

FLANDERS FIELD ADDRESS

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, on May 29 our colleague, the senior Senator from Vermont, commemorated Memorial Day with a visit to Flanders Field American Cemetery and Memorial in Waregem, Belgium. The Flanders region, of course, was made famous by Canadian physician and LTC John McCrae, who wrote the poem "In Flanders Fields" on May 3, 1915, after he witnessed the death of his friend, LT Alexis Helmer, 22 years old, the day before. While Senator LEAHY visited the cemetery, which serves as a resting place for many American soldiers killed during World War I, he made brief but eloquent remarks in honor of those brave men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom and justice. His remarks follow and I commend them to my colleagues and everyone else who reads the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD as a most fitting Memorial Day tribute:

We are gathered in a cemetery consecrated by the sacrifice of soldiers of our countries who died in the final days of what, in their time, was called the "Great War" and "The War To End All Wars."

It was a battle so fierce that almost a century later, as we gaze across their places of rest, we can still feel their valor and their anguish. These crosses, row on row, carry remembrance forward, and so does the annual reappearance of the poppies in these fields.

Like the Vermonters who have fallen in Afghanistan and Iraq, and their numberless comrades in conflicts before and after the strife of these nearby battlefields, these brave soldiers made no appointment with death. We hail these fallen patriots for braving the violence and tragedy of war.

But more than that, we honor our fallen here because they sacrificed all for a cause larger than themselves—defending humanity, freedom, and the ties of family and friendship that irrevocably bind our countries together.

They were of a generation of Americans, Belgians, British, and French who fought, shoulder to shoulder, and gave their all so we and others could live in freedom.

Four of them were sons of the states of Alabama and Iowa, which two of my Senate colleagues, who are here today, represent.

I am the second United States senator to speak at this solemn resting place. The first was Senator Francis Ryan Duffy of the state of Wisconsin, who came to dedicate the chapel, 74 years ago.

It is worth recalling what Senator Duffy said here in 1937, as the spreading shadow of war was once again darkening Europe:

He said:

"If the boys who are buried out here could sit up in their graves and speak to us today, it would be to give voice to the agonizing question—'Cannot some other means be found to settle international disputes?'"

Just two years later the world was plunged into the Second World War, and every generation of Americans since has known war's brutality.

Across the globe, in the century since then, innocent civilians increasingly have joined the ranks of those in uniform as the victims of war.

Over the years, standing with families from Vermont as they bid farewell to loved ones sent away to fight, I have seen the terrible costs: wives and children left alone, parents who must bury a child.

Lives with so much possibility suddenly cut short, as were those of the soldiers we honor here.

The men who sacrificed everything at Flanders Field—and who are commemorated so vividly through Colonel John McCrae's poetic tribute, heard 'round the world—believed that some things are worth fighting for.

They knew that vanquishing tyranny, and defending the ideals our countries share, were among them. Of course those same values are worth pursuing peacefully. Our obligation to our fallen, and to all of humanity, is to use every peaceful means at our disposal before committing any of our countrymen to battle.

We are here today to solemnly affirm that we remember their sacrifice, and that we will never forget.

RECOGNIZING THE CARBONE AUTO GROUP

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I would like to bring to the Senate's attention the hard work, dedication, and perseverance of the Carbone Auto Group in Bennington, VT. The Carbone Auto Group is celebrating its recent showroom expansion, where they have merged their Ford, Hyundai, Honda, and Toyota dealerships.

From its first garage in 1933, to its 25 franchises currently running across Vermont and central New York, the Carbone Auto Group is an award-winning business that has garnered many regional and national accolades. Approaching eight decades in business, the Carbone Auto Group deserves recognition for its diligence in running such a prosperous family-owned business. The company's longevity and success is a testament to its dedicated staff members and management—particularly the founding partners, Joe Carbone and Phil Sacco. The hub of the auto group, Don-Al Management Company, Inc., is now managed by third-generation family members Joe, Don, Jr., Enessa, and Alex.

The Carbone Auto Group has helped hundreds of Vermonters purchase vehicles over the years, and it has created numerous Vermont jobs. I am pleased to see this local business celebrate its recent expansion, and I wish them continued success in the future.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING JAMES J. HAGGERTY

• Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to the late James J. Haggerty of Dunmore, PA. Jim was my good friend and on Sunday, June 12, he would have celebrated his 75th birthday. He died this past February 8.

Jim and his wife Celia were married for 40 years and they were the parents of seven loving children: Jean, Mauri, James, Matthew, Cecelia, Daniel and Kathleen.

Jim was raised in Dunmore and graduated from Scranton Preparatory School. After graduating from the College of the Holy Cross in 1957, Jim graduated with honors from Georgetown Law School. He returned home to

northeastern Pennsylvania to become the first law clerk to U.S. District Court Judge William J. Nealon. Jim's passion for public service led him to run for Congress in 1964 and State senate in 1966. While he was not successful in those campaigns, Jim was undeterred in his efforts to serve the people of Pennsylvania. For the next 40 years, he was a close friend and an ever-faithful supporter of my father Robert P. Casey and me in all of our campaigns for public office in Pennsylvania. Jim was a brilliant lawyer and he had a very successful law practice in Scranton for many years.

When my father was elected Governor in 1986, Jim came to Harrisburg to serve the people, first as secretary of the Commonwealth and then as general counsel. Jim's friendship and counsel served Governor Casey well during his two terms. He handled his responsibilities with integrity and a deep commitment to public service. He believed, as the Scriptures tell us, that "to whom much is given, much is expected."

After his years in State government, Jim welcomed me as a law partner. He mentored me in life as much as in the law. He understood the call to serve and supported me generously when I decided to seek public office.

Jim's life was a life of hard work and service, faith and family. No personal or professional accomplishments outweighed the love he had for Celia, his children and 18 grandchildren.

While we are all saddened that we cannot spend his birthday with him, we will be comforted that he leaves us his example. As his good friend Frank J. McDonnell said at Jim's funeral mass, Jim embodied the words from scripture that "a faithful friend is a sturdy shelter; he who finds one has found a treasure." For my family and many others in northeastern Pennsylvania, Jim Haggerty was our faithful friend and, for his family, a sturdy shelter of caring and love.

Happy Birthday, Jim. We miss you every day.

I ask to have printed in the RECORD the Scranton Times obituary from February 11-13, 2011.

The information follows.

JAMES J. HAGGERTY

Attorney James J. Haggerty of Dunmore died Tuesday in Naples, Fla. His wife is the former Cecelia Lynett. The couple would have celebrated 45 years of marriage on Feb. 19.

Born in Scranton, son of the late James J. and Margaret Kearney Haggerty Cummings, he was a graduate of Scranton Preparatory School, the College of the Holy Cross and Georgetown University Law Center, where he was a member of the Law Review. He received honorary degrees from Villanova University and the University of Scranton. Jim served active duty in the Army Infantry and as a member of the Pennsylvania National Guard and Army Reserve. Jim served as law clerk to the Honorable William J. Nealon, chief judge, U.S. District Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania. A lifelong friend and adviser to former Gov. Robert P. Casey, Jim served as the secretary of the commonwealth and later as general counsel to the late governor. At the time of his death, Jim was a