

I know how hard this tragic loss weighs on her friends and colleagues at the Senate Legislative Counsel's Office.

She was admired by her peers, her friends, and her Senate clients.

It was clear from an early age that Janine would be a star. She graduated first in her class from Winchester High School in Massachusetts.

In 1986, she graduated with high honors from Harvard Law School. She clerked for the Honorable Cecil Poole on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Following her clerkship, she came to the Senate Office of Legislative Counsel.

According to Janine's friends here in the Senate, she loved life outside the Senate as much as her work within it. Janine loved theater, music, and swing dancing.

Of Janine it can truly be said, that there has "passed away a glory from the Earth."

The poet Wordsworth continues—
"Though nothing can bring back the hour
Of splendor in the grass, of glory in the flower;

We will grieve not, rather find
Strength in what remains behind."

Janine has touched many of our lives and honored the Senate with her dedicated and outstanding service.●

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, I rise today with a heavy heart and deep sense of gratitude to honor the life of a brave young man from Indianapolis, IN. Private Jesse M. Halling, 19 years old, was killed in Tikrit, Iraq on June 7, 2003 when his military police station came under grenade and small-arms fire. Jesse joined the Army with his entire life before him. He chose to risk everything to fight for the values Americans hold close to our hearts, in a land halfway around the world from home.

Jesse was the sixth Hoosier soldier to be killed while serving his country in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Today, I join Jesse's family, his friends, and the entire Indianapolis community in mourning his death. While we struggle to bear our sorrow over his death, we can also take pride in the example he set, bravely fighting to make the world a safer place. It is this courage and strength of character that people will remember when they think of Jesse, a memory that will burn brightly during these continuing days of conflict and grief.

Jesse Halling was a hard-working student, admired by all who knew him for his strong work ethic and remembered by both friends and teachers as a well-liked young man. Friends recall that Jesse always wanted to be a soldier, to follow in the footsteps of his father, who had served for 4 years in the Air Force.

Jesse graduated from Ben Davis High School in 2002, where he was a member

of the weightlifting and Spanish clubs. After graduating high school, where he served as part of his school's ROTC unit, Jesse joined the Army in the military police division.

Jesse leaves behind his father, Alma Halling, and his mother, Pamela Halling. As I search for words to do justice in honoring Jesse Halling's sacrifice, I am reminded of President Lincoln's remarks as he addressed the families of the fallen soldiers in Gettysburg: "We cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here." This statement is just as true today as it was nearly 150 years ago, as I am certain that the impact of Jesse Halling's actions will live on far longer than any record of these words.

It is my sad duty to enter the name of Jesse M. Halling in the official record of the Senate for his service to this country and for his profound commitment to freedom, democracy and peace. When I think about this just cause in which we are engaged, and the unfortunate pain that comes with the loss of our heroes, I hope that families like Jesse's can find comfort in the words of the prophet Isaiah who said, "He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears form off all faces."

May God grant strength and peace to those who mourn, and may God bless the United States of America.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

HONORING JESSICA COLLINS

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I have the privilege and honor of rising today to recognize Miss Jessica Collins of Brandenburg, KY. Jessica was selected as Kentucky's winner of the 2003 Future Farmers of America Award. Jessica was recognized at an awards gala hosted by the Louisville Courier-Journal Newspaper as part of their 2003 Salute to Young Achievers.

Jessica earned this distinguished honor by sharing her commitment to agricultural development through a written essay reviewed and selected by the Kentucky Association of Future Farmers of America and the Kentucky Department of Education. The thoughts conveyed in her essay are not empty words, but instead, hours of hard work show her commitment to excellence.

A graduate of Meade County High School, Jessica's future plans include pursuing a college degree and continuing her passion of ranching. Currently, over 19 Angus cows and numerous farming equipment fall under her ownership and direction. This strong business interest was first sparked in her local 4-H chapter and will aid her

as she seeks an economics degree at Western Kentucky University.

I am pleased that Jessica takes such an interest in her community and in agriculture. Her expertise and experience will serve Kentucky well. I want to thank the Senate for allowing me to congratulate Jessica Collins. She is one of Kentucky's finest gems.●

IN HONOR OF NIRMAL K. SINHA OF OHIO

● Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate and pay tribute to Mr. Nirmal K. Sinha of Worthington, OH, as a 2003 Ellis Island Medal of Honor recipient.

The prestigious Ellis Island Medal of Honor award is presented annually to "remarkable Americans who exemplify outstanding qualities in both their personal and professional lives," and "who have distinguished themselves as citizens of the United States, while continuing to preserve the richness of their particular heritage."

Nirmal Sinha is such an American. In addition to creating a business in Ohio and being active in numerous civic organizations, Nirmal and his wife Tripta have maintained strong ties to the Asian Indian American community. I have often said, "show me someone who is proud of their ethnic heritage and I'll show you a great American!"

I am proud to say I have worked with Nirmal Sinha for many years. In 1992, as Governor of Ohio, I appointed him to the Ohio Civil Rights Commission. I reappointed him in 1997, and I am gratified that Mr. Sinha served two 5-year terms, helping to enforce State laws prohibiting discrimination in housing, employment, credit, and higher education. He has worked with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to develop outreach programs, particularly to Hispanic and Asian Americans.

As mayor of Cleveland and as Governor of Ohio, I was close to the Asian Indian American community and knew of Nirmal's distinguished record as a business leader and someone who was active in a variety of civic organizations. Some of those organizations include the Asian Indian American Business Group, AIABG, of Columbus, founding member of the Global Organization of People of Indian Origin, GOPIO, the Asian Indian Alliance of Ohio, and the Asian Indian Forum for Political Education.

Mr. Sinha also has served as a member of the Ameritech Consumer Advisory Board, Columbus International Program, and Main Street Business Association, member of the advisory board to the Ohio State University's Department of Communications, and a director of the Central Ohio March of Dimes and the International Center in Columbus.

Nirmal Sinha is an accomplished professional who always makes time to give to others. Mr. Sinha is active in