

TRIBUTE TO JOCELYN TAYLOR, MICHAELA OSBORNE, AND ADDISON EVANS

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, this week I have the honor of recognizing Jocelyn Taylor, Michaela Osborne, and Addison Evans of Cut Bank Middle School in Glacier County for their extraordinary impact on the local community.

Jocelyn, Michaela, and Addison all had grandparents who suffered from cancer. Because of that, the three young women wanted to do more in their community to raise awareness for cancer with hopes to help folks detect the disease early.

Jocelyn's mom, Cherie, suggested that the girls aim their fundraising efforts towards upgrading the Winkley Women's Center mobile mammography unit that visits Cutbank often. Kalispell Regional Healthcare had been working to raise the funds for a new unit.

Jocelyn, Michaela, and Addison joined Kalispell Regional Healthcare at the Lewis and Clark Festival in July to bake goods for a bake sale. They managed to raise \$109.50 and donated all proceeds to the cause.

Kalispell Regional Healthcare Foundation shared the story of the girls' efforts with their supporters, and the story caught fire. The message about their donation kept spreading, and on October 1, \$750,000 was raised because of their dedication and work.

Thanks to the extraordinary efforts of these inspirational young women, they were able to make a tremendous impact on their local community and raise funds for a cause that can save Montana lives.

It is my honor to recognize Jocelyn, Michaela, and Addison for their amazing endeavor. Montanans across our State are proud of the work they achieved, and I look forward to following the future accomplishments of these bright young women.●

TRIBUTE TO MICHIGAN'S VETERANS

• Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, today I wish to pay special tribute to the more than 580,000 Michigan residents who have proudly served in our Nation's Armed Forces.

For as long as Michigan has been a State and even before, our people have heard the call to serve and bravely stepped up. From the War of 1812 to Vietnam, from the Civil War to today's fight against terrorism, time and again the people of Michigan have proudly worn the uniform and proven their deep sense of patriotism.

Sergeant Don Burgett of Howell was one of these people. His story really could be a major motion picture.

Imagine landing in Normandy on D-day as a 19-year-old, parachuting into the Netherlands for Operation Market Garden, fighting behind German lines for 72 days, surviving the Battle of the

Bulge, and helping to capture Hitler's retreat in Germany.

Sergeant Burgett lost two rifles when they were shot out of his hands, was wounded three times, and wrote four highly acclaimed books about his experience, one of which received rave reviews from both President Dwight D. Eisenhower and historian and author Stephen E. Ambrose.

Of 200 soldiers in his original company, only 11 made it home. Sergeant Burgett was very lucky—and so was Michigan. He returned to Howell and kept on serving his fellow veterans and his community as an active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, and the Military Order of the Cooties. He passed away in 2017 at age 91.

I was so honored to champion the legislation that renamed the Howell Post Office after Sergeant Burgett and to be there during the renaming ceremony this past June. It was touching to see just how big of an impact one veteran can have on an entire community.

Sergeant Burgett isn't alone. His story is just one of so many examples all across Michigan of veterans serving their communities.

Whether it is North Oakland VFW Post 334 donating more than \$13,000 to the VFW National Home for Children in Eaton Rapids, which serves the children and families of veterans; or the Grand Haven American Legion Squadron 28's annual Salmon Boil Dinner, which supports local charities and events, including Boys and Girls State; or Amvets members hiking 22 miles from Howard City to Big Rapids to bring awareness to veterans suicide and to connect veterans with services and support organizations; or Disabled American Veterans in Detroit hosting a job fair to help veterans and their spouses find jobs with employers who understand their sacrifice; or the Student Veterans of America University of Michigan chapter's dedication to volunteering, including at Food Gatherers Community Kitchen in Ann Arbor, when Michigan veterans hang up their military uniform, they often put on another, whether as coach, teacher, police officer, paramedic, firefighter, elected official, or community volunteer. These patriots understand that service isn't something you do just once. Instead, it is a way of living, and this way of living benefits us all.

Today and every day, we salute Michigan's veterans and thank them for their service, both in our military and in our communities. They truly are what makes America great. Thank you.●

REMEMBERING WILLIAM S. WHITE

• Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to someone who spent his career in service to others, from his Flint neighbors, to communities across the country, to people

around the world, someone whom I was proud to call my friend.

William S. White may not have been a native of Michigan—he was born in Cincinnati in 1937—but he was Michigan through and through, and his devotion to serving the people of his adoptive State was truly inspiring.

Bill earned his bachelor of arts from Dartmouth University in 1959, his master's degree in business administration from the Tuck School of Business the next year, and then spent 2 years in the Army. During that time, he also had the good sense to fall in love with and marry a Michigander, Claire Mott of Flint, whose grandfather, Charles Stewart Mott, cofounded General Motors and created the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation.

Claire's father, C.S. Harding Mott, was impressed by Bill's hard work and business skills. He brought him on as a consultant to help modernize the foundation in the wake of the Tax Reform Act of 1969. Bill did that job so well that, by 1971, he was named vice president and secretary of the foundation and elected to its board of trustees.

Over the years, Bill's role grew and so did the foundation. What started out as a small organization that mainly supported local causes in southeastern Michigan became a philanthropic powerhouse, a \$3 billion foundation that is internationally recognized for its good work around the globe.

That's not all Bill's doing, of course; he was fortunate to be supported by his wonderful family and an amazing team. However, Bill possessed a number of qualities of leadership that helped make the Mott Foundation what it is today.

Bill was creative. He was willing to think big and take big risks to solve big problems. Offering \$5 million to help launch the Federal Government's 21st Century Community Learning Centers initiative sounded crazy at the time, but Bill saw a need and a way to meet it. Today, this program provides 1.7 million children every year with activities that strengthen their academic skills to help them succeed in the classroom and beyond.

Bill was compassionate. I know just how hard the Flint water crisis hit him and how hard he worked to help his hometown recover. He showed that same heart whether providing families with access to clean drinking water, promoting peace and reconciliation in post-apartheid South Africa, supporting our Nation's Historically Black Colleges and Universities, protecting our Great Lakes, or helping Gulf Coast communities rebuild after Hurricane Katrina.

Above all, Bill was dedicated. He served as chairman of Mott's board of trustees until the day he died. And just 2 days before, he gave an emotional speech at the Council of Michigan Foundations' annual conference inspiring philanthropic leaders to keep doing good works and sharing their successes.