

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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

EXTENSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. COATS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that morning business be extended until 3 p.m. today, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

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

RECESS

Mr. COATS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess as under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 12:28 p.m., recessed until 2:15 p.m. and reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mr. PORTMAN).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Utah.

REMEMBERING GOVERNOR OLENE WALKER

Mr. LEE. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Governor Olene Walker, Utah's 15th Governor, who passed away on Saturday, November 28, 2015, at the age of 85. She was the first woman to serve as Utah's Governor, worked as Lieutenant Governor for over 11 years, and was a member of the Utah Legislature for 8 years.

Olene Walker will be remembered and revered by Utahns not because of the many firsts she pioneered in politics but for her commitment to leave a legacy of public and, more importantly, private service based on principles that truly last. Olene Walker's life and career were centered in the principles of lifelong learning, selfless service, and making a difference through civil discourse and meaningful dialogue.

Governor Walker believed that the best way to open a mind was to read a book. Immediately upon becoming Governor, she launched her Read With a Child Program, focused on getting adults to read with a child for 20 minutes every day. She knew that 20 minutes of daily reading would not only transform children across the State by getting them to read at or above grade level, but it would transport them to magical places, big ideas, and brighter futures. Because she became Governor at the age of 73—and as a grandmother—I think she also recognized that 20 minutes of reading with a child would inspire the adults in the State of Utah as well.

Governor Walker was never far from a book or a group of children to read to, often choosing her personal favorite from Dr. Seuss, "Oh, the Places You'll

Go!" Governor Walker went many places in her public service but sent thousands and thousands of Utah children on adventures never to be forgotten in the wonderful world of good books. She was living proof that books expand the mind and that a mind expanded, especially the mind of a child, could never return to its original state. I was inspired when reading her obituary that the last line, in typical Olene Walker style, stated: "In lieu of flowers, please read with a child." Her commitment to the principle of lifelong learning is a legacy in and of itself.

Governor Walker also understood that it didn't really matter where she served, but how she served. Whether working alongside her husband in the family's snack business, in the legislature or in the Governor's office, Olene Walker knew that her time on this Earth would never be measured by the titles she held but by the impact and influence that she had on others. She understood and lived by the adage: "We are to live our lives not by days, but by deeds, not by seasons, but by service." After leaving the Governor's mansion, she participated in literacy forums, served an LDS mission with her husband in New York, and at an age when most people slow down, Olene Walker took on a new and, many would say, daunting challenge of leading dozens of 3- to 11-year-old children for 2 hours every Sunday in her LDS congregation.

Governor Walker served with confidence, charisma, and charm that was elevating and at the same time enlightening. National political players, rural farmers, business executives, and children were equally inspired by her energetic approach, and they responded to her invitation to engage because they sensed that what they were about to experience was not about Governor Walker; it was about them.

In an age of egomaniacs and narcissists, Olene Walker's example of selfless service in high office is a model for all to follow—a model that all people should try to emulate. Governor Walker also understood the principle that mean-spirited arguments produce little, while meaningful dialogue creates much. She was known for her disarming style and for her corresponding ability to pull people into a conversation. She believed and lived by a motto that my office is committed to. The solution to any and every problem begins when someone says: Let's talk about it. Olene Walker challenged political candidates, elected officials of both parties, and young people in particular to transcend the talk-radio style bombast in personal attacks in favor of civil, serious, and substantive discussions. The Olene S. Walker Institute of Politics & Public Service, at her beloved Weber State University, is a testament to her commitment to make a difference through a more meaningful and deeper dialogue.

A picture of Olene Walker taken inside the Governor's mansion contains an interesting image that illuminates

much of what Olene Walker was really all about. Resting on a desk in the background of the picture is a statue of a vibrant, energetic, pioneering Brigham Young. He is walking swiftly, leading with staff in hand, eyes set on a bright future as he began the audacious endeavor of being the first to establish a lasting legacy in the tops of the Rocky Mountains. In the picture, the statue of Brigham Young almost appears to be trying to keep up with Governor Walker. Only Olene Walker could get a trailblazing Brigham Young to pick up the pace. Governor Walker, likewise, was a pioneer and a trailblazer, moving swiftly, leading with a clear vision of a better society, and guided by her principles of lifelong learning, selfless service, and civil dialogue. Her life of many firsts will be celebrated and emulated for generations to come because it was founded on and inspired by such principles—principles that will truly last.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Colorado.

TRAGEDY AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD CLINIC IN COLORADO SPRINGS

Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, I am here to reflect on the tragedy that occurred in Colorado Springs last week. There, a gunman attacked a Planned Parenthood clinic, killing three people and injuring nine others. Colorado is mourning the losses of the three who were murdered, all of whom were parents in the prime of their lives and all of whom represented the best of our State.

Officer Garrett Swasey was one of the first officers to arrive at the scene. He had served as an officer at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs Police Department for 6 years. Garrett had been married to his wife Rachel for 17 years. He leaves behind his two children—Faith, who is only 6, and Elijah, who just turned 11 on Sunday. His wife said:

His greatest joys were his family, his church, and his profession. We will cherish his memory, especially those times he spent tossing the football to his son and snuggling with his daughter on the couch.

She went on to note:

Helping others brought him deep satisfaction and being a police officer was a part of him. In the end, his last act was for the safety and well-being of others and was a tribute to his life.

Officer Swasey's actions last Friday spoke to his extraordinary courage and selflessness. As a university police officer, he wasn't under any obligation to respond when he first heard of the incident through emergency radio. He could have looked the other way. Yet he was one of the first to arrive at Planned Parenthood, which is 4 miles away from the university.

His good friend and copastor said that Officer Swasey often responded to dangerous calls off campus and that he put other people's lives before his own.