INAGURAL COSI SCIENCE FESTIVAL

Mr. PORTMAN. Madam President, today I wish to acknowledge the inaugural COSI Science Festival that took place in Columbus during the first 4 days of May. COSI is a statewide science center that has been engaging, inspiring, and transforming Ohio’s young people since 1964 and directly impacts over 1 million people annually. This festival event serves as a conduit to involve students, educators, policymakers, and families in STEM. COSI hosted the culminating event, the Big Science Fair, where thousands of individuals gathered to experience hands-on learning around critical industry sectors for Ohio, such as agriculture, aerospace, and advanced manufacturing.

COSI’s Science Festival partnered with NASA, DOT, and several state agencies to provide hands-on learning opportunities. Local mayors from 10 partner-cities were also featured to demonstrate the value of STEM in our communities in STEM of all ages from central Ohio were appointed as STEM Stars to serve as liaisons between community and industry.

Visitors to the science festival experienced hands-on scientific demonstrations, interactive exhibits, workshops, and much more. Ohioans had the opportunity to take part in an event that will undoubtedly leave a lasting impact in the STEM field.

I am honored to recognize the COSI Science Festival on this important event highlighting the impact of STEM throughout our nation.

Congratulations to all who were involved in making it a success.

TRIBUTE TO PAUL CLOUD

Mr. RUBIO. Madam President, today I recognize Paul Vincent Cloud of Niceville, FL, who served his nation in the U.S. Army during World War II and will turn 100 years old on June 8, 2019.

Paul enlisted with the U.S. Army on March 1, 1941, in Huntington, WV. He was assigned as a supply clerk in Company D, 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, and trained at Fort Lewis, WA.

On October 24, 1942, Paul was deployed as part of Task Force 34 for Operation Torch, landing at Pedala in French Morocco as part of the Battle of Casablanca. After its surrender, Paul’s unit was temporarily assigned in Rabat, French Morocco’s capital city before moving to Algiers, Algeria. As a part of the 3rd Infantry Division, he was sent to reinforce the 1st Infantry Division at the Kasserine Pass, Tunisia.

In July 1943, Paul left Bizerte, Tunisia, and landed in Sicily near Gela, moving to Palermo and Messina as his division was ordered to Salerno and then Naples Italy. In late spring 1944, Paul landed at Anzio and advanced with his unit to Rome to seize control of the city after the German retreat.

He was later selected to return to the United States due to his service points, leaving Naples on July 16, 1944. Paul was honorably discharged at Fort Meade, MD, and received the Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Service Medal, and European African Middle Eastern Service Ribbon.

After he was discharged, Paul married Dorothy Anderson in 1947 and graduated from Ben Franklin University in 1951. He worked for the Veterans Administration and the Internal Revenue Service, retiring in January 1976. Together they have two daughters and five grandchildren.

I extend my best wishes to Paul in celebration of his upcoming 100th birthday and for his service to our Nation.

I extend my sincerest gratitude and best wishes to Cynthia for her dedication to teaching and look forward to learning of her continued success in the years ahead.

TRIBUTE TO SANDRA McMILLAN

Mr. RUBIO. Madam President, today I recognize Sandra McMillan, the Gadsden County Teacher of the Year from Greensboro Elementary School in Quincy, FL.

From a young age, Cynthia’s grandmother instilled in her the importance of education. In the years that followed, Cynthia became passionate about being a part of the educational system. Cynthia’s favorite aspect of teaching is working with students in order to have a better understanding of how to best teach them.

Cynthia began her career as a Jefferson County teacher and taught at Jefferson Elementary School for 27 years. When Somerset Charter took over the county’s schools, she was included in the school transfer of teachers. She now teaches second grade at Jefferson-Somerset Elementary School in Monticello, FL.

I extend my sincere gratitude to David for his service to our Nation and express my best wishes on his continued success in the years to come.