My thoughts and prayers remain with his wife Margaret, and his children Kevin and Kara.

CLAUDIO ELIA

Mr. President, I also wanted to take a few moments to remember another Connecticut resident who tragically perished with Commerce Secretary Brown in Croatia—Claudio Elia, of Greenwich, CT, who was chairman and CEO of Air & Water Technologies Corp.

Like Ron Brown and all the others who died in Croatia, Claudio Elia was on a solemn mission of mercy and he deserves particular recognition from this body.

Claudio Elia came to this country from Italy and took advantage of the vast economic opportunities available to all Americans. He started his business career in 1968 at the Boston Consulting Group and from there he quickly worked his way up the corporate ladder.

In fact, Elia's value at Air & Water Technologies was so significant that it took three top executives to replace him.

But, as Claudio Elia reveled in the economic opportunities that he received in his country, he traveled to Bosnia so that others would realize the same opportunities.

Claudio Elia didn't have to travel to the Balkans. There are excellent business opportunities elsewhere. But, Claudio Elia recognized that in the global economy of the 21st century, Americans must often look beyond its borders for new possibilities.

One of Claudio Elia's former classmates said at his funeral that: ''His presence on that flight was vintage Claudio. He was constantly pushing the envelope, looking for new opportunities and business relationships.''

And those words were most true on the final mission of his life to the former Yugoslavia. He believed that American businessmen have an obligation to play a role in helping nations that are on the difficult journey toward peace.

There are those who have cynically insinuated that Claudio Elia and the other business leaders who traveled to Croatia were interested more in their financial bottom line then the well-being of the Bosnian people. Well, as I said before, one doesn't journey to Bosnia to make money.

I believe that Claudio Elia and everyone else on that flight ventured to the Balkans because they shared the vision of Ron Brown.

They believed that through the machinations of the free market they could make a real difference in the lives of the Bosnian, Serb, and Croatian people. They understood that even though peace had been achieved, the chance for a real and lasting peace would depend on all peoples having the same opportunity for a brighter future.

Claudio Elia took with him to the Balkers who unquenchable spirit of American optimism and idealism that has infused our Nation for 220 years.

That spirit was as evident when he was in the boardroom or on an overseas mission, as it was when he was sailing his yacht in the Long Island Sound or dealing with his employees in the same manner he dealt with everyone else.

Claudio Elia was a man who didn't hesitate from taking on difficult tasks and that was never more obvious than on his last mission to the Balkans.

And, while I know this is a difficult time for Claudio Elia's friends, family and colleagues, it is important to remember that last mission and all the tireless work that he did on behalf of his family, and his country.

My thoughts and prayers remain with his wife Susan and his children Christine and Marc.●

CONGRATULATING THE NAACP ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 41ST ANNUAL FREEDOM FUND DINNER

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate and extend warm greetings to the Detroit chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People [NAACP] on the occasion of its 41st Annual Freedom Fund Dinner, to be held on April 28.

The struggles of the NAACP have had an immeasurable impact on local, national, and world events, advancing educational, housing and employment opportunities for America's voiceless. The Detroit chapter of this organization in particular has shown a commitment to both local and national action in the interests of its neighbors and community. The rewards of these efforts are shared by all throughout Michigan and our entire Nation.

Of course, Mr. President, we must continue to pursue every means by which to improve the quality of life for all Michigan residents. Ensuring that all of our citizens share in the resurgence of Michigan as a national and world leader is an important priority to me, as it is to the Detroit NAACP. My voice echoes with the many members and supporters of the Detroit NAACP in their calls for more jobs, better schools, and safer communities.

It is clear to me that the NAACP stands, as it always has stood, for self-determination, hard work, and leadership. I think Frederick Douglass best captured this philosophy when he said: ''The whole history of the progress of human liberty shows that all concessions yet made to her August claims have been born of earnest struggle. . . If there is no struggle there is no progress.''

I am sure that all concerned citizens who hope and pray for a unified America where we can celebrate opportunity and justice join me in extending our sincere best wishes to the Detroit chapter of the NAACP.●

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 1996

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until the hour of 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 24; further, that immediately following the prayer, the Journal of the proceedings be deemed approved to date, no resolutions come over under the rule, the call of the calendar be dispensed with, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, and there be a period for the transaction of morning business until the hour of 10 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for 5 minutes each, with Senator HATCH to speak for up to 15 minutes; further, that the Senate then immediately resume consideration of S. 1664, the immigration bill.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, the Senate will resume consideration of the immigration bill tomorrow at 10 a.m. Rollcall votes are expected in relation to the immigration bill during Wednesday's session. It is also expected that the House will complete action on a short-term continuing resolution tomorrow. Therefore, I would expect the Senate to consider that appropriations matter when it is received from the House. Additional rollcall votes can therefore be expected during Wednesday's session of the Senate. The Senate may also be asked to turn to any other legislative items that can be cleared for action.

I hope to complete action on the immigration bill this week. So we will see what we can accomplish tomorrow. Senator SIMPSON is prepared to proceed, and we will try to complete action sometime late on Thursday. But on Friday I think my colleagues on the other side of the aisle have a conference outside Washington. We are going to try to accommodate them.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, if there be no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:27 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, April 24, 1996, at 9:30 a.m.