

first met at the WVU stadium is now the site of the Mylan Tailgate Tent. But the thing Mike was most proud of was when he helped people build their own lives—and those people who knew Mike know exactly what I am talking about.

Mike was a pioneer who started Mylan Pharmaceuticals to give people access to affordable quality medicine. Mylan is a homegrown West Virginia company that he started with his Army buddy Don Panoz in 1961. He led Mylan until 2002, and Mylan has continued to grow and has now become the third largest generic and specialty pharmaceutical manufacturer in the world.

There are so few people like Mike, whose legacy will echo for generations to come. On Thursday, his friends and family will gather to pay tribute to his legacy when he is laid to rest in Morgantown, WV—a town he loved and gave so much to improve.

Tomorrow and every day our thoughts and prayers will go out to the entire Puskar family, Mike's friends and colleagues, and everyone whose life he touched, as all of them mourn the loss of this great man.

While every one of us is truly going to miss Mike, he truly will never leave us. We all have beautiful memories of Mike that will last a lifetime, and his legacy to West Virginia and its people will remain in our hearts forever.

BURMA CHALLENGES

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today, as I do on many occasions, to bring attention to the numerous challenges that face the people of Burma. Of great concern to those advocating for democracy in Burma is promoting reconciliation among the diverse groups in the country. Like many ethnic groups in the country, the Kachin people of northern Burma have a distinct and longstanding heritage. Yet, they continue to be targeted by the ruling junta. Not only is their struggle against the oppressive junta of concern to those of us focused on reforms in Burma, but they also have an important historical connection to the United States, a connection that I would like to highlight today.

On September 13, 1945, Japanese soldiers surrendered to Allied forces in Burma. As many in this Chamber are no doubt aware, many Americans bravely fought in the China-Burma-India theater during World War II. The late Senator Ted Stevens, for example, flew the treacherous “hump” over the Himalayas, and many other Americans helped build the important Ledo supply road, linking China, Burma and India. In the Allied effort in this theater, the Kachin people deserve particular mention for the commitment, sacrifice and invaluable support they provided Allied forces to reclaim that country.

The situation in this region was bleak for Allied forces in 1942. The Burmese terrain, a combination of dense rain forest and high altitude, proved a

formidable obstacle in itself. Of particular importance was building and maintaining the Allied supply lines into Kunming, China. This task was assigned to GEN Joseph Stilwell and was later described by George Marshall as “one of the most difficult assignments” given to any theater commander. As part of this endeavor, CPT Carl Eifler directed U.S. efforts against Japanese forces in Burma. Captain Eifler assembled an accomplished group of officers with a diverse set of skills, ranging from linguistics and medicine to piloting and explosives. Detachment 101 officially began on April 14, 1942, a mere 3 weeks before the Japanese Imperial Army would take Rangoon and, with it, effective control of the country.

As part of its mission, GEN Stillwell wanted Detachment 101 to learn to adapt to and thrive in Burma's thick rain forests. He would use his troops' familiarity with fighting in such terrain to harass the enemy with unconventional tactics, weakening its grip on strategic locations such as the Myitkyina Airbase in the Kachin State. The historian for U.S. Army Special Operations Command, Dr. C. H. Briscoe, credits part of Detachment 101's operational success to support from a group of Burmese in the “Kachin Rangers” unit and, in particular, their efforts in intelligence collection, as well as pilot rescue and sabotage missions. In the spring of 1945, due to its success, Detachment 101 expanded its Kachin forces to more than 10,000 troops.

The Kachin Rangers are credited with many effective and unconventional warfare tactics, some of which have subsequently been incorporated by the Army Special Forces Green Berets. In just a few years of combat, according to James R. Ward—a member of Detachment 101—the Kachin Rangers reportedly provided the U.S. 10th Air Force with 75 percent of its targets and the 164 Kachin radio teams in Burma provided some 85 percent of the intelligence received by General Stilwell's Northern Combat Area Command. In addition, these Kachin soldiers are credited with destroying an estimated 15,000 tons of Japanese supplies and killing or capturing more than 15,000 enemy troops. According to reports, the group also helped save the lives of as many as 425 downed Allied airmen during the war.

Ultimately, following the Japanese surrender of Burma, Detachment 101 was awarded the Presidential Distinguished Unit Citation by the Army Chief of Staff at the time, future President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Efforts by the Kachin people helped secure an Allied victory in Burma 66 years ago. Currently, the Kachin—like other ethnic minorities in Burma—deserve our recognition as allies in another noble cause: to secure freedom and reconciliation in a democratic Burma. We honor their bravery and commitment to freedom six decades ago as well as today.

