

Alan Shepard was from Derry and is better known to the rest of the world as the first American in space. His historic 1961 Mercury flight paved the way for the Apollo missions to the Moon. I am also reminded that, as the commander of the follow-on *Apollo 14* mission, he also became the first human to golf on the Moon's surface.

Christa McAuliffe's legacy as an advocate for her students and for science education continues to inspire to this day. New Hampshire and the entire country are proud of her pioneering efforts. Earlier this month, the entire U.S. Senate honored that legacy and passed my legislation authorizing the U.S. Mint to produce a commemorative coin in her honor.

As we continue to celebrate these American achievements, we also celebrate the New Hampshire businesses, institutions, and people who helped make that possible and remember the pride Americans everywhere felt that day.

I also hope that the 50th anniversary of the Moon landing will serve as a wake-up call to all of us, a statement of the great things our country can do when we stand united, working together, and focused on a common goal. We need more of that today. I hope we will look to heroes like Christa McAuliffe, Alan Shepard, and the *Apollo 11* crew as we rededicate ourselves as a nation to achieving the impossible.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS LOCAL 158

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the 100th anniversary of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 158 from Green Bay, WI. The original charter of Local 158 was filed on June 6, 1919.

IBEW Local 158 occupies a storied place in the history of organized labor in northeast Wisconsin. Electrical workers in Green Bay began organizing for better wages and working conditions as early as 1902. By 1919, the workers had a committed core of electrical workers and filed the charter to establish a chapter of the IBEW on June 6 of that year. On June 17, 1919, the Local held its first meeting at the home of Brother August Verheyden. The Local increased its influence and magnified its voice by joining other groups advocating for workers and their families. In 1921, IBEW Local 158 joined the State Federation of Labor, the Green Bay Labor Council, and the Green Bay Building Trades.

Construction of paper mills and powerplants in the Fox Valley created steady employment for IBEW members. Their experience was especially important when the call for skilled labor went out during World War II to help build ships for the U.S. Navy. After the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, the Navy rapidly began building low-cost cargo ships called Liberty

Ships, as well as smaller torpedo patrol and submarine chaser boats. Members of IBEW Local 158, along with their brethren from Local 1012 at the Leatham D. Smith Shipbuilding Company in Sturgeon Bay, stepped up to this challenge and contributed to the successful U.S. war effort.

IBEW Local 158 continued its significant contributions to the Green Bay economy and community through its work on Green Bay's City Hall, which opened in 1957. That same year, the Local celebrated its contribution to the completion of the Lake Michigan pipeline and the new City Stadium, home of the Green Bay Packers.

In the early 1970s, Local 158 merged with three other Wisconsin IBEW organizations: Local 751 in Manitowoc, Local 1012 in Sturgeon Bay, and Local 1235 in Marinette, making Local 158 a stronger, more diverse and financially sound Local in the Brotherhood.

In recent times, the skills and expertise of Local 158 members are on display at nearby nuclear power stations, paper mills, shipyards, and hospitals. In 2003, IBEW contributed to the significant renovations at Lambeau Field, a landmark we in Wisconsin like to refer to as the "8th Wonder of the World."

IBEW Local 158, however, is known for far more than its economic achievements. Its members also deserve recognition for their significant contributions to their community through generous charitable initiatives. In addition, its advocacy on behalf of family supporting wages has helped build the strong middle class Green Bay enjoys today.

On this important day, marking 100 years of outstanding service to its members, its union, and its community, I heartily congratulate IBEW Local 158 on its successful advocacy on behalf of working families, and I wish its members continued progress for the next 100 years.

RECOGNIZING THE FREEPORT FLAG LADIES

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to three great patriots, three inspiring women, from the town of Freeport, ME. Their names are Elaine Greene, Carmen Footer, and JoAnn Miller. They are known by our men and women in uniform, veterans, and grateful citizens throughout America as the Freeport Flag Ladies.

On September 11, 2001, an act of terror transformed a beautiful Tuesday morning into a day of unfathomable horror. Three days later, President Bush asked grief-stricken Americans to step outside their homes with lighted candles in memory of the heroes of 9/11 and of the nearly 3,000 innocent men, women, and children who perished.

