

death. Working to improve outcomes for those who have suffered a traumatic injury, ENA offers courses for emergency nurses that provide them with the knowledge, skills, and hands-on training needed to deliver high-quality trauma care. ENA's trauma nursing core course is one such course. Since its inception in 1986, this course has been taken by more than 1 million emergency nurses and is now considered the gold standard for the education of nurses in lifesaving trauma care techniques.

ENA was also at the forefront of supporting the MISSION ZERO Act, or the Military Injury Surgical Systems Integrated Operationally Nationwide to Achieve ZERO Preventable Deaths Act. When this legislation was signed into law last year, it created an innovative program allowing military trauma teams and professionals to work in civilian trauma centers to ensure the highest quality trauma care in both peace and war.

Finally, ENA has been the leader in raising awareness regarding the issue of workplace violence directed towards emergency nurses and other emergency department personnel. At the State level, it advocated for stronger criminal laws to hold those who assault healthcare workers in hospitals accountable for their actions. At the Federal level, ENA has fought for tougher workplace standards to ensure that hospitals provide a safe working environment for their employees.

On the occasion of the Emergency Nurses Association's 50th anniversary, Senator WICKER and I ask our colleagues to join us in extending our deepest gratitude to the ENA and all its members for their commitment to improving the quality of emergency care that has and will continue to save the lives of millions of Americans across our country.

#### USHER SYNDROME

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I would like to talk about a genetic condition called Usher syndrome. Usher syndrome is a rare genetic disease that affects at least 25,000 people in the United States. Usher syndrome causes deafness or hearing loss, as well as a retinal disease that progressively leads to blindness. Some children may be diagnosed at birth, while others are diagnosed at later stages of adolescence, affecting education, employment, and quality of life.

Usher type 1 individuals are born deaf and then learn, often before adolescence, that they are also losing their vision. Usher type 2 individuals are born with moderate to severe hearing loss and then in the prime of their adolescent lives are told that they are losing their vision. Usher type 3 are usually diagnosed during adolescence, leading to the slow loss of both hearing and vision.

At present, there are no treatments or cure for Usher syndrome, but that

could change with awareness and support. Finding a cure has never been more urgent or more achievable. Promising research and positive clinical trials are occurring right now at universities, medical centers, and private laboratories across the country.

Even though there is currently no cure for Usher syndrome, I am proud that Oregonian researchers are leading the way searching for treatments and therapies. The Casey Eye Institute at Oregon Health & Science University—OHSU—is conducting the first human study of gene therapy for Usher syndrome, and researchers at the University of Oregon are generating animal models that represent the genotypes of the major Usher patient groups—both necessary steps towards the development of effective treatments. It is a privilege to serve a State that is home to such cutting-edge research into Usher syndrome.

To accelerate this research, the Usher Syndrome Coalition, including Emily Creasy from Oregon, is raising public awareness. Last month, on September 19, they helped recognize the 6th annual Usher Syndrome Awareness Day. The day fell near the autumnal equinox, which marks the start of days that contain more darkness than light, a powerful metaphor for the threat of Usher syndrome. I am proud to support the Usher syndrome community and am committed to doing what I can as Oregon's senior Senator to support researchers hard at work finding treatments and, hopefully, a cure. I am committed to working with my colleagues to raise awareness regarding this disease, and I applaud the hard work of the Usher Syndrome Coalition in making Usher syndrome research a priority at the National Institutes of Health.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO VIC BIRD

• Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I am pleased to recognize Mr. Vic Bird on the occasion of his retirement. Vic has been a champion for the Oklahoma aviation community for nearly two decades. He most recently served as the director of the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission for 18 years, the longest serving director in Oklahoma history.

You would never know it, but back in 2002, Vic Bird was a newcomer to aviation. Nevertheless, there is no one in State government who worked harder to make Oklahoma the aviation capital of America. Vic Bird led the charge on numerous State legislative initiatives that brought aviation employers to Oklahoma, and the proof is in one number. Today, aviation and aerospace is Oklahoma's second largest industry, with an annual economic impact of \$44 billion.