TRIBUTE TO CARL WEAVER

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments and achievements of lifetime educator Carl Weaver. For almost 40 years, Carl devoted himself to teaching young Kentuckians history, civics, and psychology while also coaching little league baseball in the afternoons and the South Laurel High School boys' baseball team.

Carl began teaching as an undergraduate student while at the University of the Cumberland in 1963, at the age of 19. After graduation, Carl spent 6 years teaching in Ohio before returning to Laurel County, KY, where he earned his master's degree from Union College while simultaneously teaching full-time and raising his three children, Wayne, Karen (Davenport), and Whitney.

Carl witnessed many changes during his 33-year career teaching in Laurel County, but he cherishes most the time he spent teaching his own kids—Carl had each of his three children in at least one class in high school and also had the opportunity to teach Karen psychology her freshman year at Sue Bennett College. Carl never had a problem with any of his children in the classroom, recalling, “I was probably harder on them than on other students.”

For Carl, it was always about the kids. Carl has an amazing passion for teaching and he truly enjoyed and appreciated the students. “That's what it's really all about. You're teaching the student, not the subject,” Carl says. Carl still misses teaching, but he was forced to retire at the 27-year mark due to ongoing complications with his legs as a result of his diagnosis with polio as a child.

These obstacles don't hinder Carl's spirit however, as he continues to stay busy by helping out in his son's produce stand on East Ky. 80. Carl admits he's enjoyed a good life. As he looks back now on his teaching career however, he says he doesn't regret a thing.

Mr. President, Carl Weaver is a humble, selfless Kentuckian who dedicated his life to educating the youth of Kentucky. I thank him for his passion and the wisdom he has shared with the people of our great Commonwealth. The Laurel County Sentinel Echo published an article in the spring of 2011 to honor Carl's career and accomplishments. I ask unanimous consent that the full article be printed in the RECORD.

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

[From the Laurel County Sentinel Echo, Spring 2011]

BUSIER SINCE RETIREMENT: CARL WEAVER WORKS CONCESSIONS, MANS A PRODUCE STAND AND SPENDS TIME WITH GRANDCHILDREN. AND LIKE TEACHING, HE LOVES EVERY MINUTE OF IT.

(By Nita Johnson)

He walks with two canes due to rheumatoid arthritis, another storyline to the

limp he's had all his life since suffering from polio at age 3.

But the canes and the limp don't deter long-time educator Carl Weaver. In fact, since his retirement from the Laurel County school system in 2002, Weaver has been busier than ever.

In fact, Weaver depicts the word "busy." With nearly 40 years of teaching experience under his belt, Weaver has always been active in the school, in his personal life, and in his community.

Even while raising his three children, his life has revolved around academics and athletics. During school hours, the classroom setting found him instructing students about history, civics, and psychology. During summer breaks, he taught psychology at Sue Bennett College.

After-school hours found Weaver on the baseball field where he coached the South Laurel High School baseball team for six years. When not on the baseball field, Weaver was the academic team coach for Laurel County High School, and when the county school split into two high schools, he remained on at South Laurel High School as academic team coach, garnering over 20 years in that position. During this time he was an unyielding advocate for the establishment of elementary school academic teams—a goal he not only saw accomplished but saw its success and contributions to the educational programs of the school system where he taught for 33 years.

As if that weren't enough, Weaver also coached baseball for the local Little League teams, coached basketball for the Laurel-London Optimist Club, and served as a 4-H leader. His ties to the baseball field didn't end when he retired in 2002.

"I help with the concession stands at South Laurel now," Weaver said. "My son, Whitney, is assistant baseball coach there."

Weaver's teaching career began in 1963 after graduation from Cumberland College (now University of the Cumberlands). He attended Sue Bennett College for two years prior to transferring to Cumberland College to pursue his bachelor's degree. After college graduation, he moved to Zanesville, Ohio, and taught seventh- and eighth-grade students for six years before returning to Laurel County.

"I was an undergraduate student and I was only 19 when I started teaching," he said.

He earned his master's degree from Union College while still teaching full-time and raising his own children.

Weaver saw many changes over the span of his career, but his focus always remained on the students who came through his classes. Three of those students were his own children—Wayne, Karen (Davenport), and Whitney.

"I had all three in at least one class during high school," he said, "and I had Karen in her first year at Sue Bennett for psychology class. I never had any problems out of my children in class. I was probably harder on them than on other students."

Many of his former students approach him even now, some of which he said he had in class as many as 30 years ago.

"I always enjoyed teaching. I enjoyed the students," Weaver said. "You meet so many different students and see the uniqueness of each one, their personality. That's really what it's all about is the kids. You're teaching the student, not the subject matter."

