

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

Montanans are an inspiration to us all.●

#### REMEMBERING SARKIS TATIGIAN

● Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, on behalf of myself and Senator REED, we come to the floor today to ask our colleagues to join us in recognizing Mr. Sarkis Tatigian, who began his Navy career at the age of 19 during World War II and didn't end it until he passed away last month at age 97.

At the time of his death, Mr. Tatigian, after nearly 78 years of service, was the longest serving civil servant in the history of the DOD. He was the only WWII sailor still serving in the Navy Department.

Eligible for retirement since 1973, Mr. Tatigian continued to honor America through his faithful service as the Naval Sea Systems Command's, NAVSEA, small business advocate, championing our Navy, our small businesses, and our country.

Mr. Tatigian began his civilian career with the Navy in July 1942 as a junior radio inspector at the naval aircraft factory in the Philadelphia Navy Yard and the Navy Office of Inspector of Naval Aircraft in Linden, NJ. He left his position as an inspector in March 1943 and entered the uniformed Navy as an Active-Duty sailor in April 1943. In June 1944, as an aviation electronics technician's mate, he aided in the development of the Navy's first guided anti-ship munition, the ASM-N-2 "BAT" glide bomb. The BAT became an operational weapon in January 1945 and was used to sink two Japanese warships later that year.

In 1943, Mr. Tatigian began his service at NAVSEA, then called the Bureau of Ordinance. After World War II, he transitioned from the Active-Duty to the civil service working on guided munitions.

In 1951, Mr. Tatigian saw the need to expand the Navy's industrial base and believed that small business was the answer. He developed a small business mobile exhibit that traveled coast to coast, visiting all State capitals and cities with populations exceeding 400,000. For his organizational efforts on the exhibit, Tatigian received congressional recognition. His work expanded the small business industrial base with more than \$100 billion in contracts awarded to diverse, small businesses.

Over his unprecedented career, Mr. Tatigian received numerous awards, including the Navy's Superior Civilian Service Award in 2007. In recognition of his exceptional accomplishments in service, the Navy has even named an award after him, the Sarkis Tatigian Small Business Award, which recognizes outstanding performance through organizational culture and command climate.

Mr. Tatigian's life of dedication and service to his country is truly inspirational. On behalf of a grateful nation, we thank you, Mr. Sarkis Tatigian, for

all you have done for our people, our government, and our Navy.●

#### REMEMBERING JOHN A. MEANS

● Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina. Mr. President, today I would like to take a moment to recognize and honor the life of a great South Carolinian, Lt. Col. John A. Means, U.S. Air Force (Ret.), of Summerville.

John was born on a farm in Kansas on December 11, 1918. In his lifetime, he witnessed many remarkable social changes, technological advancements, and international developments that transformed the world.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1942 and became a pilot in 1943. In 1950, he was called to Active Duty and was deployed to Korea as part of the 6147th Squadron, known as the Mosquitoes. John served in Washington, DC, with the Special Air Missions, SAM, unit, flying dignitaries at home and abroad in Air Force Two. During his time in the SAM outfit, he flew Herbert Hoover, Richard Nixon, Charles Lindbergh, and many others.

He then retired from the military in 1965 with the rank of lieutenant colonel and moved his family to Summerville, SC. After returning to civilian life, he worked as a mechanical engineer at Avcco and as a machine operator at Bosch. He also owned and operated his own service station.

John served his community as a member of the Masons for over 75 years, Scottish Rite, Shriners, and was also president of the Lions Club of Summerville. He also served on the board of directors as vice president of Charleston Mental Health, was an active booster of the Summerville High School Marching Band, and was a founding member and Elder of Dorchester Presbyterian Church.

Though Mr. Means has left us, his legacy will continue to live on in the hearts of many. Mr. Means' patriotism, integrity, dedication, and commitment to serve his country are an inspiration to us all. He will not be forgotten, and I am certain South Carolina will continue to benefit from his labors for generations to come.●

#### EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. BLUNT for the Committee on Rules and Administration.

James E. Trainor III, of Texas, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2023.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first

and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 3639. A bill to require the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to discount FHA single-family mortgage insurance premium payments for first-time homebuyers who complete a financial literacy housing counseling program; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. UDALL, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. KING, Ms. WARREN, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. CARPER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. COONS, Mr. REED, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. SMITH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. SCHATZ, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 3640. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow certain taxpayers a 2-year carryback of net operating losses and to restore and make permanent the limitation on excess business losses of non-corporate taxpayers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. COTTON (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SASSE, and Mrs. BLACKBURN):

S. 3641. A bill to designate the area between the intersections of International Drive, Northwest and Van Ness Street, Northwest and International Drive, Northwest and International Place, Northwest in Washington, District of Columbia, as "Li Wenliang Plaza", and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 3642. A bill to mobilize individuals in the United States in the fight against coronavirus by expanding volunteer opportunities in AmeriCorps, expanding employment opportunities at the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and utilizing the expertise of Peace Corps volunteer leaders whose service ended on March 15, 2020, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. LOEFFLER (for herself and Ms. SINEMA):

S. 3643. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize certain post-graduate health care employees and health professions trainees of the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide treatment via telemedicine, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 3644. A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to improve the quality of care in skilled nursing facilities under the Medicare program and nursing facilities under the Medicare program during the COVID-19 emergency period, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Ms. WARREN, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 3645. A bill to require the release of most aliens detained by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement during a national emergency related to a communicable disease; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Ms. HARRIS, and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 3646. A bill to require the transfer or release of certain individuals in the custody of the United States because of their risk of exposure during a national emergency, and for