Throughout his tenure at the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission, Vic has been a true friend to general aviation, supporting pilots and airports. Vic Bird

was instrumental in making sure Oklahoma State law protected pilots at public-use and military airports by keeping dangerous structures from being built too close to airport infrastructure. Vic Bird promoted airports as anchor institutions supporting economic development and job growth in communities across Oklahoma and joined me in an aerial tour of general aviation airports across Oklahoma back in June 2017.

Before I conclude, I want to highlight two of the awards and recognitions Vic Bird has received that speak volumes of his commitment to aviation. The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association awards the Joseph B. "Doc" Hartranft Jr. Award to an individual in government service who has made significant contributions to the advancement of general aviation. Vic Bird was the first and only nonelected official to receive this award. Vic Bird is also the first and only Oklahoman elected to serve as chair of the National Association of State Aviation Officials.

Vic Bird has remained an unwavering passionate advocate for aviation and aerospace in Oklahoma. I know I join his family and all that know him, in thanking him for his years of service and contributions to Oklahoma and our entire aviation community.

Congratulations on your retirement.●

##### TRIBUTE TO DEAN A. COLLETT

• Mr. LEE. Mr. President, today I offer my recognition of the great service of Dean A. Collett to countless Utah students. His service has spanned over six decades, starting in the fall of 1956 when he first walked through the doors of Highland High School. Today, at the age of 92, even through the difficulties of COVID-19, Dean sits at his desk making personal phone calls to each of his students, ensuring nothing less than their academic success. He is a true servant of the people of Utah and one who deserves the highest of honors.

Dean Ashton Collett was born on September 30, 1928, to Richard G. Collett and Amy Ashton Collett in Salt Lake City, UT. Richard Collett was a successful banker, but due to the economic turmoil of the Great Depression, the Collett family, with all five of their children, would move frequently around Salt Lake City looking for work, a hardship that would follow Richard and Amy for much of their lives. From those moments as a child, Dean would dedicate his entire life helping to support his family, working to keep food on the table and later taking care of his mother until her passing. Dean spent his youth working as a paper boy, doing yard work for hire, and later working as a grocery store cashier at Table Supply in the avenues of Salt Lake City.

As the family kept relocating in search of work, Dean attended Emerson Elementary School, Ensign Elementary School, and Washington Elementary School. He progressed through

his educational pursuits, graduating from East High School in 1945 and later from the University of Utah in 1956. Before completing his time at the University of Utah, Dean served a 3-year mission in Sweden for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Upon his return, he was drafted into the Korean war and stationed in Germany due to his knowledge of both Swedish and German. Once he graduated from the University of Utah, Dean was given his first teaching job at a then brandnew school called Highland High School in Salt Lake City. Little did he know at the time that serving this school would end up being his whole life's mission.

During Dean's time at Highland High School, he has taught the subjects of math, English, yearbook, student government, German, and Russian; acted as a cheerleading adviser; and is now a school counselor. His time at Highland has spanned more than 63 graduating classes and more than 30,000 students. He is an avid football fan and has yet to miss a single Highland High football game in the school's entire history. You will often see him selling tickets for sporting events, dances, plays, and any other community events at the school. He has been a father figure to thousands and helped students in need of clothing, food, and financial assistance, including for those serving a church mission. Dean never married or had children of his own, but instead dedicated his life to the children of Highland High School.

My own staffer, Matt Holton, was a student of Dean's in the early 2000s and got to experience Dean's extraordinary dedication to his students firsthand. While Matt was a freshman, his father was deployed with the U.S. Army in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Dean saw a student in need of additional care and so took Matt under his wing, becoming a crucial mentor and father figure in his life. To this day, they remain close friends.

Dean was also a teacher of a dear friend of mine, former Governor of the State of Utah, U.S. Ambassador to China, and U.S. Ambassador to Russia Jon Huntsman. Dean often teaches the students of Highland High School that failure is a critical ingredient to success, using the example that Jon Huntsman, who ran and lost for student body president, later achieved the highest offices of public service.

Dean is an undeniable institution not only at Highland High School, but throughout the entire State of Utah. He is a Utahn from the Greatest Generation, embodying the best of the American spirit; and it is my privilege to honor him today.●

#### REMEMBERING DR. ALAN CRANDALL

● Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to Dr. Alan Crandall, of Salt Lake City, Utah, who passed away on October 2, 2020. A leader in the ophthalmologic community,

Dr. Crandall was senior vice chair and director of glaucoma and cataract at the University of Utah John A. Moran Eye Center.

