

## TRIBUTE TO GENE CALLAHAN

• Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, at the beginning of the 105th congressional session, a close friend of mine, Gene Callahan, retired and moved back to our home state of Illinois. Prior to Gene's retirement, he served as the director of government relations for Major League Baseball here in Washington, DC. Many of you may remember Gene as former U.S. Senator Alan J. Dixon's (IL) chief of staff. Gene and I have been in politics for many years beginning with the Illinois Democratic Party and working with my predecessor here in the Senate, former U.S. Senator Paul Simon when Senator Simon was the Illinois Lt. Governor, some thirty years ago.

Gene loves the game of baseball so I thought this would be the perfect opportunity to wish my dear friends, Gene and Ann Callahan, the best. I thought it fitting that the Callahans return to the great state of Illinois during this exciting baseball season and the home run chase between Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa. In fact, Gene and Ann's son, Dan, is the head baseball coach at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. I know firsthand, that Gene will stay involved with baseball, and rest assured, I will call on him for political advice from time to time.

As the baseball season draws to a close with the World Series, I want to thank everyone connected with Major League Baseball for a great summer. The home run chase with McGwire and Sosa was a baseball fan's dream. It brought a sense of what's good about America to the forefront. America can't wait for spring training!•

## OLDER AMERICANS ACT

• Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I come to the floor today with a sense of disappointment and frustration that Congress is adjourning without reauthorizing the Older Americans Act. Our senior citizens deserve better.

In January, our Nation will enter the fourth year without an authorization for Older American programs which provide a multitude of support services for our Nation's elderly including: community-based long-term care, transportation, legal services, adult day care, "Meals on Wheels" and senior citizens centers. For our Nation's Indian tribes, it is the cornerstone of programs for their elderly and is the only federal legislation that allows them to directly plan for the needs of their elderly based on their culture and traditions.

My personal concern about the lack of authorization for the OAA programs was heightened while traveling around my home state of Arizona. I continually hear from seniors concerned that the OAA programs are at serious risk because of Congress' failure to reauthorize them. They are particularly disturbed that funding for the programs has not been keeping up with in-

flation, thereby jeopardizing important programs for the most vulnerable elderly.

I recognize the commitment of the Senate Subcommittee on Aging to produce a reauthorization bill, but I became concerned when the committee did not produce an OAA bill by July. It became clear to me that the limited time left in Congress' schedule would prevent the committee from completing their work and moving a bill through the full legislative process.

This is why, on July 13, I introduced S. 2295, the Reauthorization of the Older Americans Act. I simply could not allow another year to go by without reaffirming Congress' support and commitment to older Americans.

This bill would reauthorize the OAA using the same language from the 1992 reauthorization which expired in 1995. The bill would extend the OAA until 2001, giving the Subcommittee on Aging and Congress sufficient time to thoroughly evaluate these programs and reconcile differences on the reforms needed if we are to ensure the relevance of the OAA, continue to meet our obligations to our current seniors, and be more adequately prepared to meet the needs of future seniors.

Sixty-seven of my colleagues agree that Congress should reauthorize the OAA this year and alleviate the fears of our Nation's senior citizens who believe that these programs are in jeopardy. It is disheartening that a bill with such broad bipartisan support was prevented from being implemented due to the objections of a small minority. I am confident that their concerns could have been addressed even as we moved forward on a short-term extension.

I remain committed to resolving this issue next year and will work with Senators GREGG and MIKULSKI to develop a bill that strengthens and more effectively defines the OAA programs for our Nation's elderly. It is imperative that we continue our efforts on behalf of older Americans and pass a bill which recognizes their unique needs and addressed those needs by reauthorizing the programs of the Older Americans Act.●

## PIERCE J. GERETY, JR.

• Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a friend and a great humanitarian—Pierce Gerety, Jr., whose life was tragically cut short last month when Swissair Flight 111 crashed off the coast of Nova Scotia. Pierce Gerety, Jr. was a remarkable man, and he will be dearly missed.

Pierce Gerety dedicated his entire life to humanitarian causes. The nephew of two priests, Pierce once aspired to enter the priesthood himself. After graduating from Yale, he went to Paris to study theology and philosophy at the Institute Catholique, where he found time to set up a soup kitchen. However, he soon changed his mind about becoming a priest when he met his future wife Marie de la Soudiere.

