

These men and women have served us before, and if Major Kline is any indication, they will continue to serve our communities for generations to come. For this reason and many others, we owe it to our Nation to ensure that our veterans are always supported and never forgotten.●

REMEMBERING MARIELLA POSEY

● Mrs. MURRAY. Madam President, I would like to pay tribute to an inspired community leader, a passionate political activist and a tireless public servant to the great State of Washington, Ms. Mariella Posey.

Mariella was born June 23, 1936, in Hammond, IN. She was a graduate of Northwestern University, where she took night classes during her 20-year tenure working at World Book in downtown Chicago.

In 1984, Mariella's passion for politics took flight when she began volunteering with Paul Simon's campaign for the U.S. Senate. After a successful election, Mariella packed her bags and moved to Washington, D.C. where she served in the newly minted Illinois Senator's office until December 1996.

Then, in November 1997, Mariella joined my staff as our office manager, where she served the people of the Evergreen State for 12 excellent years until 2009. In the office, she was best known for her meticulous oversight of the budget while relying on her trusty typewriter and adding machine.

However, what she may be most remembered for was her steadfast commitment to the city of Alexandria, serving on the NorthEast Citizens' Association since 1986 and on the board since 1991. Mariella also served as NECA's co-secretary, co-treasurer, co-chair of the Land Use Committee, vice president and as their president. She took on issues large and small—including the location of a new stadium for the Washington Nationals and the Potomac River coal plant.

While she lived a private life, Mariella was not shy about her love for her cats and dogs and could always be found in front of the television at three o'clock watching her favorite show, *As the World Turns*.

Mariella passed away on Jan. 28, 2013 at the age of 76. She is survived by her long-time friend and roommate, Sylvia Sibover. She will be missed dearly by not only myself, but by my staff—both former and current.

I would like to ask my colleagues to join me in paying homage to Mariella Posey. She lived a long and full life and I will always be grateful for her service in the U.S. Senate.●

REMEMBERING FRED KARL

● Mr. NELSON. Madam President, last week the State of Florida lost a dear friend, Fred Karl. I was honored to be asked by Fred's family to participate in his service and would like to share with you what I shared with them:

Listen to what some of the people of Florida have said about Fred Karl . . .

"His word was his bond . . ."

"No one questioned his integrity . . ."

"He was always helping others . . ."

"He was a legislative reformer who fought but genuinely liked his nemesis, Senator Dempsey Barron . . ."

"He was idealistic, but a realist . . ."

These are the thoughts of Floridians who knew and loved Fred Karl and appreciate his exceptional public service.

His smooth, lilting baritone belied the fact that he was a tank commander in World War II in the fierce Battle of the Bulge.

He ran for Governor—as a champion of education—but he couldn't amass the funds to beat Haydon Burns. Education was a passion. No wonder. His mother, Mary Karl, was an educator. Her school, Mary Karl's Vocational School, later became the community college and today is Daytona Beach State College.

He almost died because of medical mistakes in a hospital. The irony was later, when another hospital got into trouble; it was Fred who rescued them.

He was a smart savvy lawyer for almost everyone, more often than not turning around their near destruction toward success.

When Hillsborough County called upon Fred to be their attorney, he was able to restore honesty and integrity to a local government that had suffered from the corruption of its commissioners and judges.

He has been a blessing to the people of Tampa Bay—just as he has been a blessing to the people of Florida while serving in the Legislature and then on the High Court.

I remember Fred running for our state's Supreme Court.

At the time he was campaigning for himself, he was also promoting a constitutional amendment to have justices appointed instead of elected.

He later recalled "on one hand, I was saying please elect me to the court, [on the other] I was saying vote for the amendment that does away with this election." To Fred, it was demeaning to see our judges out there raising campaign money.

He would later say: "Here was somebody aspiring to sit on the Florida Supreme Court and making decisions about life and death and about constitutional matters . . . and I was out glad-handing and back-slapping like I was running for dog catcher."

Well there's no doubt, Fred Karl was rare. And he always saw public service as one of the highest callings.

He was a public servant we could trust—a man who personified honesty and integrity . . .

So much so, his counsel was sought from the governor's mansion to the mayors' offices to the suites of Florida's newspaper publishers.

"There's no higher form of public service than the honest practice of politics," Fred said.

And Fred practiced what he preached!

And in so doing, he made a magnificent and cherished contribution to Florida's history.

To so many of us here today, he was our friend. He was our confidant.

But above all he was a devoted husband; a loving father; and, a beloved grandfather and great-grandfather.

May the family be granted strength to bear their loss. And let all of us all be forever grateful that Fred Karl touched our lives.●

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY JACKRABBITS

● Mr. THUNE. Madam President, today I wish to honor the South Dakota

State University men's and women's basketball teams on winning their respective 2013 Summit League Championships. This marks the Jackrabbits fifth consecutive women's Summit League Title and the men's basketball team's second consecutive Summit League Title. The Jackrabbits are also the only team in Division I to have both their men's and women's teams repeat as conference tournament champions this year.

The SDSU women's basketball team has a long history of success, including winning all five Summit League Tournaments since moving up to NCAA Division I. South Dakota State University, which concluded the regular season with a 22-7 overall record, won the Summit League Conference with a 14-2 record. With the tournament victory the Jackrabbits will go to their fifth NCAA Tournament in as many years.

Certainly, this successful season would not have been possible without the hard work of the players. The members of the 2012-2013 South Dakota State University women's basketball team are: Anne Aamlid, Gabrielle Boever, Mariah Clarin, Chloe Cornemann, Leah Dietel, Ashley Eide, Jessica Hart, Tara Heiser, Katie Lingle, Steph Paluch, Hannah Strop, Megan Stuart, Rachel Walters, and Megan Waytashek.

Although this accomplishment was truly a team effort, I would like to pay special recognition to their coach Aaron Johnston, who in his 13th season recorded his 300th win and became SDSU's all-time winning head coach. Coach Johnston's current record is 315-106. I also would like to congratulate assistant coaches Katie Falco, Mike Jewett, and Carissa Nord.

The SDSU men's basketball team has seen much recent success of its own. The Jacks posted a regular season record of 22-9 en route to its first regular season Summit League Conference championship, with a conference record of 13-3. Also, following a 73-67 win over rival North Dakota State University in the tournament championship, the Jacks have reached the NCAA tournament for the second year in a row.

SDSU's successful season could not have been possible without the dedication and determination of the players. The members of the 2012-2013 South Dakota men's basketball team are: Jake Bittle, Brayden Carlson, Connor Devine, Matt Donlan, Jordan Dykstra, Joey Feilmeier, Tony Fiegen, Marcus Heemstra, Zach Horstman, Cory Jacobsen, Taévaunn Prince, Ruben Silva, Chad White, Joshua White, and Nate Wolters.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Coach Scott Nagy on winning his first Summit League Conference regular season title as well as his second consecutive tournament championship as head coach of the Jackrabbits. I also would like to congratulate assistant coaches Brian Cooley, Austin Hansen, Rob Klinkefus and graduate assistant Nick Goff.