

many boats at the San Francisco Yacht Club. Originally from Cork, Ireland, Alan moved to the Bay Area to pursue his love of racing. He was a talented sailor and good friend, who served as the best man at the wedding of his crewmate, Bryan Chong, one of the three survivors.

Jordan Fromm was a lifelong sailor who was a fixture at the San Francisco Yacht Club, where he had been a member since childhood and participated in its youth sailing programs. Fromm planned to start his own yacht restoration business.

Marc Kasanin grew up in Belvedere, started sailing at age 5, and spent most of his life on the water as a sailor and a nautical artist. His artwork was recently displayed at the Tiburon Art Festival.

Elmer Morrissey earned a Ph.D. in energy engineering and worked as a software designer at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. In addition to sailing, he enjoyed playing music and rugby and writing humorous sports blogs.

These crew members were some of the Bay Area's best sailors. Their loss is a devastating blow to their families, to their friends, to their crewmates, and to the entire sailing community. At this most difficult time, my heart goes out to them all.●

TRIBUTE TO DOROTHY INGRAM

● MRS. BOXER. Mr. President, I am honored to remember the life, accomplishments, and service of Dorothy Inghram, a pioneer who was California's first African American school district superintendent and San Bernardino County's first African American school teacher and principal. Ms. Inghram passed away at her San Bernardino home on March 14 at the age of 106.

Dorothy Inghram was born on November 9, 1905, the youngest of Henry and Mary Inghram's seven children. While at San Bernardino Valley College, Ms. Inghram wrote the school's alma mater and later transferred to Redlands University to complete a bachelor's degree in music in 1936. She began her teaching career in Texas but later returned to California and accepted a teaching position in the Mill School District. For the next 3 decades, she devoted her life to education and literacy in the community.

Over the years, Ms. Inghram's professional contributions have been acknowledged on many occasions, including numerous awards, a city-proclaimed Dorothy Inghram Day, and a library named in her honor. Most rewarding to her personally, however, were the admiring and grateful former students who credited her with helping them recognize undiscovered talents and sparking interests that led to successful careers.

I ask my colleagues to join me, and her grateful community in honoring the life and trailblazing legacy of Dorothy Inghram.●

TRIBUTE TO MR. WAYNE R. GRACIE

● Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Mr. Wayne R. Gracie upon his retirement after an outstanding career of 37 years of distinguished civil service to our great Nation.

Since 1975, through seven Presidential administrations, Wayne has worked with Congress and directly supported the Secretary and Chief of Staff of the Air Force, as well as the Chief of the Air Force Reserve. He has worked on logistics, budgets, and legislative interactions—turning words into programming actions—that resulted in new Department of Defense policies and programs.

Wayne excelled at providing both Houses of Congress with new insight and understanding of the Air Force Reserve's need to transition from a Cold War force to the modern force operating around the world today. His efforts resulted in new funding and development of both a "strategic reserve" for surge operations, as well as a cost-effective "operational reserve" for use in daily military missions.

In 1997, backed by his credibility and good will on Capitol Hill, Wayne led the preparation, messaging, and testimony for congressional hearings that resulted in the formation of Air Force Reserve Command, the ninth major command in the Air Force. This authorized a three-star commander and energized new Reserve component personnel benefits.

After conducting more than 20 years of continual combat operations in Iraq, Bosnia, Kosovo, Afghanistan, Horn of Africa, Libya, and many other locations around the globe, the Air Force Reserve's success is evident today. Wayne's efforts were critical to presenting, justifying, and enacting new legislation supporting Air Force reservists, their civilian employers, and their families who were impacted by increased Reserve operations. Thanks to his continuous dialogue with Congress, reservists now get improved health care, new credits toward retirement, inactive duty training travel pay, and post-9/11 G.I. Bill benefits.

Also, Wayne was pivotal to facilitating Air Force Reserve testimonies before the Senate Armed Services Committee and Senate Appropriation Committee that resulted in additional funding for equipment modernization. His efforts directly led to increased combat effectiveness as well as improved humanitarian and disaster response operations. These updated capabilities were essential to successful relief missions in Japan and Haiti, as well as in the United States for Hurricanes Katrina and Ivan, for aerial firefighting in the Southwest, and for containing the gulf oil spill.

Because of Wayne's visionary leadership, planning, and foresight, the Air Force, the Department of Defense, and the Nation will long reap the benefits of his tenure at the Pentagon and his

work with us here on Capitol Hill. It is experienced, dedicated, professional people like Wayne who make the Department of Defense and Air Force Reserve the outstanding institutions that they are today.

I thank Wayne for his many years of dedicated service and wish him and his wife Candace the very best as they enter retirement.●

RECOGNIZING JOHN T. CYR AND SONS, INC.

● Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, today I wish to offer my congratulations to John T. Cyr and Sons, Inc., on its 100th anniversary. This outstanding Maine company demonstrates why family businesses are so important to our Nation's economy and to communities in every State. The determination and vision that led to a century of success define America's entrepreneurial spirit.

Sometime around 1903, John Thomas Cyr moved his family from Caribou, ME—my hometown—to Old Town, near Bangor, where he found work in a lumber mill. Nine years later, in 1912, at the age of 51, John T. Cyr struck out on his own. Joined by his son, Joseph, they started a livery stable and delivery business.

What began with horses, buggies, and wagons is today a thriving enterprise of 22 luxury motor coaches, 200 schoolbuses, and nearly 250 employees. A company that got its start hauling lumber for a local canoe factory now serves 17 school districts across Maine with an exemplary safety record. They offer tours throughout the United States and Canada—from New York City at Christmas to Washington, DC, in cherry blossom season. As a native of Aroostook County, I know how valuable their daily intercity service is to the towns and cities of northern Maine.

Handed down and nurtured through the generations, this is a true family business, owned and operated by the founder's grandson, Joe Cyr, joined by his brother, Pete, son Mike, and daughter Becky.

Their remarkable story of growth, of meeting challenges, and of delivering value was expertly told in a recent article in Maine Trails magazine. I would like to complement that account with my personal observations.

Before coming to the Senate, I worked at Husson University in Bangor, where I had the pleasure of getting to know Joe Cyr, class of 1962, and his wonderful wife Sue, class of 1965. Joe has been a longtime member of the Husson Board of Trustees, and Sue has been a volunteer supporter of uncommon energy. Joe and Sue's generosity to Husson includes significant gifts to athletic programs, a new home for the university president, the annual fund, and most recently, the new Cyr Alumni Center. The countless ways they serve—from the Boys Scouts and the Y to St. Joseph Hospital—touch people of all ages.

People throughout Maine are fortunate to have such a family as the Cyrs,