledge regarding the value of military experience in the workplace. Under Zink's watch, 11 Nebraska employers finished in the top 30 finalists for the Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award. The Burt County Sheriff's Office and Electrical Contractors, Inc., also took home the Defense Department's highest honor for employers in support of National Guard and Reserve employees.

In 2009, Major General Zink ran for office and won a position with the Airport Authority. Throughout his 6-year term, he worked to strengthen economic prosperity for the community of Lincoln. Additionally, Major General Zink served the governor of Nebraska and the State's National Guard by