

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING JAMES BARRETT
MCNULTY

• Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to James Barrett McNulty, former mayor of my hometown Scranton, PA. Former Mayor McNulty was a dedicated public servant who made a lasting impact on Scranton and all of Pennsylvania.

Born on February 27, 1945, in the High Works section of Scranton, Jim attended South Scranton and South Catholic High School. In 1966, he graduated from the University of Scranton as student body president with a bachelor of arts in political science. A member of the Young Democrats for John F. Kennedy, Jim McNulty answered President Kennedy's call to young people to serve their community and their country.

The extraordinary love that Mayor McNulty had for public service and for the people of Scranton was felt by all who had the good fortune of being in his presence. As a committed public servant, Jim McNulty joined the staff of Congressman Dan Flood and then transitioned to work on the mayoral race in Scranton in 1969. By 1974, Jim was deputy mayor. He quickly rose through the ranks as director of the Department of Public Works, chairman of the Scranton Redevelopment Authority, chairman of the Scranton Recreation Authority, City of Scranton Urban Affairs coordinator and member of the City of Scranton Government Study Commission. In 1981, he was elected to serve as the 26th mayor of Scranton.

John F. Kennedy once said: "For I can assure you that we love our country, not for what it was, though it has always been great—not for what it is, though of this we are deeply proud—but for what it someday can, and, through the efforts of us all, someday will be." Jim McNulty was a visionary mayor who saw the greatness in the city of Scranton and its people. He fought tirelessly to make life better for residents with his instrumental actions in making the Steamtown Historic Site and the Hilton at Lackawanna Station a reality.

His joyful presence around Scranton left an indelible mark long after his mayoralty ended. Mayor McNulty's voice would paint a picture of the city of Scranton through his public affairs program "Sunday Live" with Jim McNulty and WARM radio talk show "the Mayor of WARMland."

May his memory live on through the love of his wife, Evie; the McNulty family; his many friends; and the ongoing efforts to enhance the Scranton community. We honor him for his love for all the people of northeastern Pennsylvania and his commitment to service.●

TRIBUTE TO OFFICER MICHAEL
STONEKING

• Mrs. ERNST. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Eastern Iowa Airport Transportation Security Officer Michael Stoneking for recent actions he took to aid a choking passenger.

Officer Michael Stoneking, while on duty at Eastern Iowa Airport in Cedar Rapids, IA, was on his way to take his break when he was alerted by another airport employee that a passenger was in distress. Officer Stoneking was directed to a female passenger who had her hands at her throat indicating that she was choking. Officer Stoneking performed the Heimlich maneuver and was able to successfully remove the obstruction from the passenger's throat, allowing her to breathe clearly. The passenger's family and the passenger, once able to speak, thanked Officer Stoneking and credited him with saving her life. Official Transportation Security Administration reports from the scene praise Officer Stoneking for his command presence and calm professionalism, stating that his ability to think clearly and react saved a life.

At a time when transportation security is on everyone's mind, it is comforting to know that we have such capable security officers in our airports. Those who go above and beyond the call of duty, as Officer Stoneking did, are to be commended and serve as an example of what dedicated law enforcement officers can accomplish.

I am very proud today to share Officer Stoneking's story with our colleagues and would ask that they join me in commending Officer Stoneking for his actions that saved a passenger's life.

Thank you.●

CONGRATULATING AIRBUS
EMPLOYEES IN MOBILE, ALABAMA

• Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, today I commend Airbus and its employees at the Mobile Aeroplex facility on the completion of their first aircraft, the Airbus A321. This great achievement was years in the making, and I am delighted that Mobile is home to the first A321 built in the United States.

Aviation manufacturing is extremely valuable to the State of Alabama's economy. Airbus plays a significant role in this sector, which brings welcomed job creation and economic growth to south Alabama and across the State. Airbus's presence in Alabama also underscores the fact that our great State is open for business, leading the Nation in both cutting-edge technology and workforce.

It is my great honor to congratulate Airbus and all of those who played a role in the making of this momentous occasion. I look forward to many more accomplishments by Airbus's Mobile facility and additional aircraft that will be proudly made in Alabama.●

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVER-
SITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA WOM-
EN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I congratulate the University of South Dakota, USD, Coyotes women's basketball team as they celebrate winning the 2016 Women's National Invitation Tournament, WNIT.

The Coyotes won their first WNIT championship by outscoring the Florida Gulf Coast Eagles 71-65. The win was especially poignant as the WNIT championship game was the last women's basketball game to be held in USD's iconic DakotaDome. Starting next season, USD basketball games will be held in a brand-new facility, and the record turnout for the championship game was a fitting way to end the DakotaDome's 37-year history.

The Coyotes were led by head coach, Amy Williams, who received her second consecutive Coach of the Year honor from the Summit League earlier in the season. Seniors Tia Hemiller and Nicole Seekamp were named to the WNIT All-Tournament team, with Seekamp also being recognized as the Most Valuable Player of the Postseason WNIT. Seekamp is also the 2016 Summit League Women's Basketball Player of the Year.

Once again, congratulations to the entire USD Coyotes women's basketball team on this impressive accomplishment. I commend the players and coaching staff for all of their hard work this season and wish them the best of luck in their future.●

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
OREGON AIR NATIONAL GUARD

• Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, today I am proud to join Oregonians all across our State in marking the 75th anniversary of the Oregon Air National Guard. For three-quarters of a century, thousands of Oregon's sons and daughters have joined the Air National Guard, dedicating themselves to defense of the Constitution of the United States and service to their fellow Americans and Oregonians. Today I want to take a moment, here on the Senate floor to thank them for their service and for their sacrifices on our behalf.

The Oregon Air National Guard traces its beginnings back to April 1941, when a small group of 110 airmen boldly stepped forward and volunteered for duty in the months before the U.S. entered the Second World War. Initially activated as the Oregon National Guard Air Corps 123rd Observation Squadron, their first mission was to conduct maritime surveillance of the continental United States following the attack on Pearl Harbor. In 1947, following the allied victory in World War II, Congress officially established the U.S. Air Force as a separate military service, apart from the U.S. Army, and designated the Air National Guard as a reserve component.

In the decades since, the Oregon Air National Guard has played a vital national defense role in the Korean war,