

At the end of subtitle A of title IX, add the following:

SEC. 903. AMERICAN FORCES NETWORK.

(a) **MISSION.**—The American Forces Network (AFN) shall provide members of the Armed Forces, civilian employees of the Department of Defense, and their families stationed outside the continental United States and at sea with the same type and quality of American radio and television news, information, sports, and entertainment as is available in the continental United States.

(b) **POLITICAL PROGRAMMING.**—

(1) **FAIRNESS AND BALANCE.**—All political programming of the American Forces Network shall be characterized by its fairness and balance.

(2) **FREE FLOW OF PROGRAMMING.**—The American Forces Network shall provide in its programming a free flow of political programming from United States commercial and public radio and television stations.

(c) **OMBUDSMAN OF THE AMERICAN FORCES NETWORK.**—

(1) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There is hereby established the Office of the Ombudsman of the American Forces Network.

(2) **HEAD OF OFFICE.**—

(A) **OMBUDSMAN.**—The head of the Office of the Ombudsman of the American Forces Network shall be the Ombudsman of the American Forces Network (in this subsection referred to as the “Ombudsman”), who shall be appointed by the Secretary of Defense.

(B) **QUALIFICATIONS.**—Any individual nominated for appointment to the position of Ombudsman shall have recognized expertise in the field of mass communications, print media, or broadcast media.

(C) **PART-TIME STATUS.**—The position of Ombudsman shall be a part-time position.

(D) **TERM.**—The term of office of the Ombudsman shall be five years.

(E) **REMOVAL.**—The Ombudsman may be removed from office by the Secretary only for malfeasance.

(3) **DUTIES.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The Ombudsman shall ensure that the American Forces Network adheres to the standards and practices of the Network in its programming.

(B) **PARTICULAR DUTIES.**—In carrying out the duties of the Ombudsman under this paragraph, the Ombudsman shall—

(i) initiate and conduct, with such frequency as the Ombudsman considers appropriate, reviews of the integrity, fairness, and balance of the programming of the American Forces Network;

(ii) initiate and conduct, upon the request of Congress or members of the audience of the American Forces Network, reviews of the programming of the Network;

(iii) identify, pursuant to reviews under clause (i) or (ii) or otherwise, circumstances in which the American Forces Network has not adhered to the standards and practices of the Network in its programming, including circumstances in which the programming of the Network lacked integrity, fairness, or balance; and

(iv) make recommendations to the American Forces Network on means of correcting the lack of adherence identified pursuant to clause (iii).

(C) **LIMITATION.**—In carrying out the duties of the Ombudsman under this paragraph, the Ombudsman may not engage in any pre-broadcast censorship or pre-broadcast review of the programming of the American Forces Network.

(4) **RESOURCES.**—The Secretary of Defense shall provide the Office of the Ombudsman of the American Forces Network such personnel and other resources as the Secretary and the Ombudsman jointly determine appropriate to permit the Ombudsman to carry

out the duties of the Ombudsman under paragraph (3).

(5) **INDEPENDENCE.**—The Secretary shall take appropriate actions to ensure the complete independence of the Ombudsman and the Office of the Ombudsman of the American Forces Network within the Department of Defense.

(6) **ANNUAL REPORTS.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The Ombudsman shall submit to the Secretary of Defense and the congressional defense committees each year a report on the activities of the Office of the Ombudsman of the American Forces Network during the preceding year.

(B) **AVAILABILITY TO PUBLIC.**—The Ombudsman shall make available to the public each report submitted under subparagraph (A) through the Internet website of the Office of the Ombudsman of the American Forces Network and by such other means as the Ombudsman considers appropriate.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, this amendment relates to the Armed Forces network. It is provided in this amendment that the Armed Forces network would provide members of the Armed Forces, civilian employees of the Defense Department, and their families stationed outside of the continental U.S. and at sea with the same type and quality of American radio and television news, information, sports, and entertainment that is available in the continental U.S. There are other provisions about fairness, balance, free flow of programming, et cetera. I am not familiar with the details.

I yield the floor.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that there now be a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

CHIEF PETTY OFFICER DANIEL R. HEALY

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I rise today to remember and honor Senior Chief Petty Officer Daniel Healy of Exeter, NH for his service and supreme sacrifice for his country.

