

As we so watched this hero time and again
 come roaring back . . .
 All because of how he so touched each and
 everyone!
 For kindness would follow him everywhere
 he'd go!
 Because, somewhere in the ruffs of life he so
 let his ego!
 Marching For The Dimes,
 for all of those children so all in time . . . all
 to help them so!
 For on these fields of green,
 ninety-two championships he has seen!
 But, his greatest victory of all was what in
 his heart we saw!
 As this Gold Medal upon you Arnold we now
 so bestow . . .
 All for your service to our Nation so,
 and your excellence and sportsmanship in
 the game of golf wherever you would
 go!
 As Arnold, you always stood Pin High!
 On The Green In One!
 For yes you, The Legend of Latrobe are but
 America's Golden Son!
 Fourrrrrr . . .
 As this Gold Medal upon you we now so bestow
 Because, on the fairways of life you've always
 gone for gold!
 The Legend of Latrobe!

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO FRANK AND ANN GILMORE

• Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, Henry Ford once said, "Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young."

On October 12, 2012, Montana Tech in Butte, MT, will honor two people who embody that very spirit: Frank and Ann Gilmore. As reflected in their stories, both Frank and Anne recognize the importance of education and giving back to society.

A Mississippi native, Dr. Frank Gilmore sought educational opportunities early and often. He was the first member of his family to earn a college degree. Frank's intellectual curiosity paved the way for an impressive academic career, one that includes studies at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard University. Frank obtained a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Virginia Military Institute, and then went on to earn his Ph.D. in organic chemistry with a minor in industrial relations at MIT. His career in higher education began in 1967 at the University of Mississippi. Dr. Gilmore then taught at the West Virginia University Institute of Technology, and finally joined Montana Tech in 1998 as chancellor.

Montana Tech has earned a reputation as one of the finest science, engineering, and technical colleges in the world, and much of its success can be attributed to the incredible leadership under Dr. Frank Gilmore. Under Dr. Gilmore's chancellorship, The Princeton Review selected Montana Tech as one of its "Best 368 Colleges" for 11 consecutive years. One of Dr. Gilmore's

proudest accomplishments is improving Montana Tech's efforts to find students employment before they even graduate.

During Frank's time as chancellor, Montana Tech boasted placement rates for its graduates between 93 and 98 percent. And, lucky for us, 70 to 80 percent of Tech graduates chose to remain and work in Montana.

Frank's dedication to his students went far beyond the classroom. I proudly partnered with Montana Tech in 2007 and 2010 to organize the Montana Economic Development Summits. We could not have asked for a better host than Montana Tech. Frank proudly offered the campus to hold workshops and host some of the world's most influential business and economic leaders. The connections made at Montana Tech during those summits have yielded untold investment and job opportunities for Montanans.

Not only is Dr. Gilmore's career in education inspiring, he also served his country with distinction in the military. He first served as a Marine Corps reservist when he was a teenager, then as an Active-Duty soldier in the Army, and finally as a captain in the Army Reserve.

This past year, Frank was appointed as president of the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation. The Goldwater Foundation was established to encourage college students to pursue science, math, and engineering. I proudly advocated for Dr. Gilmore's appointment, as I cannot think of anyone more qualified to lead these efforts.

Ann Louise Gauthier Gilmore was also the first in her family to earn a college degree. She received her bachelor's degree in dietetics from the University of Northern Colorado. Like Frank, she also honorably served in our Nation's military.

Ann joined the U.S. Army in 1961 and completed her dietetic internship at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC. She continued to serve our Nation in the Army Medical Corps until her honorable discharge in 1963 as a first lieutenant.

Not only has Ann demonstrated a life-long commitment to education and to our country, she has directed her talents toward serving her community. Ann worked with the Women, Infants and Children, WIC, Program in Mississippi, the PEO, Philanthropic Educational Organization, a sisterhood committed to empowering women through education, and served on the board of the Butte Symphony Orchestra.

Frank and Ann's stories give us hope that there are dedicated, hard-working folks in our schools, providing our children with the tools they need to succeed. In a world more competitive than ever before, it is essential that we provide all Montanans with a world-class education. Investing in Montana's young minds is the best way to keep us competitive with our global neighbors and to ensure a solid economic future.

