

Vice Presidential candidates, set up the Presidential Commission on Debates as a nonprofit organization, was a frequent author and speaker on tax policy and ethics, and often testified on Capitol Hill. He taught at his alma mater, George Washington University Law School, from which he had graduated first in his class, and at Howard and Miami law schools.

Sheldon Cohen was deeply involved in the community and held numerous leadership roles. These included serving as president of the Jewish Social Service Agency, president of the Order of the Leaf of Camp Airy, chair of the American Jewish Historical Society, trustee and chair of the GW board of trustees, founder and trustee of the United Jewish Endowment Fund, founding member and treasurer of the Supreme Court Historical Society, and trustee of the Jewish Theological Seminary and Adas Israel Congregation.

Sheldon Cohen was a decent, compassionate man, known for his high standards of integrity, his brilliant mind, his concern for those in need, and his devotion to his family and friends. I knew Sheldon Cohen well and will miss his friendship and wise counsel, as I do that of his wonderful and beloved wife Faye, who left us earlier this year. Their partnership and warm hospitality were known throughout our community and will always be remembered by the many friends and activists with whom they teamed up in support of important civic causes.

I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to this fine man and in sending condolences to his family, including his children Melinda and her husband Alberto Goetzl, Laura and her husband Perry Apelbaum, Jonathan and his wife Joanne, and Sharon and her husband Michael Liebman; his 10 grandchildren; his brother Gerald Cohen and his wife Joanne; and his sister Barbara and her husband Dick Wolf.●

#### TRIBUTE TO THE FOGARTY FAMILY

● Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, the swearing in of the Rhode Island Legislature early next year will close a remarkable story of a great Rhode Island family. State Senator Paul Fogarty is retiring after 20 years in office. The Fogarty family of northern Rhode Island will have represented nearly 80 years of public service.

Paul was elected in 1998 to fill the State senate seat that was previously held by his brother, Charles Fogarty, Jr. A master plumber by trade, Paul rose to become the chairman of the senate labor committee. Like his brother Charlie, Paul had served on the Glocester, RI, town council before serving in the legislature.

Charlie Fogarty got his start in State government working as an aide to Governor Joe Garrahy in the late 1970s. While a State senator, he served as both majority whip and senate presi-

dent pro tempore. He was elected Lieutenant Governor twice, in 1998 and in 2002. He is remembered for starting a Christmastime tradition, Operation Holiday Cheer, which delivers care packages of Rhode Island mementos to servicemembers deployed overseas.

In 2006, Charlie won the Democratic nomination for Governor, narrowly losing to the incumbent. He returned to government a few years later to run the State department of labor and training, where he cracked down on unemployment fraud. In 2015, Governor Gina Raimondo appointed Charlie director of the Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs. Under his leadership, the State expanded support for Meals on Wheels, and he played an important role in the State's successful repeal of the tax that seniors paid on their Social Security benefits.

Charlie retired earlier this year, after four decades of service to the people of Rhode Island.

Paul and Charlie's cousins shared the public service gene. Ray Fogarty was a State representative from Glocester for 10 years. He would go on to find and lead the Rhode Island Export Assistance Center at Bryant University's John H. Chafee Center for International Business.

Ray's brother Edward Fogarty was an accomplished lawyer, with whom I worked in the State house. He worked as an arbitrator in the Rhode Island Superior Court and clerked in the U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island. However, Ed will best be remembered for his work serving as legal counsel to the speaker of the Rhode Island House of Representatives, to the senate majority leader, and later to the senate president. Ed retired in 2013 and sadly passed away in 2017.

Charlie Fogarty credited his parents with teaching him that "public service was a public trust." Indeed, he and brother Paul followed in their father's footsteps. Charles Fogarty, Sr., had been a State senator from Glocester before them and served for a time as director of the Rhode Island Small Business Administration.

Paul and Charlie's uncle was Congressman John Fogarty, who represented Rhode Island in the U.S. House of Representatives for more than a quarter century. John was a bricklayer and president of Rhode Island's International Bricklayers Union local No. 1 before being elected to Congress at age 27. From his post on the Appropriations Subcommittee for Labor and Health, Education, and Welfare, Mr. Public Health, as he became known, championed the expansion of health research in the United States. During his tenure, the National Institutes of Health grew from a small agency with only three named institutes—for cancer, heart, and dental research—to a larger and more sophisticated operation with institutes devoted to research on mental health, allergy and infectious disease, neurological disease, arthritis and metabolic disease,

child health and development, and general medical sciences. As subcommittee chairman during the passage of the Social Security amendments of 1965, John Fogarty was one of the key supporters of the legislation that created the Medicare and Medicaid Programs.

John served until his death in 1967. Dr. Howard Rusk wrote in the *New York Times*, "No one in the history of this country has done more to promote more and better health services, more and better health facilities, and more and better health research than Representative Fogarty." In Rhode Island, no fewer than five health and educational facilities have been dedicated in John Fogarty's name.

The deep commitment of the Fogarty family to the public welfare, instilled across generations, has been borne out in countless ways. Paul's son Brendan Fogarty even worked as a State senate page during high school and college. For now, there will be no Fogartys in State government. Our State and our Nation are all the richer for their passion and dedication to public life. Rhode Islanders are grateful for the lasting legacy of the Fogartys of Glocester.●

#### 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF STAR FINANCIAL BANK

● Mr. YOUNG. Mr. President, as a member of the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, I am proud to recognize the Marcuccilli family for the 75th anniversary of an Indiana-based community bank, STAR Financial Bank. Since its founding, STAR Financial has become an essential business in northeast and central Indiana. The bank has continuously prioritized putting their customers and local businesses first, while providing decades of dependable services and accountable staff.

Established by a group of trucking partners from the Marion Trucking Company in 1943, STAR Financial Bank was formed to build financial security for the Fort Wayne community. For that reason, the bank has tailored its practices to support the community and local families. Generally, STAR Financial focuses on three key areas involving arts, education, and economic development. In 2017, the company donated more than \$635,000 to Indiana nonprofits, as well as volunteered 3,600 hours of community service valuing over \$97,128. Some of the nonprofits include the Fort Wayne Museum of Art, the Fort Wayne Children's Choir. The Children's Museum of Indianapolis, PBS 39, Big Brothers Big Sisters Northeast Indiana, Brightpoint, and many United Way chapters.

It is my privilege to honor STAR Financial Bank for 75 years serving the Fort Wayne community. I look forward to STAR Financial Bank's future endeavors, and I congratulate the Marcuccilli family on this significant milestone.●