Alan was born on June 13, 1947. In 1969, he received his undergraduate degree from the University of Utah, where he stayed to earn his medical degree in 1973. He later returned to the University of Utah as a professor and chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences.

In his career, Crandall pioneered several surgical techniques and participated in clinical studies used to impact the future of ophthalmology and used his skills to further the next generation of ophthalmologists through training and mentoring surgeons. As founder of the Global Outreach Division of the Moran Eye Center and past president of the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery, Dr. Crandall spent nearly four decades helping those in need access high-quality eye care. Dr. Crandall's service to the field of ophthalmology continued as a member of the National Board of Medical Examiners and the American Board of Ophthalmology.

His philanthropy was widespread, performing free surgeries in his local community and in dozens of developing countries around the globe. I traveled with Dr. Crandall to Guatemala and Haiti to help perform vision restoring cataract surgeries and saw firsthand his compassion and commitment to curing preventable diseases.

Dr. Crandall's humanitarianism was so renowned that he received numerous international awards for his work. He is the only physician to have received four of the most prestigious humanitarian awards in ophthalmology from the American Glaucoma Society, the American Academy of Ophthalmology, the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery, and the Chang Family Foundation. Additionally, Rotary International awarded him with both the Health Care Heroes Award for Excellence in Health Care and Community Outreach and the Vocational Excellence Award for Humanitarian Service.

On behalf of all ophthalmologists, together we mourn the loss of an outstanding surgeon and even greater man. Alan was a steadfast ambassador to the field of ophthalmology, and his true selflessness will certainly never be forgotten.●

#### TRIBUTE TO MARGIE MONTGOMERY

● Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, 50 years ago—several years before the landmark *Roe v. Wade* decision—a young mother was so moved by a news story calling for the legalization of abortion in Kentucky that she began to share her concerns with family, friends, and anyone who would listen. Out of her passion, the Kentucky Right to Life was born, and for 50 years, Margie Montgomery has nurtured, grown, and led this orga-

nization. Last week, Margie announced her retirement. We celebrate alongside her that countless lives have been saved through the efforts of Kentucky Right to Life over the past five decades. She leaves a strong organization in place that will continue to protect the unborn who are, in Margie's words, "unique, living human beings, made in the image of God."●

#### RECOGNIZING SCOTLYNN USA DIVISION, INC.

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, as chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize a small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit at the heart of our country. It is my privilege to recognize a small business with award-winning innovation that provides high-quality service and is active in its community. This week, it is my pleasure to honor Scotlynn USA Division, Inc., of Fort Myers, FL, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Ryan Carter founded Scotlynn USA Division, Inc., in 2010, the year after the Great Recession ended. Ryan worked for a Cincinnati freight brokerage firm and identified a market demand for reliable, customer-focused delivery of time-sensitive perishable goods. Together, Ryan and his younger brother, Brad, established Scotlynn USA in Fort Myers as a transportation and logistics provider in southwest Florida. The business grew quickly, moving in 2012 from their original 900-square-foot office into their current 12,000-square-foot building.

Today, Scotlynn USA has grown into an award-winning logistics firm operating a truck fleet and freight brokerage that distributes perishable foods nationwide. Ryan serves as the executive vice president, and Brad is in a managerial role. They foster a sense of community among their employees, resulting in high employee retention rates, and they prioritize hiring veterans. Ryan serves on a number of non-profit boards and volunteers with several organizations, including Big Brothers Big Sisters, Habitat for Humanity, and St. Matthews House. Uniquely, Scotlynn USA provides its employees 16 hours of annual leave to volunteer with local organizations.

Scotlynn USA has received industry recognition for its entrepreneurship and innovation. Notably, it received early help from the Florida Small Business Development Center—SBDC—located at Florida Gulf Coast University, FGCU. They provided Scotlynn resources, including mentorship, business planning, and access to capital advice to help them establish their business. In 2019, the Florida SBDC at FGCU awarded Ryan the Distinguished Entrepreneur of the Year title. This year, Ryan was named as the 2020 U.S. Small Business Administration—SBA—Florida Small Business Person of the Year and was named first runner-up for