

this country, as he did for Ohio in the roles he held there.

I really loved George Voinovich. I just loved the guy. I think when we think of leaders, sometimes people in leadership positions say to others: Do as I say. George actually said: Do as I do. He was a big believer in leading by example.

The other thing I loved and respected about him was that he was very tenacious. We have all met people who could have done something, gotten something done, and been somebody, and they gave up. They gave up. George never gave up. He was one of those people who, when he knew he was right and he was sure he was right, he never gave up.

Tomorrow, people from all over Ohio—actually from around the country—will gather in Cleveland not far from the home where George and Janet and their family were raised and where they lived for many years—where Janet still lives. It will be sad, but there will also be a sense of joy. There are probably not many good ways to die—but to die at the age of almost 80 and to die in your sleep without pain and suffering, and to have a legacy of wonderful children—children any of us would be proud to call our own—and a bunch of grandchildren—the same thing, whom any of us would be proud to call our own. That is a great legacy if you just stopped right there. But the legacy goes well beyond that in terms of the way Ohio is governed today by Governor John Kasich, who is another close friend.

John Kasich and I came to the House together in 1983, and I am delighted he has had the opportunity to serve as Governor there—a worthy successor to George Voinovich. Frankly, I might add—and I will probably get in trouble with my caucus for saying this—he would have been a great nominee for our friends in the Republican Party. But apparently that is not in the cards.

So I won't go on much further, but when people say bad things about elected officials or unkind things about elected officials, I think it is too bad they didn't know the Presiding Officer and they didn't know George Voinovich, because they wouldn't feel that way if they knew him or had any idea of his commitment and his dedication and his sacrifice and his leadership.

I will close with this. A fellow who used to serve here was a fellow named Alan Simpson. He was a Senator from Wyoming. We remembered him today because he was the coauthor of the Bowles-Simpson plan, the fiscally responsible deficit reduction plan of probably about 6 or 7 years ago. It was established by President Obama. It was a good roadmap then, and I still think it is a good roadmap today. Alan Simpson was the Republican part of that, in tandem with Erskine Bowles.

Alan Simpson used to say a lot of very funny things. He was probably as humorous as anybody who ever served here, but he also said some serious

things here too, and one of them reminds me of George Voinovich. Senator Alan Simpson used to talk about integrity, and he would say: Integrity—if you have it, nothing else matters. Integrity—if you don't have it, nothing else matters. Think about that. Integrity, if you have it, nothing else matters. Integrity, if you don't have it, nothing else matters. George Voinovich did not have a partisan bone in his body, but he had a world of integrity—just a world of integrity inside that body of his.

The other thing I would say, I like to think that as important as integrity is—and it is—the other thing that is as critically important for the success of any organization, whether it is a State or county or business or school, this body, the most important ingredient for the success of that entity, any of them, is leadership, principled leadership, committed leadership, enlightened leadership, and George Voinovich embodied those.

So to the people of Delaware who supported—not Delaware. Delaware is a little town just north of Columbus, OH. When I was a student at Ohio State, I used to think Delaware was a town just north of Columbus. I later found out it was a whole State. When I got out of the Navy, I moved there. They were good enough to let me serve in a couple different capacities, including here.

The people of Ohio were smart to elect him and smart to share him with us. We were just blessed that they did that, really blessed that they did that.

I felt the presence of George Voinovich today at our roundtable working on the issues he loved. I felt his presence at the signing ceremony in the President pro tempore's office, when we signed into law the transition legislation he originally cosponsored a number of years ago with Senator Ted Kaufman, and I feel his presence here today, and it is a good presence. While we mourn his loss and his death, we just appreciate so much his life.

9/11 MEMORIAL MUSEUM

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, on a totally different subject, my wife and I had the opportunity to go to New York last Saturday. We were invited up by our oldest son to visit with him and his roommate. We visited the 9/11 Memorial Museum. For anybody who has a chance to go to New York City and visit that memorial, I urge that they do that. It was a walk back in time to 9/11 and the horrors of that day and the days and the weeks that followed, but out of that terrible disaster, our country came together.

Our country came together in rather remarkable ways. Instead of pointing fingers at each other, we decided to join hands and work together under the leadership of George W. Bush, and we created a 9/11 Commission, chaired by Republican Tom King of New Jersey and cochaired by Lee Hamilton, Congressman from Indiana, former chair of

the House Foreign Relations Committee. It was a bipartisan Commission. There were 9 or 11 people. They went to work. They had a great staff, and they worked for months to drill down on what went wrong, what led to 9/11—that catastrophe and how could it happen—and came up with a whole host of recommendations. I think there were about 40 recommendations. They were unanimous. They adopted them unanimously and gave them to us. They came before us and came before our committee, the Committee on Governmental Affairs, and we adopted about 80 percent of them pretty much unanimously. It was a time that rather than us being divided as a country, it was a time we came together on the heels of a terrible disaster.

When I look at the political back and forth that seems to flow out of the tragedy in Orlando and I compare that with what existed when we lost maybe 60 times as many lives 15 years ago, I would hope we would remember, as a people—I hope those of us who serve in this body and those who would like to lead our country will remember the words right over the Presiding Officer's head. I don't know a lot of Latin, but the Latin words inscribed over the chair where the Presiding Officer sits, "E pluribus unum," from many, one. From many, one. We are strong when we are united, and we need to be united just as we were 15 years ago. We need to be united as a nation today. George Voinovich, if he were here, would remind us of that. Since he is not, I wanted to.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 11 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:15 p.m., adjourned until Friday, June 17, 2016, at 11 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

KAMALA SHIRIN LAKHDIR, OF CONNECTICUT, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO MALAYSIA.

ANDREW ROBERT YOUNG, OF CALIFORNIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO BURKINA FASO.

POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

MARK D. ACTON, OF KENTUCKY, TO BE A COMMISSIONER OF THE POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 14, 2022. (REAPPOINTMENT)

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SHIRLEY WOODWARD, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE INSPECTOR GENERAL, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, VICE DAVID B. BUCKLEY, RESIGNED.

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS THE VICE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE AIR FORCE AND APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 8034 AND 601:

To be general

LT. GEN. STEPHEN W. WILSON