

smaller Government at less cost and improved service to the public.

We've done that. We are smaller today than in any time since 1963. And our fleet of aircraft and ships are some of the oldest in the world—37th oldest out of 41 Coast Guards in the world.

I don't feel this speaks well for the greatest nation on earth. Our recapitalization budgets have been half to two-thirds of what they should have been the past ten years.

And we should not put Americans, as well as the Coast Guard who saves them and answers their call for help, at risk by continuing to operate equipment that has reached the end of its service life, some of which we've had since World War II.

It's time to approve the recapitalization of our fleet. Now that the budget is balanced, we can do that. On the other side of that bridge to the 21st century, I see an increasing demand for Coast Guard services, and history is making it that way.

Our maritime trade will triple in the next 15 years. Mega ships will require world class ports to come into and discharge their cargo to keep us a globally competitive nation. We need a world class waterways management system in this country.

And Mr. Secretary, I thank you for taking the leadership on that new strategic initiative. There's tremendous pressure on our coastal areas both in environmental protection, use of the waters and for safety.

Our Exclusive Economic Zone is the largest in the world: 47,000 miles of coast line out to 200 miles protected by the Magnuson Act which provided a new 9.3 billion square miles of ocean for the Coast Guard to patrol as a maritime law enforcement agency.

The pressure of our borders is greater than ever from drug smugglers to illegal migrants. We are the land of milk and honey, and no wonder everybody wants to come here.

And operations other than war dominate our national security picture. And in order to do that, we have to work together jointly.

Will the Coast Guard be ready for the 21st century? You bet.

This last week, the 21st Commandant of the Coast Guard, Admiral Jim Loy, and his team were putting together the Coast Guard's plans to be Semper Paratus. I know no better leader for the Coast Guard as we enter the 21st century than Admiral Jim Loy.

Jim, Pat and I wish you and Kay great success. You are a great team, and we'll be proud you're at the helm of our Coast Guard.

NATIONAL BONE MARROW PROGRAM GAINS VITAL COMMUNICATION TOOL

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 1998

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, in 1986 the United States Congress authorized the creation of the National Marrow Donor Program to facilitate successful transplants of hematopoietic cells from volunteer unrelated donors as a form of life saving therapy for people of all racial and socioeconomic backgrounds.

Today, the National Marrow Donor Program is composed of a nationwide network including 114 Donor Centers, 111 Transplant Centers and over 300 affiliated donor centers across the country. Today, bone marrow transplants

are increasingly being used to treat a variety of diseases. Over 12,000 unrelated transplants were done worldwide in 1995, and the number is projected to grow at a rate of 20% a year. Bone marrow transplantation is a treatment that has come of age and is responsible for saving thousands of lives every year.

In 1991 Admiral Zumwalt, Jr. created The Marrow Foundation to secure support from private sources for the work of the National Marrow Donor Program. The Foundation's goals are to help increase the size and diversity of the national Registry of donors; to assist people undergoing a transplantation financially as they search for a marrow match; and to support research to improve the understanding and outcome of unrelated marrow transplantation.

This year information about the important work of The Marrow Foundation will be widely disseminated to all health professionals that need it, thanks to an educational grant made by Cell Therapeutics, Inc. (CTI), a Seattle-based biotechnology company. CTI has provided The Marrow Foundation with the grant to publish a quarterly newsletter "Team Marrow." This newsletter will reach a network of over 300 affiliated donor centers, recruitment groups, and transplant and collection facilities, as well as more than 2,500 corporate, foundation and individual contributors who share in the commitment of making marrow transplantation accessible to every person who needs it.

CTI, by virtue of its commitment to cancer research, understands all too well the horrendous side effects of a bone marrow transplant. CTI is devoted to bringing novel therapies to the market that will minimize the infections so frequently experienced by individuals undergoing bone marrow transplants. CTI is presently engaged in several clinical trials collaborations with various centers across the country.

Earlier this month, at a celebration of The Marrow Foundation, Dr. James Bianco, CTI's founder, presented the educational grant to Admiral Zumwalt. Now, every transplant center and affiliated institution will have in hand the most current information about the national donor pool and what is being done to improve our capacity to match every person in need.

TRIBUTE TO MAJ. GEN. ROBERT A. MCINTOSH

HON. DAVID L. HOBSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 1998

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to recognize and pay tribute to Major General Robert A. McIntosh for his dedicated and exemplary service to this Nation as Chief of the Air Force Reserve and commander of the Air Force Reserve Command. I am very proud to honor this leader from my congressional district in Ohio. General McIntosh served as the principal advisor to the Chief of Staff of the Air Force and to the Secretary of the Air Force on all Air Force Reserve matters. As commander of the Air Force Reserve Command, he had overall responsibility for the command, control, and supervision of all U.S. Air Force Reserve units around the world.

Over the past three and a half years, General McIntosh performed outstanding service

and exhibited exceptional commitment to the Air Force Reserve. His in-depth knowledge of Air Force and Reserve Component issues has been a tremendous asset to (1) the Congress when deliberating major national defense matters, (2) the National Security Appropriations Subcommittee and the Military Construction Appropriations Subcommittee—on both of which I serve—when debating complex funding issues, and (3) individual Members of Congress when dealing with reserve units and facilities such as my own 445th Air Force Reserve Airlift Wing at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. In today's environment of shrinking defense budgets where the Reserve Component plays an increasingly important role, the Air Force Reserve's Ambassador to Congress has consistently championed the contributions and versatility of our citizen-airmen.

General McIntosh, a native of Bellefontaine, Ohio, entered the Air Force in 1966 as a graduate of the Ohio University Reserve Officer Training Corps program, and earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration. He completed the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in 1977. A Vietnam veteran decorated for extraordinary aerial achievement and devotion to duty while assigned as an A-37 pilot with the 604th Special Operations Squadron at Bien Hoa Air Base in South Vietnam, General McIntosh separated from active duty in August 1971 to join the air reserve technician program as a full-time civil service employee with active participation as an Air Force reservist.

He is a command pilot with more than 4,000 flying hours in the A-10, A-37, C-130, and F-4. His military awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Air Medal with 18 oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, and Vietnam Service Medal with three service stars. During his distinguished career, he has commanded an Air Force Reserve wing, commanded two Reserve numbered Air Forces, served as the vice commander of the Air Force Reserve, and served most recently in the dual hatted position of chief of the Air Force Reserve and commander of the Air Force Reserve Command.

General McIntosh's outstanding leadership was crucial to the continuing integration of the Air Force Reserve into the total Air Force, culminating in the congressionally directed activation of the Air Force Reserve Command as the service's ninth major command. Through initiatives he sponsored, the Air Force Reserve successfully entered new mission areas including the Reserve instructor pilot program, Space Command Group, Fighter Reserve Associate Test, AWACS, and Combat Camera.

Mr. Speaker, we have been extremely fortunate to work with General McIntosh as Chief of the Air Force Reserve but look forward with much pleasure to continuing to work with him in his new position as the Assistant on Reserve Matters to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. I was one of the House sponsors of the initiative to create a two-star advisor to the JCS and can think of no one who is better qualified or who would set a higher standard for this assignment. It is a well deserved compliment to be selected as the first occupant of this new, challenging position. Bob, and his wife, Suzie, deserve our thanks for their selfless service to the men and women of the Air Force Reserve.