

the call of duty to defend our country and its interests.

As we pay tribute to POW/MIA families and veterans, we cannot lose sight of the ongoing price they bear for our freedoms and security.

WELCOMING THE MONGOLIAN DELEGATION TO PHILADELPHIA

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I wish to welcome the visit of Mongolian President Tsakhiagiin Elbegdorj to Philadelphia on September 23, 2016. This is a truly historic occasion. President Elbegdorj's visit marks the beginning of an important chapter in the relationship between our two countries and between the people of Pennsylvania and the people of Mongolia. Despite the geographic distance between our countries, we have in common the pursuit of a healthy democratic system of governance and of stability and economic prosperity in the region.

I have no doubt that, during his visit, President Elbegdorj will be impressed with the city of Philadelphia, the musical talent of the Philadelphia Orchestra, and the scholarship at the University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia is a truly global city, and the people of Philadelphia are excellent cultural ambassadors. I am pleased to share with my colleagues that, in 2017, the Philadelphia Orchestra plans to embark on its tour of Asia, which will include an unprecedented visit to Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

I want to convey my gratitude and appreciation for the Philadelphia Orchestra, the University of Pennsylvania, and the Philadelphians who are making this important visit possible. I want to express my best wishes to President Elbegdorj, Foreign Minister Tsend Munkh-Orgil, Ambassador Bulgaa Altangerel, and the rest of the delegation for a successful and productive visit to Philadelphia.

REMEMBERING JOE HOSTEEN KELLWOOD

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, today I wish to join the entire State of Arizona in mourning the passage of Joe Hosteen Kellwood this week. Joe, a decorated war hero, father, and grandfather, was a loyal servant and patriot of this country. It is with great respect that I commemorate the passing of this honorable man, who volunteered his life during one of the most trying times for our Nation.

Joe will be remembered as one of the legendary Navajo Code Talkers of World War II, who developed the only Allied code that the enemy was never able to decipher. Using their unique language skills, about 430 Native Americans turned the tide of battle against the Japanese, which military experts estimate shortened the war in the Pacific. Their bravery, resourcefulness, and tenacity in the line of duty remains a testament to their remarkable service.

During World War II, Joe was inspired by the brave acts of servicemen during the Battle of Guadalcanal. He then enlisted in 1942, telling his sister, "I'm going to war" to defend his nation. Shortly thereafter, he was selected for the Navajo Talkers' School at Camp Elliot in San Diego where he studied on his own at night and arduously memorized those codes. On his transport ship to Australia, where he would join the 1st Marine Regiment, Joe conducted a Navajo ritual for safe return. Although such rituals were not allowed under military rules, he secretly used a piece of gum mixed with corn pollen he had brought from home and spat the mixture into the ocean as he prayed to the Holy People. His faith gave him the confidence he needed.

Joe received numerous awards and honors including the Congressional Silver Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Combat Action Ribbon, Naval Unit Commendation, Good Conduct, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, and WWII Victory Medal for his heroic service.

After returning to the Navajo reservation, Joe returned to his trade as carpenter and lived for over 60 years in his same Sunnyslope home with his loving wife, Andrena, where they watched his 5 sons, 15 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren grow. He served as an inspiration for his fellow Navajo as a speaker at numerous events and sang the "Marine Corps Hymn" in his native language. Joe was a proud member of Veterans of Foreign Wars post 9400 and American Legion post 75 for many years.

We owe a debt of gratitude to the sacrifices of selfless patriots like Joe whose remarkable courage and patriotism will be long remembered by his country.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING GRIFFIN DALIANIS

• Ms. AYOTTE. Mr. President, today I recognize the extraordinary life of a dear friend and champion of veterans' rights, Griffin "Griff" Dalianis.

Griff served with the 1st Special Operations Group of the Strategic Air Command in the U.S. Air Force from 1961 to 1965. His service here may have influenced his work later in life—Griff was well known and loved in his community for his tireless work on behalf of his fellow veterans. After his service, Griff Dalianis earned his bachelor's degree in history and psychology from Suffolk University in Boston, followed by a master's degree of education. He then earned a certificate in advanced graduate study in counseling from Northeastern University in 1975 and earned his doctorate of philosophy from California Western University in 1982.

The next several years of Griff's life show a man who was deeply dedicated to serving others. In addition to found-

ing Southern New Hampshire Family Counseling Associates in 1975 and serving as an instructor of psychology at Rivier College in Nashua, Griff became an active and respected member of the Nashua community. He was affiliated with numerous Nashua groups, including the Nashua Rotary Club, the Nashua Youth Council, Nashua Planning Board, and Nashua Chamber of Commerce.

Griff Dalianis's advocacy on behalf of his fellow veterans was unparalleled. In addition to serving as chairman of the State Veterans Advisory Committee, chairman of the U.S. Veterans Administration Committee on Rehabilitation, civilian aide to the Secretary of the Army, and receiving a Distinguished Service Medal, Griff worked with Harbor Homes, an organization in New Hampshire that provides transitional housing for homeless veterans. An apartment house Griff worked to establish with Harbor Homes was named after him. As a result of his efforts, approximately 40 veterans at risk of homelessness now have homes. Griff even had a weekly column in the Nashua Telegraph called "Ask the Commander."

Griff leaves behind his wife, New Hampshire Supreme Court Chief Justice Linda Stewart Dalianis, daughters Deborah A. Bischoff and Cynthia E. Godfrey, sons Matthew Dalianis and Benjamin Dalianis, grandchildren Allison Bischoff and Mariah Willis, and many other family members and loved ones. We are all deeply saddened by the loss of such an influential and exemplary member of Nashua's community and dear friend to so many.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Chief Justice Linda Dalianis and her family during this difficult time. Griff's legacy of service and advocacy will live on in Nashua and across New Hampshire, and we are forever grateful that he called our great State home.●

REMEMBERING LIEUTENANT COLONEL EDWARD H. JOSEPHSON

• Ms. AYOTTE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the exceptional service and the extraordinary life of a dear friend and champion for veterans, Lt. Col. Edward "Ed" H. Josephson, U.S. Air Force retired.

Born in Syracuse, NY, on February 21, 1938, to Edward Josephson and Kathleen Beatrice, the family soon returned to Concord, NH, where Ed grew up. At an early age, he enjoyed hunting and fishing, his paper route, and visiting the New Hampshire Historical Building. Joining the New Hampshire Civil Air Patrol, Ed quickly encourage his love for flying, and during his senior year at Concord High School, he learned of the new U.S. Air Force Academy, which would be accepting candidates for its first graduating class.

Ed wrote a letter to Congressman Perkins Bass and, soon after, received a letter stating he had been nominated