After he was married, he and Marie went to India to work for Catholic Relief Services. He returned to the United States in 1968, and became a social-service case worker in New York City. He then attended Harvard Law School and after graduating in 1971, he worked as a legal aid and civil rights attorney. In 1980, he began his career in refugee work in Thailand with the International Rescue Committee, and, in 1982, he went to work at the United Nations. He became a legal officer at the headquarters of the U.N. High Commissioner in Geneva, and he eventually became a deputy director to the U.N. High Commission for Refugees, but he always longed to be in the field working with those who needed help.

He took on a number of difficult assignments, helping refugees in crisis situations in the Philippines, Pakistan, Somalia, Sudan, Congo, Rwanda and Burundi. In fact, his colleagues have said that Pierce Gerety put himself in more dangerous situations than any other person in the refugee field. When a warlord in Somalia kidnapped some humanitarian aid workers, Pierce Gerety went into that warlord's armed camp and negotiated their release. Last year, he and other officials pled with the Congolese rebel leader Laurent Kabila to end the slaughter of Rwandan refugees.

It is ironic that this man, who repeatedly placed himself in harm's way to protect refugees around the globe, would lose his life in such a senseless accident.

Pierce Gerety, Jr. brought an uncommon intelligence, courage, and devotion to his work. He has touched the lives of countless individuals in a positive way. And his impact is not only felt by refugees around the globe, it is felt by his many peers and friends whom he inspired to do more in their own lives to help persons in need.

He is survived by his wife Marie and his three children Sebastian, Pierce, and Maeve. He is also survived by his mother Helen, and his three brothers Tom, Peter, and Miles. I offer my heartfelt sympathies to them all.●

SECRET SERVICE SPECIAL AGENT  
CARL TRUSCOTT

• Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I'd like to take this opportunity to express my thanks and deep appreciation for the work and dedication of Secret Service Special Agent Carl Truscott, who was detailed to the Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary (CJS) Subcommittee on Appropriations during the 105th Congress.

Nearly two years ago, Carl joined the Subcommittee staff as a detailee from the Secret Service. As a seventeen year veteran of the agency, and a member of three Presidential details, Carl was brought on to lend his extensive law enforcement expertise and knowledge to the appropriations process. As the lead staffer handling the appropriations for the Department of Justice,

the DEA, and the FBI, he acted as an effective liaison between myself and the agencies. Carl helped reconcile the needs of the Justice Department with my visions for the future of federal law enforcement, often working late nights to hammer out compromises that could make all sides happy. This was a difficult task for anyone to take on without prior knowledge or experience on the Hill, but Carl handled his responsibilities like an old pro. I could not have developed such a close relationship with the offices of the Attorney General, the FBI Director, and the DEA Administrator without Carl's input and commitment to making the connection work.

Special Agent Truscott will be leaving the Hill to go back to the President's detail starting next week. I know that the Appropriations Committee, the Department of Justice, and my personal staff will all miss Carl's presence in the appropriations process next year. It was a pleasure working with him over the past two years and I wish him luck in his career in the Secret Service and in his future endeavors.

I'd also like to express my appreciation for the work of Dereck Orr, who was detailed to Senator HOLLINGS' CJS Subcommittee staff from the Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. Dereck has been with the CJS Subcommittee staff for the past year and has contributed important input on law enforcement issues to both sides of the Subcommittee. He has been an asset during the long, difficult appropriations process this year and I join Senator HOLLINGS in praising Dereck's perseverance and commitment. I wish him luck when he returns to the Justice Department and look forward to working with him in the future.●

#### OECD SHIPBUILDING AGREEMENT

● Mr. BREAUX. Mr. President, I rise to announce that I look forward to working with my colleagues in the next Congress to pass legislation to implement the OECD Shipbuilding Agreement, an international agreement that will finally allow our commercial shipyards to compete on equal footing with those of our foreign trading partners.

