

WELCOME TO SENATOR DEAN
BARKLEY

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, Senator LOTT and I would like to begin by welcoming Senator BARKLEY. He is the 39th Senator to represent the great State of Minnesota. He was born in Anandale, MN. He received his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Minnesota, so he is truly a son of the State.

He ran for the House of Representatives in 1991 and for the Senate in 1994 and then in 1996 as a reform party candidate. He advised the Governor, Governor Ventura, in his successful campaign for the Minnesota governorship in 1998. He was appointed as director of Minnesota's Planning and State Strategic Long-term Planning Agency.

In addition, as a businessman, he brings a great deal of experience and real-life perspective to this Chamber. I congratulate Senator BARKLEY, his wife Susan, and their three children and welcome him to the Senate family.

Before I make my remarks in regard to our dear departed colleague, I yield the floor to accommodate Senator LOTT's interest in welcoming Senator BARKLEY as well.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Mississippi.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I extend our welcome to our new Senator, DEAN BARKLEY from Minnesota. I congratulate him on his selection and wish him well on behalf of the Members of the Senate on both sides of the aisle. I pledge to him my commitment and our commitment to work with him as he fills this interim appointment on behalf of the people of the great State of Minnesota.

I reviewed his background. I have had a chance to visit with him. I know he is going to be very serious about this opportunity he has to do the right thing for his own State but also for our country.

His experience as director of the Minnesota Planning and State Strategic and Long-term Planning Agency should serve him well in his time in the Senate. His involvement in the effort toward good government in his State, his participation in the reform party and the independence party, and as a matter of fact his friendship and work over the years with members of both parties, Democrat and Republican, will serve him well in this period that he will be in the Senate.

We are looking forward to the opportunity to encourage him, to answer his questions, and to work with him on behalf of the people he will now represent. So I extend our congratulations and our welcome to Senator BARKLEY of Minnesota.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF PAUL
WELLSTONE

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, let me reiterate our welcome to Senator BARKLEY, but no one needs to be re-

minded how it is he is here. I begin our remembrance of PAUL WELLSTONE with the recognition that at times such as this it is more important to celebrate a life than to mourn a death. I will do my utmost in the next couple of minutes to remember my own advice, the importance of celebrating a life.

We mourn the loss of PAUL WELLSTONE, his wife Sheila, their daughter Marcia, the staff, and the pilots who lost their lives. It has been a shock from which we have not yet fully recovered. Sometimes in these difficult moments, I turn to the Bible, sometimes I turn to expressions offered to me by others, and sometimes to poetry.

An old Irish text was found in a Carmelite monastery in Tallow County, Wicklow, Ireland. The text was entitled "Togetherness." I find solace in the words of Togetherness.

Death is nothing at all—

I have only slipped away into the next room. Whatever we were to each other, that we are still.

Call me by my old familiar name, speak to me in the easy way which we always used.

Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we enjoyed together.

Play, smile, think of me, pray for me.

Let my name be the household word it always was.

Let it be spoken without effort.

Life means all that it ever meant.

It is the same as it always was:

There is an absolute unbroken continuity.

Why would I be out of your mind because I am out of your sight?

I am but waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just around the corner.

All is well. Nothing is passed, nothing is lost. One brief moment, and all will be as it was before—

Only better, infinitely happier, and forever—
We will all be one together . . .

PAUL was all of 5 foot 5. But I remember what someone once told me: someone certainly more than 5 foot 5. He said it is not the size of the man in the fight, it is the size of the fight in the man. PAUL WELLSTONE by that measurement was a giant. He fought. He spoke. He challenged us all. But he did so in a way that made him a friend, not an enemy, a friend with people on this side of the aisle and a friend, of course, with those on this side, too; he had friends.

While he walked in this Chamber small in stature, everyone recognized that if you measure a man and, in so doing, measure the true weight of his being, you don't measure his size, you measure his heart.

PAUL WELLSTONE inspired me. With his physical challenges—his back, his knees, his legs from wrestling injuries, and then later with MS—I never once heard him complain. Never once did he come to me saying, TOM, you have to give me an opportunity to recover, to rest. He had an energy, a dynamism, that overcame all of those ailments. He seemed more well than those who are well. He inspired all with his joy, with his passion, with his energy.

For those of us who believe in public service, there was no greater evidence

of his deep sense of commitment to public service than his advocacy for mental health parity. Again, working across the aisle with Senator DOMENICI, that passion, that energy, that commitment, that determination, that persistence, all that was PAUL WELLSTONE, flowed right up there from that desk. We knew he cared about mental health parity. I can think of no better monument, no better memorial, no better way to honor him than by passing mental health parity soon.

We were all the beneficiaries. Perhaps those who will benefit most by his memory, his example, by his commitment, are our youth. I spoke to his staff on the Sunday following his passing. I reminded them that in the course of 5 years in my early life, I, too, lost heroes. Their names were John F. Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy, and Martin Luther King. While I recognize their physical being is no longer here, as our poem said, I recognize, too, that they only slipped into the next room, and their spirit was very much alive. And that burns within me with my understanding and my belief in our democracy in this commitment you must make to public service.

In remembering the Wellstones, we must also pay tribute to that remarkable woman, Sheila Wellstone, for her advocacy, her leadership, her commitment to abolishing domestic abuse. The commitment she made, the lives she saved, her willingness to be engaged, the extraordinary effort she made and the example she set, too, is something we will always remember and for which we will always be indebted.

On this new day, let us not think of sadness but of celebration. Let us celebrate the life of PAUL WELLSTONE as we acknowledge the loss of his physical being. Let us extend our heartfelt condolences to David, to Mark, and to Todd, to Cari, Keith, to Joshua and Acacia, Sydney and Matt, his family. The hole in their hearts is large. The hole in their lives may never be fully filled.

To them I ask they, too, find solace in the words of "Togetherness."

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I yield the floor.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Republican leader.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I will begin by thanking Senator DASCHLE for his remarks so well delivered just now and also for conversations that he and I experienced in the aftermath of this tragic loss.

I rise today also to pay tribute to the life and the service of Senator PAUL WELLSTONE of Minnesota. He had a real impact on this institution. He was a committed warrior to things he believed in. He did it not only with compassion but with sincerity and also generousness and geniality. He never failed to take the time to tell a story, to explain why he felt so strongly