

to ensure they are equipped to succeed in higher education and the workforce. The Nevada chapter of this State-based national organization has been a driving force to help integrate the JAG program into 19 schools in the Clark County School District, assisting the needs of more than 700 students in 37 schools across the State. Mr. Skorkowsky played a significant role in implementing this program after a successful pilot trial at several schools across our State.

Over 25 years ago, Mr. Skorkowsky began working as an educator for the Clark County School District. Throughout his tenure, he has served as a teacher, assistant principal, principal, academic manager, deputy superintendent, and now as superintendent. Mr. Skorkowsky spearheaded the idea that drives the nation's fifth largest school district: "Every student in every classroom, without exceptions, without excuses." During his time as superintendent, Mr. Skorkowsky has upheld this philosophy, implementing strategies to improve the academic experience for every student who attends a Clark County School. Southern Nevada is fortunate to have someone of such great experience working on behalf of the future of Nevada's youth.

As a father of four children who attended Nevada's public schools and as the husband of a teacher, I understand the important role that educators play in enriching the lives of Nevada's students. Ensuring that America's youth are prepared to compete in the 21st century is critical for the future of our country. Mr. Skorkowsky has worked tirelessly to help prepare students across southern Nevada to be career and college ready, and I am grateful to have him serving as an ally to future generations of Nevadans.

I ask my colleagues and all Nevadans to join me in thanking Mr. Skorkowsky for his dedication to enriching the lives of Nevada's students and in congratulating him on receiving this award. I wish him well as he continues creating success for all students who enter the Clark County School District.●

#### REMEMBERING GLEE S. SMITH, JR.

● Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, on November 16, Kansas lost one of its greatest citizens when Glee Smith, Jr., passed away at age 94. Today, I pay tribute to Glee and celebrate his life, his legacy, and his service to our State and Nation.

Glee was born and raised in 1921 in Rozel—a rural central Kansas town with a population of 156. After high school, like so many members of our "greatest generation," Glee served our Nation during World War II as a first lieutenant in the Army Air Corps.

After the war, he returned to further his education at the University of Kansas, where he earned a bachelor's degree in journalism in 1943 and a juris

doctorate in 1947. During this time, Glee married Gerry Buhler, his wife of more than 70 years. Together, they moved southwest to Larned, where Glee partnered with Maurice Wildgen to found the Wildgen & Smith Law Firm. Within 2 years of establishing his law practice, Glee was elected to his first position of public service as Pawnee County attorney and later to the Larned Board of Education, on which he served for 12 years.

These two roles provided the bedrock for Glee's work on behalf of Kansans and instilled a deep respect for the rule of law and commitment to education. He was a 67-year member of the Kansas Bar Association—20 of which were spent as a member of the Board of Governors. In addition, President Gerald Ford appointed Glee to the First Board of Directors of the National Legal Services Corporation, which he served on from 1975 to 1979. He also served on the Kansas Board of Regents for 8 years, including 2 as chairman. These are just a few of the many other causes that Glee took part in and often ended up leading. Many remember Glee's leadership from his 16 years in the Kansas State Senate, during which he served as Judiciary Committee chairman, Ways and Means Committee chairman and president of the senate for his final 8 years.

The comments left on Glee's obituary in the Lawrence Journal-World do service to the impression that he left on those around him:

"Glee was a great person and a true gentleman[.] He was a great person to work with in governmental affairs and socially as well."

"[I] loved his stories of how Ger[ry] and he met and that he loved her from the moment he saw her!!! Their love and devotion have been inspiring . . . It was an honor to get to know him."

"There will always be an empty seat at First Presbyterian Church where Glee sat beside his beloved Gerry. He was a stately gentleman and a truly gentle man. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him."

"One of the rewards of serving on the Kansas 4-H Foundation was serving alongside people like Glee. Leadership, Vision, Wisdom, Caring, Friend—a few words that describe Glee Smith."

"Although his impact was great in his efforts on behalf of the State of Kansas and KU, it was most significant in all the lives he touched along the way."

Glee Smith taught through his actions that true satisfaction in life comes from service to others. This is the legacy we should all hope to leave behind for the next generation.

I always believe what happens in the nation's capital is important, but the truth is that we change the world one person at a time. While our work in the Senate matters, much more is accomplished by a person like Glee. I would ask my Senate colleagues to join me in extending our sympathies to Glee's wife; three children, Sid, Stephen, and

Susan; three grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren as they begin this new year in the absence of their loved one.●

#### REMEMBERING MAJOR GENERAL WILL HILL TANKERSLEY

● Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to MG Will Hill Tankersley, a patriot and friend. General Tankersley died Saturday, November 28, 2015, at the age of 87. General Tankersley exemplified the attributes of service, loyalty, and, perhaps most precious to him, duty. He leaves behind an adoring family, generations of friends and admirers, and a legacy that will persist long after his passing.

He was born February 28, 1928, to a family with deep roots in Alabama. In fact, his grandfather settled around what would become Montgomery in 1815, 4 years before Alabama achieved statehood. When only a boy, his father, Felix Marcus Tully, passed away, leaving him in the care of his mother, "Miss Corrie" Melton Hill. His paternal grandfather, Judge Will Hill, became a father-figure to young Will Hill, ensuring his mother and her young family were provided for and that Will Hill and his brothers received an education.

Despite facing these difficult odds, Will Hill attended the Citadel and Marion Military Institute before gaining acceptance to West Point, from which he graduated in 1950. Soon after graduation, before his class had even gone through basic training, he was sent into combat in Korea, serving six campaigns as a combat infantryman. For his service, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, Bronze Star, and Combat Infantry Badge.

The West Point Class of 1950 has the tragic distinction of suffering through some of the heaviest wartime losses in the history of the academy; he was one of only six of his classmates in his regiment not killed, wounded, or captured. In fact, at the age of 23, then-Lieutenant Tankersley had the unfortunate distinction of being the oldest living infantry lieutenant in the 19th Infantry Regiment.

It was in 1953 while stationed at Fort Benning that he met Theda Clark Ball, also of Montgomery, whom he soon married. She was the love of his life, and her special place in his heart remained after her death in 2013, after almost 60 years of marriage.

Once leaving the regular Army, Will Hill returned to Montgomery and joined the investment bank Sterne Agee & Leach. His 45 years at Sterne Agee saw him rise to the top of the organization, becoming a vice president, board member, senior vice president, chairman of the executive committee of the board of directors, president of the company, and finally the vice chairman emeritus for life. He retired in October of 2003.

General Tankersley's dedication to principle and sense of civic duty to his city, State, and country are well known.