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Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I know the hour is getting late and others want to be heard, but I briefly want to express some thoughts about our colleagues who are leaving this wonderful body. Today we have heard some very compelling speeches, particularly the one given by my good friend, TOM DASCHLE of South Dakota, our Democratic leader.

I was pleased to see so many of our colleagues remain on the floor to listen to the departing Democratic leader. The words he expressed about his State, his staff, his colleagues, his feelings about the country, and the future, are instructive. I know it can sound repetitive when people hear us talk about our colleagues this way, but I think it is important for the public to note that while they might hear only about the bickering, the part that you do not often see is the deep respect, affection, and caring that goes on among the Members of this body. This affection comes despite the differences that exist in red States and blue States, or being strongly conservative or strongly liberal.

There is this weaving of a common denominator through each and every one of us, particularly after years of common service in this remarkable institution we call the Senate. There is a deep and abiding respect for those who have come here, those who have served here, those who have tried to make a difference for our country.

It may seem like it is inside discussion, but I hope the public understands how deeply felt these comments are about colleagues who will no longer have the pleasure of spending each and every day in this Chamber, but whose friendship and collegiality will continue in the years ahead as we encounter each other in different walks of life.

ERNEST HOLLINGS

First, FRITZ HOLLINGS has now served with two generations of my family. He

served with my father briefly, and over the last 24 years we have served together in this Chamber. I have not had the pleasure of serving with FRITZ HOLLINGS, except once on the Budget Committee for a few years.

We have become very good friends though. We have traveled together. We have spent a lot of time together. I have been to his State. I have gone to South Carolina at his invitation to speak to South Carolinians. Inviting this swamp Yankee from Connecticut to come south of the Mason-Dixon line was a source of tremendous joy and pleasure, especially to be with FRITZ HOLLINGS, his lovely wife Peatsy, and their constituents not too many months ago, on a St. Patrick's Day event in Charleston, SC.

FRITZ HOLLINGS has done a remarkable job for his State of South Carolina, as well as for his nation, beginning with his career in the military, serving in North Africa and in Europe during World War II. He was awarded the Bronze Star and seven campaign ribbons; elected to South Carolina's House of Representatives at the age of 26, the youngest Governor in that State in the 20th century; and during his 4 years as Governor, balanced the State budget, dramatically improving South Carolina's economy.

He was elected to the Senate in 1964. His resume included an incredible list of legislative accomplishments. Anyone who would have accomplished any one of these things could have considered their career a successful one. He was the author of the Women, Infants and Children Program, the WIC Program. During my early years in the Senate, I had the pleasure of working with him on the famous Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act in 1985, which was called by the Brookings Institution one of the most significant pieces of legislation in the 20th century.

He wrote the first law designed to protect our coastal wetlands, and initiated a nationwide effort to encourage

women to screen themselves for breast and cervical cancer.

Over the past few years he spoke forcefully about the dangers facing this country due to the outsourcing of jobs.

Senator HOLLINGS has always been a strong and loud voice against fiscal irresponsibility in our Government and in favor of creating American jobs.

FRITZ is an American original. The Senate is not likely to see his like here again. Whatever else you may have thought, he was direct and forceful, and spoke with great passion about the things he believed in. It is the kind of public service and the kind of stewardship in this body that others could duplicate in years to come. They would do well to follow the example of FRITZ HOLLINGS, a wonderful Senator, a delightful friend. I shall miss his service here, but I am very confident I will see him over and over again in years to come. And I wish, as my colleagues have, that he, Peatsy, and his family have many years of joyful retirement.

BOB GRAHAM

BOB GRAHAM is also leaving the Senate. I would like to recognize him and the State of Florida for sharing BOB GRAHAM with us. He served for 18 years in the Senate. Prior to his election to this body, he served as a Governor for 8 years in Florida, and served previously in both the Florida State Senate and the House of Representatives. He is without a doubt one of the most respected and popular public figures who have ever represented the State of Florida. He is well known in Florida for working over 400 days alongside his constituents, as others mentioned this afternoon, giving him a unique perspective on the issues and problems they deal with each and every day.

But not only was he doing it for Floridians, those 400 days he spent working along with others became a national symbol of someone who went out of his way to understand and learn how other people work and live every single day.

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He has been a tireless advocate for priorities that affect Florida's citizens, including prescription drug coverage for seniors, and preservation of the Everglades and the Florida coastline. I have been privileged to work with him on several occasions. I particularly appreciate his work for the people of Haiti.

