

lives. He was a family man—in fact, an individual prone to public displays of affection. Completely devoted to his wife, Janet, his children, and his grandchildren. He was a pillar of the Cleveland community, proud of his ethnic heritage and a role model for immigrants. George Voinovich was the children of immigrants, and his career demonstrates how far one can go in this great Nation through hard work and character. He was a profoundly ethical individual, chosen by his Senate colleagues to lead the Senate Ethics Committee. He epitomized the way the Senate should be.

Senator Voinovich's loss is not only a loss for Ohio, but a loss to the Nation. For even in retirement, Senator Voinovich had much to contribute to the public discourse. Days before his death, he was out making speeches. He never slowed down. He was expected to serve as a delegate to the 2016 Republican National Convention in his beloved Cleveland.

So let me take this opportunity on behalf of the people of Alaska to thank Janet for sharing George with the Nation. I express condolences to the entire Voinovich family.

The Voinovich family also includes Senator Voinovich's former staff members, some of whom are still part of our Senate family. I would like to personally express condolences to Tara Shaw, who served Senator Voinovich on the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee. After Senator Voinovich's retirement, Tara came to my office in the role of legislative director and currently serves as legislative director to the Senator from Wyoming, Mr. ENZI. Great Senators groom great staff members. And George Voinovich was one great Senator.

#### TRIBUTE TO DAVID WEINER

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, today, along with my colleague, the ranking member of the Budget Committee, Senator SANDERS, I wish to honor and recognize the outstanding service of David Weiner on his retirement after 32 years of public service, including 25 years at the Congressional Budget Office. David's expertise as a forecaster, modeler, and policy analyst have made him an invaluable contributor to the development of much of the key tax legislation of the past quarter century, starting with the Tax Reform Act of 1986. Since 2013, David has led CBO's tax analysis division, superbly overseeing its forecasts of tax revenues, cost estimates of legislative proposals, reports on important current issues in tax policy, and development of the modeling infrastructure needed to conduct those tasks.

David's first job in Washington was as an evaluator at the U.S. General Accounting Office. He then moved to the Office of Tax Analysis in the Department of Treasury, where he constructed models to estimate revenue effects and produce economic analyses

of numerous tax proposals, including those related to capital gains, corporate tax integration, and taxpayer compliance. At Treasury and later at CBO, David was also responsible for the forecasts of individual income tax receipts. CBO was very fortunate in 1991 when David brought his skills to the agency, where he built and maintained microsimulation models used for forecasting receipts and analyzing changes in the distribution of tax burdens. He also wrote influential studies on critical topics in tax policy, including marriage penalties and bonuses in the tax system and effective Federal tax rates. In the tax analysis division, David served as the unit chief for modeling from 2002 to 2009, Deputy Assistant Director from 2009 to 2013, and Assistant Director for the rest of his tenure at CBO.

As head of the tax analysis division, David has led his staff in providing high-quality and timely analysis of tax policy and budget issues. His expansive knowledge of tax policy and how it interacts with other facets of public policy has been a tremendous resource to the Congress. Colleagues who have worked with David appreciate his uncanny ability to find solutions to challenges and his commitment to producing top-caliber analyses but they will especially miss his wit, his generosity with his time and knowledge, and his compassion.

I know my colleagues join me in extending our thanks and appreciation to David for his service to our Nation. We wish him well in his retirement from CBO and hope he will continue in future years to lend his expertise to the analysis of important tax policy issues.

I would like to now yield to my colleague Senator SANDERS for his remarks.

Mr. SANDERS. I thank Mr. ENZI and join him in commending Mr. Weiner for his many years of dedicated and outstanding service to CBO, the Congress, and the American people. Through his diligence and hard work, he has more than earned additional time for biking, training for the annual Washington Post hunt, and most importantly, for his family—his wife, Joan, and his sons, Kevin, Daniel, and Eric.

We hope our colleagues will join us in thanking Mr. Weiner for his service.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO DARIN GORDON

• Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I request that a copy of my letter to Darin Gordon, TennCare director and deputy commissioner of the Tennessee Health Care Finance Administration, be printed in the RECORD.

The material follows:

##### TRIBUTE TO DARIN GORDON

I am writing to express my sincere appreciation for your service as director of TennCare over the past 10 years.

As the state's longest-serving TennCare director and the longest-serving Medicaid di-

rector in the country, you have helped transition our state's Medicaid program from being one of Tennessee's biggest budget headaches to being consistently ranked as one of the nation's most fiscally responsible.

As Governor of Tennessee, I saw firsthand the impact that runaway health care costs can have on other important state programs—like higher education and roads and bridges. For the past ten years, you have worked tirelessly to restrain unnecessary state spending on TennCare and have developed innovative solutions to increase patient access and satisfaction. Your leadership has proven that you understand how critical it is for the state to get health care costs under control, and I'm also impressed with what you've been able to accomplish under both a Democratic and Republican governor.

Medicaid spending is on track to double over the next ten years. Congress needs advice on growing entitlement programs from experienced leaders like you because you understand the challenges states are facing and how the federal role has contributed to the increases in state spending related to Medicaid.

You have led TennCare through challenging times and have been instrumental in helping the state modernize its Medicaid delivery system. I thank you for your service to Tennesseans and your willingness to work with me and my staff to help advance good Medicaid policies and avoid Washington mandates.

I wish you the best as you continue your professional career.

Very best wishes.●

#### GREENFIELD'S 225TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

• Ms. AYOTTE. Mr. President, today I wish to honor Greenfield, NH—a flourishing community in Hillsborough County that is celebrating the 225th anniversary of its founding. I am proud to join citizens across the Granite State in recognition of this special event.

Greenfield originally encompassed parts of the towns of Peterborough and Lyndeborough, as well as the Lyndeborough Slip and Society Land until the residents petitioned the General Court of New Hampshire to become a separate town, so that they might have access to a church and school. Permission was granted, and the town of Greenfield was incorporated on June 15, 1791.

Founded primarily by Revolutionary War veterans, the town of Greenfield was named by Major Amos Whittemore for its peaceful and fertile location between the Monadnock Hills. The early settlers were known for growing hops, building carriages, and their many sawmills. The first townhall meeting was held at the house of Mr. Daniel Gould on July 5, 1791, and since that time, the population has grown to include 1,477 residents as of the year 2014.

Known for its mountainous terrain, Greenfield is home to North Pack Monadnock and Crotched Mountains. Due to the prevalence of the mountains, the town contains an abundance of scenic trails that travel throughout the region. This has made Greenfield the perfect venue for all kinds of recreational outdoor activities.