

TRIBUTE TO TONY RECK

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I want to take a moment today to honor Tony Reck, who recently marked 50 years of excellence in the railway industry. He has been a friend and a leader in western Kentucky for many years, and I would like to join his family, friends, and colleagues in celebrating Tony's great success.

Interestingly enough, Tony never planned to enter the railroad business at all. He studied aviation and joined the Air National Guard, expecting to spend his career in the skies. Instead, Tony's half-century career in the railroad industry began as a summer job at the Illinois Central railroad after his first year of college. When he returned to school, Tony kept working at the railroad, eventually going to class all day and working at night. Clearly, Tony had developed an unbeatable work ethic early on, and it has served him well throughout his career.

Tony was selected to join the railroad's sales department based in St. Louis, giving him the chance to travel throughout its service area. It was that position in which Tony began overseeing the operations in Kentucky.

Changes in Federal regulations also meant big changes for Tony. When Jim Smith and David Reed purchased a Western Kentucky railway, they named it the Paducah & Louisville Railway and asked Tony to help them run the operation. Two years later, Tony was named the president of the P&L Railway, and in 1995, he became chairman and CEO. According to P&L, this full-service, 265-mile, regional railroad moves more than 21 million tons of freight each year and supports hundreds of good jobs in western Kentucky.

Tapping into Paducah's geography as the inland waterways capital of the world, the railway coordinates with barge operators to expand its reach even further. Shipping many important products, including coal, P&L also connects to five of the largest railroads in the country. Tony's long career managing these complex logistics has earned him a top-notch reputation both in the industry and the local community.

Tony's experience and leadership continue to serve western Kentucky well, and I am proud to help him celebrate this milestone accomplishment. I wish him and his wife Farideh many more happy years as they continue to help make Paducah a great place to live and work. I urge my Senate colleagues to join me in marking 50 years of Tony's remarkable career in the railway industry.

TRIBUTE TO BRIGADIER GENERAL
RON VAN STOCKUM

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, recently my home State of Kentucky had the opportunity to celebrate the 103rd birthday of a truly remarkable indi-

vidual. Brigadier General Ron Van Stockum marked the occasion by sharing his lifetime full of rich memories in Shelbyville's "Sentinel-News." I would like to take a moment today to pay tribute to my friend and join Ron's admirers across Kentucky in thanking him for his service.

Ron was born in England in the midst of the First World War. His father, a sergeant in the British forces, was tragically killed in the Battle of the Somme a week before the birth of his son. While her heart may have been broken, Ron's mother Florence felt determined to continue serving their Nation in uniform. Before his second birthday, Florence placed Ron in the care of their relatives and joined the Women's Royal Air Force.

Through her service in the war effort, Florence first met Anton Van Stockum, an immigrant to the United States who volunteered to serve his adoptive homeland in the U.S. Army Air Corps. Florence and Anton quickly developed an affection for one another, sharing a letter-writing correspondence that lasted beyond the war's conclusion.

Returning home, Anton settled in Seattle, WA, and worked at a lumber mill. Florence decided to travel with Ron, now nearly four, to visit her pen pal. It was a journey that would forever change their lives and set Ron on a previously unimagined path.

After traveling thousands of miles, Florence and Ron finally reunited with Anton in British Columbia. They married and settled in the United States to start a new family. Interestingly, no record was made of Ron's entry into our country. That oversight would prove challenging in the coming years when Ron, like his father, mother, and stepfather before him, chose to serve in uniform.

While studying at the University of Washington, Ron sought to enter the Advanced Reserve Officers' Training Corps. It would be his first step in a distinguished career of service. Without an official proof of citizenship, however, he almost wasn't allowed in at all. Ron and his family were forced to gather multiple testimonials documenting his life in the United States and attesting to his story. He was permitted to join the ROTC and was later commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps. The experience led Ron to value the high honor of calling himself an American.

For the next three decades, Ron honorably served as a marine. During World War II, he was part of the amphibious assaults in the Pacific. Ron also served at sea with the Navy aboard a battleship and an aircraft carrier. Because of his diligent service and remarkable merit, he eventually achieved the rank of brigadier general.

When Ron retired from active duty, he and his wife Susanne moved to her family's historic farm in Shelby County, KY. Since 1970, our Commonwealth has been made better because of Ron's

many contributions to the State. Here, he began his second career in education. Spending 11 years at my alma mater, the University of Louisville, Ron served as the assistant dean for administration at the school of medicine and later as the assistant to the president of Uof L.

In 1981, Ron began what he calls his second retirement, but his friends knew there was no chance he would slow down. Since then, he has written six books chronicling the history of our Commonwealth and his own family lineage. He has also taken to writing for the "Sentinel-News," and he has published more than 250 columns on a wide variety of interests.

Over the years, it is been a privilege to call this great American a dear friend, and I've enjoyed reading his reflections. As he celebrates his 103rd birthday, I share my sincere congratulations and best wishes. We are so proud of his contributions to our Commonwealth and his service to this Nation. I urge my Senate colleagues to join me in wishing a happy birthday and many future successes to Brigadier General Ron Van Stockum.

ENFORCING BUDGETARY LEVELS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019, PL 16-37, included an instruction to the chairman of the Senate Committee on the Budget to file allocations, aggregates, and budgetary levels in the Senate as soon as practicable. Today, I rise to submit the required filing found in that act.

Specifically, sections 204 and 206 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019 require the chairman to file, No. 1, allocations for fiscal year 2020 for the Committee on Appropriations; No. 2, allocations for fiscal years 2020, 2020 through 2024, and 2020 through 2029 for committees other than the Committee on Appropriations; No. 3, aggregate spending levels for fiscal year 2020; No. 4, aggregate revenue levels for fiscal year 2020, 2020 through 2024, and 2020 through 2029; No. 5, aggregate levels of outlays and revenue for fiscal years 2020, 2020 through 2024, and 2020 through 2029 for Social Security; and, No. 6, a list of accounts eligible to receive advance appropriations.

The figures included in this filing are consistent with the discretionary spending limits set forth in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019 and the Congressional Budget Office's May 2019 baseline, as adjusted to reflect legislation enacted since the publication of the baseline. In instances where enforceable discretionary levels are required to be adjusted for spending designated as an emergency pursuant to the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act, as amended, including funding in both the Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act, 2019, PL 116-20, and the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Humanitarian Assistance