Since the attacks of September 11, Senator GRAHAM has shown an unyielding and passionate commitment to making our Nation stronger, safer, and far more secure. In particular, he has spoken out forcefully and candidly in favor of reforming our intelligence agencies.

As chairman of the Select Committee on Intelligence during the previous Congress, he was the primary author of sections of the USA Patriot Act that require greater information sharing among intelligence and law enforcement agencies. He has been outspoken about what our Nation could have done before 9/11 to protect itself, and how it is just as important that we do everything in our power to make this country safer in the 21st century.

BOB GRAHAM leaves this body as one of its most respected Members, and one of the most well liked public servants in his State and in this Chamber. We will miss him in this body and I wish BOB and his lovely wife Adele and the rest of their family all the best in the years to come.

JOHN BREAUX

Our colleague, JOHN BREAUX of Louisiana, follows a great tradition of some remarkable people who served that State in this body. For 35 years, JOHN has been, first a staff member, then a House Member for 14 years, and for the past 18 years a Member of the Senate. JOHN BREAUX was elected to the Senate to fill the seat of the late Russell Long, considered one of the most capable and effective men ever to serve in this body. In fact, my father, who served with Russell Long, as I did for some time, saw Russell Long as a great and dear friend.

I am proud to call JOHN BREAUX a friend as well. Without a doubt, Senator BREAUX has ably filled the imposing shoes of Russell Long during his service here.

JOHN BREAUX has won great respect on both sides of the aisle for his ability to reach across party lines and bring Senators together. He is a legislator's legislator. We don't often celebrate legislators. People often run to serve in this body by promising to be independent, to be their own person, to not compromise. It is an appealing political argument. But all of us who serve here know that our ability to get anything done requires our ability to compromise with one another.

We are 100 coequals serving in this great legislative body. The only way anything ever happens is if people are willing to compromise and work together. JOHN BREAUX understood that from the day he arrived here and never failed to seek out the means to achieve

those goals during his 18 years of service.

He is a wonderful example of what Senators need to do if they are going to be successful. If I could offer any words of advice to the incoming class of Senators who will be arriving on January 4, it is to follow the model set by JOHN BREAUX. I don't care what your politics are, if you want to succeed, if you want to help your State, if you want to make a difference for your country, then find out ways to work with people across the political aisle. If you do not, you may enjoy your service here but you will accomplish very little.

JOHN BREAUX accomplished great things because he understood the importance of reaching out to people, people with whom he disagreed but he would constantly seek them out if there were some common ground about which they could agree. As a result, his accomplishments were significant. Many times the accomplishments don't bear his name. You might not find JOHN BREAUX's name on the bill, but ask anybody who was around when the bill became law, and they will tell you it happened because JOHN BREAUX brought people together.

I will miss him. This body will. He had some wonderful accomplishments here which made a huge difference, and I wish him and his family the best in the years to come.

JOHN EDWARDS

JOHN EDWARDS, as well, is leaving the Senate. What a remarkable 6 years. Short in some ways but rather significant considering what he was able to accomplish. He brought enthusiasm, optimism, and eloquence that won him voters and supporters in his first effort to seek election in the State of North Carolina. He was a powerful voice for the Democratic Party throughout the Democratic primaries. He was a powerful voice for our party this past year as a Vice Presidential candidate. That is a rather remarkable set of accomplishments in 6 short years.

He distinguished himself, of course, by exceeding expectations in many cases. He rose from a background of modest means. As we have heard said, he became the first in his family to go on to higher education, then law school, becoming one of the most successful attorneys in America, not only in his home State of North Carolina.

He won difficult cases motivated by trying to see to it that people who had little means to protect themselves would have an advocate when he represented them in a court of law.

Here in this body he took a leading role on the Patients' Bill of Rights. He brought a compelling and compassionate message to America. He talked about two Americas: the America of those who have, and those who lack the good things in life, who lack the essentials and basics. JOHN spoke of the real moral values shared by mainstream America. He is a young man whose voice will be heard, I will predict, in the coming months and years.

He spoke of our moral obligation to honor hard work, to lift Americans out of poverty, expand health care, break down racial and economic barriers, to enact fair tax policies to make sure that all Americans pay their fair share. He spoke honestly and directly about some of the widening gaps in our society. America listened, paid attention, and rewarded him their respect.

I certainly believe he would have been an asset to his country had he stayed in the Senate. I am sorry he is not going to be here. He made the decision when he sought the Presidency to leave the Senate. I believe JOHN EDWARDS would have made a tremendously fine Senator in the years ahead had he stayed here. He has decided to take another path. I am confident, as I said a moment ago, he will find a way to continue to be heard.