Thanks to the community's overwhelming generosity and support, Montana Tech constructed a new university center to honor Frank and Ann Gilmore. The new Frank & Ann Gilmore University Relations Center serves both students and alumni. The center provides a much-needed venue for students to meet their future employers, as well as place for alumni to convene and reminisce about their time at Montana Tech.

As we all can see, both Frank and Anne possess an insatiable hunger for education which they have used to better their community. The University of Montana, the Butte and Anaconda communities, and especially the Montana Tech students, faculty, and staff, all know that with people like Frank and Ann, Montana will continue to become an even better place to live, work, and raise a family.●

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

• Mr. BEGICH. Mr. President, I wish to proclaim September 2012 as Alaska Preparedness Month. No one can predict when or where the next crisis will be, and as a state that is particularly vulnerable to natural disasters and human-caused emergencies, it is essential that Alaskans be prepared to respond to any crisis that may arise.

The American public remains largely uninformed on and unprepared for possible disasters and other life-threatening emergencies in their communities. Since government agencies and disaster organizations cannot bear sole responsibility for preparing and responding to disasters, it is important for all to plan ahead.

National Preparedness Month is a nationwide effort led by the American Red Cross to raise awareness about the importance of planning for all types of emergencies. Held each September, National Preparedness Month aims to encourage American households to learn more about preparedness and to create a family disaster plan.

It is my hope that by proclaiming September 2012 as Alaska Preparedness Month, Alaskans will be inspired to make sure they are well-equipped to deal with any and all possible crises in the future.●

REMEMBERING ALBERT ADAMS

• Mr. BEGICH. Mr. President, on August 13, 2012, Senator Al Adams passed away peacefully at home in Anchorage, AK, surrounded by family.

Albert P. Sikiagruk Adams was born June 18, 1942, in Kotzebue, AK. He attended Mt. Edgecumbe High School in Sitka. Following high school, he attended the University of Alaska Fairbanks and RCA Technical Institute.

Al Adams is survived by his wife, Diane; his children Al "Sonny" Adams, Guy Adams, Herb Adams, Michelle Mercurieff, Thomas Adams, and Luke Adams. He is survived by his sisters Adra Distefano, Sarah Scanlan, and

Darlene “Red” Seeberger, their families, and his brothers-in-law John and Thomas Simonson, Mike Scanlan, and Don Distefano and sister-in-law Peggy Simonson. He also leaves his beloved grandchildren and extended family members.

Al lived a life of service and was known for a generosity of spirit and a drive to help others in both his public and private life.

To his family, he was a beloved husband, father, and grandfather for whom family was the highest priority. He often organized subsistence hunting and fishing trips for his children, where he passed down traditional Inupiat skills. He coordinated all the logistics for these memorable outings and even served as camp cook, making sure everyone was well fed. Whether dipnetting at the mouth of the Kenai River, caribou hunting outside of Kotzebue, or visiting the fish wheel at Chitina, he let his wife, children, and grandchildren know they were loved and they came first and foremost in his life.

He was also a romantic and loving husband, planning vacations for his wife, Diane, to celebrate and share the milestones they achieved together as a couple. Travel was one of his favorite pastimes and one he loved to share with her.

Although he led a very public life, he also was a man of many unsung good deeds on a personal level. Many people did not know he kept cash in his vehicle console to give those in need, or that he provided meals to those who were hungry. At Christmas, boxes of turkeys would arrive at Bean’s Cafe and money for holiday goody bags would arrive at the Friends Church. The individual recipients never knew who had lent them a hand.

Even when Al was ill, he cared for others and tried to ease their worries with humor. He wanted others to be comfortable and to enjoy life. He put people first and was always prepared to serve them. He believed in God, in a higher power, and was a teacher and mentor to many.

Publically, Al’s service to his beloved State improved the lives of those he represented in rural Alaska. His long career in public service began in the late 1960s and included 8 years in the Alaska State House beginning in 1980, during which he represented District 37 which included the communities of the NANA/Maniilaq and Arctic Slope regions. From 1988–2000, he served in the Alaska State Senate, also representing the Bering Straits/Kawerak region.

Following his retirement from the Alaska State Legislature, Al served as president of Adams Management Services and worked for the Northwest Arctic Borough and North Slope Borough as an adviser sharing his understanding of State government and how it could help the people of rural Alaska.

