

We took our first step today. In an historic moment, the U.S. Senate voted to suspend military support for the Saudi-led operations in Yemen. The administration should heed this clear signal and end all military support, including supplies of U.S. spare parts and technical support. We must refocus our efforts to help broker an end to the conflict.

Second, the United States must send a clear message to Saudi Arabia or any other autocratic regime: We do not tolerate the slaughter of political dissidents. We must hold accountable all those responsible for murder of Jamal Khashoggi. That means we must impose sanctions on the Crown Prince himself.

The Senate's vote today sends a clear message to Saudi Arabia and President Trump: We will hold you accountable, we will not trade away our Nation's values, and we will not abdicate our responsibility in decisions of peace and war. S.J. Res. 54 reins in the President's largely unencumbered war-making powers and ends unconditional U.S. military support for the Saudi campaign in Yemen without an authorization from Congress. For these reasons, I was proud to vote in support of this resolution.

#### REGISTER OF COPYRIGHTS SELECTION AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2017

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I am placing a hold on S. 1010, the Register of Copyrights Selection and Accountability Act of 2017, out of deep concern for the implications of this bill for the Copyright Office and its administration of U.S. copyright laws. The Constitution delegates to Congress the power to "promote the progress of science and useful arts, by securing for limited times to authors and inventors the exclusive right to their respective writings and discoveries." Currently, the Librarian of Congress appoints the Register, who acts under the Librarian's direction. The Librarian is uniquely positioned to bring to bear the interest of the public and concerns around freedom of speech, scholarship, access for the disabled and other societal values, as well as incentivizing creators to continue to innovate and produce new works.

At certain times, I have been deeply concerned that rights holders have seemed to capture the Copyright Office. Politicizing the appointment of the Register and reducing the influence of the Librarian would only cement that tendency. The voice of the public will always be more diffuse than those with vested interest in locking up works for as long as possible. Congress must ensure that all voices are heard, and the structure of the Copyright Office is integral to achieving that goal. Again, this is Congress's responsibility, and ceding ever more power to the Executive, as this bill does, over matters within our purview is an abdication of

our responsibility which I believe we will regret.

For these reasons, I have placed a hold on S. 1010, and I encourage my colleagues to give serious consideration to the concerns I have expressed about this bill.

#### TRIBUTE TO JEFF FLAKE

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, at the end of each session of the Congress, we, the Senate, take a moment to express our appreciation and acknowledge the efforts of those Members who will be retiring in just a few weeks. This year, one of our colleagues who will be leaving is Senator JEFF FLAKE.

JEFF will be leaving us after a career of nearly 20 years in Congress. He has impressed many of us with whom he has worked with the strength of his views and determination to fight for those things in which he truly believes, both as a Senator and a proud husband to his wife Cheryl and father to his five children. He has been a reliable advocate for what he sees as the best interests of Arizona and the future of the Nation. He leaves behind a legacy of which he should be very proud.

JEFF was born in Snowflake, AZ. His family name was well known to the people in his neighborhood in part because it was named for his great-great-grandfather, William J. Flake, an early pioneer. His family played an important role in the founding and day-to-day life of their town, and JEFF always embodied the pioneering spirit through his work in Congress.

After graduating from Brigham Young University with a bachelors of arts in international relations and a master of arts in political science, he took a 2-year leave of absence to serve as a missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in South Africa.

JEFF's early career work as the executive director of the Foundation for Democracy in Namibia and executive director of the Goldwater Institute helped prepare him for the House of Representatives. He became a strong voice for the political views of the people from back home.

Several years later Arizona's Senate seat was open and JEFF took up the challenge. The people of Arizona and our Nation were fortunate to have him to rely on for so many issues. He has been a steady and dependable force for tackling difficult, complex, and occasionally unpopular issues in the Senate while remaining respectful of his fellow colleagues and loyal to Arizona.

As a Senator, JEFF worked tirelessly to reduce the deficit and control government spending. As chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, I sincerely appreciate his efforts and share the same goal of reducing waste and ensuring the government operates efficiently. His keen insight and attention to these critical issues will surely be missed in Congress.

