

with her famous Rolodexes full of contacts and friends from across the State, made her an indomitable force of good will. Kennedy Krieger's fundraising skyrocketed under her leadership, as did the institute's profile, allowing it to invest in groundbreaking medical research and, above all, to care for more children. Over the course of her tenure, she led three capital projects that raised a combined total of more than \$117 million, all in the name of improving and expanding healthcare for our children and grandchildren. She built the institute's new external relations department from the ground up; it started with only her; today, it employs a staff of 34 like-minded philanthropists dedicated to keeping Kennedy Krieger growing. Dr. Goldstein, the man who convinced Lainy to join Kennedy Krieger, says it best: "She has been phenomenally successful. We are quiet, nerdy academics around here. She took us up a step by a factor of ten."

Lainy has been so successful throughout her career both because she works hard and because her compassion and empathy shine through in all that she does. When she asks someone for help or for resources, it is always clear that the "ask" comes from a place of deep, heartfelt sincerity. When she uses her influence to connect people, it is because she genuinely believes in them and in the work they are trying to do. Everyone has always understood Lainy to be extraordinarily thoughtful, earnest, effective, and empathetic, and that character has inspired immediate trust from everyone she meets. That trust has been her currency, and she has spent it on helping others.

What makes Lainy so remarkable isn't just that she is so talented; many people are. Rather, it is that she has always used her talents to improve other people's lives. In his book "Wishful Thinking," Frederick Buechner wrote, "The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." From the day Lainy first arrived in Baltimore nearly 50 years ago, she has found that place in her life, and all of our lives have been enriched.

When I say that Lainy is retiring, I need to add some caveats. She currently serves on the boards of Beth Am Synagogue, the Associated Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore, the Baltimore Jewish Council, the BB&T advisory board, and the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra. Serving for Lainy comes as naturally and, apparently, as necessarily as breathing.

Lainy has come to define the best of Maryland, and her legacy is now and forever woven into our State's history. She has channeled her considerable skills and connections into work that has changed lives and facilitated incredible progress in caring for some of our most vulnerable children. On behalf of those children, their families, and the entire State of Maryland, I ex-

tend to her my sincere and eternal gratitude.●

TRIBUTE TO VERNON ODOM

● MR. CASEY. Mr. President, I wish to commend Vernon Odom, a highly regarded television news anchor for 6ABC—WPVI—in Philadelphia. Vernon Odom retired in December 2018 after more than 40 years of bringing breaking news into the living rooms of Philadelphia area residents.

Odom was born in Atlanta, GA, and grew up in Akron, OH. His father, Vernon Odom, Sr., was a social worker and his mother, Sadie Harvey Odom, a scientist. Odom was raised with a passion for journalism, as his maternal grandfather was the second African American to publish a daily newspaper. Odom's great-grandfather, B.T. Harvey, Sr., launched the Nation's second African-American-owned newspaper, the "Columbus Messenger." Odom's sister, Maida, is also a journalist and served as a veteran reporter for the Philadelphia Inquirer.

After graduating from Morehouse College in Atlanta, GA, Odom began his reporting career with the civil rights movement, including the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Odom completed his postgraduate studies in broadcast journalism at Columbia University in New York.

Since his arrival in Philadelphia, coinciding with the celebration of America's Bicentennial, Odom has covered some of the biggest stories of a generation and neighborhood milestones throughout every section of Philadelphia and the suburbs.

Odom also had the opportunity to travel the globe, bringing news stories from Latin America, the Middle East, and Europe to Philadelphia area residents. Notably, Vernon Odom covered the release of Nelson Mandela from prison as well as the first free election in South Africa in 1994. More recently, he was live as Pope Francis visited Philadelphia for the 2015 World Meeting of Families, as well as for the 2016 Democratic National Convention.

Odom is passionate about politics and he memorably reported live from the Ballroom of the Lackawanna Hilton in downtown Scranton when my father, Bob Casey, Sr., was elected Governor of Pennsylvania in November 1986.

In 2004, Odom was inducted into the Philadelphia Broadcast Pioneers Hall of Fame and, in 2018, was honored as the Broadcast Pioneers of Philadelphia Person of the Year.

I wish to express gratitude to Vernon Odom for more than four decades of dedication to broadcast journalism and to 6ABC. I wish him well in his retirement.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. EDMUND O. SCHWEITZER III

● MR. CRAPO. Mr. President, along with my colleagues Senator JAMES E.

RISCH, Representative MIKE SIMPSON, and Representative RUSS FULCHER, I congratulate Edmund O. Schweitzer III, Ph.D., on his induction into the National Inventors Hall of Fame.

The National Inventors Hall of Fame selected Dr. Schweitzer for this honor in recognition of him bringing "the first microprocessor-based digital protective relay to market, revolutionizing the performance of electric power systems with computer-based protection and control equipment, and making a major impact in the electric power utility industry." Dr. Schweitzer has received many recognitions for his contributions to the development of digital protection and electric power systems worldwide. He is an Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, IEEE, Fellow, who was honored with IEEE's Medal in Power Engineering in 2012. In 1982, he founded Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc., SEL, to develop and manufacture digital protective relays and related products and services.

Characterizing Dr. Schweitzer as creative and inventive is an understatement. This month, he will receive his 200th patent pertaining to electric power system protection, metering, monitoring, and control. He turns his ideas into practical tools that meet the demands of our ever-changing and modernizing society. By protecting power grids, the technology he has developed and disseminated is helping to ensure that Americans and people around the world can access needed safe, more reliable, and more economical electric power to live and fuel growth.

Congratulations, Dr. Schweitzer, on this recognition, and thank you for lending your talents, ideas and know-how to furthering our communities and Nation.●

REMEMBERING J. HAROLD SHEPHERD

● MR. PERDUE. Mr. President, today I wish to honor an incredible man and an incredible Georgian. J. Harold Shepherd passed away earlier this month, but his legacy will far outlast his time on earth. If you have spent time in Georgia or anywhere in the Southeast you may have heard of his family's work at the Shepherd Center. The Shepherd Center, located in Atlanta, Georgia, is one of the top rehabilitation hospitals in the country and the result of Harold's lifetime of passion for others and the disabled community.

A fourth generation Atlantan, Harold was the youngest of six children. He started in construction with his father at age 15, and as a young man started Shepherd Construction Company with his three brothers. Harold and his family members oversaw the construction of thousands of miles of interstate highways and city and country streets, and built all but one section of I-95 in Georgia.

Harold's proudest achievement, however, was the Shepherd Center. The