Daniel exhibited a willingness and enthusiasm to serve and defend his country by joining the United States Navy. He was dedicated to a cause much greater than himself, demonstrated by his decision to join the U.S. Navy SEALs, one of the most challenging, rigorous, and elite fighting organizations in the history of the world. Navy SEALs are named after the environment in which they operate, the Sea, Air, and Land, and are the foundation of Naval Special Warfare combat forces. They are organized, trained and equipped to conduct a variety of Special Operations missions in all operational environments. SEAL training is extremely demanding, both mentally and physically, and produces the world's best maritime warriors that live by the motto of “the only easy day was yesterday.” Daniel knew

that he would be continually challenged and surely would face dangerous assignments when he signed up for this premier fighting organization. He was a stellar example of today's elite warriors that are upholding the values of freedom and democracy around the world.

Daniel graduated from Exeter High School in 1986, and answered the call to serve our great Nation when he enlisted in the Navy on June 5, 1990. He attended Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL School and Basic Airborne School from 1991–1992, and then was assigned to SEAL Delivery Vehicle Team ONE for four years. After attending a year of extensive language training in California, Daniel was assigned to SEAL Delivery Team TWO in 1998 and was most recently stationed in Pearl Harbor, HI, again with SEAL Delivery Team ONE. Daniel dutifully and confidently led a training platoon in submerged delivery vehicles. He was deployed to the Middle East in March of 2005, for what should have been a six-month tour. Tragically, on June 28, 2005, Daniel made the ultimate sacrifice for this great Nation. Daniel and 16 other service members were killed while conducting combat operations when the MH-47 helicopter that they were aboard crashed in the vicinity of Asadabad, Afghanistan in Kumar Province.

Throughout his career, Daniel earned a series of awards which testify to the dedication and devotion he held for his fellow SEALs, the Navy, and his country. Daniel's hard work and perseverance contributed greatly to his unit's successes and placed him among many of the great heroes and citizens that have paid the ultimate price for their country. Daniel was recognized throughout his distinguished career by receiving the Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Commendation, three Good Conduct Medals, and three National Defense Service Medals. He also attended the Basic Airborne School and was a graduate of language training at the Defense Language Institute, Monterey, CA.

Daniel was truly an exceptional special operations warrior with more than 15 years of service and an unparalleled dedication to serve his county and fellow Navy SEALs. Daniel was also a noble and selfless family man, being a compassionate husband and father of four. He leaves behind a family proud of all that he had accomplished throughout his distinguished life and career in the military. His valor and service cost him his life, but his sacrifice will live on forever among the many dedicated heroes this Nation has sent abroad to defend freedom.

My condolences and prayers go out to Daniel's family, and I offer them my deepest sympathies and most heartfelt thanks for the service, sacrifice, and example of their Navy SEAL, Senior Chief Petty Officer Daniel Healy. He was respected and admired by all those

around him, and continually performed above and beyond all expectations while in U.S. Navy. Because of his efforts, the liberty of this country is made more secure.

TRIBUTE TO ADMIRAL VERN
CLARK

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and honor ADM Vern Clark, U.S. Navy, our 27th Chief of Naval Operations, who last week turned over the helm of the U.S. Navy to his successor. As former Secretary of the Navy and a member of the Armed Services Committee for 27 years, I have worked closely with every Chief of Naval Operations since Admiral Clark was Ensign Clark.

A child of the Midwest, Admiral Clark is a graduate of Evangel College and holds a master's degree in business administration from the University of Arkansas. It is this Nation's great fortune that Admiral Clark heard the call of the sea and attended Officer's Candidate School, receiving his commission in August 1968.

His first sea duty tour was aboard USS *John W. Weeks*, DD 701. One of the first things Admiral Clark did upon assuming his present post was to obtain the picture that formally hung in the wardroom of USS *John W. Weeks* to remind him of where he came from and to keep his focus on the fleet.

Admiral Clark has had the good fortune to spend more than half of his career in command. The Navy recognized early on his potential for leadership when as a lieutenant he commanded USS *Grand Rapids*, PG98. He would go on command USS *McCloy*, FF 1038, USS *Spruance*, DD 963, the Fleet Anti-Submarine Training Center Atlantic, Destroyer Squadron One Seven, Destroyer Squadron Five, Cruiser Destroyer Group Three, Second Fleet, and the U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

On those rare occasions when Admiral Clark was not in command, he served in a series of increasingly challenging shore assignments. He completed assignments as the Special Assistant to the Director of the Systems Analysis Division in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, the Administrative Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Surface Warfare, and as the Administrative Aide to the Vice Chief of Naval Operations. He served as head of the Cruiser-Destroyer Combat Systems Requirements Section and Force Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer for the Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, and he directed the Joint Staff's Crisis Action Team for Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Admiral Clark first hoisted his flag aboard the U.S. Transportation Command where he was Director of both Plans and Policy, J5 and Financial Management and Analysis, J8. While commanding the Carl Vinson Battle Group, he deployed to the Arabian Gulf and later served as the Deputy Com-

mander, Joint Task Force Southwest Asia. Admiral Clark has also served as the Deputy and Chief of Staff, United States Atlantic Fleet; the Director of Operations, J3 and subsequently Director of the Joint Staff.

