

as U.S. servicemembers or civil servants. It provided flexibility and allowed U.S. citizen parents to meet residency requirements for acquisition of citizenship while serving overseas. It kept American parents from cutting their overseas commitment short to establish residency so their children could earn citizenship. This policy allowed their children to enjoy the same privileges of acquiring citizenship, as if their parents were working and living within our country's borders.

However, in August 2019, the Trump administration enacted a policy change to reverse this practice. Under this new policy, certain Americans serving their Nation abroad, in uniform or in the civil service, must apply for citizenship on behalf of their children. These parents now have to navigate a complex bureaucratic process and spend hundreds of dollars on an application, with no guarantee that their children will receive citizenship of the very country they are serving abroad in uniform or as a Federal employee.

In fact, this policy change caused Republican and Democratic lawmakers to recognize that current citizenship laws disadvantage these patriotic families. Our citizenship laws and bureaucratic requirements inflict undue burden on these families and make American parents "prove" that their children are worthy of U.S. citizenship.

As a combat veteran, I understand the challenges and family stressors that face Active-Duty members deployed to defend our Nation overseas. Congress should be helping U.S. servicemembers focus on achieving their mission. Providing U.S. servicemembers and civil servants with the peace of mind that they will not have to navigate a lengthy and expensive process to apply for U.S. citizenship for their children advances this important goal.

Our commonsense legislation codifies the previous policy by clarifying the Immigration and Nationality Act to clearly require that children of U.S. citizen parents born in a foreign nation while their parents are stationed abroad automatically acquire U.S. citizenship.

I urge the President to honor the service and dedication of our U.S. servicemembers, military families, and Federal workforce by signing the Citizenship for Children of Military Members and Civil Servants Act into law.

AUSTRALIAN WILDFIRES

Ms. ROSEN. Mr. President, I rise in support of S. Res. 527, a resolution I was proud to cosponsor, recognizing the longstanding partnership between the United States and Australia to share critical firefighting resources during times of crisis.

I first want to thank my colleagues, Senator CARDIN and BARRASSO, for introducing this important legislation recognizing the brave men and women who have not only risked their lives in

the United States as first responders, but went above and beyond to help combat the recent bushfires in Australia.

In November 2019, Australia began to experience devastating bushfires that burned over 30,000,000 acres of land. During this time, more than 300 American firefighters mobilized to assist Australian efforts to suppress and contain the bushfire raging throughout the continent. This bipartisan resolution recognizes the efforts and bravery of Australian and American men and women who worked together to help those in danger and also specifically honors the three American firefighters who lost their lives fighting Australia's bushfires on January 23, 2020.

In my home State of Nevada, several firefighters answered the call to assist with bushfire mitigation and suppression efforts. I want to take a moment to recognize them individually: Matthew James Petersen, Justin Cutler, Brian C. Holmes, Ian McQueary, Jacob Keogh, Juan Islas, Kevin Kelly, Joseph L. Miller, Dylan Rader, Timothy P. Roide, and Eric T. Tilden.

Thank you to all of these brave Nevadans for your service and sacrifice.

TRIBUTE TO HERCHEL WOODY WILLIAMS

Mr. MANCHIN. Mr. President, I rise today in honor of one of my constituents, an American hero, Medal of Honor recipient Herchel Woody Williams and all of the magnificent men who fought and died in the Battle of Iwo Jima on this the 75th anniversary. Iwo Jima was one of the most bloodiest and costly battles of WWII which saved thousands of lives in the future. Mr. Williams is the last Medal of Honor recipient living from that battle of 27 who received this honor.

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(By Albert Carey Caswell)

In . . .
 In every heart of every Marine . . .
 There are but some battles seen . . .
 From which such magnificent reflections can be gleaned . . .
 All in what it so means, but to be a United States Marine . . .
 All in those most magnificent shades of green . . .
 Semper Fidelis,
 and oh what a brilliant shadow you so cast . . . this sheen . . .
 As you marched off to war as a United States Marine . . .
 Hoo . . . Raaah Jar Head . . .
 As throughout the centuries,
 all for God and Country you have died and bled . . .
 And all in that battle that we call Iwo Jima in what was said . . .
 As a time when their fine blood ran red . . .
 Now, all etched in their creed as said . . .
 Of what it really all so means,
 but to be a United States Marine . . .
 For from out of all of their grave sacrifice and loss,
 but comes such reverence all in this their grave cost . . .
 All in what their great valor and courage to us has taught . . .
 As why still to this very day,

such homage we now must pay . . .
 All in this battle and victory,
 all in what it means To Be A United States Marine . . .
 All in those magnificent shades of green . . .
 But, there are some things men do not talk about . . .
 Of such things surely there is no doubt . . .
 Of which they'd much rather live without . . .
 All in those times of war that which bring about . . .
 As now buried deep down inside all their fine souls throughout . . .
 Of which we all devoutly talk about . . .
 Such things that which make them awake . . .
 All in the middle of night as such deep breath's they take . . .
 As they so re-fight this fight that which they can not escape . . .
 To be carried with them as they grow old . . .
 As with each new step they make in these hearts of gold . . .
 Of the evils that men do,
 that which now leads their fine hearts to such heartache . . .
 And yet too,
 such great warmth from within them emanates . . .
 All because of the brilliance their most gallant hearts would create . . .
 And whenever they think of their Brothers In Arms their fine hearts so ache . . .
 For the ones who so heroically for each other fine lives so gave . . .
 That such splendor neither time nor distance can away so take . . .
 Such horrific memories only death can this pain forsake . . .
 As now all of those visions of horror they carry deep,
 as all in the middle of the night they awake and weep . . .
 Until, up in Heaven rejoined with their Brothers once more they meet . . .
 When, no longer all these nightmares their fine souls will keep . . .
 Oh yes, there are such things that men do not talk about . . .
 That which come to mind within ones soul no doubt . . .
 Who once upon a battlefield of honor so stood,
 for what was right and what was good gallantly all throughout . . .
 For their courage and valor to this day we still talk about . . .
 As all of this we must now tout . . .
 For War is Hell, and Hell is War . . .
 And all of this young children must be told about . . .
 As it was to be the of War of War's . . .
 The Big One so all for sure . . .
 To Save The World, as was their monumental mission for sure . . .
 As a time when every battle but meant the most . . .
 As upon an Island named Iwo Jima,
 where to such new heights their most heroic hearts rose . . .
 Where each new step was but life or death,
 all in hand to hand combat as death stood close . . .
 As somehow, someday . . .
 all of them to the occasion rose in those days . . .
 Rose to such new heights of heroism did they . . .
 With 26,000 casualties,
 as 6,800 United States Marines most precious lives they gave . . .
 And upon a hill in Arlington this day,
 tears come to your eyes whenever you look upon that memorial and that flag they raised . . .