

she ignited in fellow conservatives. Whether or not one agrees or disagrees with her points of view, one must acknowledge her crucial part in the history of American politics.

When she began speaking publicly in the 1960s, Phyllis blazed a trail and encouraged women and mothers everywhere to step into American politics and issues of the day. She wasn't afraid to voice the thoughts she had that others agreed with, yet were too afraid to speak; nor was she afraid to challenge those with whom she disagreed. Phyllis demonstrated to all of us that every voice matters and reminded us that a powerful voice lies not in whoever is talking the loudest but whoever sees potential for change.

Phyllis was a pioneer for women in the world of politics, especially for conservative women, and simultaneously encouraged all Americans to get involved in issues bigger than themselves.

She advocated tirelessly throughout her life and never retired. She was one of the first conservatives to publicly endorse then-candidate Donald Trump. At her 2016 funeral, President Trump said, "Her legacy will live on every time some underdog—outmatched and outgunned—defies the odds and delivers a win for the people."

Phyllis Schlafly lived a life of dedication and perseverance. She continuously served our Nation through her inspiring speeches, encouraging attitude, and passion for the future. We miss her and thank her for all the work she has done. Today we honor her and her legacy and take a moment to recognize the long-standing impact she has had on our Nation.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. JERRY C. DAVIS

● Mr. BLUNT. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to Dr. Jerry C. Davis, president of College of the Ozarks in Point Lookout, MO. Dr. Davis is the recipient of the prestigious E. Burr Gibson Lifetime Achievement Award, given by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education, CASE.

The lifetime achievement award honors individuals in higher education who have made a significant and lasting impact in the field of institutional advancement through their professional accomplishments. It also honors those who have earned the deep respect and admiration of their professional colleagues.

Dr. Davis is one of the longest sitting college presidents in the entire United States, serving for over 40 years. He became president of Alice Lloyd College in Kentucky in 1977 and served until 1988, when he became president of the College of the Ozarks, where he remains today.

Throughout his tenure as president, he has transformed the College of the Ozarks into a unique higher education institution with an endowment over \$500 million. Nearly every student

graduates debt-free by working at on-campus jobs—a significant achievement at a time when student loans are a major burden for many students and families around the country.

Dr. Davis is also responsible for creating the College of the Ozarks Patriotic Travel Program. This program pairs veterans with college students to help instill appreciation for the sacrifices of American servicemen and women by traveling back to the battlefields of our Nation's wars. To date, over 300 students have traveled to Vietnam, Japan, and South Korea with over 150 veterans.

Dr. Davis's deep love for his country is also reflected by his work to honor those that have sacrificed for our Nation by building memorials on campus. Under Dr. Davis's leadership, the college built memorials honoring Missouri Vietnam veterans, the heroes of 9/11, and Missouri Gold Star families. In the spring of 2018, the college will dedicate a new memorial honoring the Korean war.

Dr. Davis has received many awards and accolades for both his specific institutions and in the realm of higher education. He has been active at multiple levels of both the Southern and North Central Accrediting Agencies, serving on more than 50 accreditation teams and chairing over half of them. Dr. Davis also served two terms as president of the American Association of Presidents of Independent Colleges and Universities.

In 2015, Dr. Davis and the College of the Ozarks received the National Freedom Award. This award is the highest honor given by the U.S. Department of Defense to employers for support of National Guard and Reserve Employees.

Dr. Davis's leadership has truly transformed the College of the Ozarks, and there is no doubt why he was selected to receive this lifetime achievement award. I know that the students, alumni, local community, and all those connected to the College of the Ozarks are grateful for his leadership, as am I.

Thank you.●

TRIBUTE TO GAIL BATES

● Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Gail Bates and not only wish her a happy birthday but also reflect on her years of service to the State of New Hampshire and our country.

Gail Bates was born Gail Oberlin in Cleveland, OH, on June 10, 1917 and received a degree from Vassar College in Italian and art history, then was awarded her master's in social work from Columbia University.

When the United States of America joined the Allies and went to war in 1941, Gail answered her country's call, serving in the American Red Cross from 1943 to 1945. She was stationed overseas to England with the Ninth Air Force, where she served with Red Cross Aero Clubs and worked long hours, supporting aircrews and soldiers from 6

AM to midnight. As a member of the Aero Club, Gail worked to provide food, coffee, music, and other reminders of home to American soldiers stationed so far from our shores.

On D-Day, Gail first heard of the Allied landings in Normandy while eating breakfast in a London cafe. She would soon join the Allied armies in continental Europe, arriving in Sainte-Mère-Eglise, France, in July, where she hosted a party for the children of Sainte-Mère-Eglise, providing a brief respite from war for the first liberated town in France. Following Allied victories in eastern France and Belgium, Gail accompanied General George Patton and his Third Army into Germany and was one of only two women who served in the Red Cross Aero Club in Berlin.

After the war, while working at the American Alpine Association, Gail met and then married Bob Bates, an educator and mountaineer, and they traveled the world together. Both avid mountaineers, they traveled to many remote areas around the world, including the Andes, the Himalayas, and the Karakorum Range. In 1962, Bob was recruited by Sargent Shriver to be director of the first group of Peace Corps volunteers in Nepal, and Bob and Gail lived together in Kathmandu, where they made many lifelong friends and invited a young Nepali woman, Tsering Yangdon, who is now a member of their extended family, to study at the University of New Hampshire.

As much as the world called to them, however, Bob and Gail never lost their attachment to and love for their local community. They protected historic New Hampshire buildings and preserved our open spaces and beautiful, wild areas of nature. In 1996, Gail established an endowed fund to permanently support the Robert H. Bates Mountaineering Room at Phillips Exeter Academy in the Class of 1945 Library. The collection contains many of Bob's collected mountaineering books and memorabilia.

As Senator for New Hampshire, I want to honor Gail's lifetime of service and good citizenship. I join with Gail's friends and family, as well as many, many people across the Granite State, in wishing her a very happy 100th birthday.●

TRIBUTE TO SHANE DOAN

● Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I come to the floor today to honor a National Hockey League—NHL—legend, an Olympian, and a point of pride for Arizonans. After 21 seasons, 1,540 games, and 972 points scored, Shane Doan can now retire his skates with pride. A pillar in the Arizona community and a legend to hockey fans worldwide, Shane has left an indelible mark on the game, inspiring future generations of hockey players.

Shane's career started in 1992 in the Western Hockey League's Kamloops Blazers—during which the team won