Admiral Clark assumed his duties in peacetime on July 21, 2000. Sitting in his office on September 11, 2001, war came to Admiral Clark's Navy when American Airlines flight 77 hit the Pentagon just a few yards from where he was sitting. Since that day he has skillfully led the Navy in the global war against terrorism. Throughout this time, he has continued to focus on his top five priorities manpower, current readiness, future readiness, quality of service and alignment. Chief among those priorities is manpower. Admiral Clark is fond of saying that the Navy is winning the war for people. That is due in no small part to his leadership during this difficult time.

Standing beside this officer throughout his superb career has been his wife Connie, a woman to whom he owes much. She has been his key supporter, devoting her life to her husband, to her family, and to the men and women of the Navy family. She has traveled by his side for these many years visiting the fleet. Her sacrifice and devotion have served as an example and inspiration for others. This team has served our Navy well and we will miss them both.

With these words before the Senate, I seek to recognize Admiral Clark for his unwavering loyalty to the Navy and this great Nation. We thank him and wish Vern, his wife Connie, and his sons Jeffery and Christopher fair winds and following seas as they continue forward in what will most assuredly remain lives of service to our country.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

CONGRATULATING KANSAN
ANDREW WOJTANIK

• Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, it is a great honor for me to recognize today a young Kansan who has been nationally recognized for his intelligence and outstanding participation in the 16th annual National Geographic World Championship Geography Bee in Budapest, Hungary. Andrew Wojtanik, of Overland Park, KS, won gold for the 2004 National Geographic Bee, and has also published a book, called *Afghanistan to Zimbabwe: Country Facts that Helped Me Win the National Geographic Bee*.

Then 14-year old-Andrew was among three young Americans to compete against over 5 million students from all over the world. In preparation for the 5 day world championship, Andrew compiled a 432-page study guide with information on 193 countries around the world. After Andrew's guide was published by National Geographic Society, he was congratulated by the United States Congress on the floor of the

House of Representatives. The House passed House Resolution 815 in honor of Andrew as the champion of the National Geographic World Championship.

Andrew Wojtanik's recognition for the Geographic Bee is well deserved. His commitment to understanding the world helped America defend its championship title in the 2004 National Geographic Bee.

Today, I join the United States Congress in recognizing and paying tribute to this extraordinary young American. Andrew Wojtanik is a true champion, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this young man for his outstanding achievement in the 2004 National Geographic World Championship.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
TURNER COUNTY FAIR

• Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I wish to honor and publicly recognize the 125th anniversary of the Turner County Fair. From August 14 through August 18, 2005, the citizens of Turner County will gather in Parker, SD, to celebrate their proud past as well as their hope for a promising future.

The Turner County Fair is South Dakota's oldest fair, first organized by the Turner County Agricultural Society and held on October 13 and 14 of 1880.

Since then, the fair has grown into a major event. This year, more than 65,000 people are expected to visit during the 4 days of festivities, and fairgoers will be treated to a rich variety of entertainment. Scheduled activities include a parade, races, concerts, a carnival, a livestock show, and a rodeo. The fair will end with a fireworks display that the local newspaper, the *Southeast Trumpet*, has advertised as "bigger and better than ever."

I would especially like to recognize the Turner County 4-H Club for their part in this event. Turner County 4-H has played a leading role in the fair for the last 103 years and will figure prominently again this year. The local Jaycees Club, fire department, and a number of other community organizations also deserve recognition for their participation in organizing and producing this event.

For 125 years, the Turner County Fair has brought citizens together to celebrate their heritage, their communities, and their shared hopes. It is indeed a privilege for me to officially recognize its anniversary today, and to wish the citizens of Turner County another 125 years of prosperity and happiness.●

JUNKO CUSHMAN

• Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, I wish to submit to the record the following resolution regarding the passing of Junko Cushman. Beloved by all her friends and neighbors, Junko always found time to serve her community. Whether