

on to work at Marshall Space Flight Center in 1960. She continued her work there until retiring in 2012.

Mrs. Ann McNair has earned many recognitions and made history throughout her career, among them being the first female supervisor in engineering at Marshall. She was awarded the Team Redstone Women's History Award and the Technology Award for Women Honoring Women from the Women's Economic Development Council. Ann received the Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Executives in 2009, which is the highest honor a Federal employee can receive. The Alabama Senate also commended her in 2009 for her outstanding professional achievement during her 50 years of NASA service. Other noteworthy recognitions include the Outstanding Leadership Medal for leading the Mission Operations Laboratory, the NASA Exception Achievement Medal, and two NASA Exceptional Service Medals.

Ann's contributions to NASA and Marshall Space Flight Center are truly exceptional. I am proud to take this time to recognize her service to the State, as well as to the Nation. Her achievements and dedication to advancing the industry have made a lasting impact. I join Ann McNair's friends, family, and former colleagues in recognizing her wonderful career, and I thank her for her commitment to Alabama.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO LOIS BOUTON

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, today I wish to honor Lois Bouton, a WWII veteran who honorably served her country and has inspired generations of members of the U.S. Coast Guard with her letters. I am pleased to recognize this remarkable Arkansan as she celebrates her 100th birthday.

Lois has spent her life serving among and connecting with members of the Coast Guard—first, as a member of the SPARs, the Woman's Reserve of the U.S. Coast Guard, and then as a visitor to patients—especially members of the Coast Guard at Naval Station Great Lakes Hospital—and now through the letters she diligently writes to USCG members across the country which earned her the nickname the Coast Guard Lady.

"I like to write letters," Lois said during an interview my staff conducted with her for the Veterans History Project. In the decades since she started outreach to coasties through the mail, she has written nearly 50,000 letters.

In the early 1970s, the Boutons retired to northwest Arkansas. That is when her outreach to coasties began to take off. She started writing to Coast Guard units in Alaska, and soon, she had the directory with addresses of units across the country.

While far from the coast, her Rogers, AR, home is a museum of Coast Guard

memorabilia. Her collection includes the Meritorious Public Service Award she received from the Commandant of the Coast Guard, the second highest civilian award issued by the Coast Guard. In 2013, she was named an honorary chief petty officer.

Her love and appreciation for the Coast Guard is unmatched as demonstrated by her decades-long practice of correspondence to show her support for the men and women who wear the Coast Guard uniform. She is well-known among members of the Coast Guard and receives hundreds of letters and cards from them in return. She continues to serve as an inspiration for others and is widely admired for her service to our country, the men and women of the Coast Guard, and veterans across the Nation.

I want to thank the Coast Guard Lady, Lois Bouton, for her service and continued support of the U.S. Coast Guard and wish her a very happy 100th birthday.●

TRIBUTE TO ANNELIESE SATZ

• Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I congratulate U.S. Marine Capt. Anneliese Satz, of Boise, ID, on her many achievements, including being the first woman to fly the F-35 fighter jet for the U.S. Marine Corps. Above all, I thank Captain Satz for her service to our Nation.

In June, Captain Satz became the first female marine to complete the F-35B basic course. Before she joined the Marines, she earned her commercial pilots license flying helicopters. I understand Captain Satz has been assigned to her first operational unit: The Green Knights of Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 121 in Iwakuni, Japan.

My home State of Idaho is full of trailblazers. Among them are the women who are leaders, innovators and architects of a new reality where the "first woman to . . ." is rightfully becoming a descriptor of the past. Captain Satz is a courageous marine fighter jet pilot. She is also a groundbreaker who worked hard to complete her training and prepare for her service ahead.

Thank you, Anneliese, for your service to our country and for your hard work and great leadership. Your preparation and diligence are commendable. You are showing young Americans and adults alike through your example of dedication and proficiency that high goals are achievable.●

TRIBUTE TO JANE WITTMAYER

• Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I congratulate Jane Wittmeyer, who is retiring after a more than 40-year career in Federal, State, agricultural, and natural resources policy work.

Jane has provided knowledgeable, helpful, and insightful counsel to many throughout her decades of dedicated service. Jane managed my Washington, DC, office, for 4 years during my time

serving in the U.S. House of Representatives. She brought with her the experience she gained working previously for two former U.S. Senators for Idaho, Senators Steve Symms and James McClure, and serving in positions at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, USDA. Her work at USDA included serving as Deputy Manager for USDA's Federal Crop Insurance Corporation. Jane was invaluable in helping me get started in Congress. She came aboard to run my DC office at the beginning of my tenure in the U.S. House of Representatives. Her knowledge and understanding of the procedures, policies, and politics in Congress were useful, as I, as a freshman in the minority, worked to best represent Idaho. She had a deep understanding of Idaho through her previous work for Senators McClure and Symms, and I always knew I could count on her advice and opinions to help me make good decisions on legislation and other matters. Jane left my office to return to Idaho and join the Intermountain Forest Association.

Most recently, for the past 15 years, Jane has operated her own government affairs firm, Wittmeyer and Associates, assisting many in the timber, agricultural, and other related industries. Jane is direct and personable. She recognizes the great value in and makes use of bringing multiple perspectives to the table to advance a common cause. She has lent her energy and expertise into getting countless things done for Idahoans and others. I have been one of the lucky people to benefit greatly from having Jane on my team. Her thoughtful guidance is a true asset.

I understand that in retirement, Jane plans to find something she can do to help people in addition to traveling and spending time with family and friends. That does not surprise me. Jane has dedicated much of her time to helping others, through identifying solutions, providing experienced advocacy on their behalf, assisting with navigating State and Federal policies, and more. Thank you, Jane, for your outstanding work and friendship all these years. Congratulations on an exemplary career. I wish you all the best for a retirement filled with great happiness you so deeply deserve.●

TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN MIKE VITALI

• Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to pay special tribute to an exceptional officer of the U.S. Navy, CAPT Mike Vitali. Captain Vitali currently serves as the senior military adviser for the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense Integration and Defense Support for Civil Authorities and will be released from Active Duty after more than 24 years of active military service on October 1, 2019. As a native of Maple Heights, OH, it is my distinct privilege to recognize his storied career.