

Nation as one of our most distinguished alumni. Board of visitors member and former chair Bob Kim—class of 1983—has spearheaded establishing the scholarship, which will support law school students who have an interest in public service, a record of academic excellence, and demonstrated financial need.

Toward what would be the end of his time as dean, Donald maintained a cohesive law school community despite the COVID-19 pandemic. Sustained high turnout at virtual versions of beloved events such as the alumni honors banquet and Morris Brown Myerowitz Moot Court Competition evinced this resilience and unity, with alumni volunteers serving as mock judges or interviewers, during a time of social distancing.

Even before the global pandemic, Donald took an active role in protecting student health and well-being, instituting Kindness Week to promote student resources and self-care in partnership with the board of visitors.

William Butler Yeats wrote, “Education is not the filling of a pot but the lighting of a fire.” For over 20 years now, Donald Tobin has been lighting fires among his students, and their glow has brought light to the law school community, the city, our State, and the Nation. I thank him for his tremendous service to the law school’s students, faculty, staff and alumni, and I wish him well on this exciting new chapter in his exemplary career.●

TRIBUTE TO KATERYNA RIDLEY

● Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, I am honored to recognize Kateryna Ridley of Dover as March’s Granite Stater of the Month. Kateryna, who is originally from Ukraine, is spearheading efforts in Dover to support her home country after Putin’s unconscionable invasion of Ukraine.

As Kateryna watched Russia’s attack, she agonized over whether her friends and family in Ukraine were safe or had access to essential goods. As she continued to receive worrying calls from friends and family, she decided that she needed to take action to help her Ukrainian community.

Kateryna’s effort started with a trip to the store to buy blue and yellow paint, along with wood and other supplies that she used to create small Ukrainian flags. She went on to share her creations over social media, and within 4 days, she received 100 orders from people who were eager to show their support for Ukraine. Today, the total number of orders is well over 300, and Kateryna is donating her profits to help get Ukrainians everyday necessities.

Kateryna also spearheaded efforts to collect donations such as medical supplies, first aid, personal hygiene supplies, and baby items to send to Ukraine. She coordinated with Dover community leaders to organize a donation drive for Ukraine at a recent rally,

and she was overjoyed with the response from her community as countless neighbors donated goods and came up to her to express their support and sympathy for the people of Ukraine.

During a time of immense duress—worrying for the safety of her family and friends back at home—Kateryna has found a way to make a real difference. From working in her woodshop for hours, to organizing donations of essential goods to Ukraine, Kateryna is working hard from the Granite State to reach her Ukrainian community during their time of need. I commend her for her efforts and for her spirit, which reflects the best of our State.

Kateryna is one of many Granite Staters, representing our Live Free or Die State, who is stepping up to support Ukrainians amid Putin’s horrific war. As the U.S. and our allies continue to impose crippling sanctions on Russia and send military and humanitarian aid to Ukraine, individual efforts from people like Kateryna are making a tangible difference in Ukrainians’ lives. They are showing Ukrainians and the world that New Hampshire—and the United States—stands with them, for their freedom and democracy.●

TRIBUTE TO OFFICER MARANDA GRAYSON

● Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, everyone sworn law enforcement officer knows full well that he or she is never truly off-duty. On February 27, 2022, Louisville Metro Department of Corrections officer, Maranda Grayson, was relaxing at home when she heard gunshots. She immediately retrieved her duty weapon, called for emergency services, and ran toward the gunfire outside, where she discovered a badly injured neighbor and saw a bleeding child being carried inside. Unable to locate the source of the gunfire, Officer Grayson focused her initial actions on the wounded child. A trained first responder, she applied a dressing to his hand and then returned outside, where she performed CPR on the adult victim until additional emergency services arrived.

These were moments of true heroism, which probably seemed like hours to Officer Grayson and the victims. For these actions, she has been recognized with her department’s Award of Valor for “bravery above and beyond the call of duty when facing grave and imminent danger to her own life.”

Louisville Metro Department of Corrections director Dwayne Clark said that “she represents the neighbor we all want.” I couldn’t agree more, and I am proud to honor Officer Grayson for her professionalism and tremendous bravery.●

TRIBUTE TO GILDA JACOBS

● Mr. PETERS. Mr. President, I rise today to honor an accomplished and highly regarded leader in Michigan’s field of public service, Gilda Jacobs

who recently retired from serving as president and CEO of the Michigan League for Public Policy. Gilda has made an immeasurable impact on the Detroit metropolitan area and the State of Michigan over the past 30 years, and it is a privilege to recognize her here today and celebrate her retirement.

Gilda began her career as an educator, graduating from the University of Michigan in 1971 with a masters in behavioral science in education. Following her graduation, Gilda began working as a special education teacher in the Madison School District in Oakland County, MI. Gilda taught one of the Detroit region’s first classes for children with emotional disabilities. It was her role as a leader in the rapidly developing field of special education services that led her to begin engaging in local activism, community organizations, and politics.

In 1978, she was asked to work first as the campaign manager and then as a district office manager for newly-elected State Senator Doug Ross. In helping Senator Ross launch his political career, Jacobs set in motion the beginning of her own. In 1981, after a contentious election, Gilda was elected to the Huntington Woods City Commission, the first woman to do so. In 1994, she ran for and was elected to serve her community as an Oakland County Commissioner. Four years after this, she was elected to serve two terms in Michigan’s House of Representatives. At this time, I represented a portion of her district in the State senate and had the pleasure of collaborating with her on many initiatives on behalf of our constituents. I knew the senate district was in capable hands when she succeeded me, winning the seat in 2002. Her strong reputation as an effective leader in championing issues and getting things done were immediately recognized by her colleagues who elected her chair of the senate’s Democratic caucus, making Gilda the first woman to serve as floor leader in either chamber of Michigan’s Legislature.

As a State-elected official, Gilda was a tireless advocate for the rights of women, children, and people with disabilities. In the State legislature, she served as the vice chair of the economic development, small business and regulatory reform committee, the families and human services committee, and government operations and health policy committees. Among her many successes were the establishment of a bipartisan bicameral talent caucus to develop strategies to encourage Michigan entrepreneurship and discourage college graduate flight.

In 2011, following the conclusion of her leadership and service in the Michigan Senate, Gilda joined the Michigan League for Public Policy as president and CEO. At the Michigan League for Public Policy, Gilda focused on the promotion of racial equality, economic security, and the overall health and well-being of Michiganders. During her