With the hard work of Members both in the House and Senate, especially my friend the Majority Leader, we were able to craft implementing legislation that was passed and reported out of both the Senate Commerce Committee and the Senate Finance Committee and had the strong support of the Department of Defense. If a floor vote had been possible this Congress, I am confident we could have passed this important legislation and the President would have signed it into law.

Unless we as a country are content to concede the international commercial shipbuilding market to our trading partners and rely instead only upon the limited and protected U.S. Jones Act market for commercial shipbuilding

orders, we must ratify and implement the OECD Shipbuilding Agreement.

So again, I look forward next Congress to working with the Majority Leader, Finance Committee Chairman ROTH, Commerce Committee Chairman MCCAIN, and my Democratic and Republican colleagues, including the few Members who remain opposed to the Agreement, to implement the OECD Shipbuilding Agreement for the benefit of the country and our U.S. entire commercial shipbuilding industry.●

● Mr. LOTT. I share the sentiments of my colleagues from Louisiana. I am frustrated over the Senate's inability to complete this legislation. Indeed, he and I have championed this bipartisan effort for some years now. I will resume our joint efforts early in the next Congress to secure final ratification of this critical Agreement.

U.S. participation in the OECD Shipbuilding Agreement and the elimination of foreign subsidies is essential. U.S. commercial shipyards cannot successfully compete with the treasuries of other nations. Of course, our implementing legislation must also make it clear that our vital Jones Act interests and our national security prerogatives will never be compromised.

The implementing legislation developed in this Congress represents a consensus product with input for many Senators who carefully weighted and balanced these important objectives of OECD. The legislation was reported by the Finance Committee on two separate occasions and by the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation on yet another. It enjoys the strong support of both Chairman and vast majority of their Committees.

Let me be clear: Navy ships are unequivocally exempted from coverage by this Agreement in fact this legislation gives unlimited authority of the Secretary of Defense to exempt from coverage of any other vessels deemed necessary for national security purposes.

Similarly, extraordinary steps were taken to protect our Jones Act. That is why this legislation received the strong endorsement from the vast majority of the Jones Act shipbuilding and ship operating companies.

On a final note, I hope our OECD Shipbuilding Agreement parties will take note of my intention and commitment to move this legislation early next before taking any action on their own which might forever compromise this historic opportunity to rationalize the global shipbuilding market.●

#### HONORING VETERANS

● Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, I would like to speak for a moment on the importance of our veterans and their service to this nation. As you know, November 11th is Veterans Day, the day we honor those who have served in the United States Armed Forces.

For over two hundred years, the democratic form of government that so

many of us take for granted has survived and prospered in an increasingly dangerous world. The fulfillment of our Declaration of Independence's tenets of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness was achieved through the genius and drive of our main resource—our citizens. But that genius and drive could never have occurred without the sacrifice and security provided by those who bore the brunt of our defenses and even gave their lives to this cause. From the early days of our isolated republic to today's challenges as a global leader, this country has trusted and relied on the unwavering protection provided by our men and women in military uniform.

Veterans Day provides us an opportunity to reflect upon and recognize those who have served in the world's finest military. We will honor those who have fought in wartime and protected our nation in peacetime; those who have served on the battlefields of the world and in the communities that make up this vast and prosperous nation. As Abraham Lincoln so eloquently articulated in his Gettysburg Address, it is our solemn obligation "to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced . . . and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth." We should remember these powerful words and continue to do the best that we are able to meet the expectations of those who have guaranteed our freedom.

I have long been impressed with so many veterans' commitment to public affairs long after their military service. My frequent meetings with veterans in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania reinforces my view that they are America's finest citizens whose duty did not end with active military service. They remain continued supporters and activists in reminding the U.S. Congress and, indeed, the American people of the need for a strong national defense. It is this lifetime commitment to service that should be recognized on Veterans Day.

Since the Senate is not expected to be in session on Veterans Day, I would like to extend my appreciation to all veterans of the United States Armed Forces. To quote Abraham Lincoln again, during his second Inaugural Address he said, "let us strive on to finish the work we are in; . . . to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan. . . ." November 11th will be a day of recognition to the service of America's 25 million veterans. I am certain that my colleagues will join me in thanking all veterans for their remarkable legacy of commitment to honor, duty, and country.●

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● Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to honor and thank an individual who has