

and I sincerely thank him and his family for everything they have done for the people of Vermont.

Bob Jenkins joined the Vergennes Fire Department in 1962, following in the footsteps of his father, George Jenkins. After serving for 5 years in Vergennes, Bob helped establish the New Haven Volunteer Fire Department in 1967, which became part of the Addison County Firefighters Association Mutual Aid system the following year. For five decades, Bob continued to work with the New Haven Fire Department with training and guidance, whenever needed. On May 6, 2017, at the department's 50th anniversary, Bob was presented with an honorary membership. This follows the honorary membership he received from the Vergennes Fire Department in 1982.

Bob joined the Ferrisburgh Volunteer Fire Department in 1968, where he was soon promoted to the rank of captain. In 1970, recognizing his dedication and leadership, the department elected him chief, a position he held for 19 years. Bob remained very active after stepping down as chief, spending countless hours working with successive chiefs, passing on knowledge and expertise to help maintain a professional and highly trained department with well-maintained equipment. His service was deservedly recognized this past summer, when the Ferrisburgh Fire Department took delivery of a brand-new frontline engine and dedicated it in honor of Chief Jenkins.

Bob has been a mentor to many other chiefs and firefighters throughout Addison County, as well as the State of Vermont. He served on numerous committees of the Addison County Firefighters Association, including Sergeant at Arms at the annual business meeting and awards banquet. He was presented with life membership to the association in 1993. He also served for many years as an instructor for the annual Addison County Regional Fire School, which draws firefighters from around Vermont, New York, and Canada. In 1994, the 24th Annual Regional Fire School was dedicated to Bob for his commitment to the training program.

Bob also served as an instructor for the Vermont State Firefighters' Association and is a charter member of the Vermont Fire Academy training center in Pittsford. He is passionate about teaching young firefighters all aspects of the fire service, from today's firefighting skills to department history. His expertise in building construction has been particularly important during training and has helped keep many Vermont firefighters safe during fire calls. He also teaches respect for what firefighters do, for fellow members, for leadership, and for our communities. In return, he has gained the respect of his fellow firefighters for his willingness to share his time and knowledge.

Bob's community service does not stop with firefighting. He has served the town of Ferrisburgh in many different ways, including overseeing construction of a new firestation in 1993,

overseeing the construction of a new town highway facility in 2015 to 2016, and serving on the town select board, as well as projects for the North Ferrisburgh Methodist Church.

The bottom line is that Bob Jenkins has unselfishly protected and served his community for 55 years. He is a model for what leadership is about. We must keep in mind that Bob did not do this alone. He had the commitment and understanding of his wife of 52 years, Mary Jane; his daughter, Robin; his son, Chris; and his stepsons, Tim, Mark, and Ricky—even when Bob spent time away from home, missing family dinners, family outings, birthdays, holidays, and school events.

I will finish with some words from New Haven Assistant Chief Dean Gilmore: "If you add Bob's love for his family, his love for his community, and his love for his fellow firefighters; his family's love for him, and his fellow firefighters' love for him and his family; his community's love for him, his family, and his fellow firefighters; we have one powerful feeling in our hearts that is everlasting."●

VERMONT FEDERAL EXECUTIVE ASSOCIATION 2017 AWARDS

● Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, to commemorate Public Service Recognition Week, the Vermont Federal Executive Association recognized Federal employees with Excellence in Government awards. Vermont is fortunate to have thousands of Federal employees working across the State, and I am proud of the good work they do for their fellow citizens. I would like to offer special congratulations to the 2017 award winners, who have truly exemplified the very best in government.

The recipients of the Excellence in Management and Program Support Award are the Vermont Service Center Employee Services Team, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, St. Albans, including Steffan Defeo, supervisory operational support specialist; Julie Kuhn, supervisory operational support specialist; Angelina Bucio, operational support specialist; Joreen Hatin, supervisory immigration services officer; Michael Kane, supervisory immigration services officer; Forest Glodgett, operational support specialist; Ann Gratton, operational support specialist; Lee Ann Jette, operational support specialist; Lisa Kline, operational support specialist; and Sarah Sherman, operational support specialist.

The recipients of the Professional Award are the Vermont Service Center Phase 1—Strategic Plan Team, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, St. Albans, including Judith Hochberg, section chief; Kyle Davis, supervisory immigration services officer; Joreen Hatin, supervisory immigration services officer; Michael Kane, supervisory immigration services officer; Michael Hoeflich, supervisory immigration services analyst; Paul Novak III, supervisory immigration services analyst;

Elizabeth Chester, management and program analyst; Forest Glodgett, operational support specialist; Miranda Baltzell, immigration services officer; Luke Fairman, immigration services officer; Lisa Labarge, immigration services officer; Janet Marantz, immigration services officer; Ryan Marlow, immigration services officer; Nathan Matusick, immigration services officer; Sara Rutanhira, immigration services officer; Susan Sheehan, immigration services officer; Danielle Spooner, immigration services officer; Shelly Walters, immigration services officer; and Brian Woods, immigration services officer.

The recipient of the Leadership Award is Michael Parascando, supervisory special agent, Homeland Security Investigations Tip Line, Office of Intelligence, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Williston.

The recipient of the Public Safety Award is John Marquissee, Border Patrol agent, U.S. Border Patrol, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Derby.

The recipient of the Community Service Award is Julia Hoefel, immigration services analyst, Northeast Regional Office, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, South Burlington.

The recipients of the Collaboration and Partnership Award are Linette Boyse and Erin Hakey, immigration services analysts, Process Improvement and Efficiency Team, Vermont Service Center, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, St. Albans.

The recipient of the Valor Award is Christopher Whipple, U.S. Customs and Border Protection officer, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Highgate Springs.

And finally, the recipient of the Vermont Federal Employee of the Year Award is Amelia Palmer human resource specialist, Recruitment and Placement Branch, Human Resources Operations Center, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, South Burlington.

Once again, I congratulate these Vermont Federal employees.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

REPORT RELATIVE TO THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY RELATIVE TO THE ACTIONS AND POLICIES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SUDAN AS DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13067 OF NOVEMBER 3, 1997—PM 18

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying