

men and women do each day is made possible by the love and support of their families. This is especially true when additional burdens are placed on Coast Guard personnel, like we experienced this time last year, when the Coast Guard was left unpaid during the 35-day government shutdown. Here in Congress, I will continue to work with Senator *Sullivan* to pass the Pay Our Coast Guard Act, which will ensure that a lapse in pay from a government shutdown never happens again. Our Coast Guard families deserve nothing less.

Thank you to the Kodiak Chamber of Commerce for their work to honor our Coast Guard members in Alaska. I applaud you as well for your support for those who serve and for taking the time to say thank you and well done to our Coast Guard Family.

#### 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE'S FIRST MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY CELEBRATION

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I rise today in observance of the 20th anniversary of New Hampshire's first Martin Luther King Jr. Day. After legislation was enacted the previous summer, Martin Luther King Jr. Day in the year 2000 was the culmination of a years-long struggle to add Dr. King's name to the State's official Civil Rights Day holiday. I ask my colleagues and all Americans to join me in celebrating this recognition of such an influential figure and saluting the men and women who prompted this important and permanent change.

This anniversary is personal for me. I fought alongside so many when I served in the New Hampshire State Senate for an appropriate way to honor Dr. King, the preeminent leader of the civil rights movement. Years later, as Governor, I was proud to sign the bill into law that ended New Hampshire's status as the only State not to recognize his birthday as an official holiday. There were setbacks leading up to that triumphant June day, including many failed votes in the State legislature; yet with a sense of resilience typical of the movement that Dr. King inspired, we persevered and kicked off the new millennium in the Granite State by celebrating our first Martin Luther King Jr. Day on January 17, 2000.

It was an exciting time that reflected the positive change that many of us had seen in our lifetimes. As a child growing up in southern Missouri and attending segregated schools, I saw the daily injustices of life under Jim Crow segregation. We have made great strides since then in the march toward full equality, and these advancements are the product of Dr. King's leadership and the peaceful, nonviolent protest movements that he championed.

Whether writing from inside a jail cell or speaking from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, Dr. King delivered a stirring message with hope that Ameri-

cans could come together and fully realize one of our country's founding principles, that *all* are created equal. He pledged himself and inspired others to work toward a more perfect union and embrace a belief in freedom and opportunity for all. He held a faith that engaged citizens—from the thousands who stood with him on the National Mall in 1963 to the many who worked tirelessly years later to establish a holiday in his name—are the most powerful promoters of positive social and economic change.

One of those engaged citizens was Rev. Dr. Arthur Hilson of New Hope Baptist Church in Portsmouth, NH. A beacon of wisdom and grace, Reverend Hilson was instrumental in garnering the public support to establish Martin Luther King Jr. Day. He understood that the people we choose to revere can send a powerful message to future generations and that the lifework and message of Dr. King must be a part of the heritage we leave to our children. We lost Reverend Hilson last year, but we still hold on to cherished memories of a man who, when asked how he was doing, would always answer, "Too blessed to complain." We are all blessed to have known such a loving neighbor, determined activist and living embodiment of Dr. King's teachings.

On behalf of the people of New Hampshire, I ask my colleagues and all Americans to join in celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day and in recognizing Reverend Hilson who was so dedicated to building Dr. King's "Beloved Community" of justice, equality and love for all.

#### RECOGNIZING INDIANA WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE CENTENNIAL

Mr. YOUNG. Mr. President, I rise to formally recognize an important event that will be occurring in my home State of Indiana this week.

On Thursday, January 16, the Indiana Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission will be hosting a celebration at the Indiana Statehouse to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Indiana ratifying the 19th Amendment. Moreover, the Indiana General Assembly will present a resolution honoring this historic milestone and the Hoosiers who led the way to ensure equal representation for women in their government.

As we celebrate the anniversary, it is important we acknowledge that the record of Hoosiers seeking equal voting rights for women goes back to the 1850s, when Amanda Way, a Winchester native, organized the Indiana Woman's Rights Association and called for its first convention. This act of passionate leadership was just the beginning of a generation-spanning story of determination, sacrifice, and advocacy. Countless women and men followed in Amanda's footsteps and continued to campaign for the betterment of their society and government. Nearly 70

years later, these Hoosiers' tireless efforts led to Indiana becoming the 26th State in the Union to ratify the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, prohibiting States from denying the right to vote on the basis of sex.

The centennial of women's suffrage is an opportunity to highlight Indiana's leadership in uniting communities, tearing down barriers to better relationships, and promoting representative governance. On behalf of all Hoosiers, I wish Indiana continued success as it commemorates and recognizes a proud history of supporting equality and constitutional freedom.

#### TRIBUTE TO JENNIFER DOUGHERTY

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, as chairman of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, it is our privilege to pay tribute to Jennifer Dougherty as she prepares to leave her position as a detailee for the Senate Committee on Armed Services and return to her position as a Senior Analyst for the Government Accountability Office.

For the past 12 months, Ms. Dougherty has assisted the committee and its members with high-priority work on contracting reform in the National Defense Authorization Act for 2020 and overseeing implementation of previously enacted acquisition reforms. Her contributions to our committee's work have been significant and highly valued by our members and staff.

On behalf of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, I thank Ms. Dougherty and wish her future success as she continues to support the U.S. Government.

#### TRIBUTE TO DR. JAMES J. NARAMORE

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the outstanding career of Dr. James J. Naramore. For over 40 years, Jim Naramore dedicated his life to caring for the people of Campbell County.

Born and raised in Gillette, he is a graduate of Campbell County High School. He earned an undergraduate degree from John Brown University and earned his medical degree from the University of Utah. He completed his training in family medicine at the University of Nebraska.

Gillette was fortunate when Dr. Naramore came home in 1978 for a temporary position in the emergency department at Campbell County Memorial Hospital. He returned permanently in 1980 and spent the rest of his career practicing at Family Health in Gillette, while also serving on the medical staff of the hospital.

In addition, Dr. Naramore understood the importance of helping others enter the medical profession. Throughout his career, he taught and mentored the next generation of Wyoming physicians. He served as an instructor for the Department of Human Medicine at