

He received his Green Beret earlier this year.

Shawn was born in Albany, NY and grew up in the Town of Salem, New Hampshire. An alumnus of Salem High School, Shawn attended the Virginia Military Institute where he was captain of both the cross-country team and the track and field team. He joined the U.S. Army upon graduation in 2006.

Shawn's military honors include the Bronze Star Medal, two Army Commendation Medals, two Army Achievement Medals, the Army Service Ribbon, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal with one Campaign Star, the National Defense Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Sapper Tab, the Ranger Tab, the Special Forces Tab, and the Parachutist Badge.

Shawn was an avid runner, hiker, rock climber, and skier and is remembered for his love of the great outdoors and for his impressive athletic ability. At the Virginia Military Institute, for instance, Shawn placed seventh out of 3,600 cadets in an Army ROTC competition. When he wasn't outperforming the competition on the playing field, Shawn was outperforming his peers in the classroom. Friends and teachers recall Shawn's intense intellectual curiosity and independent mind. He was a finalist in the prestigious Rhodes and Marshal Scholarship competitions, won an award for the best thesis in science and engineering, and was valedictorian of his class at the Institute.

Shawn is also remembered for the kindness he showed others and for his willingness to help anyone in need. He stood out as an athlete, a student, and a person, and his death is a huge loss for all who knew him, for New Hampshire, and for the country.

Shawn dedicated his talents and his life in the service of his community and his country. He answered the call of duty to defend our way of life, and for that, all Americans are forever grateful.

Sadly, Shawn is the fifth Salem High School graduate in recent years to die while serving our country. To honor Shawn and all others who have served before him, it is our duty to remain committed to the cause of freedom and to our returning veterans and their families.

Shawn is survived by his parents, Jean and Richard Hogan of Salem; and his sister, Nicole, also of Salem.

I ask my colleagues and all Americans to join me in honoring the bright life and service of CPT Shawn G. Hogan.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### REMEMBERING DR. EMMA WALTON

• Mr. BEGICH. Mr. President, I wish to recognize the passing of one of Alaska's most accomplished, influential and respected educators, Dr. Emma Walton.

Dr. Walton died recently at the age of 79 in Anchorage, AK. At the time of her death, she was a science education consultant for NASA's Aerospace Education Services Project at the space agency's Ames Research Center.

An accomplished teacher, Dr. Walton taught high school biology in Louisiana, Maryland, and Alaska. Her advanced degrees in science education from Bowie State College and Doctoral Degree in Education Administration Policy gave her opportunities to meet, interact with and work alongside students, teachers and administrators from all over the world. Dr. Walton served as the president of the National Science Teachers Association and held countless chair positions on committees, advisory boards, task forces, judging panels and university groups.

Dr. Walton, a beloved teacher and mentor, played a key role in the development of science education in Alaska and in the United States. Her efforts to promote innovative and sound science teaching practices influenced countless students and teachers. Her passion for science education was second to none, and we are all better for knowing her. Dr. Walton will be missed by many.●

#### RECOGNIZING THE D'ANTONI FAMILY

• Mr. MANCHIN. Mr. President, today I wish to speak about a great West Virginian, Lewis D'Antoni, and his extraordinary family. I do so because the D'Antoni family is being honored tonight for the countless lives they have influenced and the untold students they have inspired to reach for the stars. At its annual dinner in Charleston, the Education Alliance of West Virginia will celebrate the D'Antonis. And I wish to add my salute to this remarkable family and to thank its patriarch for all he has done for the people of West Virginia in a lifetime of almost 99 years—as a dedicated educator, as an innovative coach, as an inspiring man of integrity and industry.

Lewis D'Antoni had a long career as an educator but he is best known throughout West Virginia as the "coach's coach." And for good reason! He was one of West Virginia's greatest high school basketball coaches, with 450 victories, including a State championship, while coaching at Mullens High School in Wyoming County. He believed in fast-forward basketball even before there was a shot clock. So it should not surprise anyone that two of his sons, Mike and Dan, have been advocates of the run-and-gun offense in their NBA coaching careers. And with Mike named just this week as the new coach of the Los Angeles Lakers—reunited with point guard Steve Nash—look for a lot of full-court play at The Forum this season.

All four of the children Lewis parented with his late wife, Betty Jo, are accomplished and respected throughout West Virginia. Their youngest son, Mark, was an Academic All-American

basketball player at Coastal Carolina College and is a partner in a Charleston law firm. And their daughter, Kathy, is an assistant state superintendent of schools in West Virginia and the author of two books on adult education. The D'Antoni personify the power of families—working hard, supporting each other and standing together, no matter how tough times may get. These are the values of the D'Antoni family. These are the families of the West Virginia family.

Lewis D'Antoni's father, Andrea, came from Italy to West Virginia in 1910. He was so proud to be an American that he initiated what is probably a very unique tradition in any American household, especially these days. Every April 15, after paying his taxes, Andrea D'Antoni would open a bottle of wine and celebrate Tax Day with the entire family. Kathy D'Antoni remembers stories of how happy her grandfather was to pay his taxes because, as she explains, "he loved America and he wanted to show his appreciation and to give something back to this great country."

That has been the hallmark of the D'Antoni family ever since Andrea D'Antoni's Tax Day celebrations. That certainly has been the hallmark of Lewis D'Antoni's life work—through his many years as a coach, a teacher and school administrator. He taught discipline on the court and in the classroom. He emphasized that success depends on "how well you prepare" and "how you react to the ebb and flow" of the game. And never, ever give up. And that has also been the hallmark of the careers of his children, Mike, Dan, Mark and Kathy. All have given great service to their communities, their State and their country.

The Education Alliance is a non-profit organization that works to keep students in school and on track to graduate through various programs, including mentoring. And every year, at its annual dinner, the organization honors West Virginians who have had a positive impact on the lives of students, as role models for discipline and hard work. This year, the Education Alliance is honoring the D'Antoni family whose own lives bear witness to the fact that talent is unstoppable, that tenacity has rewards and that dreams can come true. They have lived lives that made Andrea D'Antoni's dream come true—that the D'Antoni family name would be honored in America and in West Virginia.●

#### RECOGNIZING THE JUNEAU EMPIRE CENTENNIAL

• Ms. MURKOWSKI. On November 2, 1912, the Alaska Daily Empire published its first edition in Juneau. Over the next one hundred years it would bear the names Daily Alaska Empire, the Juneau Alaska Empire, the Southeast Alaska Empire and today, The Juneau Empire. I wish to pay tribute to The Juneau Empire on the occasion of its centennial anniversary.