Living on a secluded road, Elaine, Carmen, and JoAnn instead took their candles and an American flag to busy Main Street. Their location quickly began a rallying point for all of Free-

port, the site of a spontaneous, heartfelt memorial service.

Then they did something even more remarkable. They made a promise to stand with their flags on Main Street each and every Tuesday morning between the hours of 8 and 9, to mark the day and time of the attacks.

This coming September 11th will be their final vigil. When that day comes, they will have kept their promise for more than 900 consecutive Tuesdays, in rain, sleet, and snow, in bitter cold and in blistering heat. Carmen, the youngest of the three at 74, says their "retirement" is due solely to the fact that "Age wins, all the time."

For the past 4 years, the Freeport Flag Ladies have been joined each Tuesday by Darlene Jolly and frequently by Elaine's sister, Amy Gove.

They have kept their promise, and they have done so much more. From 2002 to 2016, they spearheaded a wonderful 9/11 tribute in Freeport. They have regularly made the long drive to Bangor International Airport, to join the legendary Maine Troop Greeters, and to Pease International Airport in New Hampshire, to meet the members of our Armed Forces as they head overseas or return home. They have greeted thousands of soldiers, and they are remembered by them all.

They have made a special effort to reach out to those who serve our country and to their families. Thousands of photographs of outbound troops have been sent back home, and families receive a weekly message. They have sent packages of games, magazines, and food to troops overseas. Parcels to combat support hospitals contain clothing and special pillows to make the transport of wounded soldiers more comfortable. They have funded these amazing efforts themselves, with yard sales, growing and selling "Flowers for Freedom," and donations.

Describing what Elaine Greene, Carmen Footer, and JoAnn Miller have done falls far short of putting into words what the Freeport Flag Ladies mean to our country. Perhaps the best words were spoken by Elaine: "Freedom shines on America, so let us shine for America." The Freeport Flag Ladies shine brightly, and their light will continue to inspire us all. Their prayer to be of service was answered with a mission to commemorate, to honor, and to remember. They are among those throughout our Nation who transformed one of America's darkest days into one of our finest hours.

Mr. KING. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the Flag Ladies of Freeport, ME, who will soon retire from their unwavering efforts to commemorate the heroes and the victims of the life-changing events that occurred on September 11, 2001. Every Tuesday since that day—for 18 years—the Freeport Flag Ladies have stood on Main Street in Freeport in our Nation's colors waving our Nation's flag. First standing to honor the lives lost in the 2001 attacks, these ladies have

continued to stand to support the brave men and women who serve our country today. Main Street shall see them wave the red, white, and blue for the last time on September 11, 2019.

In the days after the events of September 11, Elaine Greene, Carmen Footer, and Joann Miller were just like the rest of the country: they wanted to heal the Nation. So they acted, devoting their time and energy to honor and salute those who were lost and those who are willing to make the greatest sacrifice our Nation can ask. Since beginning their effort, these ladies have not missed a single Tuesday to share their message of patriotism and solidarity. Nothing could deter them, not the heaviest rains, the coldest snows, the blazing summer sun or even a dislocated shoulder. The Freeport Flag Ladies have showed up every week—no matter what.

When troops were deployed to Afghanistan and later Iraq, these women took this as an expansion of their mandate—traveling up to Bangor to send off soldiers and greet those returning home. The Freeport Flag Ladies have given up much themselves to ensure their mission is carried out week after week. Their own comfort has been forgone in their pursuit to bring comfort to their fellow countrymen. In waving the flag and shaking the hands of soldiers, Elaine Greene, Carmen Footer, and Joann Miller have represented the best of our Nation and the ideals of the flag they wave.

I want to thank the Freeport Flag Ladies for their commitment to honoring both the lives lost on September 11, 2001, and the soldiers who are currently serving and defending the United States. Their mission is not political. It is clear that what they do is an act of love and appreciation for the great sacrifices made by those who serve our country. These unwavering patriots are a reminder to the American people of what the flag represents. While they may wave their flags for the final time on September 11, 2019, the patriotism of these women will continue to be remembered and celebrated.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MISSOURI CENTER FOR MISSOURI STUDIES

• Mr. BLUNT. Mr. President, today, I stand to recognize the grand opening of the State Historical Society of Missouri's Center for Missouri Studies on August 10. The Center for Missouri Studies was established in 2014, and this new facility will move the State Historical Society from its home of 100 years to a new, visionary center meant to connect scholars of varied disciplines, showcase artwork by renowned Missourians, and provide state-of-the-art space for educational programming.