In 2003, he began a new career as a lobbyist with a focus on representing rural and Alaska Native interests. He

again provided a powerful voice in Juneau and Washington, DC, drawing on his years of State legislative experience. He brought the same passion to lobbying that he had as a legislator, always saying those he represented weren’t his clients, they were his people. He tirelessly promoted the continued successes of Mt. Edgecumbe High School because of the valuable opportunities it provides to develop relationships among talented young Alaska Native people.

Al’s hospitality to his peers, staff, clients and visitors at the State capitol is still remembered to this day. His door and telephone lines were always open to Alaskans, no matter where they lived. He worked hard to guarantee rural Alaska gained its fair share of State funding and he joined his colleagues on statewide efforts that benefited all Alaskans.

An astute lawmaker, he was a master at understanding politics and State finances and chaired the powerful House Finance Committee during his 8-year term in the State House. He served 18 years on the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee and 12 years on the Operating Budget Conference Committee. He served on other key committees that helped protect subsistence and bring needed infrastructure and social services to rural Alaska.

He fought hard for the establishment and continued existence of the Power Coast Equalization (PCE) program; convincing the Alaska Legislature to establish an endowment to fund PCE in perpetuity.

Prior to his legislative service, he held other positions as president of Kikiktargruk inupiat Corporation. He also served on numerous boards including the Alaska Airlines Advisory Board, Arctic Power, Mt. Edgecumbe and NANA Regional Corporation.

When I was elected mayor of Anchorage, AK, Al met with me and reminded me Anchorage is Alaska’s largest Native community. When I was elected Senator, he continued to advise me on how together we could help all Alaskans.

The people of Alaska will miss Senator Al Adams. He was a friend, a mentor, a humanitarian and an example for many generations of leaders. I will miss Al for not only his guidance on doing what’s right for all of the people of Alaska but for his wit and his friendship.●

PETALUMA ALL-STAR TEAM

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I am pleased to congratulate the 2012 Petaluma National Little League All-Star team for capturing third place at the 66th Little League World Series in Williamsport, PA. The determination, sportsmanship and love of the game that these young athletes exhibited captured the imagination and support of people in Petaluma and throughout California.

Since its establishment with three teams in 1939, Little League Baseball

has grown to become the world’s largest youth sports program, enabling millions of children from 80 countries in 6 continents to enjoy and compete in the American pastime. This year the Little League World Series featured eight regional representatives from the United States and eight international teams.

The Petaluma National All-Star team qualified for the Little League World Series by winning the District 35 Tournament in Petaluma, the Section I Tournament in Fairfield, the NorCal Division II Tournament in Fremont and the Western Regional Tournament in San Bernardino.

At the Little League World Series, the Petaluma All-Stars achieved several impressive and memorable feats. In the U.S. Championship game, the Petaluma All-Stars staged one of the biggest and most thrilling rallies in Little League World Series history when they plated 10 runs in the bottom of the sixth to force their game against the team from Goodlettsville, TN into extra innings. Although their valiant effort would ultimately fall short, the remarkable determination and competitiveness exhibited by these young athletes will forever be a part of the lore of the Little League World Series. The next day, the Petaluma team showed its resilience by defeating the team from Aguadulce, Panama to place third worldwide behind the eventual Little League World Series championship team from Tokyo, Japan and the U.S. Championship team from Goodlettsville, TN.

I ask my colleagues to join me and the Petaluma community in recognizing all the members of the Petaluma National Little League All-Star team on this wonderful achievement: Kempton Brandis, Blake Buhner, Logan Douglas, Quinton Gago, Daniel Marzo, Dylan Moore, James O’Hanlon, Austin Paretto, Porter Slate, Hance Smith, Bradley Smith, Cole Tomei, Andrew White and a team of dedicated coaches, parents and volunteers.●

DEATH OF SACAGAWEA

● Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. President, I wish to speak today to commemorate the life of Sacagawea and the impacts her life has had on the development of our great Nation. While there is some controversy regarding the death of Sacagawea, most research indicates that this year marks the 200th anniversary of her reported death in present day South Dakota.

Sacagawea is historically most famous for guiding Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, along with her husband and infant son, on U.S. President Thomas Jefferson’s Corps of Northwestern Discovery expedition to the Pacific Coast and back from 1804 to 1806.

Sacagawea, the daughter of a Shoshone chief, was born around 1788 in present-day Idaho. At a young age, she was captured by the enemies of the