

These men and women take their duties to serve and protect very seriously, and they make this Nation, as a result, a better place for all of us.

When I served as North Dakota's attorney general in the 1980s I had the privilege and, in fact, the honor to work side-by-side with the men and women of our State's law enforcement community. They were highway patrolmen, State and local officers, various Federal officers, and tribal police. It was a job that I truly began to appreciate—the job of law enforcement—that hard work they engage in to serve our State. I can say without a doubt they were the finest public servants I have ever had the honor to stand side by side with.

During that time I also experienced the absolute heartbreak of losing officers in the line of duty. Today I want to recognize two of those officers.

They are Deputy Sheriff Valence LeeWayne Pascal from the Benson County Sheriff's Office: On August 26, 1993, Deputy Pascal executed a warrant for an arrest in Leeds, ND. He took the individual into custody for failure to appear in court on a DUI charge, a fairly routine practice for a deputy sheriff. While the deputy was sitting in the front seat of his patrol car, the individual in the back seat leaned forward and shot him. He died the next day, August 27, 1993.

And I also want to recognize Senior Patrol Officer Keith Allen Braddock of the Watford City Police Department. Responding to a call over an enraged patron at a local bar in Watford City, Officer Braddock arrived on the scene when the man returned with two rifles and opened fire on Officer Braddock. Despite being wounded, Officer Braddock returned fire, hitting the man in a leg and preventing any further casualties. He succumbed to his wounds at the scene and died early that morning on March 20, 1996.

When I became attorney general, I formed a lasting bond with those officers, remembering never to forget. As I stood in that leadership role at funerals and at services, watching the parade of police officers, sheriffs' departments, and deputies pay their respect, I told myself: Remember, never forget. Never forget that they had families, that these two officers had someone in their lives who mattered to them. The children's parents will never see them walk the aisle. Those children will never see their parents be grandparents. Yet this in the line of duty.

Today is a special day in this Capital City. It is a special day across America when literally hundreds of law enforcement officers gather at memorial walls with names on them, similar to the one that is on the capitol grounds in North Dakota, and where people gather to remember how truly grateful we should all be for the people who stand on the line. They protect our freedom, they protect our safety, and some of them don't make it home as a result.

I believe that we owe all of the men and women who have sacrificed a great

debt of gratitude, and today I bring my voice to express my appreciation for and remembrance of the wonderful people of America's law enforcement community.

I yield the floor, and I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HEITKAMP). Without objection, it is so ordered.

CLOTURE MOTION WITHDRAWN—H.R. 3474

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the cloture motion with respect to H.R. 3474 be withdrawn.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOMINATION OF DAVID JEREMIAH BARRON TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE FIRST CIRCUIT

Mr. REID. Madam President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 576.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of David Jeremiah Barron, of Massachusetts, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. REID. Madam President, I understand there is a cloture motion at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of David Jeremiah Barron, of Massachusetts, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit.

Harry Reid, Patrick J. Leahy, Mazie Hirono, Dianne Feinstein, Al Franken, Amy Klobuchar, Sheldon Whitehouse, Tom Harkin, Barbara Boxer, Richard Blumenthal, Elizabeth Warren, Debbie Stabenow, Edward J. Markey, Richard J. Durbin, Carl Levin, Charles E. Schumer, Patty Murray.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum under rule XXII be waived.

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

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. REID. Madam President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to a period of morning business, with Senators allowed to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

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

TRIBUTE TO TERRANCE W. GAINER

Mr. REID. Madam President, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary work of the Senate Sergeant at Arms Terrance W. Gainer, who is retiring after a distinguished 47-year career in public service.

Mr. Gainer, whom many of us still call "Chief," was sworn in as the 38th U.S. Senate Sergeant at Arms in January 2007, continuing a distinguished career in law enforcement.

As the chief law enforcement and executive officer of the Senate, Mr. Gainer, successfully and—always with great respect for our institution—enforced the rules of the Senate, maintained security in the Capitol and Senate office buildings, and provided important services to Senators in our Washington, DC and State offices.

Mr. Gainer led a force of approximately 850 personnel, many of whom he knew personally, as he often visited their offices. Mr. Gainer always took the time to write personal notes to his employees during important milestones or events in their lives. He always was quick to pick up the phone to provide words of encouragement to employees who were in the hospital or condolences to those who lost a family member. His compassion is unwavering.

Mr. Gainer met challenges head-on during his leadership. Faced with government cutbacks and sequestration, Mr. Gainer guided the first major right-sizing of the Sergeant at Arms organization in many years. Through a combination of operational efficiency and reorganization, Mr. Gainer reduced the SAA's total budget by more than 11 percent over 4 years and reduced the number of employees by 100. At the same time, service outputs increased, and customer and employee satisfaction remained extremely high.

Mr. Gainer could be seen each year, donning a green necktie as he escorted the Prime Minister of Ireland around the Capitol on St. Patrick's Day, before celebrating his wife Irene's birthday that night—a fitting tribute to his Irish Catholic roots. He also considered his time spent with the Dalai Lama in the course of his job as very special.

Mr. Gainer greeted many visitors from around the world in his office