

and for his induction into the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO IRVING AND PHYLLIS LEVITT

• Mr. COONS. Mr. President, today I wish to honor Irving and Phyllis Levitt and their lives of service to my home State of Delaware and their community in Dover.

For over 40 years, both Irving and Phyllis have been consummate activists, educators, community leaders, and patrons of the arts. Their contribution to Dover and to the First State can be measured in the thousands of lives they have enriched. Since arriving in Delaware in 1966, Irving and Phyllis have tirelessly demonstrated their concern for others and their commitment to the causes they hold dear.

For decades, Irving Levitt worked passionately in public service, filling a number of important roles at the Social Security Administration in Dover and Wilmington. Later, he served on the Dover Utility Commission and was elected a city councilman. For 15 years, Irving served as the Governor's appointee to the State's Accident Referral Board, and he was also a member of the State Board of Nursing.

Phyllis brought the joy of English language and literature to hundreds of students during her 25 years as a teacher at Dover High School. In addition to her teaching and her devotion to the Dover High students, Phyllis served on numerous State education commissions and led the Delaware chapter of the National Organization of Teachers of English. She also spent several years teaching English at Wesley College and an English teacher training course at the University of Delaware. Following her retirement in 1992, Phyllis chaired the State Humanities Council, served on the Governor's Committee on the Arts, and transformed the Dover Art League from a small volunteer group into a major nonprofit that enriches lives throughout Kent County. Moreover, Phyllis chaired the Delaware chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union and, during her retirement, continued to advocate for causes of justice on the street corners of our State capital. Irv and Phyllis together regularly participated in marches, protests, and campaigns to improve conditions for the poor, for migrant workers, and for all who suffered injustice. They became fierce advocates for human rights.

As members of Congregation Beth Shalom, both served in leadership roles, with Phyllis presiding over the Sisterhood and Irving leading the Brotherhood and later presiding over the synagogue. Their involvement included roles with Hadassah, Israel Bonds, and the Jewish Community Relations Council in Dover. Jewish life continues to flourish in our State in part because of their devotion to the

Delaware Jewish community and their involvement with interfaith and multicultural outreach programs.

Together, Irving and Phyllis Levitt exemplify that ancient commandment found in Deuteronomy: "Justice, justice you shall pursue." I am proud to be their friend, and I join in congratulating them on the occasion of a dinner in their honor on April 3. May they continue to serve as a beacon of justice in our community and an example for young people throughout our State.●

##### REMEMBERING ALFRED SCHWAN

• Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, I wish to honor the memory of a caring and charismatic business icon and decorated Navy veteran.

Alfred Schwan, who passed away on March 18, 2011, helped found a small, all-American family business with his brothers Marvin and Robert and built The Schwan Food Company to what it is today—a successful, frozen-food company with thousands of employees and millions of customers.

Alfred was known as an adventurous and outgoing person who had a quick smile, relentless energy and a can-do attitude.

Alfred started in the frozen food business early. Born in 1925 to Paul and Alma Schwan, as a young man he helped his father at the Marshall Ice Cream Company make popsicles and ice cream bars.

But Alfred did not go straight into the family business. He left to fulfill a dream and serve his country as a pilot and joined the U.S. Naval Aviation Corps. Alfred flew torpedo bombers and taught anti-submarine warfare.

He met his wife Doris during a blind date at a USO Club. They married in 1946, the same year Alfred was awarded Navy Wings of Gold. A year later they had their first of five sons.

Answering a call from his family, Alfred joined the family business in 1964 to oversee factory operations and company drivers. Those company yellow trucks have become beloved across the nation. I know I remember fondly seeing the yellow Schwan truck in my neighborhood.

With a commitment to integrity and hard work, Alfred went on to oversee the Schwan pizza business. He guided the production of Schwan pizza in their plant in Salina, KS, for three decades while also overseeing plants in Kentucky and Texas and in my home State of Minnesota.

He used his flying skills to crisscross the Nation on behalf of Schwan—becoming the company's first aviation department.

After the death of his brother Marvin, Alfred was appointed CEO, president and chairman of Schwan in 1993. He retired as chairman in 2009 at the age of 83.

Among the many public honors this inspirational and ever optimistic leader received includes being honored by the School Nutrition Association of

Kansas as an Outstanding Industry Member of the Year and induction into the Frozen Food Hall of Fame as well as receiving Schwan's most prestigious honor—the Marvin M. Schwan Heritage of Quality Award.

It is appropriate to honor Alfred's passing as March is National Frozen Food Month. He gave his energy passionately to this important industry.

With more than 700 facilities nationwide, the frozen food industry employs nearly 100,000 Americans in the manufacturing sector alone, generating a payroll of approximately \$3 billion.

My home State of Minnesota is home to Schwan's headquarters and over 7,500 jobs in frozen food. Alfred was such an important leader and citizen of Minnesota when he retired Marshall, Minnesota declared January 29, "Alfred Schwan Day."

During Frozen Food Month, it is important to take a moment to remember all-American entrepreneurs and inventors like Alfred Schwan and Clarence Birdseye—an American inventor—who ushered in a food revolution in 1930 when his line of frozen foods first hit grocery stores. Few other food choices provide consumers with the benefits and flexibility offered by frozen foods.

I imagine Alfred and Clarence had a lot in common.

On behalf of all Americans, I thank Alfred Schwan for his service to our country and to U.S. consumers. Frozen foods are a staple in American homes, office lunch rooms and school cafeterias. They provide an important source of healthy, affordable and convenient food choices that will continue to help feed our Nation and the world.

It is appropriate that we take a moment to recognize the passing of a great innovator and pioneer this Frozen Food Month.●

##### REMEMBERING BRIGADIER GENERAL HENRY A. SMITH, JR.

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the recently deceased Brigadier General (Ret.) Henry A. Smith, Jr., a WWII veteran, for all of his service during and after WWII to South Dakota and the United States.

General Smith served both in the European Theater and in the Far East Command. He was promoted to lieutenant colonel and was honored with the Bronze Star with one Oak Leaf Cluster. After the war, General Smith continued to serve his country in the South Dakota National Guard. He served as executive officer of the 196th Regimental Combat Team and was ordered to active duty in 1950, spending time in both Colorado and Alaska. When his unit returned, General Smith became commander of the 196th Regimental Combat Team, SDNG. He was appointed assistant adjutant general, SDNG in 1964. General Smith was transferred to the Retired Reserves in 1970, and continued serving his country in that capacity for the remainder of his life.