I also want to take a moment to express my best wishes and those of my wife Jackie to his wife Elizabeth. America knows and deeply appreciates Elizabeth. As we all heard a few weeks ago, the family now faces a very different kind of fight. I am certain I speak for everyone in this body, across the country, regardless of their political views and how they voted on election day, when they heard that Elizabeth Edwards had breast cancer, every single person in this country prayed to the dear Lord that Elizabeth Edwards will be rid of this dreadful disease, and that she and her young children will have years and years of good health ahead.

I am confident that will be the case knowing what a fighter she is and what a fighter her husband is.

We all wish them and their family nothing but the best during this difficult time.

BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL

Mr. President, I also want to take a few minutes to speak about another dear friend, BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL.

BEN and I have served together for a while on the same side of the aisle. BEN made a decision to move to the other side of the aisle a few years ago. We talked at great length about his decision. I recall how it was very difficult. In fact, we talked into the wee hours of the morning about his decision to go from the Democratic side of the aisle to the Republican side of the aisle.

Despite that change, we have continued our strong friendship over the years. I respected his decision. I was disappointed by it, obviously, but nonetheless, I respected the decision he made and the reasons for his arriving at that decision. I have great affection for him and wish nothing but the best in the years ahead.

He has a compelling story. He is the son of a Portuguese immigrant and a Northern Cheyenne Indian. He is 1 of 44 chiefs of the Northern Cheyenne Indian Tribe. He is the first American Indian to chair the Committee on Indian Affairs. Without a doubt, Senator CAMPBELL's heritage has enabled him to

bring a unique perspective to this body, a perspective I know all of us have valued over the years.

Throughout his 12-year tenure in the Senate, Senator CAMPBELL has represented not only his constituents in Colorado but Native Americans all across our Nation. For some years, he, along with DAN INOUE of Hawaii and others, have worked hard to establish the National Museum of the American Indian. Finally, this past September, the dream finally became reality. It never would have happened had it not been for BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL and DAN INOUE.

As a result of their determination over the years to see that there would be adequate recognition for America's Native peoples, the museum would not have happened.

BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL has been involved in many other issues such as the Helsinki Commission. But his particular contribution, I think, will always be raising the profile and the interests of our Native Americans.

All of us, again, wish him and Linda and their family the very best in the years to come.

DON NICKLES

Mr. President, DON NICKLES and I arrived here on the same day in January of 1981. There were 16 Republicans and 2 Democrats. If you think we had a sweep one way or the other a week or two ago, in 1981 there was truly a sweep. There were 16 Republicans and 2 Democrats. The other Democrat was Alan Dixon of Illinois, my good friend. Of the 16 Republicans who were elected, there will now only be 2 left in the 109th Congress. Today there are three of the sixteen Republicans elected in 1980. DON NICKLES is the third, and he is leaving. I always say 50 percent of the Democrats are still here after 24 years.

It was an interesting class. DON NICKLES certainly was a remarkable public servant. Here he is after 24 years. I think DON is barely over 50. He was one of the youngest people ever elected to the Senate. He looks even younger. I think he ran the marathon just a few weeks ago, and is certainly in great health. He is truly a remarkable person.

We have disagreed on issues and have different points of view on many questions facing our country. But there has been no tougher, tenacious fighter for policies which he holds so dear, particularly in budgetary matters.

He has been a staunch supporter of lower taxes on business, of free markets, of limited government regulation. He is as tough a competitor as you are ever going to find.

I will tell you that when the battle is over—again, this is my advice to the new Members coming in, if you want a real role model to look to on how to serve—you could have one of the most fierce debates in your life out here on the floor with DON, but the minute that debate was over, you wouldn't have a better friend when you walked

off the floor. He knew how to separate differences on public policy and not have it contaminate personal relationships.

Again, the new Members arriving here, as you get involved in debates, if you have disagreements with your colleagues on matters, don't let it become personal. That very colleague you are having the fight of your life with today, tomorrow may be your most significant ally on another issue. DON NICKLES is a wonderful example of that kind of stewardship in the Senate.

So to DON, Linda, and their family and children, we wish them the very best in the coming years. I am confident one way or the other that DON NICKLES is going to be directly and deeply involved in the public debate and discourse in our country in the coming years.

PETER FITZGERALD

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, PETER FITZGERALD is also a good friend. He has represented his State of Illinois and is leaving after only one term.