He related that he still misses being in the classroom but ongoing problems with his legs prompted him to retire after reaching the 27-year mark.

"I taught for 33 years but the six years in Ohio didn't count toward my retirement time," he explained.

But retirement didn't provide time off from being busy. In fact, between his own ac-

tivities and those with his grandchildren, Weaver says he has more to do now than in the past.

Currently Weaver and his wife of 48 years, Pearl, are helping out in their son's produce stand, located on East Ky. 80 beside Arnold's Place, while they continue to raise strawberries and raspberries on their farm in the Laurel River community. That farm produces the fruits and vegetables that the Weavers display in their produce market—homemade strawberry preserves made by their son Wayne and wife Michelle. Jars of bread-and-butter pickles also adorn the counter of the market, another example of the Weaver's farming products.

"Good to see you," Carl Weaver greets the customers coming in to the produce market during the day, and their parting is accentuated with, "Thanks for stopping by. Come back and see us."

A friendly and informal manner from a man who holds his honorary doctorate in humanities, but the nature of his greeting is reason for the doctorate degree presented by his brother Neal, then president of Louisiana Baptist University in Shreveport.

"He gave me an honorary doctorate in humanities because of my long years of work with young people, in the classroom and in the community," Weaver said.

"It's been a good life," he added. "When I started college I planned to pursue a law degree. But somewhere along the lines I decided I wanted to be a teacher. I guess some people look back and see visions of better things but I enjoyed teaching and I never regretted it."

NOMINATION OF WINSLOW LORENZO SARGEANT

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, today the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship favorably reported out the President's nomination of Dr. Winslow Lorenzo Sargeant to serve as Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration.

I am pleased that President Obama nominated such a talented individual to this top position at the SBA. His confirmation will complete the SBA's exceptional leadership team.

As Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Dr. Winslow Sargeant brings a unique background to this very important position. With a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in electrical engineering and a background as a very successful small business owner, he is not only well-educated but well-educated about the challenges facing small businesses today.

He is the former managing director of Venture Investors, a Midwest venture capital company with a concentration on starting up healthcare and technology companies. From 2001 to 2005, he served as a program manager for SBIR in electronics at the National Science Foundation. He has also worked at IBM as a staff engineer, at AT&T as technical staff, and as an associate adjunct professor at the University of Pennsylvania.

With capable leaders such as Dr. Sargeant at the helm, the agency is more than ready to continue to play an important role in assisting small businesses as they lead this country to an economic recovery. We look forward to

continuing to work with them and to a new era for the SBA and American small businesses.

CELEBRATING THE U.S. NAVY'S 236th BIRTHDAY

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, tomorrow, the U.S. Navy celebrates its 236th birthday.

On Friday, October 13, 1775, the Continental Congress, representing the citizens of 13 American colonies, passed a resolution to acquire the first two warships for the Continental Navy. It stated "that a swift sailing vessel, to carry ten carriage guns, and a proportional number of swivels, with eighty men, be fitted with all possible dispatch, for a cruise of three months, and that the commander be instructed to cruise eastward, for intercepting such transports as may be laden with warlike stores and other supplies for our enemies, and for such other purposes as the Congress shall direct."

The Founders recognized the essential nature of a Navy to the strength and longevity of the Nation by authorizing Congress "to provide and maintain a Navy" in article I of the Constitution. A Naval Committee was established to build a fitting Navy for our fledgling country, acquire and fit out vessels for sea, and draw up regulations. The Continental Navy began a proud tradition, carried out for 236 years by our U.S. Navy, to protect our Nation and pursue the causes of freedom we hold so dear.

For the past 236 years, the central mission of the Navy has been to protect the interests of our Nation around the world on the high seas, to fight and win the wars of our Nation, and to maintain control of the sea lines of communication enabling this Nation and other free nations to grow and prosper. Whether in peace or at war, U.S. citizens around the world can rest assured that the U.S. Navy is on watch, ever vigilant, and ready to respond.

U.S. sailors, as both ambassadors and warriors, have won extraordinary distinction and respect for the Nation and its Navy. The core values of "Honor, Courage, and Commitment" are the guides by which the U.S. sailors live and serve. Today, the U.S. Navy is the most capable, most respected, and most effective sea service in the world.

Seventy-five percent of land in the world is bound by water and 75 percent of the population of the world lives within 100 miles of the sea, assuring that our naval forces will continue to be called upon to respond to emerging crises, to maintain freedom of the sea, to deter would-be aggressors, and to provide our allies with a visible reassurance of support of the United States of America.

As we celebrate our Navy's 236th birthday, America's sons and daughters continue to stand the watch on the frontlines of the war on terror at sea and on foreign shores. While we look at