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Mr. President, I was necessarily absent for the October 11, 2018, vote on the motion to confirm Executive Calendar No. 640, Jeffrey Bossert Clark, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General. I would have voted no.

Mr. President, I was necessarily absent for the October 11, 2018, vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar No. 641, Eric S. Dreiband, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General. I would have voted no.

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Mr. President, I was necessarily absent for the October 11, 2018, vote on the motion to confirm Executive Calendar No. 1007, David James Porter, of Pennsylvania, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit. I would have voted no.

Mr. President, I was necessarily absent for the October 11, 2018, vote on the motion to confirm Executive Calendar No. 1081, Ryan Nelson, of Idaho, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. I would have voted no.

Mr. President, I was necessarily absent for the October 11, 2018, vote on the motion to confirm Executive Calendar No. 1082, Richard Sullivan, of New York, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit. I would have voted yes.

Mr. President, I was necessarily absent for the October 11, 2018, vote on the motion to confirm Executive Calendar No. 627, William Ray II, of Georgia, to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia. I would have voted no.

Mr. President, I was necessarily absent for the October 11, 2018, vote on the motion to confirm Executive Calendar No. 628, Liles Clifton Burke, of Alabama, to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama. I would have voted no.

Mr. President, I was necessarily absent for the October 11, 2018, vote on the motion to confirm Executive Calendar No. 629, Michael Juneau, of Louisiana, to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana. I would have voted no.

Mr. President, I was necessarily absent for the October 11, 2018, vote on the motion to confirm Executive Calendar No. 634, Mark Norris, Sr., of Tennessee, to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee. I would have voted no.

Mr. President, I was necessarily absent for the October 11, 2018, vote on the motion to confirm Executive Calendar No. 638, Eli Richardson, of Tennessee, to be U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee. I would have voted no.

Mr. President, I was necessarily absent for the October 11, 2018, vote on

the motion to confirm Executive Calendar No. 894, Thomas Kleeh, of West Virginia, to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of West Virginia. I would have voted yes.

REMEMBERING PRIVATE FIRST CLASS MATTHEW A. COX

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to a fallen soldier from Iowa, PFC Matthew A. Cox. Private Cox, of Leon, joined the Iowa National Guard in October 2017 after completing home-schooling. He was a member of the Iowa National Guard's 186th Military Police Company and had deployed to Cuba to support the joint military task force at Guantanamo Bay. Matthew Cox enjoyed participating in the children's ministry at 1st Baptist Church in Urbandale. He was inspired to join the National Guard by his grandfather and enjoyed farming with his grandparents. His family and friends describe him as an outstanding young man, always willing to help others. While in the National Guard, Matthew Cox was awarded the National Defense Service Medal and the Army Service Ribbon. He died at the age of 19 in a swimming accident.

My prayers are with his parents, Jason and Beth Cox, as well as his brother Mark Cox and his grandparents Fred and Linda Cox. Our country owes a debt of gratitude to Matthew Cox and all those who make the choice to serve a cause greater than themselves. His service to our State of Iowa and to the Nation will always be remembered.

HONORING OFFICER DAVID TINSLEY

Mr. DONNELLY. Mr. President, today, I wish to recognize and honor the extraordinary service and sacrifice of Fort Wayne Police officer David Tinsley. His life was characterized by humility, selflessness, and commitment to his community.

Born in Bloomington, IN, David graduated from Owen Valley High School in Spencer in 1986 before going on to earn a bachelor's degree from Ball State University. In 2002, David began his work as a police officer in Fort Wayne, receiving his southeast division second shift assignment shortly thereafter. In 2005, David switched to the overnight shift, continuing his law enforcement service. For 16 years, David valiantly put his life on the line as a member of the Fort Wayne Police Department to protect those in the Fort Wayne community.

David is remembered fondly by his fellow officers. Fort Wayne Police Chief Steve Reed called him a "cop's cop" and, at David's funeral, told the many people gathered that David was looked up to by those in the department. Pastor Thomas Eggold recognized David's selflessness, his willingness to sacrifice his time and be of assistance. Pastor Eggold also called David quiet and soft-spoken, a sincere

and humble man of God. David's friends knew him as caring and compassionate, a loyal and genuine friend, but also as a tough and courageous man. He enjoyed music and was taking lessons to learn to play the bagpipes.

