

Recently, Honor Flight Nevada transported Mr. Hayes to see his ship for the first time in 71 years and made arrangements so that he could go onboard USCGC TANEY. During his visit, Mr. Hayes saluted the flag and honored his fallen comrades. He is the last known surviving member of the ship's crew from that day. This is truly an incredible opportunity provided by Honor Flight Nevada. No words or actions can adequately thank Mr. Hayes for his service, but those who went above and beyond to make this trip possible stand as examples of how we should honor our veterans.

As a World War II veteran, Mr. Hayes' commitment to his country, as well as his dedication to his family and community, exemplify why the legacy of all World War II veterans must be preserved for generations to come. These veterans truly are the Greatest Generation, selflessly serving not for recognition, but because it was the right thing to do. As a member of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, I recognize that Congress has a responsibility not only to honor these brave individuals, but to ensure they are cared for when they return home. I remain committed to upholding this promise for our veterans and servicemembers in Nevada and throughout the Nation.

Mr. Hayes displayed true courage and loyalty in defending our country, especially on that historic day during the attack on Pearl Harbor. I am both humbled and honored by his service and am proud to call him a fellow Nevadan. Today I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Hayes for all that he has done for our country. I wish him well in his future endeavors.

#### 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COMMISSIONING OF USS "NEVADA," SSBN 733

Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the 30th anniversary of the commissioning of USS *Nevada*, SSBN 733. I am proud to honor one of Nevada's namesake ships and all Americans that served aboard her.

Launched on September 14, 1985, USS *Nevada*, SSBN 733, is a U.S. Navy *Ohio*-class ballistic missile submarine and the fourth U.S. Navy ship named in honor of our great State. She was sponsored by Carol Laxalt, the wife of then-U.S. Senator Paul Laxalt. Upon launch, Captain F.W. Rohm was in command of the Blue Crew, and Captain William Stone led the Gold Crew. The submarine was then commissioned on August 16, 1986. She is now one of eight *Ohio*-class ballistic submarines homeported at Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor, where crews have worked tirelessly to preserve this national treasure. It gives me great pleasure to honor the history and heritage of this ship and her crew members who sacrificed so much defending our freedoms.

The brave men and women serving in the U.S. Navy have demonstrated true commitment to our Nation with their

selfless actions and exemplify why the legacy of all veterans must be preserved for generations to come. As a member of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, I recognize that Congress has a responsibility not only to honor these brave individuals, but to ensure they are cared for after their return home. I remain committed to upholding this promise for our veterans and servicemembers in Nevada and throughout the Nation, including those who served on USS *Nevada*, SSBN 733.

Today I ask that we recognize the 30th anniversary of the commissioning of USS *Nevada*, SSBN 733, and all that sailed aboard her. I am both humbled and honored to commemorate these brave men and women and to celebrate this important milestone. May we never forget the legacy of this great submarine and her gallant crew.

#### 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF GUILFORD, MAINE

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, today I wish to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the town of Guilford, ME. Located in the heart of the beautiful Maine Highlands on the banks of the mighty Piscataquis River, Guilford was built with a spirit of determination and resiliency that still guides the community today.

Guilford's incorporation on February 8, 1816, was but one milestone on a long journey of progress. For thousands of years, Maine's Western Mountains were the hunting grounds of the Abenaki Tribe. The reverence the Abenaki had for the natural beauty and resources of the region is upheld by the people of Guilford today.

Early settlers at the dawn of the 19th century were drawn by fertile soil, vast forests, and fast-moving waters, which they turned into productive farms and busy mills. With the Piscataquis providing power, Guilford became one of the premier manufacturing communities in northern New England, with skilled workers producing everything from textiles and furniture to toothpicks and violin strings. The wealth produced by the land and, by hard work, innovation, and determination, was invested in schools and churches to create a true community.

Guilford is a town of patriots. Throughout the town's history, the men and women of Guilford have stepped forward to serve our Nation, and the veterans memorial stands in solemn tribute. It is significant that a highlight of this year's bicentennial celebration was the rededication of the Guilford Memorial Bridge in their honor.

Guilford is a town of involved citizens. The active historical society, volunteer fire department, and library are evidence of a strong community spirit. The planning and volunteerism that have gone into this yearlong bicentennial celebration are evidence that Guilford's spirit grows only stronger.

This 200th anniversary is not just about something that is measured in

calendar years. It is an occasion to celebrate the people who for more than two centuries have worked together and cared for one another. Thanks to those who came before, Guilford has a wonderful history. Thanks to those who are there today, it has a bright future.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO GARRY RAYNO

• Ms. AYOTTE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize and honor one of New Hampshire's finest and most respected journalists, Garry Rayno of the New Hampshire Union Leader. Garry is set to retire after a long and impressive career covering news and people in the Granite State.

Today, he and his wife, Carolyn, live in Bow, just a few miles from our State's capital. Garry currently works in the Union Leader's State House Bureau, where he has had a front-row seat for debates that impact the future of our State. These days, he is perhaps best known for writing the State House Dome column, a must-read round-up of political news for readers following events at the State House in Concord.

As a first-rate journalist, Garry has committed himself to putting forth the facts and figures so that New Hampshire residents can be apprised of legislation, votes, and negotiations that impact their daily lives. His writing allows readers access to detailed accounts of everything from political careers of New Hampshire State representatives to our State's efforts to combat the opioid abuse epidemic.

It has been a pleasure to work with Garry over the years during my time at the attorney general's office. We will certainly miss his straightforward analysis and reports of what's happening in Concord. Since announcing his retirement, numerous letters to the editor by citizens and elected officials alike have been published in the Union Leader, thanking Garry and lauding his excellent and informative coverage of the Legislature.

I join with New Hampshire residents, as well as his colleagues, in thanking Garry for his unparalleled service to our State and commitment to journalistic integrity. I am very proud to celebrate and recognize Garry, and I wish him and his wife, Carolyn, all the best as they enter this new chapter. •

##### REMEMBERING DONNA KELLEY

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, today I wish to remember Donna Kelley, a longtime reporter and anchor at KARN News Radio in Little Rock, who passed away last weekend.

Donna made the move from Orlando to Little Rock to join the KARN news team 14 years ago. Her voice quickly became a mainstay on the airwaves in central Arkansas, where listeners turned to her as a trusted source of