

Captain William "Harry" Thompson, of the Bronx, was widely respected and beloved by all 1,600 court officers in New York City as senior instructor at the New York State Court Officers Academy. A 27-year veteran, he was the father of two adult sons and was the sole supporter for his widowed mother. All who knew Captain Thompson considered him a "spit and polish" type of officer. Captain Thompson was proud of his profession and New York is so very lucky that he devoted his life to public service.

Senior Court Officer Thomas Jurgens was part of a family who believed in giving back to one's city and country. Senior Court Officer Jurgens was the son of a firefighter, and was a volunteer fireman from Lawrence, Long Island. He made all of us proud by serving his country in the Persian Gulf war as an Army combat paramedic. Senior Court Officer Jurgens was a 4-year veteran at the Manhattan Supreme Court, and he was married in June 2001.

Senior Court Officer Mitchel Wallace, of Mineloa, Long Island, worked at the Manhattan Supreme Court for 2 years. Before September 11, the New York State Court of Appeals Chief Judge Judith Kaye honored him for resuscitating a man who had collapsed from cardiac arrest aboard a Long Island railroad train. Senior Court Officer Wallace planned to marry Noreen McDonough in October, and he called her "Cinderella."

In addition to these brave heroes who were lost, 22 other court officers risked their lives to save others at the World Trade Center. These men and women have been honored for their bravery on September 11. They are: Deputy Chief Joseph Baccellieri, Jr., Officer Tyree Bacon, Sgt. Frances Barry, Captain John Civelia, Sgt. Gerard Davis, Officer William Faulkner, Officer Gerard Grant, Officer Edwin Kennedy, Officer Elayne Kittel, Officer William Kuhrt, Officer Theodore Leoutsakos, Officer Craig Lovich, Sgt. Patricia Maiorino, Major Reginald V. Mebane, Sgt. Al Moscola, Sgt. Kathryn Negron, Officer Joseph Ranauro, Sgt. Albert Romanelli, Sgt. Richard Rosenfeld, Officer Andrew Scagnelli, Officer Mahindra Seobarrat, and Sgt. Andrew Wender.

Hundreds of court officers volunteered to work on recovery efforts at Ground Zero. After working full shifts at the courthouse, these officers would then work a full shift at Ground Zero. They would return home, clean the dust and debris from their hands, and return to their jobs at the courthouse. Through valor, duty, and commitment, they did all that they could to assist in the rescue and recovery operations.

On behalf of the American people, I express my thanks and appreciation for these public safety officers whose dedication and patriotism strengthen the resolve of our Nation. These officers went above and beyond the call of duty, sacrificing their lives in order to save others, not because it was their

job, but because it was their sense of duty of pride. These officers represent the very best in America.●

IN MEMORIAM: WILLIAM A SCHWARTZ, VICE CHAIRMAN AND VOLUNTEER CEO, NATIONAL PROSTATE CANCER COALITION

● Mr. CLELAND. Madam President, William A. Schwartz died today from the disease that he fought so tirelessly to defeat, prostate cancer. Bill was a 35-year veteran executive of the media industry and a staunch leader in the fight against prostate cancer. His endless passion, devotion, drive, and caring for his family, friends, and community, along with his unwavering commitment to save lives from cancer, will always be remembered.

After being diagnosed with prostate cancer in 1994, Bill dedicated himself to fighting the disease by promoting awareness and launching lobbying efforts to increase research dollars. He served as vice chairman and volunteer CEO of the National Prostate Cancer coalition, board member of CaP CURE, and president of the Prostate Cancer Research Political Action Committee. His work also included cancer projects for the Department of Defense and the National Dialogue on Cancer. The results of his work will continue to benefit countless men and families for many years to come. Georgia was very fortunate to have Bill, his wife Marlene and their three children reside in Atlanta for the past 23 years.

Thank you for letting me take this time to remember our friend, Bill Schwartz and to offer our prayers for the loss of a great American. Prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in America among men and nearly 40,000 American men lose their lives to this disease each year. I know the best tribute we can pay to Bill and his family is to continue his work and find the cure for prostate cancer.●

NATIONAL ASSISTED LIVING WEEK

● Mr. WYDEN. Madam President, I want to draw the Senate's attention to National Assisted Living Week, which begins September 8 and continues through September 14. Since 1995, the National Center for Assisted Living has sponsored National Assisted Living Week to emphasize the importance of this service that nearly 1 million seniors rely on for long-term care.

Assisted living offers hope to seniors who can no longer live independently at home but do not need the level of care provided by nursing facilities. In assisted living facilities, seniors find dedicated caregivers to provide assistance in the activities of daily living in a setting that truly becomes a home. It is predicted that the demand for assisted living will continue to grow as more and more seniors and their families seek out home-like independent

living with the benefits of 24-hour supervision.

The theme of this year's National Assisted Living Week is "Honoring the Spirit of Our Nation," which is intended to honor the Nation's rekindled interest in our heritage and values. It is an appropriate theme because it celebrates the residents' lifetime of memories, devotions, and patriotism and the dedication and service of assisted living caregivers. The theme for National Assisted Living Week will highlight the variety of ways assisted living meets the different needs of seniors in our Nation.

I am proud that Oregon has led our Nation in the concept of assisted living. Assisted living has developed differently in each State and its importance in meeting the needs of seniors continues. I believe offering these choices for seniors is important in order to provide them with security, dignity, and independence. It is also important for us to continue to support options that allow seniors and their families a choice of settings in order to assure that they get the level of care they need and deserve.●

REMEMBERING A GREAT GEORGIAN AND A DEVOTED LEADER IN THE FIGHT AGAINST PROSTATE CANCER

● Mr. MILLER. Madam President, I rise today to remember a great Georgian, a 35-year veteran executive of the media industry and a staunch leader in the fight against prostate cancer. William A. Schwartz died today at the age of 63 from the disease that he fought so tirelessly to defeat.

His endless passion, devotion, drive, and caring for his family, friends, and community, along with his unwavering commitment to save lives from cancer, will always be remembered.

After being diagnosed with prostate cancer in 1994, Bill dedicated himself to fighting the disease by bringing national attention to it and by lobbying for crucial research dollars.

Bill served as vice chairman and volunteer CEO of the National Prostate Cancer Coalition and president of the Prostate Cancer Research Political Action Committee. His work also included cancer projects for the Department of Defense and the National Dialogue on Cancer. His work will continue to benefit countless men and families for many years to come.

Bill was the former president and COO of Cox Enterprises and held various executive positions with the company in New York, San Francisco, and Atlanta between 1973 and 1987. In the 1990s, he served as president and part owner of Cannell Communications and First Media Television and was chairman, CEO, and partner of Capital Cable.

A native of Detroit, Bill received a BS degree from Wayne State University in 1961 and did graduate work at Baruch College. After his military service in the Army Security Agency,