On Monday, September 10, 2018, David and an officer in training began pursuing what appeared to be a stolen vehicle. Eventually, the pair got out of the car and, with a police canine, searched the area on foot before arresting the suspect. On the way back to the squad car, David collapsed, suffering a heart attack, and died shortly thereafter.

Known to be a loyal and loving father and husband who cared immensely for his family and beloved by many, David is survived by his wife Kristina Tinsley; his children, Tyler, Ian, and Lexie; parents Albert and Bonnie Tinsley; siblings, Albert, Lane, and Scott; and many other relatives and friends.

Through his work as a Fort Wayne Police Department officer, David put the safety and well-being of his fellow Hoosiers above his own every day. He exemplified the very best of Hoosier values, and the Fort Wayne community is eternally grateful for his years of service keeping it safe. Let us honor the legacy he left for us and strive to emulate his commitment to serving his fellow citizens.

TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT BRENT PATTERSON

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize SGT Brent Patterson of Frostburg, MD, for his outstanding service to our Nation. As a U.S. Army infantryman, Sergeant Patterson distinguished himself for his personal valor during the global war on terror while deployed in Iraq for 15 months as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom and in Afghanistan for 12 months as part of Operation Enduring Freedom. During his final deployment in Afghanistan's Charkh District, Sergeant Patterson was wounded on three separate occasions and was subsequently awarded three Purple Hearts.

On December 9, 2010, Sergeant Patterson and his squad were attacked while operating a traffic control point in the Charkh Bazaar. With significant injuries from a grenade to his upper body and while under fire, Sergeant Patterson ignored his own safety in order to drag his severely wounded squad leader to safety and direct his remaining squad members into defensive positions. After first aid and medical transport had been arranged for his squad leader, Sergeant Patterson and three other members of his squad accompanied the transport on foot to their command outpost to provide protection against additional attacks. Having secured his squad leader and team at their command post, Sergeant Patterson was treated for his injuries and returned to his post the following day.

On July 24, 2011, Sergeant Patterson and three members of his squad were conducting security at the Charkh Bazaar when an improvised explosive device detonated, collapsing the building in which they were positioned. As his platoon sergeant radioed for medical assistance, Sergeant Patterson conducted a search for the remaining members of the squad and administered first aid. He and two other members of his squad were medevac'd to Forward Operating Base Shank to receive treatment for traumatic brain injuries.

On August 5, 2011, on Sergeant Patterson's second day back after 2 weeks of treatment and observation for his injuries, he and his squad were again conducting security in the bazaar when a grenade was tossed into his position, landing on his shoulder and coming to rest near his back. The grenade detonated, resulting in significant injuries to Sergeant Patterson and three other members of his squad. Sergeant Patterson ignored the heavy bleeding from his own back and administered first aid to his platoon leader and provided assistance to medics treating the other wounded soldiers.

Sergeant Patterson was admitted to Frostburg State University in western Maryland in 2016. He is on course to graduate next May with a bachelor's degree in materials engineering with a minor in math and physics. He continues to have significant pain from shrapnel in his back, arms, neck, and shoulder, but he refuses to take pain medication so he can remain focused like a laser beam on his studies. For his capstone course in engineering, Sergeant Patterson is the project leader on converting organic material—nanocellulose—from trees and turning it into a compound that is lighter and stronger than Kevlar for use in flak jackets and vests for law enforcement officers and military personnel. This project has been accepted for presentation at the 2018 Materials Science and Technology Conference in Columbus, OH.

This past Sunday was Veterans Day, and it was the 100th anniversary of the armistice which ended World War I. We owe so much to our servicemen and servicewomen, to our veterans, to those who gave "the last full measure of devotion," and to their families. Repaying that debt begins with gratitude. I encourage my colleagues to join me in expressing the Senate's sincere appreciation to Sergeant Brent Patterson for his distinguished service to our Nation, our congratulations on his academic achievement, and our best wishes for his continued success.

TRIBUTE TO MICHIGAN'S VETERANS

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, today I wish to pay special tribute to the nearly 600,000 Michigan residents who have proudly served in our Nation's Armed Forces.

