

and community centers to warn against the dangers of sex trafficking.

Rachelle also met her husband, Simon Hammerling during her time in Yap. The two were married in 2018 and had planned to take in a young girl they had found sleeping on their doorstep. Rachelle passed just before the two were about to celebrate their 1-year wedding anniversary and shortly before she and her family were due to move back to the United States for a new job in Wyoming. Her passing is a tremendous loss to her family, to the community she fought to serve, and to all who knew her.

We remember Rachelle with gratitude for her life, and we honor her for her sacrifice. Scripture tells us that the righteous will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them. As she now rests from her tireless and courageous work on behalf of the most vulnerable among us, we know Rachelle's deeds will follow her and continue to inspire others to pursue justice as fiercely as she did.

TRIBUTE TO CAROLYN EDWARDS

Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, together with Senator CARPER, I rise today to recognize Carolyn Edwards for her distinguished career and significant accomplishments at the Federal Highway Administration, FHWA.

After 46 years of exceptional Federal service, Carolyn is retiring from FHWA on January 3, 2020. She is a dedicated public servant recognized as an unparalleled national expert on Federal Highway Programs and the highway trust fund. Through her technical assistance to Congress and her policy advice to departmental and agency officials, Carolyn has provided an invaluable contribution to the programs that support our Nation's roads and bridges. She has helped to shape not only these critical highway programs, but also, as colleague and mentor, she has shaped and guided a generation of highway policy experts. Her work will have a lasting legacy for many years to come.

Carolyn's entire 46-year Federal career has been with the U.S. Department of Transportation, USDOT—44 of these with FHWA. To put Carolyn's remarkable public service longevity in perspective, FHWA was formed in 1966, only 7 years prior to her arrival. She joined FHWA in 1973 as an economist. Over the ensuing four and a half decades, she has served in a range of high-level analytical and leadership positions, including positions in FHWA's Office of Highway Policy Information and Office of Legislative Affairs and Policy Communications. She also worked in the Office of the Secretary's Office of the Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs with a portfolio that covered FHWA programs.

Carolyn is currently a member of FHWA's Legislative Analysis Team, where she serves as the authoritative expert on a wide range of highway-related topics, including Federal highway

legislation, the highway trust fund, and the operations of the Federal-aid highway program. Throughout her successful and impressive career, she has been a "go-to reference" on these topics for both agency and departmental leaders and staff.

Among her many exemplary accomplishments, Carolyn has been in the development and implementation of every Federal surface transportation bill since the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century—TEA-21—was enacted in 1998. Additionally, she has also been a recipient of several prestigious honors and awards. Carolyn has been recognized with a Secretary's Team Award, two Secretarial Awards for Partnering for Excellence, and multiple FHWA Superior Achievement Awards, FHWA's highest honor award.

Carolyn exemplifies the highest standards of public service and embodies FHWA's spirit of professionalism and customer service. Over the years, the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, along with other congressional committees, Members of Congress, and their staff have relied on Carolyn's legislative and highway policy expertise, quick turnaround technical assistance responses, and wealth of information. Carolyn's colleagues at USDOT and FHWA have depended on her tireless efforts, her endless wealth of knowledge and willingness to share and transfer it. They will miss her indomitable spirit and her purple sweaters, purple pens, and love for everything purple to brighten their days.

Carolyn has helped shape highway policy discussions and implement new programs. Her contributions will continue to make a difference on USDOT, FHWA, and the surface transportation community. Her retirement from the Federal Government is a celebration of her dedication to the American people.

It is a great honor to recognize this exceptional public servant. Senator CARPER joins me in extending our appreciation and well wishes to Carolyn on her retirement.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO ANDY PRADELLA

• Mr. MANCHIN. Madam President, Gayle and I would like to extend our warmest congratulations and very best wishes to our very dear friend Andy Pradella on his 70th birthday. What I have always admired about Andy is his unparalleled work ethic and determination to learn and serve, and to inspire those around him. I can't tell him how much his and Joanie's friendship has meant to me and Gayle throughout the years. They are like family to us. Together, they are both a match made in "Almost Heaven."

While Andy wasn't born in West Virginia, he certainly is a West Virginian in his heart and soul. In West Virginia, if you are hungry, you will be fed. If

you are lost, someone will not only give you directions but will offer to drive you to your destination. I am so deeply proud of the people of my home State and the values that make us stand out from the rest of the Nation.

It is in that same spirit that I proudly recognize Andy Pradella as an honorary West Virginian. No one fits this title better. He is one of the most generous, kindest, selfless people I have had the privilege of calling my very dear friend. He has provided so much happiness and wisdom to the lives of those around him throughout the years, and it is my wish that the memory of this special day remains with him just as his guidance and influence will remain in all the lives he has touched. Again, it is with the greatest admiration that I send to him my best wishes on his special day.

Andy, please always remember that no matter where you are, you have a home here in "Almost Heaven."•

TRIBUTE TO MARY HULSMAN ALLGEIER

• Mr. PAUL. Madam President, Mary Hulsman Allgeier was selected as the #1 Citizen of Schnitzelburg, a historic neighborhood in Louisville, KY. Mary has been a lifelong community advocate and volunteer. She has given to and supported those in need as a leader in Holy Family Parish for many years. In addition, Mary is a role model for women in leadership and is instrumental in ensuring members of her community understand their civic rights and responsibilities. Mary has served her community faithfully from education to civic engagement and is an example for us to follow. I am proud to join the people of Schnitzelburg in honoring Mary Allgeier as their #1 Citizen.•

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL FRED JOHNSON

• Mr. PAUL. Madam President, Col. Fred Johnson, U.S. Army, Retired, was honored as Kentucky's 2019 Veteran of the Year. Since his retirement from the U.S. Army in 2014, Fred Johnson has immersed himself in community service in Louisville in both existing programs, such as YouthBuild and Restorative Justice Louisville, and through developing new, innovative ways to use the arts and storytelling to help connect veterans with the broader community. His Veteran's Writing Workshop series and the innovative Shakespeare with Veterans group that he cofounded in 2016 are helping veterans communicate their stories in creative and timeless ways. Colonel Johnson remains committed to our country as is evident by his decision to teach sixth grade Social studies class at Thomas Jefferson Middle School. I am proud to recognize Col. Fred Johnson as a remarkable symbol of the rich veteran heritage of Kentucky.•