

these extraordinary accomplishments as a single mother. Impressive indeed.

As Deputy Secretary of DHS, Ms. Lute has served as the Department's second-highest official and chief operating officer, responsible for the day-to-day business and management of the third largest department in the Federal Government of the United States. Comprised of more than 240,000 employees and operating with an annual budget of over \$56 billion, DHS works to secure our Nation, while enhancing Federal, State, and local capabilities to prepare for, respond to, and recover from threats and disasters of all kinds.

Throughout the past 4 years, Ms. Lute has committed herself wholeheartedly to the mission set forth in DHS's Quadrennial Homeland Security Review, QHSR, which is to ensure that our Nation is a safe, secure, and resilient place where the American way of life can thrive. Against a backdrop of continued and evolving threats and hazards of all kinds, Ms. Lute has worked determinedly to fulfill the challenging and wide-ranging mission of the Department.

To that end, Ms. Lute has worked closely with the many partners in both the public and the private sector who play an essential role in keeping our Nation safe. This includes all levels of government, law enforcement, private industry, and most importantly, individuals and communities, who have proven time and time again that they are our greatest allies and the key to our success. This bottom-up approach to homeland security reflects the manner in which Ms. Lute has helped lead DHS during her time at the Department. As I see it, her focus has always closely mirrored two of my core values—to figure out the right thing to do and do it, as well as to focus on excellence in everything we do.

Under Ms. Lute's leadership, DHS also made significant progress in aligning operations with smart and efficient strategy through publication of the QHSR, the Nation's first ever comprehensive review of America's strategy for homeland security, followed by the Bottom-Up Review, which is DHS's effort to align programmatic activities and organizational structure with the mission sets and goals identified in the QHSR.

In her role as Deputy Secretary at DHS, Ms. Lute made it a priority to institute the sound management practices that have helped place DHS on solid financial, programmatic, strategic, and organizational footing. Perhaps most notably, Ms. Lute's efforts helped DHS earn a qualified audit opinion on all Fiscal Year 2012 financial statements, a first for the Department and in record time for such a large and new department. Ms. Lute also helped to implement the framework for Integrated Investment Life Cycle Management to ensure that the DHS budget of nearly \$60 billion is spent wisely and efficiently.

Like a true leader, Ms. Lute has the vision to plan ahead and address future

challenges. One of Ms. Lute's hallmark achievements at DHS has been her early focus in the area of cybersecurity. As Ms. Lute has said herself, it is impossible to imagine a safe, secure, and resilient Nation without a safe, secure, and resilient cyberspace. In particular, Ms. Lute oversaw all Departmental efforts to strengthen the nation's cybersecurity, including policy, planning, operations, and budget. Through the numerous transitions in the Department's cyber governance structure, Ms. Lute was a steady, reliable, informed, and persistent voice on cyber matters, and she helped ensure that cyberspace would remain civilian space.

In order to ensure our Nation's success in cybersecurity, Ms. Lute personally led the implementation effort to improve the Department's ability to build a world-class cybersecurity workforce and to ensure a strong pipeline of talent for the future. Ms. Lute also helped promote a Continuous Diagnostics and Monitoring capability, which will enable Federal agencies and other organizations to see and respond to day-to-day cyber threats. These efforts and others have contributed directly to a stronger national cyber ecosystem.

Ms. Lute's accomplishments are not limited to domestic operations. Her familiarity with international negotiation was of great value to DHS and her efforts abroad have helped enhance security practices here at home. As the lead negotiator for the U.S. Passenger Name Record Agreement with the European Union, she secured a landmark new data-sharing agreement with the European Union that increased the security of air travel while protecting civil liberties and privacy. In these negotiations, she bridged fundamental differences between how Europeans and Americans view privacy through tenacity and perseverance. These same traits are seen in her approach to the Department's bilateral relations as well. She expanded cooperation with our British and German allies through the Joint Contact Group and Security Cooperation Group, forged stronger ties with India through the Homeland Security Dialogue, and she opened the door to frank discussions with China over cyber and port security.

The commitment to secure our Nation and create a more resilient America is a goal that is shared not only among Members of Congress and the men and women of the Department of Homeland Security, but also among everyday citizens. That security is ensured by the men and women who step forward each day and say "Send Me." Ms. Lute once told me this is the very credo the men and women of DHS embrace in every crisis. So today, I sincerely thank Deputy Secretary Lute for her public service and for her extraordinary service over 3 decades to keep our Nation safe. She leaves behind a strong legacy of "just get it done" leadership, paving the path for future

leaders and employees at DHS. I, for one, will remember her fondly for her commitment to ensuring American homeland security and for living DHS's "Send Me" attitude. Jane Holl Lute is a role model for us all.

