

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

for the U.S. Air Force Academy. Not long after that, he received a telegram from the Air Force Academy saying he had been accepted. In a long and distinguished career flying transport planes for the U.S. Air Force, Ed visited all 50 States, many countries, and all 7 continents.

After his retirement from the U.S. Air Force, Ed joined AVCO, which became Textron Systems Division. Assuming many roles with many jobs and titles for Textron, he worked his way up to become vice president and ombudsman, a title and job he thoroughly enjoyed.

Ed Josephson has been a strong and effective advocate for many New Hampshire veteran organizations, having served with great distinction as the chair of the legislative committee for the New Hampshire State Veterans Advisory Committee, and with the board of directors for the Military Officers Association of New Hampshire. Ed was proud of his work in the U.S. Air Force Academy Association, which was an important part of his life. He believed the values expressed in the Honor Code were the most important, and he lived his life by those values every day.

Lt. Col. Ed Josephson passed away on September 4 with his family at his side. He joins his daughter Karen Baker, who predeceased him on December 22, 2014, and leaves behind his wife, Judy Josephson, of 53 years, son Edward Andrew "Andy" Josephson from Charleston, SC, and granddaughter Monica Louise Josephson of Bayreuth, Germany, now living in Bucksport, ME, his brother Michael A. Josephson from Webster, NH, and many others. Our thoughts and prayers are with Judy and the family, but we are confident that they will be comforted in knowing that Ed's legacy of service and advocacy will live on across New Hampshire. We will be forever grateful that he called our great State home.●

TRIBUTE TO KRISTIN ARMSTRONG

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, my colleague Senator JIM RISCH joins me today in congratulating fellow Idahoan Kristin Armstrong on winning the gold medal in cycling at the XXXI Olympic Summer Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Kristin Armstrong, of Boise, ID, represented our State and Nation with distinction, winning an unprecedented third straight gold medal in the Olympic cycling individual time trial. This gold is another achievement in her remarkable cycling career. She also took home the gold in the 2012 Olympics in London and the 2008 Olympics in Beijing after competing in the 2004 Olympics in Athens. In addition to her Olympic and many other successes, Kristin has earned two gold, a silver, and a bronze medals in world championship competitions.

Kristin inspires countless others to push beyond the limits of what is thought possible. We join with her hus-

band, Joe; son, Lucas; their many friends and loved ones; and fellow Idahoans and Americans in celebrating the hard work and dedication that paid off in Rio. Congratulations, Kristin, on bringing home the gold yet again. We wish you continued success in all of your future challenges.●

TRIBUTE TO DON BERNARD

● Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to congratulate Clark County School District special education teacher Don Bernard on receiving the Heart of Education Award. This award is truly prestigious and attained by only the most influential educators throughout our State.

The Heart of Education Award recognizes educators who have gone above and beyond for their students. The Smith Center for the Performing Arts honored 800 finalists for their exceptional service to our Nation's youth. Of those 800 finalists, 21 educators received special recognition and an outstanding commemorative Heart of Education Award for their dedication. Specifically, Mr. Bernard was recognized for his outstanding work with special education students.

Mr. Bernard began his career as an attorney, working to assist juveniles who struggled within the justice system. In 1997, he moved to Las Vegas and continued his endeavors to aid vulnerable youth as a special needs teacher. For over a decade, Mr. Bernard has been a dedicated Clark County School District educator, and he continues to better the lives of special needs children in and out of the classroom. Southern Nevada is fortunate to have someone of such dedication working on behalf of Nevada's students.

As a father of four children who attended Nevada's public schools and as the husband of a teacher, I understand the important role that educators play in enriching the lives of Nevada's youth. Mr. Bernard has worked tirelessly to help prepare students across southern Nevada to succeed in their academic endeavors, and I am grateful to have him serving as an ally to future generations of Nevadans.

I ask my colleagues and all Nevadans to join me in thanking Mr. Bernard for his dedication to enriching the lives of Nevada's students and congratulating him on receiving this award. I wish him well as he continues creating success for all students who enter the Clark County School District.●

TRIBUTE TO PATRICK AND LAURA MUNSON

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Patrick and Laura Munson of Sioux Falls, SD, as my nominees for the 2016 Angels in Adoption Award. Since 1999, the Angels in Adoption Program, through the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute, has honored over 2,000 individuals, couples, and organizations na-

tionwide for their work in providing children with loving, stable homes.

Patrick and Laura's adoption story began when Patrick was finishing up his medical residency in Arkansas. Patrick and Laura, along with their three children, Jadon, Will, and David, decided to foster Micah, a boy born premature and coping with special needs.

After hearing the statistics on children in foster homes, Patrick and Laura did not give a second thought; they knew that fostering Micah would give him the best chance to succeed. Soon after, the Munsons adopted Micah.

While the Munson family will tell you that raising a child who has spent time in foster care can sometimes present its challenges, they fully and wholeheartedly embrace their life with Micah.

Each year, awardees from all 50 States, plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, are invited to come together in Washington, DC, to participate in events that celebrate their heroic actions and enable them to use their personal experience to effect change on a national level.

It is important that we recognize families like the Munsons who fulfill the roles of foster and adoptive parents. They open their hearts and homes to children in need of loving families. These families have bestowed a gift onto others in an immeasurable way, and the impact of their love is profound. It brings me great pride to honor Patrick and Laura as my nominees for the 2016 Angels in Adoption Award.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2357. An act to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise Form S-3 so as to add listing and registration of a class of common equity securities on a national securities exchange as an additional basis for satisfying the requirements of General Instruction I.B.1. of such form and to remove such listing and registration as a requirement of General Instruction I.B.6. of such form.