

who does not agree to fully recuse himself or herself from matters involving their former employer for the duration required by their ethics agreement, without waiver and without exception. I think we owe our soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines at least that much.

Because he will not make the commitment to abide by his own ethics agreement without waiver or exception, I will be voting against Mr. Rood as Under Secretary of Defense, and I urge other Senators to do the same.

I yield back.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LEE). The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

HONORING DOUGLAS COUNTY
SHERIFF'S DEPUTY ZACKARI
PARRISH

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. President, I rise to speak about a horrible tragedy that took place in the early morning hours of December 31 in Douglas County, CO, when most Coloradans were waking up and preparing for a celebration that evening to bring in the new year. Hours later, a gunman would open fire on Douglas County sheriff's deputies in what has been described by law enforcement as an ambush-style attack.

The gunman injured two citizens as well as Sheriff's Deputies Michael Doyle, Jeff Pelle, Taylor Davis, and Castle Rock Police Department Officer Thomas O'Donnell. A fifth officer, Douglas County Sheriff's Deputy Zackari Parrish, heroically gave his life during this ambush in an attempt to save the lives of others.

Deputy Parrish was 29 years old and is survived by his wife, Gracie, and their two young daughters.

Zack's lifelong dream was to become a police officer. He attended Arapahoe Community College Law Enforcement Academy part time while he worked full time at a bank so he could make these dreams come true. Following graduation, Zack served for 2 years as an officer at the Castle Rock Police Department and spent the last 7 months as a Douglas County sheriff's deputy. His selfless nature and devotion to his family and friends was a testament to his tireless drive to protect his community. He was what every officer strives to be—dedicated to the job, persistent, and detail oriented.

At a vigil to honor Zack earlier this week, his fellow deputies shared Zack's "knack for finding things other cops missed." They spoke of "how he always wanted to chase the bad guys" and how, even when it was time to go home, Zack would "stay late to make one more check on patrol." His family and friends spoke of how Zack was

known for his "bear-sized love" and even more so for his bear-sized hugs.

These are the qualities of those who righteously wear the blue uniform. These are the qualities that keep the rest of us safe and sound. These are the qualities of a hero. Zack, like all law enforcement officers, went to work each and every day being prepared to walk that thin blue line.

Colleagues at the vigil spoke about how Zack was not only dedicated to the difficult parts of the job but also to lifting the spirits of his fellow officers. According to his fellow deputies, Zack was known as the guy who would "hunt for the best Christmas lights." It is that kind of passion, good nature, and of course love for his community that Zack will be remembered for.

As we saw on New Year's Eve, while the rest of us spent time with our families and friends, our brave law enforcement officers were protecting our communities. Their sacrifice is why we were able to celebrate with our loved ones.

We owe so much to Zack and the law enforcement officers across Colorado and across the country for their service. When a tragic event like this unfolds, I am often reminded of the words of LTC Dave Grossman, who wrote that American law enforcement is the loyal and brave sheep dog that is always standing watch for the wolf that lurks in the dark.

Regardless of their personal safety, our law enforcement officers run toward the danger. They are always there to help others serve our communities, and often through the worst of times, they provide hope and safety to our families, including mine, including yours.

I continue to pray—and let all of us continue to pray—for the other four officers and two citizens who were injured in the attack. We must continue to honor Zack's memory and support his brothers in blue as they continue his work and support his dearly loved family as they begin the new year in a way they never could have imagined. We honor his legacy and those who serve.

I yield the floor.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING
BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Morning business is closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to executive session to consider the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

The assistant bill clerk read the nomination of John C. Rood, of Arizona, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. There is 30 minutes equally divided for debate on this nomination.

The Senator from Colorado.

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that all time be yielded back.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Rood nomination?

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. President, I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. CORNYN. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR), the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. HELLER), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN), the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. PERDUE), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT).

Further, if present and voting, the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) would have voted "yea," the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) would have voted "yea," and the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) would have voted "yea."

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) is necessarily absent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. ERNST). Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 81, nays 7, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 1 Ex.]

YEAS—81

Baldwin	Ernst	Murphy
Barrasso	Feinstein	Murray
Bennet	Fischer	Nelson
Blumenthal	Flake	Paul
Blunt	Gardner	Peters
Boozman	Graham	Portman
Brown	Grassley	Reed
Cantwell	Hassan	Roberts
Capito	Heinrich	Rounds
Cardin	Heitkamp	Sasse
Carper	Hirono	Schatz
Casey	Hoehn	Schumer
Cassidy	Inhofe	Shaheen
Cochran	Isakson	Shelby
Collins	Johnson	Smith
Coons	Jones	Stabenow
Corker	Kaine	Sullivan
Cornyn	Kennedy	Tester
Cortez Masto	King	Thune
Cotton	Klobuchar	Tillis
Crapo	Lankford	Toomey
Cruz	Leahy	Udall
Daines	Lee	Van Hollen
Donnelly	Manchin	Warner
Duckworth	McCaskill	Whitehouse
Durbin	McConnell	Wicker
Enzi	Menendez	Young

NAYS—7

Booker	Markey	Wyden
Gillibrand	Sanders	
Harris	Warren	