Again, as Senators from the opposite sides of the aisle, Senator FITZGERALD and I often disagreed. We found some common ground on some issues, including the Patients' Bill of Rights, the gun show loophole, and campaign finance reform. I wish him good luck when he returns to the private sector where he has been an extremely successful attorney in the banking industry. I caution him not to do too well. I am on the Senate committee responsible for overseeing that carefully. I say that, of course, with tongue in cheek.

I certainly wish he, Nina, and Jake all the best in the years to come.

TOM DASCHLE

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I want to share a few thoughts about our Democratic leader.

I mentioned at the outset of these remarks that I was so deeply moved and impressed today by the words of TOM DASCHLE. I hope all of our colleagues, if they were not here, will read his remarks. It was about as good a speech as I have heard given in this body in a long time. It laid out some pretty important standards for all of us to keep in mind, particularly those of us serving here—the notion of hope that he talked about; the notion of not forgetting where you come from no matter how important you think you are at any given moment; to remember your staff; to remember the people who helped make us successful and who deserve great credit for their tireless contributions; remembering people who work in the Senate, arrive here in the wee hours of the morning to make these buildings operate; and remembering his constituents and his family. It was as eloquent a farewell address as you are ever going to hear in the Senate.

TOM DASCHLE, of course, has served with me in the Senate since 1987. He has served as Democratic leader for the past decade. He has been a very able

leader and spokesman for our party and our beliefs on the Senate floor or on national news programs.

Anyone who has observed TOM DASCHLE over these past 18 years knows he is generally not one to raise his voice. But beneath his gentle demeanor and soft tone and human decency is a fierce determination to do what is right for both his constituents in South Dakota and the American people. His service to the people of South Dakota has been outstanding.

I noted earlier that Senator PAUL SARBANES of Maryland quoted some editorials from newspapers of South Dakota talking about his service to their State over these past 26 years in the House and the Senate.

As a Senator from our Nation's third smallest State in terms of area, I am somewhat spoiled by the ease with which I am able to meet with my constituents. TOM, on the other hand, has represented a State of over 77,000 square miles, smaller I might add than the State of the Presiding Officer of Montana, but nonetheless daunting if you come from a State such as Connecticut which is so much smaller. You have counties in your State of Montana which are larger, I think, than the State of Connecticut.

Each year TOM set aside time to drive to each of the 66 counties in the State alone in his car with no staff, just arriving in town, seeing people and talking to them regardless of the lofty position he held here on the Democrat side of the aisle. He always took that time out each year to go back to reconnect with the roots of South Dakota and to meet with his people at home is one of the reasons why he never was confused by the title of "leader." He was always very firmly planted on the ground and why he would fight as leader not only for our national issues but for State issues.

He was completely understanding of other Senators who would come to him and talk about the needs in their own States. Because he was so rooted in understanding of his own constituent needs, he was deeply sympathetic to other Senators as they lobbied on behalf of matters that were important to their constituencies.

He championed legislation to provide disaster relief for farmers, expand health care services in rural area, expand health care to Native Americans, and the list goes on.

In his role as Democratic leader TOM DASCHLE has stood for the values that are the bedrock of our Nation, such as a strong middle class, a foreign policy that keeps America strong by working with our allies, fiscally responsible economic policies that invest in critical national priorities such as jobs, education, and health care.

During President Clinton's term he helped advance the agenda that created over 22 million new jobs in our Nation, the longest period of economic expansion in American history.

Over the past 4 years, he has led our party's efforts to return to more responsible policies that can make our Nation stronger both at home and abroad.

On a personal level, I will miss TOM DASCHLE very much. I am the individual who lost to him by one vote 10 years ago. I remember that day very well as we competed to become Democratic leader. Many people assume when anyone goes through a battle like that, an intense battle of some 24 days, that it may cause a permanent divide in a relationship. We quickly got over that. I certainly did, and Tom did. He reached out to me directly, invited me to be part of a circle that would help shape positions within our party. He is a gracious human being. We have become very good friends, and we will retain that friendship.

I would be far less than candid with my colleagues or my constituents if I didn't tell you I will miss this man very much. He is as decent a human being as I have ever known in my life, in public or in private life. He is a good, good man. Whatever he does, he will bring great integrity, great honor, and great decency to any endeavor that he becomes involved in.

I look forward to many years of good friendship with him and Linda. I wish he and his family the very best in the years to come.

I apologize for taking this extra time. It is important that the public hear Members talk about each other, even those who disagreed on matters, that they understand why this institution works more than 230 years after the Founders created it.

