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(At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the following statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD.)

#### 85TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOLODOMOR

• Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, today we solemnly mark the 85th anniversary of the Holodomor—the Ukrainian famine genocide—that claimed the lives of millions in the 1930s. As part of its vicious crusade promoting a failed ideology, the Soviet Union perpetrated a forced starvation campaign against ethnic Ukrainians, hoping to erase their place in history and their cries for freedom and independence. We must never forget these crimes against humanity. Ukraine today faces a different kind of threat from its neighbor Russia's ongoing occupation of its land and aggression towards its people. We must recall the lessons from history and remain united in solidarity with our democratic friends and allies and all those who pursue freedom and justice. I am proud to represent a strong, engaged, and vibrant Ukrainian community in New Jersey, and I commend your efforts to continue to bring to light injustices of the past and efforts to promote a brighter future. •

#### TRIBUTE TO COLONEL ROGER PETERMAN

Mr. DONNELLY. Mr. President, today, I wish to recognize and honor the extraordinary service of retired U.S. Army COL Roger Peterman, a Greenwood, IN, resident and dedicated veteran and public servant who served his country with honor.

In 1967, Roger Peterman enlisted in the Army National Guard. He served in the field artillery in both enlisted and officer positions. He eventually moved through the ranks and rose to command two artillery batteries, an artillery battalion, the 38th Division Artillery, and held numerous staff assignments before retiring in March 2000.

Colonel Peterman's Army service was one of distinction, as evidenced by his numerous awards and decorations, including the Legion of Merit; Meritorious Service Medal with two oakleaf clusters; Army Commendation; Army Achievement Medal; and the Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal with a silver oakleaf cluster and two bronze oakleaf clusters. In 2012, he was presented the Office of the Secretary of Defense Medal, and in 2014, the National Guard Association of the United States awarded him the Distinguished Service Medal. In addition, Colonel Peterman was recognized with the Ancient Order of Saint Barbara Medal by the U.S. Field Artillery Association.

Colonel Peterman has distinguished himself beyond his military service. The transition from the military to civilian life can be a difficult one for our veterans. We are grateful for Roger's

post-military service mission to help veterans and military families through that transition with his work as a transition assistance adviser with the Indiana National Guard. Roger is also chairman of the Board for Operation: Job Ready Veterans, which aims to prepare our veterans for success in civilian employment; the Indianapolis Veterans Court Advisory Board; the Indiana National Guard Relief Fund; the American Legion; and AMVETS. Roger also serves on the board of directors for the Indiana chapter of the Association of the United States Army and is on the executive board of Indiana Blue Star. As Roger enters his "second" retirement, we thank him for his dedication and service to helping Indiana's veterans.

Colonel Peterman's life has set an example not just for his two children and six grandchildren but for all Hoosiers. His commitment to defending our country and supporting our veterans is commendable. His integrity and tireless efforts have helped to make Indiana and this country a better place to live, work, and raise a family. We thank Roger's wife Carolyn, children, and grandchildren for sharing him with our country. We wish Roger well in retirement.

#### RECOGNIZING EDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mr. DONNELLY. Mr. President, today, I wish to recognize Eden Elementary School of Greenfield, IN, for being named a 2017 National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education.

Established in 1982, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes schools that have demonstrated a vision of educational excellence for all students, regardless of their social or economic background. Since its inception, this program has allowed schools in every State to gain recognition for educational accomplishments, particularly in closing the achievement gaps among students.

Eden Elementary School has continually distinguished itself as a top-performing school in Indiana. For the last 4 years, Eden Elementary has been named a Four Star School and named an A-rated school by the Indiana Department of Education for 6 consecutive years.

Eden Elementary attributes much of its success to its effective implementation of the professional learning community model. Teachers are encouraged to focus on higher order thinking, integrating technology, and collaboration with math and reading instructional coaches. This model also allows teachers to work on targeted areas to improve an individual student's performance, which is contributing to the academic success of students. In addition, this interactive model enables teachers to share resources and ask questions to ensure the curriculum is being met across grade levels.

Beyond strong academics, Eden Elementary also prides itself on its character education program. This starts with Eden's Eagle Expectations—three rules: students should be respectful, responsible, and ready to learn. The school also promotes healthy habits by instilling in students the importance of considering the needs of others, listening first, and working together.

I am proud to recognize previous Eden Elementary School principal Devon Marine and current principal Melia Hammons, the entire staff, the student body, and their families. The effort and dedication you put into the education of these young people have led not only to this prestigious recognition but will benefit you and the Greenfield community well into the future.

On behalf of the citizens of Indiana, I congratulate Eden Elementary, and I wish the students and staff continued success in the future.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

#### 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OAK RIDGE LEADERSHIP COMPUTING FACILITY

• Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, today we celebrate the 25th anniversary of high-performance computing at Oak Ridge National Laboratory's Leadership Computing Facility.

For a quarter century, Oak Ridge has led the way globally, pushing the boundaries of computational performance and continually giving scientists more powerful platforms for simulation and discovery at every scale—from the smallest building blocks of atoms to the vastness of galaxies—in biology, chemistry, physics, materials science, cosmology, industrial modeling, nuclear power, and more.

Using Oak Ridge's computing facility, scientists have expanded the scale and scope of their research, solved complex problems in less time, and filled critical gaps in scientific knowledge.

The Oak Ridge Leadership Computing Facility has led the rapid evolution of scientific computing that has produced a millionfold increase in computing power and has been home to both the first teraflop—1 trillion calculations per second—and the first petaflop—1 quadrillion calculations per second—systems for scientific computing. Oak Ridge has twice placed two supercomputing systems at the top of the international TOP500 list, where supercomputers are ranked by their number-crunching performance.

Today computer simulation is an essential part of modern science, but in 1992, when Oak Ridge established its Center for Computational Sciences, which was later renamed the Oak Ridge Leadership Computing Facility, not many people thought that the next great center for high-performance computing would be located in east Tennessee.