

whom I have watched over the many years I have been here. He has a wonderful personality. He is someone who helps keep order in this institution, and his presence in the Senate is one that is calming. Everyone who knows him likes him. It just will not be the same without him.

While I will miss him, I know he will be glad to spend more time with his wife Jean Carolyn, as well as his children Mark and Mitchell and their granddaughter Nila.

We talked earlier in the day when I learned he was retiring, and I have already spoken about what a fine gentleman he is. But here is one thing he and I joked about today. I was here handling the floor as I did for Senator Daschle for many years, and there was this big crash. Everyone said: What has happened? What happened was Myron was rushing around doing the work he did, and he could not have done a better pirouette if he been a ballerina. He flipped in the air and came crashing down. Everybody thought something bad had happened, and Myron just got up, smiled, and walked away. He and I joked about that earlier today. I will always remember that. I asked Gary to find somebody on the staff who was there when Myron fell, and no one remembered, but Myron and I remembered. So I went and talked to him myself.

Myron is leaving next week to go on a cruise to Cancun, Mexico, with his wife and his granddaughter. I thank him on behalf of the entire Senate for his faithful service to our country and to the U.S. Senate. I wish him well in the future.

TRIBUTE TO JANICE MILLER

Mr. REID. Mr. President, today I rise to recognize one of my longest-serving and loyal staffers, Janice Miller. After more than a quarter of a century in my Las Vegas office, Janice retired on February 22, 2013. She has earned a happy and restful retirement from public service, but she will be deeply missed.

Just six months after I had been elected to serve my first term in the U.S. Senate, Janice joined my staff. A self-described cat lover, Janice soon came to be known for her laughter and her sharp wit. Along with her no-nonsense attitude, she showed true compassion for the countless Medicare and Social Security recipients she assisted throughout her career.

Janice is a true Nevadan. She attended the Western High School in Las Vegas, and then went to the University of Nevada, Reno. Although Las Vegas is her home, she continues to be an avid Wolf Pack supporter. In her youth, Janice had a tremendous activist spirit. That was tapped into by one of her mentors, my good friend and former chief of staff, Rey Martinez. Rey taught Janice at Western High School, and he also introduced her to politics, where she stayed until her recent retirement. Janice has always

cared deeply about women's issues, ranging from women's health care to access to education and equality in the workplace.

Janice Miller, during the time she worked on my campaigns, was an all-star. Janice also had tremendous compassion for senior citizens who were often struggling with Social Security issues. In the more than 25 years that Janice was with me, she never lost her concern for the seniors who needed her help. She always went above and beyond, helping to develop invaluable resources for Nevada's seniors in need. She helped to write the first "Retiree Guide" for my office. Thousands of copies of this guide are still used as a catalog of information and resources for seniors in southern Nevada.

Janice developed a deep understanding of the medical field through her work and her continued outreach to the community. Cindy Lubiartz, vice president of business development at Care Meridian, credits Janice with helping to facilitate the development of the CareMeridian Pediatric Facility, the only free-standing, post-acute inpatient pediatric facility in Nevada, which is set to open its doors later this year.

While fighting to ensure that Nevadans in need got the benefits they deserved, Janice also battled breast cancer. As a survivor, she serves as a source of strength for so many women who are facing the same challenge. She took this role in her personal life as well as in her professional life. Her support has meant so much to Mary Liveratti, retired administrator for the Nevada Division of Aging and Disability Services, who is a breast cancer survivor herself. When Janice first learned of Mary's diagnosis, she pulled her aside at a meeting to tell Mary that she had also battled breast cancer and to offer Mary support and encouragement. When Mary talks about this incident, it brings her to tears because she knew she was not alone in her fight.

Janice's kind spirit, in-depth knowledge of Medicare and Social Security, and commitment to public service will be truly missed. I thank her for her tireless service, and wish her well in her retirement.

REMEMBERING LIEUTENANT VALERIE DELANEY

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I want to express my deep condolences to the family of LT Valerie Delaney who was a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy in 2009, whose life was cut short by jet crash in Washington State.

Lieutenant Delaney graduated from the Naval Academy and was a wonderful young lady. She was not my appointment but appointed to the Academy by Congressman ELIJAH CUMMINGS. She was a great naval officer who married 1 year ago. She had a promising life and a promising career ahead of her.

To her family who resides in Howard County in the wonderful community of Ellicott City, I, Senator CARDIN, and the other Senators wish to extend our heartfelt condolences.

Valerie did everything well. She was popular with other officers and well regarded. When she sought nomination, she needed to take 1 year off for prep school, which she did. She was diligent, persistent and terrific.

We deeply regret this tragic accident which occurred. I wanted to inform the Senate of this accident and let her family know we extend our sympathy.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING DR. DONALD ZACHARIAS

● Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, Mississippi State University and my State of Mississippi lost one of its most outstanding leaders with the passing of Dr. Donald Zacharias on March 3 at the age of 77. Dr. Zacharias served as the president of Mississippi State University from 1985-1997. His name became synonymous with the highest qualities of leadership, vision, and humanity. He was blessed with gifts that enabled him to make important contributions to higher education throughout the country.

I ask that a March 3, 2013 article from the Clarion-Ledger newspaper titled "Former MSU president Donald Zacharias' legacy one of transformation," be printed in the RECORD.

The article follows.

[From the Clarion-Ledger, Mar. 3, 2013]
FORMER MSU PRESIDENT DONALD ZACHARIAS'
LEGACY ONE OF TRANSFORMATION

(By Therese Apel)

Former Mississippi State University President Donald Zacharias is being remembered among friends, family and MSU faithful as a man with a vision for the university—and a man who left a legacy of growth and progress at the school he loved.

Zacharias, who led the Starkville university from 1985-97, died Sunday of complications from multiple sclerosis after an extended illness. He was 77.

"He had an influence not just on MSU but on higher education at large in Mississippi," said Sid Salter, director of University Relations. "He had some rather tumultuous battles with the Legislature over funding higher education. I think that's really where he could shine in his ability and his willingness to fight for what he believed in."

Roy Ruby was vice president for student affairs when Zacharias joined the MSU family and later was dean of the College of Education and interim president of the university. Until a year ago, when Zacharias was admitted to a nursing home, the two were neighbors.

"He was a man of solid integrity, and he was a man of his word," said Ruby. "He was a man who, in all aspects of his life, tried to do right. He was a good family man, a good citizen of the state, and an exemplary college administrator."

Current MSU President Mark Keenum said Zacharias was someone he looked up to.

"I counted him as a friend, a mentor and an inspiration. Don Zacharias was a man of