I, as a Senator from Connecticut, take unique pride in the Senate because it was Roger Sherman and Oliver Ellsworth, both of Connecticut, who offered at the Constitutional Convention the idea of the Senate representing small and large States. Arguing over a unicameral system, Sherman and Ellsworth said, how about having a second body with equal representation, regardless of the size or the population of the State. As a result, this institution was created. It has been a great place that has served our Nation for so long and I am confident it will in the future.

We have been blessed by the participation of those who are leaving. All of us wish each and every one of them the very best in the years to come.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BURNS). The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I thank Senator DODD for his comments. My relationship and experience with TOM DASCHLE was a man who was a straight shooter. Every time I asked him something, I got a legitimate answer. If he committed to do something to help me, he did it. He was a gentleman at all times. We never had a harsh word. We may disagree—and we did disagree over policies, we all did—and debated and argued and fussed, as we do in this Senate, but there is something special about this body.

Senator DODD, a son of a Senator himself, has deep connections and many years here and understands it better than most. It is important that we recognize the humanity, the skill, the dedication of each Member of the body, whether we agree politically, whether we are in the same party, and we recognize that.

Senator DODD, thank you for the comments. It means a lot to the body, as does your leadership.

DON NICKLES

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. president, the year was 1980. Inflation was 13 percent, mortgage rates were hitting 15 percent, unemployment was 7.1 percent, and the economy was suffering its fourth year of recession in 10 years.

The Soviet Union was on the march in Afghanistan, its puppets were leading insurgents in Central America and South Africa, and U.S. Embassy officials were being held as hostages in Iran.

"Stagflation" and "malaise" were the new words of the American lexicon.

Then the Reagan revolution swept across this Nation and into this town. And while Ronald Reagan was the leader, he was not alone. Across this broad Nation, ordinary people came to this city with similar vision and they helped President Reagan accomplish extraordinary things.

One of these ordinary people was a young businessman from Ponca City, OK. At the tender age of 31, DON NICKLES was the youngest Republican ever elected to the U.S. Senate.

But while he might have been young, it didn't take long for the Senate to discover that this young man—a former janitor who worked his way through college—was wise beyond his years and as solid as the Rock of Gibraltar.

Freedom has had no greater defender than DON NICKLES. He has been a strong proponent of the free enterprise system. On budget, tax, debt matters—in fact on almost every conceivable question of fiscal policy, DON NICKLES was dead on target.

He was absolutely committed to the bedrock Republican principles of cutting taxes, reducing the size of the Government, and slaying the budget deficit leviathan.

And to these seemingly insurmountable goals, he brought a relentless yet cheerful determination.

He has served this Nation and the people of Oklahoma so very well, with distinction and unwavering courage.

Too often, public servants come to Washington to drain the swamp until they see it as a hot tub. Not DON NICKLES. He changed Washington rather than letting Washington change him.

When he came to the Senate, he wanted to rein in Government so people could keep their hard-earned dollars, and when he leaves now, his belief is the same today as it was when he placed his hand on the Bible.

That is the way it was then and now, and every day of his almost quarter of

a century of Senate service. And he still looks like he is 31.

Back then, he fought to eliminate the inheritance tax on spouses and now he works to eliminate the inheritance tax altogether.

Back then he fought natural gas price controls which contributed to our energy crisis and now he fights price controls on prescription drugs.

Back then he fought the windfall profits tax and now he fights to ease the tax on profits and wages of businesses and families alike.

Mr. President, there isn't a Member of this body who doesn't respect DON NICKLES as a man of strong conviction, character, and deep faith.

I think there is good reason why he is seen that way. When the Founding Fathers designed the Senate to be one of the central pillars of American democracy, I think DON NICKLES is exactly the sort of citizen legislator they envisioned.

He has been a strong but happy warrior, and used the rules of this body to bring honor to the Senate and good service to our country. He loves the Senate and it showed every time he spoke. And we grew to love him in that process.

Through it all, he has never forgotten where he came from, or the people who put him here 24 years ago, or those who supported him, especially his wonderful wife, Linda and his four children.

He will be remembered as the "keeper of the conservative flame," and like Ronald Reagan, should enjoy the legacy of freedom and economic prosperity he has created for all Americans in the years to come.

PETER FITZGERALD

Mr. President, I rise today to bid farewell to the Senator from Illinois.

