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I extend my deepest sympathies to Kay and all of Hale's family. We will always remember Hale for his courageous contributions to the United States of America and to freedom-loving nations around the world. His service to his country and his bravery and dedication to his family and community earn him a place among the outstanding men and women who have valiantly defended our Nation.

Throughout his life, Hale maintained a dedication to the preservation of justice and integrity, which I am honored to commend. Today, I join the Silver Springs community and citizens of the Silver State to celebrate the life of an upstanding Nevadan.●

RECOGNIZING DUKE BRUNELLI

● Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, I congratulate Duke Brunelli of Sparks, NV, on his recent retirement from Southwest Airlines. I am proud to honor a Nevadan who has dedicated his life to serving our country.

As an attendee of the U.S. Naval Academy, Mr. Brunelli was deployed all over the world, including Vietnam, where the love of his country and the want to serve began. After graduation, he attended flight school in Pensacola, earning his Navy pilot wings. Duke then went on to complete jet transition training in San Diego and completed eight assignments aboard aircraft carriers. Through his accomplishments, Duke was promoted to commanding officer of the Golden Eagles, which were designated the safest jet-setting squadron in the Navy, while also graduating more pilots than any other squadron.

After completing his tour as commanding officer, Duke was ordered aboard the USS *Midway*, where he was involved in combat operations during Operation Desert Storm. He also successfully brought the Navy's oldest fleet carrier back to San Diego for decommissioning, where today it stands as a museum. Returning to Japan, Duke finished out his naval career as Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations for Commander Fleet Air Western Pacific, where he retired from the Navy in 1994. Upon his retirement from the Navy, Mr. Brunelli started work as a commercial pilot, flying for Polar Air Cargo and Southwest Airlines for the past 20 years.

I extend my deepest gratitude to Duke Brunelli for his courageous contributions to the United States of America and to freedom-loving nations around the world. His service to his country, and his bravery and dedication earn him a place among the outstanding men and women who have valiantly defended our nation. As a member of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, I recognize that Congress has a responsibility not only to honor these brave individuals who serve our

Nation, but also to ensure they are cared for when they return home. I remain committed to upholding this promise for our veterans and servicemembers in Nevada and throughout the nation.

Throughout his tenure, Duke has demonstrated professionalism, commitment to excellence, and dedication to the highest standards of the U.S. Navy. I am both humbled and honored by his service and am proud to call him a fellow Nevadan. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Brunelli for all of his accomplishments and wish him well in all of his future endeavors.●

NEVADA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

● Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize four of Nevada's brightest students—Erika Carrera, Miguel Gonzalez, Jose Solorio, and Mary Tatlock—for being awarded the coveted Gates Millennium Scholarship.

There are only 1,000 recipients of the Gates Millennium Scholarship throughout the United States each year, and the Silver State has been fortunate to be the home to four of them. Erika Carrera, who attends the Veterans Tribute Career and Technical Academy; Miguel Gonzalez of Chaparral High School; Jose Solorio of Hug High School; and Mary Tatlock of Las Vegas Academy will represent Nevada in this esteemed program. Each of these students have been awarded the opportunity to continue learning through higher education institutions, and I expect great things to come from each of them.

These students' academic accomplishments serve to reinforce the important role of education in our State. As the father of four and husband to a lifelong teacher, ensuring that all of Nevada's students have access to a high-quality education is important to me. Higher education opens the door to more job opportunities and professional fulfillment, as well as increased earning power.

I am proud to congratulate Erika, Miguel, Jose, and Mary on this incredible opportunity and wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating these exceptional young Nevadans.●

RECOGNIZING CASCADE RESCUE COMPANY

● Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, this week we celebrate National Small Business Week, which pays tribute our Nation's many small business owners and entrepreneurs. I wish to recognize a small business in my home State of Idaho that provides an invaluable service. There is something special about businesses that dedicate themselves to providing and improving life-saving equipment. Search and rescue teams, first responders, and emergency medical

technicians hold a high standard for what they will purchase, because there is no margin for error. It gives me great pleasure to honor Cascade Rescue Company of Sandpoint, ID.

In 1962, Victor Bradley was volunteering his time to help injured skiers in Washington State. Pulling someone on the toboggans in use in the 1960s was incredibly strenuous, especially if several people needed help. Mr. Bradley knew that there must be a better design. Mr. Bradley spent several years designing and improving sleds, until in 1966 he decided to start the Cascade Toboggan & Rescue Equipment Company.

Mr. Bradley and his son Robert obtained a patent for their design and began selling toboggans to rescue professionals throughout the region. Orders grew exponentially, especially after a demonstration at Lake Placid drew national attention. Robert Bradley took the reins from his father in the early 1970s, and helped develop Cascade Toboggan into an internationally respected brand.

Ownership later transitioned to Dana and Susan Jordan, relatives of the Bradleys, who are the current owners and operators. To better fit the over 150 products being provided, they renamed the business Cascade Rescue Company, which is based in Sandpoint, ID. Today, the company provides rescue equipment across America and to 23 other countries.

So often, we measure success in terms of dollars and cents. While Cascade Rescue Company has a strong bottom line, they can also be proud of having been a vital component of countless life-saving responses. Ski patrols, firefighters, and medical technicians rely on Cascade products every day to safely and effectively do their jobs. I congratulate Cascade Rescue Company for nearly 50 years of growth, dedication, and service and wish them well in the future.●

CONGRATULATING MARELLI'S MARKET

● Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I wish to congratulate Marelli's Market in Hampton, NH, on celebrating their 100th anniversary.

Opened in 1914 by Italian immigrants Luigi and Celestina Marelli, Marelli's has been serving traditional Italian fare, including cigars, olive oil, and homemade ice creams, to generations of families in the Hampton community. They are most well-known for their world-famous roasted cashews and peanuts, which the family continues to roast themselves.

Today Marelli's is run by Luigi and Celestina's sons, Richard and Bobby, and grandchildren, Karen Raynes and Marcia Hannon-Buber, and the market has remained a cornerstone of the Hampton community. The market was recently entered into the New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places, a testament to its place in our State's history.