

grants. Also, since 2001, the county's fire departments have received over \$1.9 million for firefighter safety and operations equipment.

Disability rights: Growing up, I loved and admired my brother Frank, who was deaf, but I was deeply disturbed by the discrimination and obstacles he faced every day. That is why I have always been a passionate advocate for full equality for people with disabilities. As the primary author of the Americans with Disabilities Act, ADA, and the ADA Amendments Act, I have had four guiding goals for our fellow citizens with disabilities: equal opportunity, full participation, independent living and economic self-sufficiency. Nearly a quarter century since passage of the ADA, I see remarkable changes in communities everywhere I go in Iowa—not just in curb cuts or closed captioned television, but in the full participation of people with disabilities in our society and economy, folks who at long last have the opportunity to contribute their talents and to be fully included.

This is at least a partial accounting of my work on behalf of Iowa, and specifically Keokuk County, during my time in Congress. In every case, this work has been about partnerships, cooperation, and empowering folks at the State and local level, including in Keokuk County, to fulfill their own dreams and initiatives. And, of course, this work is never complete. Even after I retire from the Senate, I have no intention of retiring from the fight for a better, fairer, richer Iowa. I will always be profoundly grateful for the opportunity to serve the people of Iowa as their Senator.●

TRIBUTE TO MATTHEW MCCORMICK

● Mrs. MURRAY. Madam President, I wish to pay tribute to a devoted public servant as he retires from a career at the U.S. Department of Energy and U.S. Navy. Matthew S. McCormick has dedicated 32 years in service to our Nation, including 11 years—the last 4 as manager—at the Richland Operations Office at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation in my home State of Washington.

A graduate of Montana State University, Mr. McCormick began his civil career as a nuclear engineer for the U.S. Navy. After he worked on the Naval Reactor's Program, Mr. McCormick moved to the Department of Energy serving in multiple different capacities in the Office of Environmental Management and with the Savannah River Site and Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site. His time there taught him the value of environmental cleanup, and was critical to his next job as assistant manager for the Central Plateau in the Richland Operations Office. He proved himself in this role, and was named manager of the Richland Operations Office in 2010.

It is clear to me that Washington State has benefitted from Mr. McCor-

mick's leadership. As a part of the Manhattan Project, the Hanford Nuclear Reservation produced plutonium from 1944 until 1987. The people of the Tri-Cities sacrificed for the strength and safety of our Nation, and cleanup of the Hanford site is an ongoing challenge. Mr. McCormick has shown tremendous dedication to this task, and has helped ensure that the cleanup efforts at Hanford continue to move forward in a meaningful and timely fashion.

Mr. McCormick was part of the team that set forward a path to protect the Columbia River and reduce the active footprint of the Hanford site by focusing on cleanup projects along the shoreline under the 2015 Vision. During his tenure, the remaining plutonium left in the Plutonium Finishing Plant after the Cold War was stabilized, packaged, and shipped offsite and out of the State of Washington. Cleanup was completed at the first reactor area—F Reactor, and a total of seven of nine nuclear reactors were placed in interim safe storage. Significant progress has been made in protecting the Columbia River from contaminated groundwater through the construction of the 200 West Pump and Treat Facility in the Central Plateau and three new pump and treat facilities along the Columbia River. Most importantly, Mr. McCormick has strived to ensure that local communities, tribal nations, and stakeholders know their voices are being heard.

Mr. McCormick's success in carrying out the cleanup mission at Hanford was aided by his ability to build relationships, including with me and members of my staff. When he was made manager almost 4 years ago, I knew that the Tri-Cities community and Washington State as a whole could count on his leadership. Today I join with others throughout the Pacific Northwest in thanking him for his years of service. I congratulate Mr. McCormick on his retirement, and wish him the best of luck in moving forward.●

REMEMBERING RAYMOND J.W. SCHUMACHER

● Mr. TESTER. Madam President, today I wish to honor Raymond J.W. Schumacher, a veteran of the Second World War.

It is my honor to share the story of Raymond's service, because no veteran's story should ever go unrecognized.

Raymond was born in Leechburg, PA in 1913. In May of 1943, he enlisted with the Army Air Corps. He was assigned to the 8th Air Force, 351st Bombardment Group.

Raymond served as a wing gunner on a B-17 bomber crew. The unit was stationed in England and carried out daytime bombing operations across Western Europe.

The 351st was responsible for crippling attacks to German infrastructure and even supported the Allied landing

at Normandy in June of 1944. After the Allies won the war, Raymond left the Army Air Corps as a staff sergeant in September of 1945.

He returned home to Pennsylvania where he and his wife Treva raised their son Raymond II and their daughter Karen. Raymond spent the next several years serving as a guard for First Sterling steel mill. Raymond passed away on July 14, 1964.

Last week, it was my honor to present Raymond and Karen with their father's Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with Four Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, and the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with Four Bronze Service Stars.

It was my honor to also present a World War II Victory Medal, an Army Good Conduct Medal, and an Honorable Service Lapel Button World War II.

These decorations are small tokens, but they are powerful symbols of true heroism, sacrifice, and dedication to service.

These medals are presented on behalf of a grateful nation.●

TRIBUTE TO JERRY COONEY

● Mr. TESTER. Madam President, I wish to honor Jerry Eugene Cooney, a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

It is my honor to share the story of Jerry's service, because no veteran's story should ever go unrecognized.

Jerry was born in Billings, MT in 1946. After graduating from Joliet High School in 1965, Jerry joined the U.S. Navy. He underwent basic training in San Diego before being assigned to the Seabees' 21st Naval Construction Regiment in Davisville, RI. In October of 1966, the Twenty-first went to Da Nang, Vietnam where it constructed a Marine base.

During his tour in Vietnam, Jerry's unit was under constant enemy fire for which he earned a Combat Action Ribbon. Jerry returned to the United States in July of 1967. After a short leave, Jerry joined an advance team to Antarctica in September of 1967 where he spent the summer expanding McMurdo Station.

Following his stop in Antarctica, Jerry spent the remainder of his service as part of a five-man exhibition team tasked with representing the Seabees across the country. Jerry mustered out of Active Duty in September of 1968 and joined the Retired Reserves.

In 1969, Jerry married Lori and together they had two children and six grandchildren. Jerry worked for Montana-Dakota utilities for 35 years before he retired in 2006.

Last month, in the presence of his wife Lori, it was my honor to present Jerry with the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with Two Bronze Stars, and Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon.

It was my honor to also present a Combat Action Ribbon, Antarctica Service Medal, and a Discharge Button.

These decorations are small tokens, but they are powerful symbols of true