PETER FITZGERALD came to the Senate 6 years ago already a champion. He was the first Republican to win a Senate seat in Illinois in 20 years. He was the only Republican challenger to defeat an incumbent nationwide that year. And upon his arrival 6 years ago, he was the youngest member of the U.S. Senate. So expectations for this new Senator were high.

Senator FITZGERALD exceeded those expectations. From the beginning, he fought to cut wasteful Government spending, fraud at the public till, and mismanagement of the people's money. He led the fight against the recent corporate scandals that damaged our economy.

Senator FITZGERALD has been a leader in bringing government into cyberspace by sponsoring successful bills to allow farmers to work with the Agriculture Department online. He has also been a champion for improving child nutrition, by making it possible for consumers to use food stamps to make purchases online. He has focused on consumer safety by requiring stricter standards for child car seats and car safety features.

Illinois, where Senator FITZGERALD was born and raised, is the State that

sent Abraham Lincoln to the White House. Abraham Lincoln was one of America's greatest Presidents, and the first President of the Republican Party. The great State of Illinois is known as "The Land of Lincoln."

But I am a little jealous of Illinois's claim on this great American. Abraham Lincoln was born in a log cabin in Hodgenville, KY, my home State, and we Kentuckians like to think of him as one of our own.

I have welcomed Senator FITZGERALD to my home State before, and he is welcome again in the Bluegrass State anytime, especially Hodgenville.

Senator FITZGERALD had a long career of public service even before joining this body, and I have no doubt he will continue to serve the people of Illinois when he returns to the Prairie State. Most of all, he will enjoy the company of his wife, Nina, and their young son, Jake.

Because Senator FITZGERALD is a passionate Chicago Cubs fan, I suspect Jake will be going to a lot more games. The Senate's loss is Jake's gain, and a gain for the Fitzgerald family and the people of Illinois. I thank the Senator from Illinois for his service to his State, the Land of Lincoln, and to the Nation.

BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL

Mr. President, I rise today to bid farewell to the Olympian from Colorado.

Forty years ago, Senator BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL carried the American flag in the opening ceremonies of the Olympic Games in Tokyo, Japan. He was the captain of the U.S. judo team and already a Gold Medalist in the 1963 Pan-American Games. For most men, that would be accomplishment enough for a lifetime. But for BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL, it was only the beginning.

Every one of us who has been privileged to serve in the Senate knows that we will never again see anyone quite like BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL. He is probably the only Senator equally comfortable driving a truck or a Harley-Davidson motorcycle. He has been both a Democrat and a Republican, although he is now a Republican, and I remind the President that wisdom blooms with age.

In 1995, Senator CAMPBELL heroically subdued and handcuffed a man who had assaulted the late Senator Strom Thurmond in the Capitol subway. I suspect many Senators became a little more inclined to vote for his amendments after that.

Senator CAMPBELL has consistently fought to reduce the burden the Federal Government places on American families by cutting taxes and spending. Hailing from the home of the Rocky Mountains, he has led the Republican Party in preserving our environment. He was instrumental in establishing the National Museum of the American Indian on the National Mall, which opened this fall. He is the only Native-American Indian Senator currently

serving, and only the eighth in the history of Congress.

And the Senate is not the only exclusive club in which he claims membership. He also is on the Council of 44 Chiefs for the Northern Cheyenne Tribe of Lama Deer, Montana.

Senator CAMPBELL is an honest, straightforward man who likes simple pleasures. He served his country with the U.S. Air Force in the Korean War. He and his wife of over 35 years, Linda, have two children and three grandchildren.

He has designed award-winning jewelry and trained champion quarter horses. And being from Kentucky, the horse capital of the world, he has my special appreciation for that. I have welcomed him to my home State before, and he is welcome again in the Bluegrass State anytime.

In 2001, Senator CAMPBELL rode a motorcycle specially designed in red, white, and blue in the Inaugural Parade. I, for one, would not be surprised to see him ride that bike all the way from here to his hometown of Ignacio, CO, now that his 12 years with us draws to a close. It has been an honor to share this Chamber with him, and I salute his service, tenacity, and integrity.

But most of all I salute his courage. He stood tall as one of 100, and he stood just as tall alone.

ERNEST HOLLINGS

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, for the past 38 years, Senator HOLLINGS has served the state of South Carolina in the U.S. Senate with honor, grace, and, most famously, a fiery wit. It is an understatement to say that the Senate will not be the same without him. During his 38-year career, he has been an outspoken champion of fiscal discipline, an early proponent of maintaining Social Security solvency, and a fighter against trade agreements that put the domestic textile industry at an unfair disadvantage.

