

not be forgotten to us. They should be, and will be carried on.

#### REMEMBERING Q. TODD DICKINSON

Mr. TILLIS. Mr. President, today, on behalf of myself and Senator COONS, we honor the life and legacy of The Honorable Q. Todd Dickinson. Todd was a great friend to our offices, and we often relied on him for impartial counsel as we endeavored to reform patent law. Todd was incredibly generous with his time and his intimate knowledge of patent law, and we will greatly miss him.

Todd had an immeasurable impact on our patent system during a career spanning more than four decades. Todd served as the first Undersecretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the Patent and Trademark Office from 1999 to 2001, where he transformed the USPTO into a more modern and independent agency. Todd also served as executive director of the American Intellectual Property Law Association, where he played an essential role in the enactment of the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act.

Todd is survived by his husband, Robert Atkins, and his brother, John Dickinson. Our thoughts and prayers are with Todd's family during this difficult time.

#### TRIBUTE TO KIMBERLY BIERLY

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, today I wish to honor Kimberly "Kim" Bierly, who will retire this month after 13 years of service to the U.S. Senate. For as long as I have been in the Senate, Kim has served as my regional manager for the North Central Region of Pennsylvania.

Born and raised in Lock Haven, Kim gained a wealth of professional experience prior to her Senate service. A student of journalism, Kim graduated from Rider College before becoming a reporter for the Lock Haven Express. She later served as the national marketing director for Penn State University and worked in private sector marketing, before lending her time and talents to my 2006 Senate campaign. Following our victory that year, Kim began her Senate service when I asked her to join my State staff in 2007.

Over the course of these many years, Kim has tirelessly championed the concerns of rural constituents and worked to ensure that their needs were always addressed in my work. She answered thousands of phone calls, attended hundreds of constituent meeting and traveled far and wide across many, many miles to meet people in their own towns. She worked hard to present the views of our State's farming community and conducted me around all my engagements and events throughout the region. It is often said that Kim "knows everyone in Central Pennsylvania," and I can testify that that is true.

Kim has a heart of gold, and she has always watched over all of her colleagues as a kind of "Mother Hen," sending along a kind word of encouragement, placing a personal call, and helping everyone who is in need. As a proud cancer survivor, she proudly ministers to other patients and believes in giving back in return for the many kindnesses bestowed on her during her illness.

For all of her professional accomplishments, Kim has many hobbies and personal pursuits. She is an accomplished knitter—socks are her favorite—who owned her own small business in Centre County for several years called "Main Street Yarn." She is also an animal lover who spent 10 years leading a volunteer golden retriever rescue organization in her free time that saved over 800 dogs. While she misses her goldens "Timber" and "Teddy" every day, she loves to show off pictures of her dog, "Charlie," and her cat, "Caddy." They are her family.

My most enduring memories of Kim are our annual attempts to procure donuts and milkshakes at the Pennsylvania Farm Show and snacking on the wonderful chocolate chip cookies she would bake for the whole team during our staff retreats. Her departure leaves big shoes to fill, but I wish her well as she and her husband, Keith, move on to this next adventure in their lives.

Congratulations, Kim, for a job well done. I am grateful for your service to the country and the Commonwealth, and I wish you the best of luck in your retirement. We will miss you.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### RECOGNIZING NORTH DAKOTA STUDENTS RECEIVING THE PRU- DENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARDS

• Mr. CRAMER. Mr. President, I would like to congratulate and honor four North Dakota students who have been recognized for their remarkable volunteer service by the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program.

This year's State honorees are Micah Schilittenhardt and Alexis Thompson of Bismarck. Distinguished finalists are Teagen Nicholes of Minot and Amorelle Upton of Fargo.

Micah, a student at Legacy High School, has spent more than 150 hours raising awareness across North Dakota about the benefits of dance for people with Parkinson's disease, while also raising funds for dance lessons, support groups, and research. Alexis, who attends Horizon Middle School, started an annual toy drive which has provided gifts for more than 400 adolescent hospital patients, launched a campaign to increase scoliosis awareness and screening, and organized a support group for girls with curvature of the spine.

Teagen established a food pantry at Erik Ramstad Middle School, along

with contacting local businesses for financial support, spreading awareness about food insecurity and organized schoolwide activities to raise funds and donations. Amorelle, who attends Davies High School, has raised money to benefit the Rape and Abuse Crisis Center, has secured donations from local businesses, hosted several fundraising events, and sent more than 300 letters soliciting support from her local community.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards were created by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals in 1995. Their purpose is to impress upon all youth volunteers their contributions are critically important and highly valued and to inspire other young people to follow their example. Over the past 25 years, the program has become the Nation's largest youth recognition effort based solely on community service. It has honored more than 130,000 young volunteers at the local, State, and national level.

These young volunteers inspire all of us and are among our brightest hopes for a better tomorrow. I heartily applaud them for their dedication to making their communities better places to live and for the positive impact they have had on the lives of others. Their actions show that young Americans can and do play important roles in their communities and that America's community spirit continues to hold tremendous promise for the future. Again, congratulations to Micah, Alesis, Teagen, and Amorelle. I fully expect to hear much more from each of them as they emerge as leaders of our next generation.●

##### RECOGNIZING THE VICTORY SEWERS OF SANDERS COUNTY

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, this week I have the honor of recognizing the Victory Sewers of Sanders County for volunteering their time to support their community during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

In the face of these challenging times, a group of nearly 45 Montanans in Sanders County have stepped up to sew gowns for the staff of Fork Valley Hospital. Volunteers have also used leftover materials to produce protective masks for our law enforcement and first responders.

The group has made over 90 gowns and over 500 masks, which have been distributed to clinics in Thompson Falls, Hot Springs, and to various emergency service personnel across Sanders County. The Victory Sewers are comprised of Montanans from Plains, Paradise, Thompson Falls, Trout Creek, and Noxon.

It is my honor to recognize the Victory Sewers of Sanders County for their efforts to support our healthcare heroes and those on the frontlines of this pandemic. The compassion and commitment of these extraordinary