HANES MAGNET MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mr. BURR. Mr. President, today I wish to congratulate Hanes Magnet Middle School in Winston-Salem, NC, for being recognized as the top magnet school in the country. On May 7, 2013, Hanes was awarded the prestigious Dr. Ronald P. Simpson School of Merit Excellence Award, which recognizes one school for innovative programming, academic achievement, and promoting diversity. Hanes Magnet School, which focuses on science, technology, engineering and mathematics, or STEM, has worked within the Winston-Salem community to provide real world application of STEM, taking students out of the classroom for innovative, hands-on application of STEM. This approach has increased student engagement, and I believe achievement within the school overall.

Hanes has only been a magnet school for 6 years but in that time has seen large increases in enrollment, matched by equally impressive gains in its achievement data. Magnet schools like Hanes provide parents with expanded options for their child's education—options that will ensure students aren't confined to schools that might not be serving their individual needs. For that reason, I am proud of the success Hanes has achieved as recognized by this award. Congratulations to principal Melita Wise, the parents, students, and everyone else at Hanes for this award. It is well deserved.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

HAVERHILL, NEW HAMPSHIRE

● Ms. AYOTTE. Mr. President, today I wish to honor Haverhill, NH—a town in Grafton County that is celebrating the 250th anniversary of its founding. I am proud to join citizens across the Granite State in recognizing this special milestone.

Haverhill is comprised of the villages of Woodsville, Pike, North Haverhill, and the historic town center at Haverhill Corner. The village of North Haverhill is the county seat of Grafton County. The Bedell Bridge State Park, Black Mountain State Forest, Kinder Memorial Forest, and the Oliverian Valley Wildlife Preserve are all located in Haverhill.

Haverhill was granted a charter by Governor Benning Wentworth on May 18, 1763. A veteran of the French and Indian War, CPT John Hazen originally oversaw and settled Haverhill, naming it after his birthplace in Massachusetts.

The population has grown to over 4,600 residents. The patriotism and

commitment of the people of Haverhill is reflected in part by their record of service in defense of our Nation.

Some of Haverhill's most notable residents have included U.S. Senator and New Hampshire Governor, Henry W. Keyes; U.S. Congressmen Noah Davis and Jonathan H. Rowell; and professional baseball players Chad Paranto and Bob Smith.

As sturdy and resilient as the people who built it, Haverhill is home to the Haverhill-Bath Covered Bridge. Completed in 1829, it is the oldest Town Lattice Truss Saltbox covered bridge in the United States.

Haverhill is also home to the Museum of American Weather. This unique institution chronicles the history of four unique New England weather events.

Haverhill is a place that has contributed much to the life and spirit of the State of New Hampshire. I am pleased to extend my warm regards to the people of Haverhill as they celebrate the town's 250th anniversary. ●

TRIBUTE TO BETSY BROUN

● Mr. BLUNT. Mr. President, today I wish to honor Betsy Broun, the Director of the Smithsonian Art Museum. Betsy will be honored Thursday evening at the Frederic E. Church Award Gala in New York for "transforming the perception of American Art."

Betsy and I became friends years ago over—you guessed it—American Art. She has always been more than gracious with her time, her great stories, and her expertise. I am an American History teacher by trade, but Betsy has taught me a great deal about the intersection of American Art and American History.

Under Betsy Broun's leadership, the Smithsonian American Art Museum has undergone a \$250 million renovation. She has taken the Smithsonian's work far afield through new media, distance learning, and her lectures. And there is nothing better than a walk through a Betsy-curated exhibit.

Despite all of her professional and academic success, Betsy has never lost touch with her native Kansas, and she and I have had a lot of fun over the years talking about Thomas Hart Benton, a native Missouri artist and the great nephew of the first Senator from Missouri, and discussing other "middle America" artists.

My wife Abby and I are so grateful for Betsy's friendship, and we congratulate her on the Frederic E. Church Award—an honor she will no doubt receive Thursday with her typical Midwestern humility, but one we know she deserves. ●

TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT CHARLES HARRIS

● Mr. MANCHIN. Mr. President, today I wish to honor an American hero—SGT Charles Harris of the U.S. Army

2nd Infantry 3rd Brigade. This May 30, just 3 days after our Nation's Memorial Day salute to America's fallen heroes, Sergeant Harris will observe the 1-year anniversary of his "Alive Day." That is the inspiring way our wounded warriors describe the day they were injured—wounded but alive, they celebrate their second chance at life.