Today's veterans have served on many fronts, from the beaches of Normandy and Iwo Jima, to the rice fields of Korea, to the jungles of Vietnam, to the Cold War, to the deserts of the Persian Gulf, to the fight against terrorism in Afghanistan and Iraq, and right here at home.

This spirit of service lives on in so many different ways across our State. Whether they are supporting military families, providing help for fellow veterans, giving back through religious organizations and community nonprofits, or inspiring the next generation while coaching Little League or the local softball team, these patriots show us that service is more than something you do once. Instead, it is a way of life all of us should strive for.

Our veterans have done so much for us. It is our solemn duty to keep the promises we have made to them. We must also ensure that our veterans receive each and every military honor they have earned while defending our country. I have been so fortunate to get to know Jim McCoughan of South Haven, who was awarded the Medal of Honor earlier this year for saving the lives of 10 of his fellow soldiers during the Vietnam war. Like so many of our veterans, Jim has spent the decades since then continuing to serve his community.

I know the sacrifices our veterans made because I have seen it firsthand. My own father served in the Navy during World War II, and he always said that veterans shouldn't stand in the back of any line, not for healthcare, education, housing, the chance at a good job, or the military honors, they have earned. He was absolutely right, and I have made it my mission to ensure that every promise made to our veterans is a promise kept.

Michigan's veterans are the best of us. On this Veterans Day—and every day—we salute them, we honor them, and we thank them for their service.

Thank you.

TRIBUTE TO DR. NANCY L. SPRUILL

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, I wish to honor my constituent, Dr. Nancy L. Spruill, who will be retiring this year after more than 47 years of service to our country.

Since 1999, Dr. Spruill has served as Director of Acquisition, Resources and Analysis for the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment. In this capacity, she is responsible for all aspects of A&S's participation in the Planning, Programming, and Budgeting and Execution System, the congressional process, and the Defense Acquisition System.

Dr. Spruill serves as the Executive Secretary to the Defense Acquisition Board and is responsible for the timely submission to Congress of reports for Major Defense Acquisition Programs. She performs systematic analysis to improve acquisition policy and education and leads the Department in developing plans to manage property,

plant and equipment, inventory, operating material, supplies/deferred maintenance, and environmental liabilities. She also manages a broad portfolio of information technology applications and infrastructure supporting the mission of the organization. Dr. Spruill has played a key role in improving the way the Department acquires major automated information systems. A strong advocate of improving the acquisition workforce, she works closely with the Defense Acquisition University and the rest of the Department in leading and training the thousands of personnel performing cost analysis and financial management for acquisition programs to improve acquisition outcomes.

Dr. Spruill graduated with a bachelor of science degree from the University of Maryland in 1971. She joined the Center for Naval Analyses from 1971–83. In 1975, she earned a master of arts in mathematical statistics from George Washington University, followed by a doctorate in 1980. Dr. Spruill served on the staff of the Office of the Secretary of Defense from 1983, first as senior planning, programming, and budget analyst in the Manpower, Reserve Affairs, and Logistics Secretariat, and then as Director of Support and Liaison for the Assistant Secretary for Force Management and Personnel and Senior Operations Research Analyst for the Assistant Secretary for Program Analysis and Evaluation.

In 1993, Dr. Spruill served as Chief of the Programs and Analysis Division for the Comptroller of the Defense Mapping Agency. She also served as Acting Deputy Comptroller and was a member of the Reinvention Task Force for the Vice President's National Performance Review.

Dr. Spruill has received many prestigious awards, including the Department of Defense Medal for Distinguished Civilian Service, the Hammer Award, the Acker Skill in Communications Award, and numerous awards of the Secretary of Defense Medal for Meritorious Civilian Service, the Secretary of Defense Medal for Exceptional Civilian Service, and the Presidential Rank Award. A member of the Senior Executive Service since 1995, she has published many papers on her work for the statistical community and the public. Her expertise on these important issues has been invaluable.

I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Dr. Spruill for her distinguished service to our country and in wishing her a fulfilling and enjoyable retirement.

TRIBUTE TO KATHERINE "KAY" BJORKLUND

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I rise today in celebration of Kay Bjorklund, Wyoming AARP's 2018 Andrus Award honoree.

Since 2001, the Wyoming chapter of AARP continues to make a positive difference in the lives of senior citizens