While serving with him in the Senate, I also learned that JEFF is an avid

survivalist. It was a pleasure to read about his excursions to small, distant islands with only a few key survivalist tools in tow. As an Eagle Scout, I understand how important these skills are to have, and it is always fun to hear about others putting these critical skills to use and what they learn along the way. If he would like to continue participating in survivalist adventures after leaving Congress, I would be happy to recommend some places in Wyoming that he might enjoy camping in for an extended period of time.

We both have a strong western heartbeat that we express every day in everything we do. Diana joins in sending our best wishes to JEFF and his family and we thank him for his hard work and dedication to the State of Arizona and this country. I appreciate his willingness to serve and work so hard for what he believes in. He has helped encourage and inspire another generation of leaders. In that way and so many others he has made a positive difference.

#### TRIBUTE TO BILL NELSON

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to someone whose passion for service is literally out of this world.

As a payload specialist, BILL NELSON spent 6 days orbiting our planet aboard the Space Shuttle *Columbia*.

When he looked down on Earth, he didn't see blue States or red States.

Instead, he saw green land, blue oceans and lakes, including some big ones in Michigan, and a whole wide world worth protecting.

A decade and a half later, BILL NELSON was sworn in as U.S. Senator for Florida.

His previous experiences in space, as a U.S. Army captain, as a State legislator, and in the U.S. House of Representatives have shaped every decision he has made since then.

I remember Senator NELSON's swearing-in, because it was my first day, too, and we have been serving together ever since.

Senator NELSON has been such a forceful advocate for technology—no surprise given his time at NASA—and for protecting consumers.

He has fought every day to do right by our seniors, keeping Medicare and Social Security strong, working to eliminate the Medicare Part D "donut hole," and expanding access to home healthcare.

He has been a strong voice for protecting our environment, particularly from oil drilling, an issue close to the hearts of people in both Florida and Michigan.

One of my favorite memories of Senator NELSON actually took place in Michigan, during a 2016 codel.

Senator NELSON came to Michigan to tour our Coast Guard installations as ranking member on Commerce.

He got the full tour: Station Grand Haven, Air Station Detroit, Station St.

Ignace, Air Station Traverse City, and even the CGC *Mackinaw*.

That is a heavy icebreaker that helps keep Great Lakes channels and harbors open during the cold winter months.

It is something he doesn't get a chance to see very often in Florida.

Well, I don't remember exactly how it happened, but Senator NELSON decided to challenge a member of the Coast Guard, who was in his 20s, to a pull-up contest.

If you guess that the young guy lost, you would be right.

That is when I decided never to settle disagreements with Senator NELSON by challenging him to an arm-wrestling contest.

I think I speak for many of us when I say that I will miss working with BILL.

BILL has always believed that there is more that unites us than divides us.

Perhaps that is the perspective he gained looking down from space.

His passion for public service shines through in everything he does.

On a personal note, I would like to thank him for taking such good care of my snowbird constituents during the winter months.

BILL: Thank you for your hard work, leadership, and lifetime of serving Florida and our country.

#### TRIBUTE TO CLAIRE MCCASKILL

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to someone who has spent her entire career making life better for the people of Missouri and the people of this country.

If I had to describe Senator CLAIRE MCCASKILL using one word, I think I would choose "fighter."

I think most Members, on both sides of the aisle, would agree with me.

As the first woman elected Jackson County prosecutor, she fought for crime victims and created some of the first drug courts and domestic violence units in the country.

As State auditor, she fought to ensure that the State of Missouri spent taxpayer dollars wisely.

During her 12 years representing Missouri in the Senate, she has fought every day to keep government accountable, protect consumers, strengthen our national security, and expand access to healthcare.

I have been especially honored to partner with her on this last goal.

We worked together to make sure that pharmacists can tell their patients the lowest price at the pharmacy counter and to protect Americans from junk insurance plans.

We have fought to keep American manufacturers competitive and to end unfair trade practices that hurt our companies and our workers.

I have been inspired by her work to end sexual violence, particularly in our military, and to ensure that families affected by the opioid crisis get the help they need to recover.

I will always remember the trip we took together to the Middle East.

In Jordan, we saw firsthand the challenge of responding to the Syrian refugee crisis and spoke with refugees themselves.

That is classic CLAIRE: ensuring that the government is doing its job while also watching out for the most vulnerable.

Perhaps that skill has been on display best during oversight hearings, when CLAIRE has made great use of her skills as a former prosecutor.

I know that I wouldn't want to be on the receiving end of her questioning.

I am going to miss working with her. However, I am glad we haven't heard the last of CLAIRE.

Just follow her Twitter account, and you will see what I mean.

Senator MCCASKILL: Thank you for keeping government honest, protecting the most vulnerable, and always putting the people of Missouri first.

Most of all, thank you for always, always being a fighter.

#### TRIBUTE TO BRENDA TRACY

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, today I wish to honor a brave and passionate Oregonian who is an incredible example of a person finding bold solutions to challenging problems.

I am proud to boast about my friend, Brenda Tracy, being named a Woman of Impact by Politico at its sixth annual Women Rule Summit.

Brenda Tracy survived childhood sexual abuse. She is also a survivor of a brutal sexual assault that happened to her as a young single mother in Oregon. Brenda reported her sexual assault but she didn't speak of it publicly. She says that, at the time, she was saved by the compassion of a trauma nurse who treated her with dignity. Soon, Brenda went into nursing herself, graduating from the Oregon Health and Science University.

After 16 years of silence, Brenda courageously decided, in 2014, to share her sexual assault survival story publicly. Going public has exposed her to harsh judgments, disbelief, unwanted publicity, and harassment.

But since 2014, Brenda's story of survival also has positively reverberated across the entire country, sparking productive conversations and genuine reforms along the way.

In 2016, Brenda began traveling the country to speak to high school and college athletic departments. As the founder of "Set the Expectation," she has spoken to nearly 100 college athletic programs and several high schools, setting the expectation with thousands of athletes that physical assault and sexual violence are never okay.

Set the Expectation is combating sexual and physical violence by directly engaging with men, who perpetrate 9 in 10 instances of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Brenda says her efforts are geared toward men because, if women could stop sexual violence, they would have al-

ready. This is an all-hands-on-deck nonpartisan national issue. Today, Brenda continues to share her story in order to educate, engage, and inspire athletes and coaches to become involved in the fight against sexual and physical violence.

Sexual assault on college campuses is pervasive. An estimated one in five women who attend college will be sexually assaulted during her time there. Sexual assaults on campus spike by 40 percent when a Division I football team has a home game.

When repeating those awful statistics, I hear folks grumble about their accuracy or about people falsely reporting assaults. The truth is; one assault is too many. Every year in college, too many students will have their lives permanently changed by assault. The reality is often worse for students in K-12 schools, where abused children, like Brenda once was, may be forced to suffer in silence, as even less attention is paid to their plight.

Even knowing this, we have seen the President mock survivors of sexual violence on the national stage. His unacceptable words and actions reaffirm the dangerous notion that powerful men can take—advantage of their influential positions to abuse women.

We are now seeing Trump's Secretary of Education, Betsy DeVos, move to dismantle Federal enforcement of sexual violence protections. Secretary DeVos has doubled down even though survivor advocates, like Brenda, agree and have told her that these changes would make it much harder for sexual assault survivors to report their assaults.

The fight against physical and sexual violence is far from over. It couldn't be more clear: there is more to do to ensure that fewer students experience sexual assaults and that more students feel protected and advocated for on campus. Like I said before, even one assault is too many. Until our society steps up and accepts this as a fact, we have work to do.

Brenda said to me earlier this week that she can't wait to talk to her 10-month-old granddaughter about going to college. She said she can't wait for her granddaughter to say, "Wow, Grandma. Things were really that bad? They are so much better now."

This really struck me because Brenda's unfailing optimism and candor are what will change the norms around sexual violence. Her courage in sharing her story is inspiring, and I know I join folks from around the country in saying: Congratulations, Brenda, and thank you!

#### TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN DEMETRIUS KEISHUN "D.K." MORRIS

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, today I would like to take a moment to thank U.S. Army CPT Demetrius Keishun Morris, an extraordinary man who has contributed to my office through the Army Congressional Fellowship Program. Captain Morris, known as