It was on May 30, 2012, that Sergeant Harris lost his legs and almost his life in an IED explosion in Afghanistan. And over the past year, he has come so far and so fast in his recovery at Walter Reed Army Hospital, where I first met him. With the help of his family and his devoted mother Lisa, who has been at his side throughout his recovery, he has come back from the dead. Family and loved ones are the unsung heroes in all of America's wars—and the best medicine for a faster recovery.

Charles has a dream, and it is coming true: He is building a home in West Virginia, and he will live the rest of his life there, in what he calls almost Heaven. We are honored that such a great American has chosen to make his home in our beautiful State. He will be welcomed warmly to one of the most patriotic States in our Nation.

To celebrate Sergeant Harris's "coming home" to a place he has never been before and to honor his heroism, sacrifice, and determination, I ask that a poem written by Albert Caswell of West Virginia be printed in the RECORD.

Mr. President, I urge all my Senate colleagues to take time to read this warm tribute to such an inspiring hero and to congratulate him on the anniversary of his "Alive Day."

And may God grant him, his mother, and all of his friends many more anniversaries in the years ahead.

There being no objection, the material was printed in the RECORD, as follows:

2nd TO NONE

2nd . . .
2nd to none . . .
The 2nd Infantry are how our wars
are won . . .
2nd ID, Men of iron and might,
who all out in times of war their fine souls
do so ignite!

But for The Greater Good,
all in what they so could!
Who so lock and load,
and so live by such a code!
Of Strength In Honor,
as do all of those!

The 2nd Infantry,
as they so make history!
Wherever they so go!
The ones who love our Nation so!
With Boots on the ground!
As they kick all of those doors down!
As their most valiant hearts so explode!
One fine fighting machine!
Who so heroically come upon the battle
scene!

With Boots on the ground!
As where they will be found!
As one and all,
as their brave hearts so sound!
As we hear their great hearts pound!
The grunts on the ground!
Who shall not let our Nation down!
Where would this our Nation so be,

if but not for all of these?
And one such fine son of liberty,
his name is Sargent Charles Harris . . . he!
Is part of that magnificent 2nd Infantry!
From that golden state,
when he could not so wait to serve his Country
Tis of Thee!

As it was out on patrol,
as when we almost lost this brave soul . . .
While, in an IED blast . . .
it looked like he would not so last . . .
Losing his two legs,
as he so cheated death on that day!
But with his light,
as he so came out of all of that darkness
some way!

To recovery . . .
For when he so awoke,
and so saw that all that he so had left was
but hope!

His fine to heart to him so spoke!
Of being, The Being The Best!
All in what he must now so invoke,
all on this his future quest!
With what he now has so left!
And with your devoted Mother Lisa by your
side,

helping you so pass that test!
For already Charles in your short life,
you have scaled to the highest of all heights!
To places where few of us will sight!
As with your courage our Nation you have so
blessed!

To So Teach Us!
To So Beseech Us!
To So Reach Us,
all in your most magnificent quest!
For you are 2nd to none!
And you are one of America's most brightest
of all sons!

As you so make the Angels tears so run!
As your heart would so crest!
Moments are that we so have!
To change the world,
to hearts so grab!
To make a difference with it all!
For men of honor like Charles,
who so hear that most noble call!
And so go off to war!
All of our freedoms so insure!
Who are 2nd to none,
now that is so for sure!

As up ahead but lies so much more!
Because, your going almost to Heaven soon!
to West Virginia to live the rest of your life
as you like to so croon!
To live a long and happy live,
as there you are shooting for the moon!
And without such inspirational men as you,
heroes like Charles from of 2nd ID where
would we all so be?

For one thing is so true,
there 2nd to none! ●

2013 PRIDE FOUNDATION SCHOLARS

● Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the 2013 Pride Foundation Scholars—a remarkable group of 89 students who share incredible perseverance, a strong desire to give back, and a focus on how education can improve their lives and their communities.

Pride Foundation plays a crucial role in encouraging and supporting the next generation of leaders in the LGBT community. Students who have been stigmatized because of their sexual orientation or gender identity sometimes do not receive the support they need from their families and communities, and too often, individuals of great