

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,

but I am especially lucky—my summer camp on Cold Stream Pond is just down the road from theirs. As much as I cherish our time together, having dinner, playing cards, and enjoying the beautiful Maine summer evenings, I cherish even more being in the presence of those who give so much to others and who see the act of giving as the greatest reward. I am delighted to extend my congratulations to the Cyr family in their business's centennial year and to thank them for their contributions to the State of Maine.●

TRIBUTE TO TOM MCSWAIN

● Mrs. HAGAN. Mr. President, Leadership North Carolina is an organization committed to engaging and informing leaders from across my home State. Today I wish to recognize a constituent who is a leader of Leadership North Carolina. Tom McSwain's service to our citizens may be recognized during his term as chairman of the American Traffic Safety Services Association from 2004 to 2006, but his leadership skills were forged many years before this term and he continues to lead in many ways. Tom is a native of Macon, GA, and a proud alumnus of the University of Georgia, who has a deep love for and commitment to his adopted home State of North Carolina. Two sources of strength for Tom are his wife Shawn Scott, an alumna of Leadership North Carolina Class IX, and his son, Jack.

Currently, Tom serves as eastern region director with responsibility for company sales and activities in the Eastern United States, Latin and South America with Ennis-Flint. Ennis-Flint is the world's largest supplier of pavement marking materials and is headquartered in Dallas, TX.

Tom has served in many professional capacities within the highway safety industry. Most prominently, he was chairman of the American Traffic Safety Services Association—ATSSA—from 2004–2006. ATSSA is an international trade association with 1,600 members who manufacture and install roadway safety devices such as signs, striping, guardrails, crash cushions, and lighting. In this role, he served as the chair of the past chairman's advisory council and as the president-elect of the ATSSA Foundation, which provides scholarships to children of individuals killed while working on our nation's highways. He is also a board member of the Road Information Program—TRIP.

Our State has benefitted from the migration of citizens from all over the country, bringing their creativity and skills to North Carolina. Tom moved to his newly adopted home of North Carolina in 1997. Following his service as Chairman of ATSSA, Tom sought to transition his engagement and focus from the national arena to North Carolina.

In 2006, Mr. McSwain graduated from Leadership North Carolina as a member of Class XIII, receiving the pres-

tigious Stanley Frank Class Award. This award is presented annually in honor of the late Stanley Frank, chair of the LNC Founding Committee, who gave his time, talents, and resources to make our State a better place to live and to work. Mr. Frank was a Greensboro businessman and a civic giant who was one of the earliest, and one of the strongest supporters of LNC. Each recipient of this award exemplifies the spirit of Stanley Frank as selected by their fellow participants. Tom was the Class XIII recipient, recognized for his demonstrated leadership, which has made a significant improvement in the quality of life, economic well-being, and sense of community in our State. Upon graduation, Mr. McSwain expanded his commitment to Leadership North Carolina, serving as program chair for Class XIV and joining the Leadership North Carolina Board of Directors.

Elected as chair of Leadership North Carolina in 2010, Tom has brought his considerable leadership experience to strengthen the organization during his 2-year tenure. His work has positioned the program for sustainability for years to come and strengthened its reputation among leaders in business, government, education, and nonprofits. The measure of a good leader is the legacy he or she leaves behind. Tom McSwain leaves North Carolina with 900 informed and engaged leaders to take the baton and help craft our State's future.

On June 30 of this year, Tom McSwain will complete his tenure as chair of Leadership North Carolina. We need strong, effective leaders now more than ever. Tom's service to Leadership North Carolina has been focused on engaging, challenging, and informing future leaders. I join the Board of Directors of Leadership North Carolina in recognizing Tom for his leadership, vision, and determination.

Tom embodies our State's motto *Esse Quam Videri*, to be rather than to seem, and I ask all my colleagues to join me in thanking Tom McSwain for his service to North Carolina.●

TRIBUTE TO DAN LYONS

● Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I am proud to recognize one of Nevada's veterans whose overwhelming sacrifice on behalf of those who served our great Nation is inspiring. As I speak, Mr. Lyons is traveling on foot from his hometown of Reno, NV to our Nation's capital to encourage legislators to assist our homeless veterans.

This is a serious issue that I have worked on since I was elected to Congress. Today, over 100,000 veterans are on America's streets. Many have serious problems and need support. That is why I stand with Mr. Lyons as he completes his 2,600 mile journey.

The brave men and women who served our country and fought to protect our freedom are coming back to a struggling economy with few job pros-

pects, leaving them unable to afford housing. Our Nation's servicemembers have made great sacrifices for our country, and they deserve our gratitude and support. We must welcome them home and help them transition to civilian life. Assisting our Nation's veterans and families is of the utmost importance.

I am also grateful that Mr. Lyons is raising awareness for an issue that I am personally involved with. Having a family member who serves in the Armed Forces, I have always been an advocate for our troops. That is why I proudly cosponsored and voted in support of bipartisan legislation, the VOW to Hire Heroes Act, which was signed into law by President Obama. This legislation provides a tax credit to employers who hire veterans while also offering education and funding to provide on-the-job training and employment assistance to veterans. Ensuring our returning soldiers come home to good paying jobs is the least we can do and the VOW to Hire Heroes Act helps put our Nation's veterans back to work.

Mr. Lyons' selfless efforts to honor and acknowledge our Nation's veterans epitomize service over self. I commend Mr. Lyons for his steadfast determination in raising awareness for those who keep us safe. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Lyons for his service to our country and commitment to helping veterans in need.●

RECOGNIZING HOOSIER ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

● Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I wish to take the opportunity to express my congratulations to the winners of the 2011–2012 Dick Lugar/Indiana Farm Bureau/Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance Companies Youth Essay Contest.

In 1985, I joined with the Indiana Farm Bureau to sponsor an essay contest for 8th grade students in my home State. The purpose of this contest is to encourage young Hoosiers to recognize and appreciate the importance of Indiana agriculture in their lives and subsequently craft an essay responding to the assigned theme. The theme chosen for this year was "The Role of the Farm in a Healthy Diet."

Along with my friends at the Indiana Farm Bureau and Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance Companies, I am pleased with the annual response to this contest and the quality of the essays received over the years. I applaud each of this year's participants on their thoughtful work and wish, especially, to highlight the submissions of the 2011–2012 contest winners—Travis Koester of Wadesville, IN, and Andrea Ledgerwood of Angola, IN. I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the complete text of Travis' and Andrea's respective essays and I am pleased, also, to include the names of the many district and county winners of the contest.