

handbiking from New York to Florida, covering 1,500 miles in 14 days to raise awareness for veterans across the Nation.

As a marine, it is with overwhelming pride that I recognize Ricky for his service to this country. As his journey progresses, I wish him the best of luck, and I look forward to his further contributions to our veterans and the great Hoosier State.

TRIBUTE TO GENERAL DARREN W. McDEW

Mr. SCOTT. Mr. President, it is my honor and privilege to pay tribute to an outstanding leader and warrior, Air Force Gen. Darren W. McDew, commander of U.S. Transportation Command. General McDew is retiring this month, having served this great Nation for 36 years and completing a most distinguished career.

General McDew graduated from the Virginia Military Institute in 1982, where he was regimental commander and received a degree in civil engineering. A command pilot in both the KC-135 and C-17, General McDew held assignments from Maine to California, while accumulating over 3,300 hours in 10 different types of aircraft.

His desire to serve grew from the example set by his father who achieved the rank of master sergeant in the Air Force. General McDew has commanded at virtually every level that the Air Force has to offer: squadron, group, wing, numbered Air Force, and major command. His first command was of the 14th Airlift Squadron at Charleston Air Force Base. He often speaks of his time leading the mighty Pelicans in the great State of South Carolina as being one of his most rewarding assignments.

A constant voice of reason, motivation, and inspiration, General McDew has devoted his life to this Nation. He has provided counsel to three Presidents, served as the Air Force liaison to the U.S. Senate, and built trust with the American people as the Air Force's Director of Public Affairs. I personally have sought his advice, as have my colleagues. The Members of this Chamber and workers across many parts of the Federal Government will miss his leadership and candor.

General McDew's illustrious career is culminating with his current position, where he leads the 144,000 men and women of U.S. Transportation Command. He is responsible for coordinating the Department of Defense's global deployment and distribution enterprise. His transformational leadership has bolstered readiness, increased cyber awareness and security, and prepared the Department of Defense for challenging transportation and logistics missions in the future. He challenged old ways of thinking and compelled the Joint Force to adapt and evolve for the dynamic and uncertain security environment of tomorrow.

For 36 years, his wife, Evelyn, has selflessly cared for the families under

his command and in their community. I cannot overstate the importance of the support the spouses and families provide to their servicemember in our Armed Forces. Service and sacrifice are not limited to just the servicemember, but often extends to the entire family. On behalf of the Senate, we thank Evelyn and their children, Keisha and Keith, for their dedicated service to our military and our Nation. The Air Force will not lose just General McDew, but an exceptional family as well upon his retirement.

I would like to help close out the final chapter of this inspiring airman and Joint Force leader's career with a heartfelt thank you from all the men and women of the U.S. Senate, the Congress, and Nation. General McDew, Godspeed. We thank you, Evelyn, and the entire McDew family, for their service over a remarkable 36-year career. We wish you well in your future endeavors, and we pray that those who follow in your footsteps do so in the same spirit of selfless service to our great Nation that you have so ably shown.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO RAYMOND G. HUNTHAUSEN

• Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, Today I wish to honor the memory of a Montana native who, through his faith and devotion to justice, touched the lives of thousands.

Raymond G. Hunthausen was born in the mining town of Anaconda.

Over the next two decades, he developed a strong faith in God, a devotion to humanity and peace, and a heart of compassion and advocacy.

He was ordained a priest for the diocese of Helena in 1946. He took over as president of Carroll College at the age of 35, where he taught, coached, and served as athletic director. In 1962, he was appointed bishop of Helena by Pope John XXIII. He attended the Second Vatican Council, which was convened by Pope John XXIII in the early 1960s to reconcile church teachings and practices with the modern world. He described the experience as transformative, and after, he set about making his mark on the church and on society.

In 1975, Pope Paul VI appointed Father Hunthausen archbishop of Seattle. Archbishop Hunthausen led reform efforts in the church. He led protests against nuclear weapons stockpiling, let a group of gay Catholics use a cathedral for mass, gave women leadership roles in the parish far before it was common, and defended the use of birth control. He wrote what is believed to be the first letter from an American bishop calling for the church to value the gifts of women equally with those of men.

He stood for peace and justice in all matters, even when it meant risking

condemnation from the church, and he advocated strongly for conservation and human rights, all while remaining a humble servant of his religion and his diocese.

Above all, Archbishop Hunthausen stood for those who couldn't stand for themselves.

His legacy is one of peace and compassion and unrelenting devotion to others. I stand here today to honor that legacy and to implore us all to reflect on the lessons he had to offer during his remarkable lifetime.●

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-286. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana memorializing its support of the right of American citizens to keep and bear arms; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 87

Whereas, the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution and Article I, Section 11 of the Constitution of Louisiana guarantees the right of Louisiana citizens to keep and bear arms; and

Whereas, in recent years, Congress as well as certain states have passed laws which have eroded or attempted to erode the right of the citizens of this country to keep and bear arms; and

Whereas, Americans have the right to protect themselves at home with a firearm; and

Whereas, the United States Constitution recognizes that the right to keep and bear arms is necessary to the security of a free nation and for its citizens to protect themselves and their families; and

Whereas, there are some who would repeal or impair the right to keep and bear arms. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express support of the right of American citizens to keep and bear arms and does not support any actions that would impair or erode that right, including but not limited to the right of citizens to protect themselves and their families in their home; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-287. A resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Palm Springs, California memorializing its opposition to the separation of children from their families at the border, detaining immigrants and their children indefinitely, and criminally prosecuting immigrants lawfully seeking asylum, and calling on the United States Congress to immediately enact fair and humane comprehensive immigration reform; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. THUNE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute: