

nationwide. She also appreciated the necessity of bringing government and the private sector together on solutions.

At the Department of Energy, Dr. Hogan oversaw the Better Buildings Program, an initiative to encourage buildings to become 20 percent more efficient by the end of the decade. The program was formally codified through legislation I introduced with Senator Kelly Ayotte in 2013. Its success, however, is entirely the result of Dr. Hogan's tenacity, persistence, and rare ability to forge partnerships beyond government. While at the Department, Dr. Hogan also forged robust appliance standards that save consumers more than \$60 billion on their electricity bills annually.

At the Environmental Protection Agency, Dr. Hogan spearheaded Energy Star, a voluntary program to promote efficiency in housing, industry, and a range of consumer products. Today, Energy Star is one of the most widely recognized consumer labels in America. Since 1992, the program has saved families and businesses over \$450 billion and 3.5 trillion kilowatt-hours of electricity.

The legacy of Dr. Hogan's public service is all around us: in the kitchens of millions of American households, on the factory floor of industrial plants, in the cleaner air our children breathe each day, and in the dozens of new partnerships between the Federal Government and businesses from nearly every sector of the economy.

We are deeply appreciative of Dr. Hogan's contributions, and we wish her all the best in her next chapter. Above all, we thank her for a distinguished career of service to our country.

TRIBUTE TO DUSTY VAUGHAN

Mrs. FISCHER. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the service of my longtime staff member and dear friend, Dusty Vaughan.

After 14 years of service, he is turning a new page in what has been an impressive and dedicated career of service to the people of Nebraska.

Dusty was the first person I hired after I was elected to represent District 43 in the Nebraska State Legislature in 2004. He served in my legislative office for my entire time in the unicameral, first as my legislative aide and then as legal counsel of the Transportation and Telecommunication Committee, which I chaired for 6 years. As a state senator, I relied on Dusty's expertise to make the best possible decisions that improved our State and helped Nebraska's families.

Together we accomplished a lot. We got results and Dusty worked tirelessly to get the "big stuff" done. Our proudest achievement from our legislative days was securing the passage of LB 84, the Build Nebraska Act, which dedicated a quarter cent of every sales tax dollar to a new highway fund in the State of Nebraska. This was a policy

change for the State and is viewed as a major policy accomplishment in the last 40 years.

In 2012, after I was elected by the people of Nebraska to serve in this Chamber, one of my first decisions was to make Dusty my State director. In the years that followed, when I wasn't here in Washington, I was likely traveling on the road with him across Nebraska. From Scottsbluff to Omaha, we visited countless families, organizations, schools, hospitals, and small businesses. I always enjoyed our many lunches, ice cream breaks, and discussions about everything from policy issues to our families. And we have certainly had a lot of laughs—and a few tears—over these many years.

Each and every day Dusty brought unmatched integrity and heart to work with him. He is a wonderful example of the true goodness of the State of Nebraska. I want to thank Dusty's family, his wife, Julie, two sons Gabe and Kellen, and his two beautiful daughters, Tatum and Zoe, who lent much of his time, including some busy weekends. I know they are proud of him, as I am.

Dusty has shown them what it means to be a true humble servant of our State.

Dusty, I thank you for your positivity, your loyalty, your friendship, and your faith in Nebraskans. I wish you the very best on this next chapter of your career, and I know you will continue to get the big stuff done and make us proud.

TRIBUTE TO KERRY GARLAND

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. President, it is with a heavy heart that my office says goodbye to Kerry Garland, who has been such an asset to my team this past year.

Kerry has lived in Alaska for 18 years. She went to high school at Bartlett High School in Anchorage and graduated from the University of Alaska in Anchorage with communication and a second degree, a bachelor's of science in nutrition.

After graduating, she worked for the University of Alaska Anchorage. Then we got her. She started as an intern. Her title now is a constituent relations representative, but truly she runs the place. She manages mail. She coordinates the interns. She does so much, and she always does it with the utmost professionalism.

Kerry is headed off to better things. In a few weeks, she will be one of the few and the proud. She is headed off to Quantico, VA, to for the rigorous and very competitive marine officer candidate school and then to the Basic School.

Kerry says that pursuing a career as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Marine Corps, the hardest branch of the military for women to make a career out of, especially as an officer, has been a long-held dream. The child of marine parents, she decided that she

was going to go into the Marines when she was 6 years old. It was "Bring Your Mother to School" day, and Kerry's mother showed up in uniform. She thought then, "I want to be like her." There is no doubt in my mind that she will be.

She plans on becoming a public affairs officer, where she will work to build understanding, credibility and trust. She will also work her hardest to protect the image of the Marine Corps both at home and abroad.

It is young people like Kerry—people with drive, discipline and a servant's heart—that made me so optimistic for our country's future, and the future of my beloved Marine Corps.

She is one of those people who everyone truly likes and who everyone who has ever worked with her trusts her to get the job done and to get it done right.

Kerry, we will truly miss you. You will always have a place in our hearts and will always be part of the Sullivan team.

Semper Fi.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING RICHARD P. CONABOY

• Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, today I wish to remember Judge Richard P. Conaboy, who served the people of Lackawanna County and the Middle District of Pennsylvania as a judge for over five decades.

Judge Conaboy was born and raised in Scranton, PA. After graduating from the University of Scranton in 1945, he served in the Army Air Force and became a sergeant before his discharge in 1947. He earned a law degree from Catholic University in 1950 and practiced law in Scranton for 12 years until he was appointed to be a judge on the Lackawanna County Court of Common Pleas in 1962. He served on this court with distinction for 17 years. Judge Conaboy was nominated to the Federal bench by President Jimmy Carter and confirmed by the Senate in 1979. He went on to serve the Middle District of Pennsylvania for nearly four decades.

Judge Conaboy also served as chairman of the U.S. Sentencing Commission from 1994 to 1998. Notably, during his tenure, Judge Conaboy raised concerns about Congress's decision to address the crack cocaine epidemic by significantly enhancing penalties for crack, but not powder, cocaine, creating a sentencing disparity that he believed was having a profound disproportionate impact on minority communities. His opposition to this disparity and his dedication to fairness in sentencing presaged Congress's passage of the Fair Sentencing Act in 2010 and have continued to influence efforts to reform Federal sentencing laws.

Judge Conaboy was known for his legal acumen, as well as his humility, patience, and fairness. Members of the