

Dora served as a stenographer with the Deputy Chief of Staff for Military Operations. She then transferred to the litigation division, where she worked for the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General. Dora was responsible for gathering Army witnesses from all over the world to testify in Federal court and kept records of collateral Army aircraft accidents in Vietnam. In 1972, she began working for the U.S. Army Court of Military Review in Falls Church, VA.

Dora briefly left Federal service to work at Williams, Connall & Califano in Washington, DC, and at Robinson, Robinson & Cole in Hartford, CT.

In the grand tradition of transplant Texans, Dora returned to the Lone Star State in 1978, where she has spent the remainder of her Federal service. In San Antonio, Dora worked at the U.S. Attorney's office until 1980, when she began working for the Honorable William S. Sessions, who was Chief Judge of the Western District of Texas. Dora served a vital role in his office until he was appointed as Director of the FBI in 1987. She then served as a secretary to an attorney and three Customs agents with the Narcotic and Dangerous Drug Section of the Department of Justice, DOJ, Criminal Division.

In July 1988, Ms. Samudio began her nearly 30 years of work as a judicial assistant to the Honorable John W. Primomo, U.S. magistrate judge. Judge Primomo holds Dora with highest regards and had the following to say about her:

I have known Dora for more than 30 years since she was the Judicial Assistant for Chief Judge William S. Sessions of the Western District of Texas. After his appointment as Director of the F.B.I. and my appointment as United States Magistrate Judge in 1988, it was my fortune that Dora applied to be my judicial assistant. I was surprised that she would be willing to 'humble' herself to work for a magistrate judge after serving the chief judge of the district. She is exceptional in all respects. I have always told Dora she is over-qualified to be my judicial assistant, yet she has stayed. She is totally dedicated and extremely loyal. We have shared many of our personal ups and downs over the years. A part of me will be missing when Dora retires at the end of the month. It has been a privilege and an honor to work with her for the past 28 years.

Throughout her career, she has served with integrity and character. Her legacy will continue to benefit those who know her, and I join with her family, friends, and coworkers in telling that her experience and dedication will be missed.

I offer my thanks and appreciation to Dora Samudio for 50 years of steadfast service to our Nation and send my best wishes for the years ahead.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING BALDOR ELECTRIC COMPANY

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the Baldor Electric

Company of Fort Smith, AR, for officially completing 15 million accident-free work hours.

Baldor moved its production of industrial electric motors to Fort Smith in 1956 and, in 1961, relocated its corporate headquarters there as well. The company has employed thousands of Arkansans for nearly 60 years.

This company produces products that are part of every industry in America. Its equipment powers everything from drills on oil rigs and conveyor belts in mining operations, to air conditioning systems in hospitals and thrusters on Navy and Coast Guard ships.

The Arkansas Department of Labor, the Arkansas Insurance Department, and the Arkansas Workers' Compensation Commission recently presented Baldor Electric Company with a "Fifteen Million Man Hour Award" for its extraordinary commitment to workplace safety, making it the first company in Arkansas to receive this designation. This means that between August of 2010 and May of 2016, Baldor successfully prevented a work-related illness or injury for 1,250 employees.

This brings me tremendous pleasure as I understand full well that the importance of workplace safety cannot be overstated. Families across the State of Arkansas, as well as the country, depend on and expect the safe return of their loved ones each day—and with 15 million accident-free hours, Baldor Electric Company has truly set the standard in ensuring just that. Much of Baldor's success has stemmed from its use of a safety program that utilizes a safety committee that includes both employees and managers.

I offer my gratitude to Baldor Electric Company for ensuring the safety of its employees for over 15 million hours of work. I congratulate the company for breaking Arkansas' safety record. I look forward to hearing about the company's future success.●

TRIBUTE TO GRACIE SCHRAM

• Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, I wish to recognize an inspirational artist, entrepreneur, and philanthropist from my State, Gracie Schram, who has been awarded the 2016 Nation Federation of Independent Business Owners Young Entrepreneur Award.

Miss Schram, of Leawood, KS, is the founder and owner of Gracie Schram Music, an entertainment company that provides live performance, speaking engagements, original music, recordings, and merchandise.

At the young age of 10, she was introduced to the reality of underprivileged children in Haiti and Africa. Inspired to do good, she was determined to improve the living conditions of so many she hadn't even met.

She went on to write and produce several albums, the proceeds of which led to the building of two fish ponds in Africa and an orphanage in Haiti. This is an extraordinary accomplishment. When asked why she has chosen to help

those in need, her response was, "I was just a kid who wasn't willing to wait for somebody else to change the world."

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Miss Schram on her outstanding achievements. We wish her nothing but the best for her future entrepreneurial and educational endeavors.●

PEASE GREETERS' 1,000TH FLIGHT

• Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, as we approach the Fourth of July, I want to salute the Pease Greeters for their very special brand of patriotism—a patriotism of deeds, not words. Since 2005, they have gathered at Pease International Airport in Portsmouth, NH, to give a warm send-off or welcome home to servicemembers in transit to or from conflict zones in the Middle East and elsewhere. This past Sunday, the Greeters reached a remarkable milestone by gathering at Pease to meet their 1,000th flight. The welcoming ceremony concluded with words that have become the group's signature greeting: "We the old warriors salute you the young warriors."

For tens of thousands of uniformed servicemembers, many of them en route to or from combat zones in Iraq or Afghanistan, Pease airport is the last place they set foot on U.S. soil when they depart and the first place they set foot when they return. Prior to 2005, troops encountered a mostly empty and unwelcoming airport terminal. That year, airport officials contacted Charles Cove, a Vietnam war veteran and asked if he would gather a group of Granite Staters to greet a unit of 135 servicemembers heading to combat duty in Iraq. Mr. Cove gathered some fellow veterans and others, and they met the Iraq-bound soldiers with coffee, doughnuts, and warm words of support and appreciation.

Following that impromptu event, Mr. Cove and co-founder Edmund Johnson, a decorated Marine veteran of the Korean war, joined with fellow veterans and other Seacoast residents to form the Pease Greeters. Many in the group are old enough to remember that servicemembers returning from the Vietnam war were greeted with indifference or even hostility. Mr. Cove, who earned two Purple Hearts in Vietnam, said he made a promise to himself and his country that he would not allow this to happen to future servicemembers and veterans.

Since 2005, the Pease Greeters have not missed a single flight, ensuring that every departing and returning servicemember is given a hero's greeting and warm words of appreciation. Several thousand volunteers, ranging in age from retired veterans to young children, have joined in this mission. They have transformed the airport terminal at Pease into a "Heroes' Walk," with framed group photos of all the military units that have passed through the airport since 2005.