

Margaret was born in Rockford, IL, but later moved to Arlington Heights, and during her time there, she was an active member of St. James Catholic Church. Through the church's outreach, she witnessed the area's migrant farmworkers' housing plight and became a member of the inaugural Village Housing Commission in 1979. She continued in that post through 2006. Locally, she was known as the "housing leader of Arlington Heights," and she spent much of her time volunteering with Public Action to Deliver Shelter, PADS, in Illinois, a provider of shelter and support services for the homeless.

In 1978, Margaret joined the staff of U.S. Senator Charles Percy, and in 1980, she began working for newly elected Congressman John Porter. She retired from Congressman Porter's office in 1996 as the supervisor of constituent services. I first met Margaret while we were both working for Congressman Porter. She taught all who worked with her the important commitment to constituent services and lived by the premise that the constituent was always right unless proven wrong. Congressman Porter was known during his time in office for his excellent constituent service; much of this is due to the hard work and dedication of Margaret, as well as the training she provided to the staffers who worked with her. She was a dedicated public servant, and no one epitomized being a congressional staffer in the way Margaret Schlickman did.

Margaret continued to be active in the community after she retired from Congressman Porter's office, including in politics. When I decided to run for Congress, Margaret helped my campaign from the start, being an early supporter of my first congressional race. I remember fondly meeting in her kitchen in Arlington Heights at the start of my 2000 campaign, and she remained a true ally and friend throughout my time in office.

Margaret Schlickman will be missed by her family, her community, and by me. Her legacy of service to others is one which we all should strive to meet.

REMEMBERING RON MILLER

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the life of Ron Miller for his dedication to our country and his fierce advocacy on behalf of the veteran community.

Mr. Miller was born January 20, 1938, in West Ridge, AR. He graduated from Mississippi County High School in 1955. He was enrolled in ROTC at Arkansas State College and continued in the program after fulfilling a 2-year requirement. He was one of 11 cadets at the school chosen to get their private flying license through an Army training program. After graduating in 1959, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

He used the skills he learned at the Jonesboro Airport as the foundation

for becoming an accomplished military pilot during his three tours in Vietnam flying a Huey helicopter gunship.

Ron's helicopter was under constant hostile fire. He described his responsibility to the Jonesboro Sun as supporting "the insurgence of troops, taking them out if they got injured in a battle with the enemy on the ground. It was what I trained to do, and we did it to the best part of our ability because it meant the survival of our troops on the ground. That's why we did it."

Among his military decorations are two Distinguished Flying Crosses and two Bronze Stars.

After retiring from the military in 1980, Mr. Miller lived in Atlanta, GA. He became inspired to find a way for him and fellow Vietnam veterans to attend the dedication of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC. Ron accomplished this by leasing a plane from Delta Airlines and flying nearly 300 Vietnam veterans to Washington to attend the dedication ceremony.

His leadership gained the attention of President Ronald Reagan who appointed him executive director of the Georgia Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program, GVVLP, a State program that helped more than 3,000 veterans find full-time employment. Under Ron's leadership, the organization received numerous accolades and was recognized by President George H.W. Bush, who presented Ron and the GVVLP with his prestigious Thousand Points of Light award for their service to veterans and their families.

Ron brought the Vietnam war to the silver screen as the associate producer of "Beyond Courage—Surviving Vietnam as POW," served as master of ceremonies for the world premiere of the Golden Globe winning HBO movie, "Path to War," and wrote a book about his service "Vietnam Special Flight, Inc."

Mr. Miller served as the national veteran adviser for the National League of POW-MIA Families of Southwest Asia. He also had the opportunity to visit the recovery headquarters in Hawaii and Vietnam.

He returned to northeast Arkansas in 2004 and continued his commitment to veterans. He established a scholarship for Arkansas State University cadets and volunteered at the Beck PRIDE Center, among other services to our veterans. He was inducted into the Arkansas Military Veterans' Hall of Fame in 2012. He spent his life showing the remarkable difference that one man can make.

After a lifetime dedication to his country and his fellow veterans, Ron passed away on June 28, 2016, in Jonesboro, AR.

Ron was a true American hero, not only for his heroic military service, but for the way he lived his life. He was a great example for myself and countless others. I offer my prayers and sincere condolences to his loved ones on their loss.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO ASHLEY CLARK

• Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Ashley Clark for her hard work as an intern in my Cheyenne office. I recognize her efforts and contributions to my office, as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Ashley is a native of Gillette, and a graduate of Campbell County High School. She is a senior at the University of Wyoming, where she is studying kinesiology and health promotion. She has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made her an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of her work is reflected in her great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Ashley for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It was a pleasure to have her as part of our team. I know she will have continued success with all of her future endeavors. I wish her all my best on her next journey. •

TRIBUTE TO JOSH DILLINGER

• Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Josh Dillinger for his hard work as an intern in the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office, as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Josh is a native of Buffalo and a graduate of Buffalo High School. He currently attends the Colorado Mesa University, where he studies K-12 art education. He has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Josh for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all of his future endeavors. I wish him all my best on his journey. •

TRIBUTE TO NICK DILLINGER

• Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Nick Dillinger for his hard work as an intern in my Washington, DC, office. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office, as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Nick is a native of Gillette and a graduate of Campbell County High School. He recently graduated from UC Berkeley, where he studied the globalization of energy. He will be attending law school this fall. He has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.