

of education in 1988. Finally, from 1991 to 1994, Mary Scott served as the district's assistant superintendent until her appointment as the superintendent of schools in the Smyrna District in October of 1994. She was the first African-American to serve in that role in that district.

The Smyrna School District has served the towns of Smyrna and Clayton in Kent County for more than 125 years and currently includes more than 4,800 students in central Delaware.

The core values of the district include compassion, perseverance, respect, responsibility, and integrity. At the recent "I Love Smyrna School District Day," Mrs. Scott was honored as a role model of integrity. The Smyrna District community committee defines integrity as "being honest, fair, good, and trustworthy." Mary Scott is the epitome of all of these things and more. A person of deep faith, Mary believes in giving back to her community, her church, and her State and has been recognized for her service to education by numerous educational, civic, and religious organizations. On top of all this, Mrs. Scott has been married to William L. Scott, a retired probation and parole officer, for 56 years. They are parents to 3 children, Sheldon, Jeffrey, and Rachel, grandparents to five, and great-grandparents to two.

Through her tireless efforts over a third of a century, Mary Scott has made a profound difference in the lives of thousands of students in the Smyrna District—many of whom remain dedicated and committed alumni of the district. Mrs. Scott leaves a legacy of commitment to public service for her children, grandchildren, students, and for the rest of us to follow. On behalf of all who have benefited from her tireless and enlightened leadership, I thank her for her commitment to educating every child and for the inspiration she provides through a lifetime of caring.

On behalf of all Delawareans, I congratulate her on being honored for her service and extend to her my very best wishes for every success in the future.●

REMEMBERING DR. DON C. GARRISON

● Mr. GRAHAM. Madam President, I would like to pay tribute to the life of Dr. Don C. Garrison of Easley, SC. On February 27, 2010, South Carolina lost a true visionary and leader who dedicated almost half of his life to improving higher education.

For more than three decades, Dr. Garrison devoted himself to nurturing and developing Tri-County Technical College, one of the largest community and technical colleges in South Carolina. In 1971, Dr. Garrison took over as president of Tri-County, which at the time was a rural technical school. During his tenure as president, Dr. Garrison expanded this institution to become one of the State's largest community colleges, providing degrees, di-

plomas, and certificate programs in a variety of subject areas.

Under his tutelage, Tri-County has become an exemplary 2-year technical institution that educates students across Pickens, Anderson and Oconee Counties. Dr. Garrison worked tirelessly to improve the lives of many South Carolinians and used his unique position to advocate for technical education.

Dr. Garrison was one of the early pioneers of technical schools in South Carolina, which quickly transformed South Carolina's economy. South Carolina's technical schools have always been some of the highest performing schools in the nation, much to do with the leadership of Dr. Garrison. He was an optimist by nature, who always tried to find a way forward, no matter how difficult the problem. The people of South Carolina were well served by his leadership and vision.

Dr. Garrison will be remembered as a passionate educator, a steadfast advocate of education, and for the tremendous contributions he has made to countless members of our community. His legacy will be carried on by the many lives that he influenced. I truly admire his dedication to his students and to the State of South Carolina.

In his final commencement speech, Dr. Garrison told the graduating class, "The key to success in life is attaching yourself to a cause that is greater than yourself." Dr. Garrison was a shining example of this very statement. I was truly saddened to hear of the passing of Dr. Don Garrison and I want to take this opportunity to send my condolences to his wife Carol, his family, and friends. I also want to express my sincere appreciation for his long service to the State of South Carolina.●

TRIBUTE TO SANDI SANDERS

● Mrs. LINCOLN. Madam President, today I recognize Sandi Sanders of Fort Smith, AR, for her leadership on the U.S. Marshals Service National Museum to be located in Fort Smith. Because of her efforts, Sandi will be honored during a "Salute to Sandi" event hosted by the museum later this month.

In January 2007, Fort Smith was given a highly sought after opportunity: designation as the site for a national museum, the U.S. Marshals Museum. As the oldest Federal law enforcement agency in the Nation, the U.S. Marshals Service reflects the history of the United States. Throughout their 219-year history, U.S. marshals and deputy marshals have been involved in many of the Nation's most historic events. Within the history of the Service are powerful stories that touch and inspire all people.

Sandi's involvement with the museum dates back to 2007, when she was named director. She has worked tirelessly to create a museum that will educate all visitors about the history, values, and dedicated individuals of the

U.S. Marshals Service. Although she no longer serves as director, Sandi has remained an integral part of the Nation's U.S. Marshals Museum.

Madam President, I salute Sandi and all of the residents of Fort Smith for their dedication and commitment to this project. The entire community of Fort Smith should be proud of its efforts to bring the U.S. Marshals Museum home where it belongs.●

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL ROBERT L. HOWARD

● Mr. SESSIONS. Madam President, today I pay tribute to COL Robert L. Howard. Colonel Howard grew up in Opelika, AL, and enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1956 at age 17. He retired as a full Colonel in 1992 after 36 years service. After retiring, Howard worked for the Department of Veterans Affairs. During Vietnam, he served in the U.S. Army Special Forces, Green Berets, and spent most of his five tours in the secret Military Assistance Command Vietnam Studies and Observations Group, also known as Special Operations Group, which ran classified cross-border operations into Laos, Cambodia, and North Vietnam.

These men carried out some of the most daring and dangerous missions ever conducted by the U.S. military. The understrength 60-man recon company at Kontum in which he served was the Vietnam war's most highly decorated unit of its size with five Medals of Honor. It was for his actions while serving on a mission to rescue a fellow soldier in Cambodia that he was submitted for the third time for the Medal of Honor for his extraordinary heroism. Colonel Howard was a sergeant first class in the Army's Special Forces on Dec. 30, 1968, when he rallied a badly shot-up platoon against an estimated 250 enemy troops. Despite being unable to walk because of injuries, he coordinated a counterattack while aiding the wounded and was the last man to board a helicopter, according to military records.

He served five tours in Vietnam and is the only soldier in our Nation's history to be nominated for the Congressional Medal of Honor three times for three separate actions within a 13-month period. He received a direct appointment from master sergeant to first lieutenant in 1969 and was awarded the Medal of Honor by President Richard M. Nixon at the White House in 1971. His other awards for valor include two awards of the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star, the Defense Superior Service Medal, four awards of the Legion of Merit, four Bronze Star Medals and eight Purple Hearts. He was wounded 14 times while serving in Vietnam.

Colonel Howard, 70, died at a hospice in Waco, where he had been for about 3 weeks, suffering from pancreatic cancer. He was buried in Arlington on February 22, 2010. Colonel Howard is survived by his son, Army SGT Robert