

Our Veterans and hope they have a successful event.●

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING HOWARD T. OWENS, JR.

● Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I rise today with a heavy heart to pay tribute to Howard T. Owens, Jr., an exemplary public servant, leader, and friend. Sadly, Mr. Owens passed away on April 3, 2018, at the age of 83. He will be remembered for his outstanding legacy of dedication to Connecticut as both a statesman and a judge.

Howard began his impressive career in public service as an assistant U.S. attorney and then as a State senator representing the city of Bridgeport and the town of Trumbull. I had the honor of briefly serving with Howard during my tenure in the Connecticut House of Representatives.

Beginning in 1974 through 1988, Howard held this seat with the exception of one term in 1984. He took every opportunity while in the capitol to improve the quality of life for not just those who elected him, but for all the people of Connecticut, whether it was promoting mass transit, especially for the urban centers, as senate cochair of the transportation committee or seeking a fairer justice system as senate cochair of the judiciary committee.

In 1998, Howard's passion for State service took on a new shape when he received the appointment to serve as a judge on the superior court. Throughout his time as a State judge, he presided over a number of high-profile cases, which earned Howard recognition for his patient, thoughtful oversight of complex divorce decisions.

Although dedicated to public service, Howard always made time for his friends, especially when they needed help—in the courtroom, as well as outside of it. His legacy of unfailing service and dedication to his community is evident when speaking with anyone who knew him. A caring man with a good sense of humor, he carried out his work humbly and with a sense of devotion to those close to him and to the rest of Connecticut.

Howard added inimitable wisdom to the capitol and the courthouse and is known by many of us throughout the State as a tireless supporter of Connecticut and the Nation's best interests. His commitment to the rule of law and loyalty to his friends and family have left a lasting, positive mark on Connecticut's legacy.

My wife, Cynthia, and I extend our deepest sympathies to Howard's family during this difficult time, particularly to his wife, Ann, and their four children. May their many wonderful memories of Howard provide them solace and comfort.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. WILLIAM "BILL" TUCKER

● Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, today I wish to honor Dr. William Tucker as he celebrates his 90th birthday. Bill is an entrepreneur and former government official and presently serves as president of Penn Century Corporation.

In 1951, Bill married the Honorable C. Delores Tucker, who later went on to become the first African-American woman to serve as Pennsylvania's Secretary of State. As a young man, Bill proudly served in the U.S. Army from 1951 to 1953. Shortly after, he attended Lincoln University where he graduated in 1960 with a bachelor of arts degree. In May 2011, he received an honorary doctorate in humane letters from Lincoln University.

Before retiring from government service in 1991, Bill served as a confidential assistant to the U.S. Secretary of Commerce during the Carter administration and later served as associate director of the U.S. Department of Commerce's Office of Business Liaison, working as an assistant to the secretary. Bill provided years of invaluable service to the Department and embodied what it means to be a public servant.

Bill went on to become vice chair of the Bethune DuBois Institute, and it was in this role that he founded the annual Children's Christmas Dinner Party for disadvantaged children, first held in Washington, DC. In 2004, through the Philadelphia Martin Luther King, Jr. Association for Non-violence, Inc., he orchestrated the first Annual Children's Christmas Dinner Party for underserved children from the Philadelphia and surrounding areas at the Wyndham Franklin Plaza Hotel, which serviced over 3,800 children that year.

As a committed community activist, Bill has dedicated his life to defending others. He has served as president of the Associated Real Estate Brokers of Philadelphia and a board member of the National Negro Business League, the Urban League of Philadelphia, the Philadelphia Chapter NAACP, and many others. His commitment to helping shape his community has been an inspiration to us all.

Bill set the prime example of leadership and courage during his life. His activism and many years of community and public service are significant to many who have been touched by his work. I wish Bill a happy 90th birthday and express my gratitude for all the work he has done.●

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RBC HERITAGE PRESENTED BY BOEING GOLF TOURNAMENT

● Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, each year Hilton Head Island in South Carolina is proud to host the RBC Heritage Presented by Boeing Golf Tournament at the Harbour Town Golf Links at the Sea Pines Resort. With Harbour Town's

red and white striped lighthouse as a backdrop, a world-class golf tournament is held annually the week after the Masters. Our tournament champions have included a notable number of Hall of Fame golfers: Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Nick Faldo, Hale Irwin, Bernhard Langer, Johnny Miller, Greg Norman, Nick Price, Tom Watson, and Payne Stewart.

More than 1,200 volunteers staff the tournament during the week. Their work is felt and seen by the more than a hundred thousand people who attend the tournament every year and the millions more who watch the tournament broadcast in 226 countries. Last year, the tournament infused over \$96 million into the State of South Carolina's economy.

Even more notable than the golf is the impact the Heritage Classic Foundation has on the local communities in South Carolina and Georgia. Since 1987, \$38 million has been distributed to those in need in these two States. Since 1993, 322 high school seniors have received more than \$4.1 million for 4-year college scholarships. This fall, 34 Beaufort County collegians will receive foundation grants at an expenditure of \$159,000.

Last year, the foundation helped facilitate more than \$2.9 million in donations. The Heritage Champions Fore Charity has produced more than \$7.2 million for participating nonprofit groups. Last year, the Birdies for Charity program distributed \$216,000 in pledge donations, bringing the total to \$5.7 million since it was created in 2000. The nonprofit groups that staff the tournament concession stands made \$247,706 for their charities in 2017.

On behalf of all South Carolinians, I want to express my deep appreciation and congratulations to the RBC Heritage Presented by Boeing Golf Tournament on the occasion of its 50th anniversary and wish them another successful tournament this week.●

REMEMBERING SHANE QUILLING

● Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to memorialize Shane Quilling, Carson High School's physical education teacher and head football and softball coach who unexpectedly passed away at the age of 53.

Remembered as a compassionate teacher and coach, Mr. Quilling's loss will have a profound impact on Carson High School and the greater Carson community. As the Reno Gazette Journal recently noted, Coach Quilling's "main goal in life was to help make everybody a better person, to strive for their best, no matter what they did in life."

Born in Sidney, MT, Mr. Quilling attended Sidney High School, where he was a football, track, and basketball athlete. After graduating from high school, he studied at Montana State University-Bozeman on a football scholarship where he helped lead the