

An avid sports fan and athlete, Wolf worked as an usher at Tiger and Olympia Stadiums. At Olympia Stadium, he was the guard for the Red Wing's locker room and bench and was known as "Wolfie on the bench" by the players. After Olympia Stadium closed, the Detroit Red Wings brought him with them to Joe Louis Arena, where he worked in the press box.

Mr. Mattes understands the value and importance of community service, and his many efforts have been fittingly honored through his selection as a volunteer and firefighter of the year, Kiwanis volunteer of the year, and Elk volunteer of the year.

On Sunday, we will all look back and see the hallmarks of a life well lived. He is beloved not for a litany of accomplishments, but simply for who he is. Beneath a humble exterior lies a generous and kind soul. His quiet determination, unflinching kindness, and unyielding spirit have made him a pillar not only of a proud and loving family, but of all who have come to know him.

He remains the dedicated husband to his lovely bride Barb, whom he met at Michigan State on a blind date over 52 years ago, and he has been a wonderful father to his adoring daughters Erika Lynn Mattes Rebbe, Heidi Leigh Mattes Mason, Brigitte Beth Mattes Cooper, and Inger Ann Mattes Griffin.

Today, we offer heartfelt congratulations to Wolf as he celebrates his 80th birthday. This is truly a joyous occasion. His unending love of family, friends, and country, as well as his devotion to those who have had the privilege of knowing him serve as inspiration to all.

Happy birthday, Wolf. May you enjoy happiness, good fortune, and good health for many years to come.

REMEMBERING ADMIRAL ERNEST JOSEPH KING

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. President, I rise to speak today as citizens of Lorain County, OH soon gather to honor one of their favorite sons, ADM Ernest Joseph King, an American hero, who served as commander in chief of the U.S. Fleet, and Chief of Naval Operations during World War II.

This Sunday, September 18, 2011, Admiral King's memory will be honored with a Lorain elementary school named in his honor. An open green space, in the shape of an anchor, will be dedicated directly across the street from the admiral's birthplace, a home at 113 Hamilton Avenue that still stands today. Both the elementary school and the green space will remind future generations of the admiral's contributions to our country and the personal traits that made him an American hero: tenacity, love of country, fearlessness.

Ernest Joseph King was born in Lorain on November 23, 1878, to Elizabeth and James Clydesdale King. He was the older brother to two sisters and two

brothers. Admiral King attended Lorain High School and graduated fourth in his class from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1901. Still enrolled at the Naval Academy, he served in the Spanish American War. In 1905, he married Martha Lankin Edgerton in Baltimore, with whom he raised six daughters and a son. King was known to return to Lorain throughout his life to visit his childhood friends.

After his distinguished service in World War I, in 1927, he became a naval aviator, and only 6 years later, he was made chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics of the U.S. Navy, where he made patrol bombers an essential naval arm. He was appointed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in World War II as chief of the U.S. Fleet and Chief of Naval Operations, taking the post only 2 weeks after the attack on Pearl Harbor. He earned his nickname, Eagle Eye Ernie, by possessing boundless energy, and being a strict disciplinarian.

He retired from the Navy as a decorated officer, having been awarded 10 medals and 14 Foreign Awards, including the Navy Distinguished Service Medal and the National Defense Service Medal. Upon Admiral King's passing, on June 25, 1956, President Eisenhower remarked: "Admiral King carried his heavy responsibility with courage, brilliance and continued devotion to duty."

This weekend, the city of Lorain, the Black River Historical Society, Charleston Village Society, Lorain City Schools, along with several members of Admiral King's family will join together to honor the legacy of an American hero. For school children who will attend Admiral King Elementary School, and for all Lorain residents who will pass by his home on Hamilton Avenue, let us remember the lessons of Admiral Ernest Joseph King, that patriotism and service forever anchors the greatness of our Nation.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO SHELLY FAGENSTROM

• Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, today I recognize Shelly Fagenstrom, an outstanding educator from my home State of Montana. Shelly is the principal of East Middle School in Great Falls and has been recognized by the Montana Association of Secondary School Principals as the Montana Principal of the Year for 2011.

Shelly has taught and served as an administrator in the Great Falls school system for 38 years; all but 2 of those have been at the middle school level. She has been the principal at East Middle School since 2005 and prior to that served for 6 years as the principal at Paris Gibson Middle School. This isn't the first time Shelly has been honored for her dedication to her students—in 2010 she was named Educator of the Year by the Montana Parent Teacher Association.

In nominating her for these awards, teachers, staff, students, and parents have praised Shelly's work to build a respectful environment at East Middle School while creating a personalized learning environment for each student, her ability to collaborate and seek innovative solutions to complex problems. Shelly has also worked to integrate more technology into the curriculum to help prepare students for the challenges of the 21st century economy. Shelly says she loves being in education, "because of the relationships you build with kids and their families. I love the energy of middle-schoolers, you can't take yourself too seriously with them."

Shelly is also involved in the Great Falls community volunteering for the United Way and serving in leadership positions at Central Christian Church. This month Shelly will be visiting Washington, DC, with other award-winning principals when they will be recognized for their hard work and achievement in educating and preparing our children for the future, and have the opportunity to share ideas on how to strengthen our education system.

I congratulate Shelly on being named the 2011 Montana Principal of the Year and thank her for her decades of service to the Great Falls school system. Montana has some of the best teachers, principals, and school administrators in the country. I would like to commend all of them for their hard work and dedication in providing young Montanans with a world class education that prepares them for a bright future.●

TRIBUTE TO MR. AND MRS. VIRGIL POE

• Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the 65th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Poe, the parents of my good friend serving the 2nd District of Texas, Congressman TED POE.

In the summer of 1945, following his service in Germany in the Second World War, TSgt Virgil Poe was stationed at the US Army Post in Fort Hood, TX, re-equipping and preparing for a possible land invasion of Japan. At the same time, Miss Dorrace Hill was serving the local Army hospital as a volunteer for the Red Cross. On a Wednesday night during that summer of 1945, Virgil met Dorrace at a prayer meeting church service. The next year, the couple was married on October 16, 1946.

Virgil and Dorrace began their wedded life operating a DX service station where Virgil pumped gas, sold tires, and fixed cars. Soon thereafter, they moved to Abilene, TX, where Virgil enrolled at Abilene Christian University. While there, he supported his family and paid his tuition by working nights for Southwestern Bell and KRBC Radio.

After college, the Poes moved to Houston, where Virgil and Dorrace