

Ignace, Air Station Traverse City, and even the CGC *Mackinaw*.

That is a heavy icebreaker that helps keep Great Lakes channels and harbors open during the cold winter months.

It is something he doesn't get a chance to see very often in Florida.

Well, I don't remember exactly how it happened, but Senator NELSON decided to challenge a member of the Coast Guard, who was in his 20s, to a pull-up contest.

If you guess that the young guy lost, you would be right.

That is when I decided never to settle disagreements with Senator NELSON by challenging him to an arm-wrestling contest.

I think I speak for many of us when I say that I will miss working with BILL.

BILL has always believed that there is more that unites us than divides us.

Perhaps that is the perspective he gained looking down from space.

His passion for public service shines through in everything he does.

On a personal note, I would like to thank him for taking such good care of my snowbird constituents during the winter months.

BILL: Thank you for your hard work, leadership, and lifetime of serving Florida and our country.

TRIBUTE TO CLAIRE MCCASKILL

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to someone who has spent her entire career making life better for the people of Missouri and the people of this country.

If I had to describe Senator CLAIRE MCCASKILL using one word, I think I would choose "fighter."

I think most Members, on both sides of the aisle, would agree with me.

As the first woman elected Jackson County prosecutor, she fought for crime victims and created some of the first drug courts and domestic violence units in the country.

As State auditor, she fought to ensure that the State of Missouri spent taxpayer dollars wisely.

During her 12 years representing Missouri in the Senate, she has fought every day to keep government accountable, protect consumers, strengthen our national security, and expand access to healthcare.

I have been especially honored to partner with her on this last goal.

We worked together to make sure that pharmacists can tell their patients the lowest price at the pharmacy counter and to protect Americans from junk insurance plans.

We have fought to keep American manufacturers competitive and to end unfair trade practices that hurt our companies and our workers.

I have been inspired by her work to end sexual violence, particularly in our military, and to ensure that families affected by the opioid crisis get the help they need to recover.

I will always remember the trip we took together to the Middle East.

In Jordan, we saw firsthand the challenge of responding to the Syrian refugee crisis and spoke with refugees themselves.

That is classic CLAIRE: ensuring that the government is doing its job while also watching out for the most vulnerable.

Perhaps that skill has been on display best during oversight hearings, when CLAIRE has made great use of her skills as a former prosecutor.

I know that I wouldn't want to be on the receiving end of her questioning.

I am going to miss working with her. However, I am glad we haven't heard the last of CLAIRE.

Just follow her Twitter account, and you will see what I mean.

Senator MCCASKILL: Thank you for keeping government honest, protecting the most vulnerable, and always putting the people of Missouri first.

Most of all, thank you for always, always being a fighter.

TRIBUTE TO BRENDA TRACY

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, today I wish to honor a brave and passionate Oregonian who is an incredible example of a person finding bold solutions to challenging problems.

I am proud to boast about my friend, Brenda Tracy, being named a Woman of Impact by Politico at its sixth annual Women Rule Summit.

Brenda Tracy survived childhood sexual abuse. She is also a survivor of a brutal sexual assault that happened to her as a young single mother in Oregon. Brenda reported her sexual assault but she didn't speak of it publicly. She says that, at the time, she was saved by the compassion of a trauma nurse who treated her with dignity. Soon, Brenda went into nursing herself, graduating from the Oregon Health and Science University.

After 16 years of silence, Brenda courageously decided, in 2014, to share her sexual assault survival story publicly. Going public has exposed her to harsh judgments, disbelief, unwanted publicity, and harassment.

But since 2014, Brenda's story of survival also has positively reverberated across the entire country, sparking productive conversations and genuine reforms along the way.

In 2016, Brenda began traveling the country to speak to high school and college athletic departments. As the founder of "Set the Expectation," she has spoken to nearly 100 college athletic programs and several high schools, setting the expectation with thousands of athletes that physical assault and sexual violence are never okay.

Set the Expectation is combating sexual and physical violence by directly engaging with men, who perpetrate 9 in 10 instances of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Brenda says her efforts are geared toward men because, if women could stop sexual violence, they would have al-

ready. This is an all-hands-on-deck nonpartisan national issue. Today, Brenda continues to share her story in order to educate, engage, and inspire athletes and coaches to become involved in the fight against sexual and physical violence.

Sexual assault on college campuses is pervasive. An estimated one in five women who attend college will be sexually assaulted during her time there. Sexual assaults on campus spike by 40 percent when a Division I football team has a home game.

When repeating those awful statistics, I hear folks grumble about their accuracy or about people falsely reporting assaults. The truth is; one assault is too many. Every year in college, too many students will have their lives permanently changed by assault. The reality is often worse for students in K-12 schools, where abused children, like Brenda once was, may be forced to suffer in silence, as even less attention is paid to their plight.

Even knowing this, we have seen the President mock survivors of sexual violence on the national stage. His unacceptable words and actions reaffirm the dangerous notion that powerful men can take—advantage of their influential positions to abuse women.

We are now seeing Trump's Secretary of Education, Betsy DeVos, move to dismantle Federal enforcement of sexual violence protections. Secretary DeVos has doubled down even though survivor advocates, like Brenda, agree and have told her that these changes would make it much harder for sexual assault survivors to report their assaults.

The fight against physical and sexual violence is far from over. It couldn't be more clear: there is more to do to ensure that fewer students experience sexual assaults and that more students feel protected and advocated for on campus. Like I said before, even one assault is too many. Until our society steps up and accepts this as a fact, we have work to do.

Brenda said to me earlier this week that she can't wait to talk to her 10-month-old granddaughter about going to college. She said she can't wait for her granddaughter to say, "Wow, Grandma. Things were really that bad? They are so much better now."

This really struck me because Brenda's unfailing optimism and candor are what will change the norms around sexual violence. Her courage in sharing her story is inspiring, and I know I join folks from around the country in saying: Congratulations, Brenda, and thank you!

TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN DEMETRIUS KEISHUN "D.K." MORRIS

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, today I would like to take a moment to thank U.S. Army CPT Demetrius Keishun Morris, an extraordinary man who has contributed to my office through the Army Congressional Fellowship Program. Captain Morris, known as