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REMEMBERING DR. SUSAN M. DANIELS

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I wish to pay tribute to a much respected and beloved leader in America's disability community, the late Dr. Susan Daniels.

Dr. Daniels acquired her disability at a very young age. Though she spent much of her early years in rehabilitation institutes and hospitals, her parents advocated for her full inclusion in school and in the life of her local community. As a consequence, Susan attended regular elementary and secondary schools. She went on to graduate summa cum laude from Marquette University, and to earn her master's degree at Mississippi State University and her Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina. And I would note that she achieved these things before the days of accessible campuses.

While still in her twenties, Dr. Daniels served as chair of the Department of Rehabilitation Counseling at Louisiana State University Medical Center. There, she developed an innovative program to train individuals to work directly in community-based settings with people with developmental disabilities. This program became a core element in Louisiana's efforts to deinstitutionalize people with disabilities.

Throughout her adult life, Dr. Daniels was a passionate advocate for people with disabilities. She served as Associate Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration in the U.S. Department of Education, and as Associate Commissioner of the Administration on Developmental Disabilities, ADD, in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. While at ADD, she developed the Home of Your Own Program to assist people with developmental disabilities in their quest to become homeowners in their communities. It is one of Dr. Daniels' living legacies that this Home of Your Own Program is now operating in 27 States.

Perhaps Dr. Daniels' greatest accomplishment was her leadership in passing the Ticket to Work and Work Incentive Improvement Act of 1999. Appointed by President Clinton to serve as Deputy Commissioner for Disability and Income Security Programs at the Social Security Administration, she worked tirelessly to lay the groundwork for this legislation. The Ticket to Work Act created employment incentives and healthcare provisions for workers with disabilities, and removed many of the systemic barriers that often required citizens with disabilities to make a stark choice between working or retaining their health coverage. Two of the most important provisions of this legislation are the authorization for a State Medicaid buy-in program to allow individuals to maintain

health coverage after returning to work, and a continuation of Medicare coverage for individuals who are working.

Dr. Daniels was also very active in the fight for disability rights internationally. She addressed many conferences and research forums in Africa, Europe, and Asia. And she advised governments on the best ways to set up social insurance programs for individuals with disabilities. She served as president of the U.S. International Council on Rehabilitation, and was Rehabilitation International's deputy vice president. In 1998, she played a lead role in convening the International Women with Disabilities Leadership Forum.

Dr. Daniels was the recipient of many awards for her work, including the prestigious Henry B. Betts Award, which honors individuals who have made transformative differences in the lives of people with disabilities.

Dr. Daniels played leadership roles in a wide range of national and international organizations, but she also worked for change at the individual level, mentoring and sponsoring countless young men and women with disabilities both in the U.S. and abroad.

Susan's husband, John Watson, and many other family members, friends, and colleagues will gather for a memorial service in her honor at the National Press Club here in Washington on December 4. I will be with them in spirit as they celebrate a determined advocate and a truly bright light, a woman who was and is an inspiration to people with disabilities around the world.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO HALEY BARTON

• Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Haley Barton for her hard work as an intern in my Washington, DC, office. I recognize her efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Haley is a native of Wyoming and graduated from Lander Valley High School. She attends the University of Wyoming, where she is majoring in political science and history. Throughout her internship, she has demonstrated a strong work ethic which has made her an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of her work is reflected in her great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Haley for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It was a pleasure to have her as part of our team. I know she will have continued success with all of her future endeavors. I wish her all my best on her next journey.●

TRIBUTE TO AMY BLACK

• Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to

express my appreciation to Amy Black for her hard work as an intern in my Washington, DC, office. I recognize her efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Amy is a native of Wyoming and graduated from Kelly Walsh High School. She attends the University of Wyoming, where she is majoring in political science. Throughout her internship, she has demonstrated a strong work ethic which has made her an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of her work is reflected in her great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Amy for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It was a pleasure to have her as part of our team. I know she will have continued success with all of her future endeavors. I wish her all my best on her next journey.●

TRIBUTE TO KAITLYNN GLOVER

• Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Kaitlynn Glover for her hard work as an intern in my Washington, DC, office. I recognize her efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Kaitlynn is a native of Wyoming and graduated from Natrona County High School. She attends the University of Wyoming, where she is majoring in agriculture communications. Throughout her internship, she has demonstrated a strong work ethic which has made her an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of her work is reflected in her great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Kaitlynn for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It was a pleasure to have her as part of our team. I know she will have continued success with all of her future endeavors. I wish her all my best on her next journey.●

TRIBUTE TO MANDI MOSHER

• Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Mandi Mosher for her hard work as an intern in my Casper office. I recognize her efforts and contributions to my office as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Mandi is a native of Wyoming and graduated from Glenrock High School. She attends the University of Wyoming where she is majoring in social work. She has demonstrated a strong work ethic which has made her an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of her work is reflected in her great efforts over the time she has been with us.

I want to thank Mandi for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It was a pleasure to have her as part of our team. I know she will have continued success with all of her future endeavors. I wish her all my best on her next journey.●