

a passion for law enforcement. Both have been made honorary Pittsburgh firefighters in honor of their contributions to the community.

David Rosenthal and Cecil Rosenthal embraced life and, in turn, were embraced by it. They never let any limitations hinder them, which is how and why they touched countless lives. Robert F. Kennedy once talked about how, through our actions, we send out ripples of hope and that those ripples come together and make a larger collective difference. Every person who knew Cecil and David are a ripple of hope and through each of these ripples, their love of life, their contributions to their community, and their life of inclusion will live on and continue to positively impact the Squirrel Hill community, the city of Pittsburgh, and beyond.

#### REMEMBERING BERNICE AND SYLVAN SIMON

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I wish to pay tribute to Bernice and Sylvan Simon. Bernice and Sylvan were 2 of the 11 people who were violently killed at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh's Squirrel Hill neighborhood.

Bernice and Sylvan Simon were devoted to each other and did everything together. Longtime members of the Tree of Life congregation, their life together began when they were married there in 1956 and it ended there over 60 years later, but those intervening years were years of joy, service, family, and love. That love and devotion served as an inspiration to their children and grandchildren, who hope that it will now serve as an example for all of us.

Today let us remember the great love Bernice and Sylvan Simon shared and carry it forth in our own lives and for the rest of our days.

#### REMEMBERING DANIEL STEIN

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, today I wish to remember Daniel Stein. Dan was 1 of the 11 people who was violently killed at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh's Squirrel Hill neighborhood.

When Fred Rogers, better known as Mister Rogers, told children to "look for the helpers," he could have been talking about Dan Stein. Whenever and wherever he was needed, for a task big or small, Dan was happy to lend a hand. A longtime member of the New Light Congregation and, for a time, its president, Dan was a fixture at Saturday services. Judaism played a significant role in his life, and he was copresident of the area's Hadassah chapter.

We would all do well to remember Dan Stein's never failing desire to help his friends and neighbors and look for opportunities in our own lives to do more each day.

#### REMEMBERING MELVIN WAX

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, today I wish to remember Melvin Wax. Melvin

was 1 of the 11 people who was violently killed at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh's Squirrel Hill neighborhood.

Mel Wax approached his life and his days with a kind heart and a generous spirit. Mel was a regular at services and known for arriving early. He knew all the roles and would always step up when needed. The morning he died, he was leading services at New Light, one of the three congregations that met at the Tree of Life Synagogue.

Mel Wax served in the Korean war, and though he talked about how hard it was, he would immediately add that he would do it again so someone else would not have to. Such was the selfless devotion of Mel Wax to his fellow man and his sense of duty.

John McCain said, "Every day, people serve their neighbors and our nation in many different ways . . . It is in this spirit of dedication to others and to our country that I believe service should be broadly and deeply encouraged." Mel Wax lived a life of service to his friends and neighbors. As we go about our days, let us strive to live up to his example.

#### REMEMBERING IRVING YOUNGER

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, today I wish to remember Irving Younger. Irving was 1 of the 11 people who was violently killed at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh's Squirrel Hill neighborhood.

Irving Younger was a kind soul who was simply happy to help and do whatever was needed. He was always present to greet arrivals at the synagogue and would lend his prayer book if a new congregant at Tree of Life needed it. He had an innate ability to know what was needed and how to help.

Irving Younger's life was rooted in his faith and his family. He would always arrive early for services and stay late, and his visits to his family in California brought him great joy.

Ralph Emerson once said, "You cannot do a kindness too soon because you never know when it will be too late." Irving Younger never failed to do a kindness and that devotion will be remembered by all he touched.

#### HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

MAJOR BRENT TAYLOR

Mr. LEE. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment to honor the extraordinary life and service of Utah Army National Guard MAJ Brent Taylor. Major Taylor gave the ultimate sacrifice on November 3, 2018, while deployed to Afghanistan. He is survived by his wife Jennie and his seven children Megan, Lincoln, Alex, Jacob, Ellie, Jonathan, and Caroline, to whom he was a devoted husband and father.

Major Taylor's record of service demonstrates his willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty to both his country and the State of Utah. He

joined the Utah Army National Guard in 2003 and received a commission as a second lieutenant from the Brigham Young University Reserve Officer Training Corps in 2006. He distinguished himself in multiple specialties with the Utah National Guard, including intelligence and military police.

Major Taylor was continuously ready to take up the call to arms and deployed four times on missions to Iraq and Afghanistan. He held a variety of roles, including platoon leader, combat adviser, and chief of staff to the Special Operations Advisory Group. Throughout his tours of service, Major Taylor received several awards for his courage, sacrifice, and leadership; he received a Bronze Star in honor of his ability to calmly and safely lead his men through miles of treacherous territory and a Purple Heart for wounds received during an IED attack on his vehicle.

His love of his State and his country was also evident beyond the uniform. Major Taylor gave his time and energy to his community, serving tirelessly as a member of the North Ogden City Council from 2010–2013 and as mayor of North Ogden after being elected in 2013. He was a known to be a hands-on leader, attentive to and beloved by his community.

Last Christmas morning, when snow had fallen all night, Brent was with his city employees plowing roads, so that other families could safely celebrate together and these friends could get home to theirs. He stood as an example to me by continually representing how to best serve your fellow man. For him, service was the best way to show discipleship to God.

After being reelected in 2017, he took a leave of absence from the mayor's office in 2018 and headed back to the battlefield, deploying to Afghanistan. When he announced his leave of absence to the people of North Ogden City before departing for Afghanistan, Major Taylor told them that he felt called to serve his country there and that "service is what leadership is all about." At that time, I presented a flag to Major Taylor and expressed my gratitude for "Utahns who carry our flag into harm's way for the cause of freedom." I pray it was a reminder to him of the love and support our State has for him. I am confident that he stood as an example of the best our flag represents every day of his deployment.

Following Major Taylor's tragic passing, Major Abdul Rahmani, an Afghani pilot with whom he worked, sent a letter to Major Taylor's wife describing the great impact of his life; in his words, he was a "loving, caring, and compassionate man whose life was not just meaningful, it was inspirational . . . he died on our soil but he died for the success of freedom and democracy in both of our countries." Not only that, but Major Taylor exemplified to him the importance of family: "Your husband taught me to love my wife