The State Historical Society of Missouri was founded in 1898 by the Missouri Press Association and has been an integral part of the preservation of Missouri's history ever since. Not only does it support research at centers in Cape Girardeau, Columbia, Kansas City, Rolla, St. Louis, and Springfield, it also houses an extensive collection of manuscripts, newspapers, books, maps, photographs, and art. Thanks to the efforts of dedicated staff over decades, the public can explore the records, myths, and culture that comprise the rich history of our State.

The new Center for Missouri Studies will build upon the State Historical Society's mission to "collect, preserve, publish, exhibit, and make available" to the public myriad resources and opportunities to learn. The center will feature a large art gallery, multipurpose and classroom space, an expanded research center, and modern conservation lab space. Not only will the public have greater access to historical archives and artwork, expert scholars will be able to study and examine the society's extensive collections in a space designed to facilitate collaboration.

The commitment of the State Historical Society of Missouri to preserve our history as we look forward to the beginning of a third century in our State is to be commended. The potential for the public to enjoy our State's unique past with greater ease cannot be undervalued. The dedication of the State Historical Society to drive this project to completion serves as an example to others. I extend my sincere thanks for all they do. Congratulations to Executive Director Gary Kremer and all State Historical Society of Missouri staff on this important occasion.●

TRIBUTE TO CHLOE JEAN MILSTEN

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, this week I have the honor of recognizing Chloe Jean Milsten of Park County for her spirit of entrepreneurship in Livingston.

While still in high school, Ms. Milsten opened and operated her own business, Chloe's Barkery. Located in downtown Livingston, Chloe's Barkery sells dog treats to the Park County community. Now, after her high school graduation, she continues to manage the shop, providing Montanans with a unique, healthy bakery tailored for dogs.

Ms. Milsten's family has been a tremendous support system during her business endeavors. Her parents were some of her biggest influences in encouraging her to launch her business. Additionally, her younger sister Taeyha assists in the day-to-day operations of the store. Chloe's Barkery is the perfect example of a successful family-operated business that we can all be proud of in Montana.

Ms. Milsten's interest in animals is not merely related to her entrepre-

neurial spirit, but also that she hopes to become a veterinarian one day. I applaud Ms. Milsten for her impressive motivation and perseverance in owning and operating a successful small business, and I look forward to seeing all she accomplishes in the future.●

TRIBUTE TO CAROLINE DILLON

• Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, I am proud to recognize Caroline Dillon of Rochester, NH, as July's Granite Stater of the Month for her work ensuring that every public high school and middle school in New Hampshire provides free feminine hygiene products to students who cannot afford them.

When Caroline first learned about "period poverty" in her high school's U.S. history class, she was shocked by the magnitude of this crisis. Period poverty occurs when someone does not have the means to afford basic feminine hygiene products. Caroline knew many of her classmates were on the reduced or free lunch program, and it did not take long for her to connect the dots and realize that some of her classmates were struggling with this problem every month.

Caroline turned her concern into political action. She took her history teacher's advice, who told Caroline's class that, if they ever had a problem with how things were run in the State, they should reach out to an elected official. She reached out to State Senator Martha Hennessey, an outspoken advocate for women's health and education.

Caroline, who at the time was not old enough to vote, worked with Senator Hennessey to draft the bill and to gain support for their legislation in the New Hampshire State House and among interest groups. Their argument was simple: If students do not need to bring essentials like toilet paper to school, why should they need to bring their own feminine hygiene products, which are just as essential?

Thanks to Caroline's efforts, the New Hampshire Governor last week signed into law a bill that mandates that every high school and middle school in the Granite State provide free feminine hygiene products in their female and gender-neutral bathrooms.

I want to thank Caroline once more for her work to help reduce the stigma around periods and to provide essential feminine hygiene products for those in need. I want to congratulate her as well for demonstrating how powerful individual compassion and advocacy can be in our democracy.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Roberts, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages