

2013. During her space shuttle mission, she became the 50th woman in space. While on the International Space Station, she shared unique personal messages, including videos on how to wash hair in space, make a stuffed animal, and work on a quilt. I have since become acquainted with her as an alumna of the University of North Dakota, where she earned a mechanical engineering degree in 1994. A native of Vining, MN, she is one of 11 NASA astronauts who have ties to the Dakotas and Minnesota.

Karen has given back to her alma mater, where she has served on the foundation board of the UND School of Aerospace Sciences. There students from across the globe in the Department of Space Studies learn about cutting-edge technologies and scientific breakthroughs in space exploration. Their coursework includes studying future space trips, including a mission to Mars.

Last July, our Nation observed the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 mission to the Moon. I recall as an 8-year-old watching history unfold on our black-and-white television, joining millions around the world in the exhilaration of this technological feat.

In the half-century since the first moon landing, space exploration has had phenomenal impact on the world, which I believe is underappreciated by the average citizen. Karen's contributions to space exploration during 30 of those years have added to our greater understanding of our world and universe.

There is a bright future for America to lead the world with commercial, technological, and military space missions. The work of astronauts like Karen and the future impact of current students at institutions like the University of North Dakota inspire us to move forward with these vital endeavors.

On behalf of all North Dakotans, I send my sincere congratulations to Karen Nyberg on her distinguished career at NASA and for all she has brought to this new frontier.

Best wishes on your well-earned retirement, Karen, and I hope our paths will cross often. We will join in wishing godspeed at the end of this month to your husband, Doug Hurley, and his space shuttle crew on their historic flight from Florida to the International Space Station.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### REMEMBERING FRED KELLY GRANT

• Mr. CRAPO. Madam President, today I honor Fred Kelly Grant. In March, our Nation unfortunately lost a reasoned, dedicated, and outstanding advocate for locally driven decision-making. However, Fred leaves a lasting remembrance in the extraordinarily positive impact he had on so many people.

Fred, who was born in South Carolina and grew up in Idaho, earned a degree in history at the College of Idaho before earning his law degree at the University of Chicago Law School. His early career included serving as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Baltimore from 1963-1965. He then served as Assistant State's Attorney for Baltimore City, where he was appointed chief of the organized crime division. He then practiced criminal law in private practice before returning to Idaho and serving as counsel for two former Idaho Governors, Cecil Andrus and John Evans. He also served as law clerk for Judge Edward J. Lodge from 1975-1980, and he provided legal, political assistance to local governments, businesses, and individuals throughout his career. Further, Fred served on multiple commissions, authored books, and led organizations. This includes him helping to start the Stand and Fight Club focused on preventing regulatory agencies from doing economic harm to rural America.

Countless people all around the country were influenced and helped by Fred. Fred was a long-time Idaho lawyer, but his influence and know-how reached far beyond our Idaho borders. In a 2017 Washington Times Article, Fred was aptly characterized as an "unsung hero of rural America." He gave needed weight to requiring the Federal Government to coordinate with localities when implementing new rules. He emphasized local policy and local plans as drivers of the economy. Fred championed this effort in Idaho and nationally, extending important information and experience to other local governments across the nation. In so doing, he advanced the ideal of those closest to the land rightly driving natural resources and environmental solutions.

This emphasis on locally driven, collaborative land management decisions was the central focus of the Owyhee Initiative. Fred masterfully provided local leadership at a critical time in the history—and future—of Owyhee County. The Owyhee Initiative, ushered into law through the hard work and strength of purpose of Fred and other Owyhee Initiative partners, maintains a thoughtful balance of multiple uses required for the betterment of an amazing part of our great state and country. The collaborative efforts furthered in the Owyhee Initiative remain an example of the great achievements that are possible when we all come to the table and work through the differences to find the common ground.

My staff and I knew him best during the many years of sustained effort on the Owyhee Initiative, yet we are aware that his life reached many people well beyond that important work. Many have shared messages describing Fred. The tributes share words in common: perseverance, remarkable intelligence, created lasting friendships, wisdom, deeply caring, empathetic, perceptive, quick wit, and love. All of these characteristics and more are but a start in describing Fred.

For me, perhaps the sense of personal respect and understanding I had for Fred are what seem most powerful. The previously mentioned Washington Times article from three years ago, included a quote from Fred stating, "I'm tempted all the time to retire . . . But, I truly believe in this nation and I think there are too few people who understand and believe in the core principle of the federal republic, and if we lose that, I believe we lose what makes the Constitution the most perfect instrument of government that's ever been created." He lived this and left a lasting charge for all of us never to let up in smartly pushing back against Federal supersession of local decision-making. I extend my deepest sympathy to Fred's widow, Carol, and all of Fred's family and friends. We all miss Fred and are grateful for his life, legacy and friendship.●

##### REMEMBERING J. KIRK SULLIVAN

• Mr. CRAPO. Madam President, today I honor J. Kirk Sullivan, who had a long-time, distinguished career in principal Idaho industries and politics.

Kirk was born and raised in Greenwood, SC. His alma mater is Clemson University, where he earned bachelor's and master's degrees in Chemistry and a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering. Throughout his life, Kirk continued to support Clemson along with other educational institutions, especially in Idaho. As he began his career, Kirk went to work for FMC Corporation in South Charleston, WV, and met his wife, Betty. Over their 59 years of marriage, the couple had two children, Hal and Kim, and three grandchildren, Matthew, Adam, and Sara. In 1965, Kirk and Betty moved to Pocatello. Kirk's obituary reads, "Kirk had a deep love for the State of Idaho and chose to make this place his home for 50 years." After the Sullivans moved to New York for a 1-year FMC work opportunity, they thankfully returned to Idaho, where Kirk went to work in Boise for Boise Cascade Company. In 1998, Kirk retired as the vice president of governmental and environmental affairs, after a 28-year career with the company.

Kirk in no way was idle in retirement. In 1999, he cofounded consulting firm Veritas Advisors, and he served as chairman of the Idaho Republican Party from 2004-2008. In addition to his remarkable career, Kirk's obituary reads, "Kirk shared his treasure and talents with countless non-profits, state-appointed boards, and political organizations. Dozens of those organizations have honored his work for them and those accolades will always be cherished by his children and grandchildren. He humbly loved knowing he was contributing to others' lives."

Kirk's passing in early April came at an especially challenging time, as families have had to postpone memorials in the wake of the novel coronavirus