have been selected to compete for Team USA in various events. Congratulations to hockey players Gillian Apps, Kacey Bellamy and James Van Riemsdy; alpine skiers David Chodounsky, Julia Ford, Nolan Kasper, Mikaela Shiffrin and Andrew Weibrecht; cross country skiers Ida Sargent and Sophie Caldwell; freestyle skier Hannah Kearney; and Hannah Dreissigacker, Susan Dunklee and Sara Studebaker, who will compete in the biathlon.

Each of these world-class athletes and coaches has made it to Sochi as a result of hours of dedication, perseverance and hard work. They have put in long hours at the gym, on the slopes or the ice, hoping that one day their Olympic dreams come true.

I know all Granite Staters are so incredibly proud of this talented group of athletes and I look forward to cheering them on as they go for the gold in Sochi.

REMEMBERING STEPHEN MACHCINSKI AND JAMES DICKERMAN

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the service and the memory of two Ohio firefighters, Private Stephen A. Machcinski and Private James Dickman of the Toledo Fire Department. Like so many of the men and women who serve as first responders in our country, these two men knew that every day, they were putting their lives on the line to keep their community—their friends and neighbors—safe. When things were at their worst, they were at their best. When others needed help, they were there to give it. When others ran out, they ran in.

Tragically, Private Machcinski and Private Dickman gave their lives in the line of duty, doing the job they loved, the one they were trained and prepared to do, while fighting an apartment complex fire in Toledo, OH, on January 26, 2014. But although they are gone, we will not forget them. Today, we honor their sacrifice and remember these fallen heroes who put themselves in harm's way for the good of their family, their friends, their neighbors, and the entire Toledo community.

Mr. President, for their commitment to saving lives, protecting the public, and willingness to make the ultimate sacrifice, I would like to recognize Private Stephen A. Machcinski and Private James Dickman. We will continue to keep these two men and their families in our thoughts and prayers.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING ARTHUR ''ART'' ORTENBERG

• Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, today I wish to remember the life of a dear friend of mine, and Montana's, Art Ortenberg.

Art grew up in Newark, NJ, the son of a Russian upholsterer father and a Polish seamstress mother. As a boy, Art lived across the street from a public library, where he spent countless hours devouring its offerings. The local library was a second home to Art. It gave him the chance to expand his horizons and dream of opportunities and lives that he had never before imagined.

Art, with his wife of almost 50 years, Liz Claiborne, built a Fortune 500 fashion empire—the first to be headed by a woman. Art was utterly devoted to Liz. They were deeply in love and they were inseparable. Together, they made high fashion affordable and revolutionized the fashion industry. While Art and Liz may be known for their exploits in the fashion world, Montanans know, and love, them for their unassuming generosity and deep sense of community.

Art and Liz first came to Montana seeking a respite from the rigors of the business world in Montana's wide-open spaces. Once there, they made Montana their home.

Art and Liz loved Montana as deeply as any Montanan. And, as John Steinbeck famously recognized, it's difficult to analyze love when you are in it. To Art, the slow, switchbacking country highway on the way to his Triple 8 Ranch was ''a glorious, intoxicating drive,'' the road ''traversing [the] landscape in serpentine coils.''

I don't think anyone has so lovingly described Route 279's slow crawl over the Continental Divide, and it shows the depth of Art's affection for Montana.

But Art's deep love for Montana didn't stop at mere admiration for our outdoors—it spawned action. Indeed, Art and Liz were philanthropists in the true sense of the word: They loved the people and communities of Montana. They adopted Montana as their home, and they gave generously of their time, their energy, and their resources.

Art and Liz wanted to open doors for young Montanans in the way that the local library did for Art. Together, they started preschools and music programs in small mountain towns, saved local libraries from closure, and loaned money to a local timber mill so that it could make downpayments on new equipment. They encouraged our young people to take pride in their hometowns through the Montana Heritage Project, fostering a sense of community in a generation of students.

Art and Liz recognized the importance of providing our young people with an opportunity to dream and grow, just like that Newark library had done for Art.

Art and Liz also cared deeply about conservation, funding projects to restore the Blackfoot River, reintroduce endangered species, and conserve valuable habitat and public lands. They recognized that Montana's public lands are our greatest assets and the importance of preserving our outdoor heritage for future generations.

As Art once said, ''What we do here matters.'' He knew that few are as fortunate as he and Liz had been. Art and Liz gave to Montana's communities generously and quietly. They sought to leave the world a better place than they found it, and they pursued this goal without pretension. In fact, Art and Liz could often be found down at the Windbag Saloon in Helena, quietly eating cheeseburgers in an old frontier brothel.

Liz is buried at the Triple 8 Ranch in Montana, in an unmarked gravesite in a ''Liz Red'' urn. Art planned to be buried next to her, returning to rest in the State where they both gave so much to so many. I know he will be missed.•

• Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the life and legacy of Arthur ''Art'' Ortenberg, an apparel manufacturer and conservationist, who passed away yesterday in New York City.

Art and his late wife, designer Liz Claiborne, founded Liz Claiborne in 1976. After incredible early success, the company went public and soon appeared on the Fortune 500 list of America's biggest industrial firms.

Fourteen years after the creation of Liz Claiborne, Art and Liz retired from day-to-day management of their fashion company and chose to start a foundation dedicated to conservation. The Liz Claiborne and Art Ortenberg Foundation supports projects in the United States, Europe, and Central and South America, but their main focus is on Africa. To this day, the foundation continues to support efforts to save the jaguar, the tiger, and the African elephant.

Art also had a particular passion for the American West, spending much of his time over the past 25 years on his ranch in Condon, MT. Art and Liz provided assistance to the Seeley Lake Elementary School, helped Pyramid Lumber in Seeley Lake convert to a more efficient mill operation, and supported public radio, Humanities Montana, the Canyon Creek Fire Department, the Helena Public Library, and the Montana Wildlife Federation.

As we bid farewell to Art, we recognize that he was a true pioneer for the fashion industry and a leader in the conservation community.

My thoughts and prayers are with Art's partner, Cathy Horyn; his son, Neil; daughter, Nancy; stepson, Alexander Schultz; and all of his family and many friends.•

TRIBUTE TO JEFF NELSON

• Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. President, today I wish to congratulate Jeff Nelson on his well-earned retirement after nearly 40 years of service at East River Electric Cooperative in Madison, SD, including 23 years as General Manager.

Jeff's wealth of knowledge and friendly demeanor have helped him develop close relationships with his colleagues and with community leaders