

go-to guy.” On Sunday, July 24, as reports of a brush fire in Lyme came in, Charlie rushed to the scene, as he had done so many times before, placing the safety of others first. Sadly, Charlie gave his life in the line of duty to help extinguish the fire in Lyme. We are all grateful for Charlie’s selfless service to Orford and the rest of our State.

Firefighter Waterbury leaves behind a daughter, Whitney Banker; a grandson, Arlo Austin Banker, and parents; Allan and Shirley Waterbury. We are all deeply saddened by the loss of a wonderful friend to many and an outstanding public servant, Charlie Waterbury.

Charlie represented the best of our State, and I send my deepest condolences to Whitney, Arlo, Allan, and Shirley during this difficult time. While we mourn the loss of an extraordinary man, we know that he served our State, Nation, and community with honor, courage, and dedication. Charlie gave so much to New Hampshire and our Nation, and we are forever grateful for his sacrifice and service.

REMEMBERING HENRY RUEMLER

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I wish to recognize the life and service of my friend and former staff member Henry Ruempler, who passed away on August 29, 2016.

Mr. Henry Ruempler served as staff counsel to the House Committee on Government Operations before joining my staff in 1979 as counsel and later served as legislative director. Henry worked many years in my Washington, DC, office, and was a trusted colleague and friend to those who knew him. Following his departure from the U.S. Senate, he worked in the private sector, specializing in taxation and banking until his retirement in 2003.

Henry’s accomplishments and service extended beyond the workforce. He was a Boy Scout leader, for which he received the Silver Beaver Award for distinguished service; PTA board member; and treasurer of Northern Virginia Senior Softball. Above all, Henry was a dedicated family man. He was married for 45 years to his wife Susan. They have two children, Kyle and Shannon; and two grandchildren, Maryella and Charlie.

For myself and all those who knew Henry, I commemorate his years of service, his friendship, and a life well lived.

ENDOCRINE SOCIETY CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize and congratulate the Endocrine Society in honor of its Centennial anniversary this year.

Founded in 1916, the Endocrine Society is the world’s oldest and largest professional society for endocrinologists and endocrine scientists, who focus their efforts on un-

derstanding and caring for the large interconnected system of glands in our bodies that produce hormones needed for the daily function of our bodies. These physicians and researchers are at the core of solving the most pressing health problems of our time—from diabetes and obesity, to infertility, bone health, and hormone-related cancers.

Throughout this year, the Endocrine Society is celebrating its 100th anniversary by focusing on endocrinology’s past contributions to science and public health, while keeping an eye on today’s promising research, which will lead to the discoveries of tomorrow. I am very pleased that this included holding its annual meeting and expo in Boston which drew thousands of endocrinologists from around the globe to Massachusetts. I am also pleased to note that this year the president of the Endocrine Society is Dr. Henry Kronenberg, chief of the endocrine unit at Massachusetts General Hospital, and Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School in Boston, MA.

Over the Endocrine Society’s past 100 years, there have been remarkable discoveries and advances in biomedical research, but there is still much to learn. Thankfully, advances in endocrine research are accelerating. Today, thanks in part to funding from the National Institutes of Health, we have many doctors and scientists working to create fascinating tools to improve human health.

As one example, the bionic pancreas, developed by Dr. Ed Damiano, a professor of biomedical engineering at Boston University, completely automates the process of tracking and adjusting blood sugar. This device does not cure diabetes, but it battles its greatest threat: the dramatic fluctuations in blood sugar that cause significant side effects and even death.

I am truly appreciative of the accomplishments of endocrinologists and endocrine researchers—many who work, study, and practice in Massachusetts—over the past 100 years, and I am excited about the future of this field and better understanding how our environment impacts the way in which our hormones function and contribute to disease.

I offer sincere congratulations to the Endocrine Society on their 100th anniversary, and I look forward to seeing future advancements in the field that lead to women and men living longer, healthier lives.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR WILLIAM GORBY

Mr. MANCHIN. Mr. President, today I wish to acknowledge the service of my former defense fellow MAJ William Gorby, who is coming to the end of his assignment as part of his experience in the Army Congressional Fellowship Program.

Mike joined my office in 2014, and immediately, his dedication, work ethic, and intelligence made him a trusted

voice on my legislative team. A proud member of the West Virginia National Guard, Mike has deployed multiple times in defense of our country, and through his service, our Nation is a safer place. Most importantly, Mike is also a devoted husband and father, and I have had the pleasure of watching his family grow over the last several years.

As Mike moves on to another assignment outside the realm of legislation, I want to extend my thanks for his service and wish him and his family continued success in his future endeavors.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING HOPE FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE RECOVERY

● Ms. AYOTTE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize National Recovery Month and to applaud the accomplishments of a great organization in my home State: HOPE for New Hampshire Recovery. As New Hampshire battles a growing heroin and prescription opioid abuse crisis, the team at HOPE has brought a compassionate approach to caring for their fellow Granite Staters. Across our State, HOPE has opened six recovery centers in Manchester, Derry, Newport, Claremont, Concord, and Berlin. I was glad to join them at many of these grand opening ceremonies. These centers are important community resources, and I appreciate their work to reach every corner of our State. On Sunday, September 17, 2016, HOPE is hosting the Rally4Recovery NH, so that New Hampshire residents can show support for their families, friends, neighbors, and loved ones living in or seeking recovery.

National Recovery Month is sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration as a means to bring greater awareness and understanding of mental and substance use disorders and to celebrate people in recovery.

Ensuring support exists for policies, programs, and initiatives that can lead to long-term recovery is a critically important piece of our comprehensive response to the heroin and prescription opioid abuse epidemic. This crisis touches all of us and as a significant public health crisis; our response must be comprehensive in nature, focusing on prevention, treatment, recovery, and support for first responders, in addition to working together to eliminate the stigma associated with addiction. National Recovery Month helps bring awareness to the efforts of groups like HOPE, who work in their communities to provide long-term resources for individuals seeking and in recovery.

We are fortunate for the dedicated work that HOPE does on a daily basis to support recovery in New Hampshire, and I am deeply grateful for their efforts to change the conversation around substance use disorders and show that long-term recovery is achievable. As we recognize National