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ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO MR. ROBERT C. McWILLIAMS III

• Mr. HUTCHINSON. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who through his service and dedication made a significant difference in the lives of those who work at the Pine Bluff Arsenal in my home State of Arkansas. Mr. Robert C. McWilliams passed away recently, and the State will mourn his loss.

Robert McWilliams, was commissioned into the Army in 1964 as a second lieutenant of armor. He served two tours in Vietnam as an Army aviator and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Croix de Guerre, and National Defense Service Medal and was decorated with Senior Aviator Wings. After his service in Vietnam, he was stationed at Pine Bluff Arsenal, where he served as Provost Marshal, Chief of Security, and finally president of the local chapter of the American Federation of Government Employees.

It was in that last position that Bob truly emerged as a tireless advocate for the hundreds of men and women who work at the Pine Bluff Arsenal, toiling on behalf of our nation’s security. I enjoyed the many conversations I had with Bob. For he never wasted an opportunity to argue for higher wages and more job security for those he represented. I knew that whenever I needed a candid opinion of how decisions made in Washington, D.C., would affect life in Little Rock, I could call on him. Now that he is gone, I will miss him.

Robert C. McWilliams served his nation with dignity and honor. To those who knew him, he is remembered with love and longing.

In the final hours of its final session, the 56th Congress voted overwhelmingly to tackle a pervasive national need by creating the National Bureau of Standards, now known as NIST. Working closely with the leading researchers and engineers of the time, this body, with great foresight, endorsed the concept of a national standards laboratory just as the century was beginning.

A century later, NIST has become an organization of 3,200 employees, plus 2,000 field agents who partner with NIST across all 50 states, 1,600 guest researchers and another 1,500 industrial research partners. A lot has happened to science and technology over the past century and NIST has helped to lay the foundations for our nation’s progress.

I would like to spend just a few minutes reviewing some key contributions the Institute has made to industry, science, technology, national security and consumers. In the early years of the century, thousands of train derailments were caused by broken rails, wheel flanges and axles. NIST ran tests, and reported that the steel industry had not established uniform practices in manufacturing rails and wheels. By 1936, as better steel went into rails and trains, with NIST’s help in standardizing materials and processing, the rate of accidents from these causes fell by two-thirds.

At the end of the century, industry had become increasingly dependent on information and knowledge and NIST continued to be relevant in that area. For example, financial services, telecommunications companies, and hardware and software products relied heavily on the data encryption standard issued by NIST in 1977, the first publicly available standard of this type and the first cryptographic algorithm endorsed by the Federal Government. Today, NIST is coordinating a successor standard, having run an Olympics-type worldwide competition.

The Global Positioning System and other communications and navigation technologies are more accurate, thanks to improved timekeeping, a trend promoted by NIST’s operation of the first atomic clock, which was based on the ammonia molecule, in 1949. Progress in cooling atoms to within the tiniest fractions of a second enabled NIST to build one of the world’s most accurate atomic clocks, NIST F-1, which is used to maintain the nation’s time standard.

NIST’s critical role for industry has not been limited to research. Its Manufacturing Extension Partnership program has been boosting the competitiveness of this country’s 361,000 smaller manufacturers since 1989. In 1999, more than 23,000 firms took advantage of its services, increasing or retaining billions of dollars in sales, saving hundreds of millions of dollars in costs, and creating or retaining tens of thousands of jobs.
Another relatively recent and important addition to NIST’s work has been its Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award program that has helped thousands of organizations to improve their overall performance. The Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence have been the foundation of initiatives under way since the 1970s. NIST is coordinating the development of a synthetic substitute for rubber to improve submarine communications to help design the “Bat,” the first fully automated guided missile to be used successfully in combat.

NIST’s work extends to national security. During military conflicts, NIST was called on to perform numerous tasks, ranging from development of a central control lab for determining the identity of submarines to helping design the “Bat,” the first fully automated guided missile to be used successfully in combat.

NIST’s role in setting sound global technology standards is becoming critical to U.S. performance in the global economy. Information Technology security is a challenging area for NIST, which is addressing those challenges with special attention to helping other government agencies to improve the security of their systems.

The Baldrige criteria for organizational improvement are just taking hold in the education and healthcare sectors, and manufacturers and service firms continue to find these evolving criteria useful and worthwhile.

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The new technologies fostered over the past decade by NIST’s cost-sharing program have improved the standards of living for many Americans. We are building a new economy in this century that is based on innovation, NIST is playing an important role in support of the private sector, in building that new economy.

As with our predecessors a century ago, it is the responsibility of this body to support NIST in meeting those challenges. As NIST celebrates its centennial and looks forward to even greater accomplishments, let us in this body reaffirm our commitment to creating new generations of science, technology, economic growth and security. Congress has played an important role in NIST’s first century of success. Now as NIST begins its second century of service to U.S. industry and all Americans, it is Congress’ responsibility to keep us secure with a strong resource that will help prepare us for the century ahead.

HONORING THE FAMILY OF KAYLA ROLLAND

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, there is a family in my home State of Michigan who is to be honored for its courage. The family of Kayla Rolland, the little girl who was shot by her first-grade classmate, has been a source of inspiration to all families who have lost loved ones in gun tragedies.

Despite her own suffering, Kayla’s mother, Veronica McQueen, found the strength to speak out to all Americans about her family’s tragedy at the Million Mom March. The memory of Kayla and Mrs. McQueen’s words of courage helped lead thousands of families from our State to march in Washington for sensible and safe gun laws.

Mrs. McQueen continues to speak out with hope that she can prevent another family from suffering what her family has suffered. Last weekend, as family and friends gathered together to memorialize the one year shooting death of young Kayla, Mrs. McQueen, said:

“I pray to God that by being here and sharing with you our sorrow and grief in some way we have made people more aware of gun and school safety and common sense gun laws and to protect our children from guns and, hopefully, save children from what happened to my special little angel, Kayla. This is so important to us.

It has been a very horrible year for all of us. The pain will not ease away. I miss her more as time goes on, but Kayla’s behind me. Her spirit is driving me on to help save other children from gun violence, and I hope and pray that you will help me.

In a few days, it will be one year since I lost a piece of my heart with Kayla’s death. Please—mother, fathers, sisters, brothers, everywhere—please never forget how my baby died.

Let’s always put our children first and speak out for their safety. I regret that I could not be at the memorial service for Kayla, but I want to assure Mrs. McQueen and her family that I stand by her words and her mission. Kayla will always be in my thoughts and prayers and hopefully she will be the spirit that guides us all to put the safety of children first.

U.S. POSTAL INSPECTION SERVICE

Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the exceptional men and women of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, a premiere Federal law enforcement agency and protector of the U.S. mail. Founded by Benjamin Franklin, the Nation’s first postmaster general, it is one of the oldest Federal law enforcement agencies. The Postal