I will particularly miss Senator HOLLINGS whenever I attend meetings of the Budget Committee. Senator HOLLINGS is the only serving Senator who has served on the Senate Budget Committee since it was created in 1974. As the last of the original members of the committee, his institutional knowledge and passion for fiscal discipline will be missed.

Budget issues have always been a passion of Senator HOLLINGS, and he shares my penchant for using charts to prove a point. Senator HOLLINGS' favorite chart shows gross debt, and I am sure he will be taking it with him when he leaves. Senator HOLLINGS was tireless in his efforts to educate his Senate colleagues and the public on the dangers of gross Federal debt and the need to use honest numbers in describing our budget outlook. His dedication to bringing truth to budgeting was unsurpassed.

Senator HOLLINGS also relentlessly defended Section 13301 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990—re-

quiring official budget numbers to exclude Social Security. As a number of OMB and CBO Directors came to discover, Senator HOLLINGS was not one to sit quietly through a Budget Committee hearing while they attempted to obscure deficit figures by including Social Security revenues in their budget calculations.

Perhaps most of all, Senator HOLLINGS will be remembered for his efforts to protect Social Security, long before protection of this entitlement became fashionable. As we move into a new debate over the future of this vital program, the Nation will surely regret that we did not earlier pay heed to his warnings to prepare for the baby boom retirement by paying down Federal debt. Senator HOLLINGS will be missed in the coming discussion over Social Security, but I am sure he'll make his views well known with his uncanny ability to describe complex issues in simple and straightforward terms.

Finally, I will remember Senator HOLLINGS for his fierce criticism of trade agreements that threatened the textile and agricultural sectors of South Carolina. He spoke out against GATT and NAFTA, and continued to fight for fair trade throughout his service. His strong opposition to unfair trade agreements will be sorely missed by the workers and farmers for whom he fought.

Given his long history in the Senate, and his penchant for speaking out with a cutting wit on important issues, I know that Senator HOLLINGS will continue to fight for the causes in which he believes. However, his individuality, his respect for learning the complexities of issues, and his dedication to South Carolina and the U.S. will be missed in the Senate. I wish him well as he heads home to Charleston, and thank him for his many years of hard work.

JOHN BREAUX

Mr. President, the State of Louisiana has grown accustomed to sending its Senators to Washington and keeping them there for a long time. By the standards of his illustrious State colleagues like Allen Ellender, Russell Long, and Bennett Johnston, some might think Senator BREAUX is making an early exit after only three terms. However, add in the 14 years that he represented his State's 7th Congressional district in the House of Representatives and that comes to 32 years of Congressional service for the people of Louisiana.

During a period when it has become increasingly difficult to work across party lines, I admire Senator BREAUX's determination to continue pursuing bipartisan efforts. He has a genuine respect for the Senatorial traditions that can still help this body reach consensus, even on difficult issues.

Since I became a member of the Finance Committee in 1993, the gentleman seated to my left has been JOHN BREAUX. I know firsthand his commitment to the Social Security and Medicare programs and how deeply he cares

about their long-term stability. He also made effective use of his position as chairman and ranking member of the Special Committee on Aging to highlight the importance of these programs to seniors both today and in the years to come.

Just over a decade ago, Senator BREAUX was one of a handful of moderates who came together to seek a bipartisan approach to health care reform. When the budget process stalemated a few years later, Senator BREAUX went to our late colleague, Senator JOHN CHAFEE, to develop a centrist approach to fiscal discipline. As a founding member of what came to be called the Chafee-Breaux group, I saw how Senator BREAUX worked to expand participation and come up with compromises on the key sticking points of tax and entitlement policies. In 1996, we put forward an alternative budget that got 46 votes despite the active opposition of both the Democratic and Republican leadership. This effort directly laid the groundwork for the 1997 Balanced Budget Act, which put us on the track to balance the moral budget in fiscal year 1998 for the first time since fiscal year 1969.

Senator BREAUX put the same energy into Medicare reform. He refused to be discouraged by the slings and arrows of partisans on both sides who complained that his approach did not sufficiently adhere to either side's vision of ideological purity. His tireless efforts paid off last year when Congress adopted the most far-reaching changes to the Medicare since its inception. Due in large part to the efforts of Senator BREAUX, Medicare for the first time will provide prescription drug coverage to our seniors.

