

Warner's business endeavors. During his tenure as President and Chairman of the Board of Gulf States Paper Corporation, the company experienced enormous growth. The business which has become synonymous with his name today enjoys a very healthy portfolio. This success has paved the way for many other business ventures and activities for Jack. He is the past director of the American Paper Institute, the past chairman and three-term president of the Alabama Chamber of Commerce, the past two-term president of the Greater Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce, a Director of the First Alabama Bank of Tuscaloosa, a past director of the Alabama Great Southern Railroad Company, a past director of the First National Bank of Tuscaloosa, just to name a few. He is truly a fixture in the Tuscaloosa business community.

Jack Warner has not taken his tremendous business success for granted. In fact, he has used his position in the community to become actively involved in the growth and development of Tuscaloosa. Through his efforts, he has made a tremendous impact on Tuscaloosa and the surrounding area. His numerous civic activities attest to his unyielding commitment towards improving the community in which he lives. A few of his current civic activities include membership in the Mount Vernon Advisory Committee, the Decorative Arts Trust Board of Governors, active Director of the University Club of Tuscaloosa, Commodore of the North River Yacht Club, as well as Elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Tuscaloosa. His former activities include a term as the Chairman of the Alabama Council on Economic Education, President of the YMCA of Metropolitan Tuscaloosa, President of the Druid City Hospital Foundation, as well as a member of the National Board of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. He has received numerous honors and awards for his efforts, including the Distinguished Achievement Award from the President's Cabinet at the University of Alabama, the Frances G. Summersell Award from the University of Alabama, the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Alabama State Council on the Arts, the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Greater Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce, the Lifetime Preservation Achievement Award from the Tuscaloosa County Preservation Society, and induction into the Alabama Business Hall of Fame.

Jack Warner has truly been an integral part in all aspects of the Tuscaloosa community. It is with great pleasure that I recognize his efforts and rise in tribute to all that he has done for Tuscaloosa and the state of Alabama. His commitment and sense of civic duty is greatly appreciated.●

A TRIBUTE TO LENNY ZAKIM

● Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to one of the most

inspirational and unifying individuals I have had the privilege of knowing and working with. Today, in Boston, people from all over Massachusetts are gathering to recognize and celebrate Lenny Zakim, Executive Director of the New England Regional Office of the Anti-Defamation League, and I rise today to join them in honoring this important friend. This evening's ceremony, though, has a purpose far deeper and broader than his notable leadership at the ADL. Tonight is a reflection of the love that has flowed from this man to the people of Boston, and now, it's flowing back to him as he confronts his own personal challenges.

For over 20 years, Lenny Zakim has courageously traveled the world, bringing a message of tolerance and respect. Through hundreds of meetings, conferences and visits to the countless places of worship, Lenny has turned racial and cultural divides into bonds amongst people and built bridges between communities. Mr. President, one of this country's greatest inspirational figures, Helen Keller, said in 1890, "We could never learn to be brave and patient if there was only joy in the world," and I believe that this quote captures the values and goals that have guided Lenny Zakim's life. What Helen Keller was saying is that our true nature only surfaces when we are confronted with adversity, and, time and time again, Lenny has turned ignorance into enlightenment, crisis into opportunity, and hostility into support.

Groundbreaking collaborations with the Ten Point Coalition and Cardinal Bernard Law illuminate the often-overlooked common ground that we quietly cherish but celebrate together far too infrequently. His public meditations on subjects such as the Middle East, relationships between African Americans and Jews, and Judeo-Christian values in a modern world elevate our public dialogue and focus our attention on some of the most compelling issues of the day. On issues global he has worked with Hosni Mubarak, Menachem Begin, Yitzak Shamir, and Shimon Peres. I am fortunate to share his vision of a Middle East with a sustainable peace, a vision that he sculpted and shared with my predecessor, Paul Tsongas.

Beyond the global dimension of his work, perhaps his most expansive and wisest endeavors have been those with children and young adults. He is one of the founders of A World of Difference, an anti-bias education project that has had over 350,000 teachers participate in lessons that bring the lessons of tolerance and cooperation to classrooms for thousands of children every day. He also started Team Harmony, the nation's largest annual, interracial gathering of youth. Every year, thousands of young adults from Greater Boston come together and pledge to bigotry and celebrate their support of diversity and inclusion. These two programs will allow Lenny's vision of a peaceful and respectful world to reach far beyond

those that he meets directly. I have witnessed firsthand how A World of Difference and Team Harmony will help build a better world for all our citizens.

Tonight's event will bring together Lenny's hundreds of friends and supporters to raise funds for the completion of the Zakim Center for Integrated Therapies at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. Collectively, we thank Lenny for all of his work, and most importantly for what he has brought out in all of us and our communities.●

INSTALLATION OF WILLIAM M. HOUSTON AS PRESIDENT OF THE INDEPENDENT INSURANCE AGENTS OF AMERICA

● Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I rise today to commend a fellow Coloradan, William M. Houston of Denver, who will be installed as President of the nation's largest insurance association—the Independent Insurance Agents of America (IIAA)—later this month in Las Vegas. Bill is branch manager of Riedman Insurance Corporation, an independent insurance agency located in Denver.

Bill began his volunteer service within the insurance industry at the local and state levels. He served on numerous committees of both the Independent Insurance Agents of Denver and the Independent Insurance Agents of Colorado, including serving as president of both organizations. In 1976, Bill was awarded the Local Board President of the Year Award and in 1987 was honored as Colorado Insurer of the year. Bill was elected to IIAA's Executive committee in October 1994 and was honored by his peers when they named him President-Elect of the Association last fall.

While on this Association leadership panel; he was worked to strengthen the competitive standing of independent insurance agents by helping to provide the tools they need to run more successful businesses. Over the years, Mr. Houston has been active on several IIAA committees, and has represented the state of Colorado as its representative to IIAA's National Board of State Directors for six years.

Aside from his professional volunteer work, Bill also has distinguished himself as an active and concerned member of his community. He is past president of both the Gyro Club and the University Club of Denver, and Trustee (Director) of the National Sports Center for the Disabled in Winter Park, Colorado.

Currently, Bill serves on the Board of Directors for the Denver Rotary Club and as an elder in the Wellshire Presbyterian Church. Bill also proudly served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps, initially as a first lieutenant on active duty and as a captain in the Marine Corps Reserves.

I am proud of my fellow Coloradan's accomplishments and bid him a successful year as president of the Independent Insurance Agents of America.