

honor for him and for Delaware. He has been intimately involved in issues of attorney ethics, having served as chair of the American Bar Association's Special Committee on Evaluation of Rules of Professional Conduct, Ethics 2000. A frequent speaker on corporate governance, ethics, and professionalism at continuing legal education programs, Chief Justice Veasey has been published widely in the fields related to corporate governance. From 1994 to 1995, he was Chair of the Section of Business Law of the ABA. Justice Veasey is also a Judicial Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Justice Veasey has been married to the former Suzanne Johnson for 47 years. Both he and Suzy are the proud parents of four children, Andrew, Douglas, E. Norman, Jr. and Marian Elizabeth, and even prouder grandparents to eleven grandchildren.

Through Chief Justice Veasey's tireless efforts, he has made a profound difference in the lives of thousands of Delawareans. Upon his retirement, he will leave behind a legacy of commitment to public service for both his children and grandchildren and for the generations that will follow. I thank him for the friendship that we share and for the privilege of working closely with him when I served as Governor of Delaware from 1993 to 2001. On behalf of all Delawareans, I congratulate him on a truly remarkable and distinguished career. I wish him, Suzy and their family only the very best in all that lies ahead for each of them.●

HONORING RETIRING SENATORS IN THE IDAHO STATE LEGISLATURE

● Mr. CRAPO. Madam President, I rise today to honor some good friends who will retire later this month from the Idaho State Senate after a long history of public service.

Laird Noh is completing his twelfth term, representing District 24, Twin Falls County. Presently he serves as the chairman of the Senate Committee on Resources and Environment; he is also a member of the Senate Committee on Agriculture Affairs and the Senate Committee on Education. Throughout his career, Senator Noh has provided reasoned stability, civility and wisdom to a wide range of issues confronting the State of Idaho for all these years.

Since he began his tireless service to Idaho in 1980, he has set a high standard for public service. Since I was elected to the Idaho State Senate in 1984, Laird has been a friend and mentor to me. I have always appreciated his thoughtful insights and measured manner. In countless meetings with Laird, he has paid incredible attention to the information given and followed that up with salient questions and real action. He has had remarkable foresight on a number of legislative issues, and been able to ascertain how an issue or piece of legislation will affect Ida-

hoans down the road. He is truly a statesman who followed his own moral compass and set a course that he felt would best benefit Idahoans. He has been dedicated to giving his all as he has carefully listened to the needs of Idahoans. His leadership and institutional knowledge will be greatly missed as he retires after 24 years of service.

I am certain that his wife Kathleen and his children, John and Susan, will be pleased to have him back home, but I fully expect that he will stay involved in his community. Idaho is a better place to live because of Laird Noh's fine service to the State and its people. I know they join with me in thanking him and wishing him well in his future endeavors.

Sheila Sorensen is completing her sixth term representing District 18 in Ada County. She has been a significant force in the Idaho State Senate, and is completing her tenure as the chairman of the State Affairs Committee. She has also served this session on Judiciary and Rules.

Public servants like Sheila are hard to come by. She has demonstrated a strong commitment to her community and her ideals as she has represented District 18. Sheila is known for her political courage. She has been willing to work across party lines and develop solutions that will make Idaho a better place to live and work. Her medical training has given her unique insight into many issues that have come before the Idaho State Senate.

Her contributions to Idaho will be felt long after she retires from the State senate. Sheila and her husband Dean are longtime friends and supporters of mine, and I will personally miss having them in Idaho and look forward to their return to our State. I appreciate her service, and know that many others in District 18 and across the State join with me in wishing her the best as she moves to the next challenges in her life.

Cecil Ingram is also completing his sixth term representing District 16 in Ada County. He is finishing up his service in the State senate as chairman of the Transportation Committee. His service on the Health and Welfare Committee and the Local Government and Taxation Committee has also been admirable.

He has provided leadership to our State in so many areas, and has been an example of a great public servant. Cecil is known for his independent streak that has advanced the debate on many public policy issues in Idaho, and we are better for that contribution. His efforts have extended beyond the Idaho State Senate to various community organizations, including the Western Idaho Fair, the Salvation Army, the United Way, Junior Achievement, and the Mountain States Tumor Institute. Cecil's wife, Lois Ann, and his three children, Cynthia, William, and Christopher, have provided him with strong support from home, and I know that

without that kind of backing, it would be impossible for him to work as tirelessly as he has for the betterment of our State. His contributions will be greatly missed, and I send my best wishes as he moves into the next phase of his life.

All three of these senators have carved their own mark on our State. They have done it in an admirable and memorable fashion, and I know that their efforts have not gone unnoticed and will likely be felt for years to come.●

THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF FAYETTEVILLE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

● Mr. MILLER. Madam President, I rise today to honor the 175th anniversary of the Fayetteville First Baptist Church, which has faithfully served the spiritual needs of its congregation since its humble beginnings in 1828. The church's mark and influence on the community is evident by the good works that her congregation has taken part in over the last 175 years. Fayetteville First Baptist's commitment to worship the Lord and serve the public has established it as a beacon of hope to the surrounding community and has held it in high standing among the churches of the South Metro Baptist Association.

Fayetteville First Baptist's message has found its way out of the present chapel, built in 1939, and in to the greater community through its missionaries and ministers, through the sister churches that it has established, and through the spiritual and social opportunities that it has brought to so many. Our places of worship are vital to the social fabric of our Nation, and Fayetteville First Baptist is no exception. It has taken on this responsibility and remained steadfast in its mission for the last 175 years. I am proud of this wonderful church and ask that my colleagues join me in wishing its congregation a happy 175th anniversary.●

TRIBUTE TO ELAINE RAUBACH

● Mr. HARKIN. Madam President, I would like to take a few minutes to comment on the recent retirement of Elaine Raubach. Elaine served for many years as the director of the Budget and Analysis Group of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. In that role, Elaine was responsible for putting together the budget and performance plan for CMS, as well as running the agency's financial management system.

Elaine previously played a lead role in the development and implementation of a major reorganization of the agency, then known as the Health Care Financing Administration. She also served the agency in information resources management.

Elaine began her Federal career in 1973 with the Social Security Administration and, soon thereafter, began