I also had the privilege of working closely with Senator BREAUX on the Finance Committee to protect the interests of our highly efficient sugar industry. As co-chair of the Senate sweetener caucus, Senator BREAUX was a zealous advocate for the Louisiana sugar cane industry. We joined together to fight misguided provisions of the NAFTA that would have threatened the U.S. sugar industry and succeeded in getting the Clinton administration to renegotiate this part of the agreement. More recently, Senator BREAUX has taken a lead role in opposing the Bush administration's efforts to trade away the future of our sugar industry in ongoing trade negotiations with Central America, Australia, and other countries.

Senator BREAUX already has one lasting legacy firmly in place as one of the creators of the Wallop-Breaux Aquatic Resources Trust Fund. This far-sighted and innovative idea resulted in a funding mechanism for programs to promote recreational boating safety and sport fish restoration by using proceeds from the excise taxes on motorboat fuel and fishing equipment, along with duties on related imported goods. The beneficiaries are the more than 70 million recreational boaters and sport fishing enthusiasts across the country.

I doubt that Senator BREAUX will be out of the public policy business for long. Someone with his experience and ideas will be a valuable asset wherever he decides to go after leaving the Senate. We will miss him as a colleague, but I would not be surprised to see our friend JOHN BREAUX back here often.

BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL

Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to my colleague and friend Senator Ben Nighthorse CAMPBELL.

Since his election to the Senate in 1992, Senator CAMPBELL has been the only Native American in this body and only the eighth to serve in Congress. Senator CAMPBELL's road to the Congress took many interesting turns—a truck driver, veteran, athlete, jewelry designer, and trainer. He served honorably in the Air Force during the Korean War. He represented the United States as captain of the 1964 U.S. Olympic Judo Team. Later, he built a successful jewelry business as well as bred and trained quarter horses.

During our time in the Senate, I have come to know Senator CAMPBELL best as a fellow member of the Committee on Indian Affairs. Senator CAMPBELL has served as Chairman and Ranking Member of that committee since 1997. In that capacity, he proved to be an outspoken leader and tireless advocate for all Native Americans. He invested the time to learn about the diverse interests impacting tribes across the country and worked across party lines to develop workable solutions to those problems.

Senator CAMPBELL often focused on developing and refining Federal programs that would provide a hand-up and build reservation economies to help make sure all Native Americans share in the prosperity other Americans have seen. He was also instrumental in securing a National Museum for American Indians, an effort that started more than 15 years ago and culminated with a museum opening this September along the National Mall.

I particularly appreciated Senator CAMPBELL's role in helping the tribes in North Dakota make sure the Federal Government fulfilled its longstanding commitment to compensate them for the infrastructure lost due to the construction of the Missouri River dams. Senator CAMPBELL has helped me shepherd legislation through Congress that would fulfill one of these vital promises to the Three Affiliated Tribes, the replacement of its hospital. I truly appreciated his support.

Senator CAMPBELL has been a true champion for Native Americans. His compassion and conviction will be missed in the U.S. Senate.

BOB GRAHAM

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, today I want to pay tribute to Senator BOB GRAHAM, a man who has served in the U.S. Senate with great distinction for the last 18 years. The people of Florida have been fortunate to be represented by a man who is as thoughtful, as tough-minded and as independent as BOB GRAHAM.

When I first came to the Senate, I was proud to work with Senator GRAHAM to bring the deficit under control. Senator GRAHAM was a leader for fiscal responsibility in the Senate, and he helped to focus our efforts to cut wasteful spending and institute budget reforms that brought the deficit under control, and ultimately created a budget surplus. His leadership will certainly be missed in this area in the next Congress, as we must come to terms with the largest deficit in our Nation's history.

Senator GRAHAM was also a voice for fiscal sanity on the Finance Committee, a committee that in recent years has too often promoted policies that have deepened our fiscal problems. It isn't easy to go against your colleagues, whether in a committee or in a caucus, to stand up for what you believe is right. But that's exactly what BOB GRAHAM has done throughout his time in the Senate, and I greatly admire him for it.

His independence has also extended to his work in the fight against terrorism, where he has been an unyielding voice for a stronger, more focused war on terror, and I thank him for his outspoken leadership on this critically important issue.

Here in the Senate, we will miss BOB GRAHAM's thoughtful leadership, his unfailing civility, and his unstinting friendship. I thank him for his service to the State of Florida and to this country, and wish him all the best in his retirement.

DON NICKLES

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, the decision of the distinguished Senator from Oklahoma, Mr. NICKLES, to retire from the Senate will deprive this body of one of our most trusted and insightful leaders. I will miss very much the pleasure of serving with such an honest, forthright, and diligent colleague.

He brought to the Senate the valuable experience of running a family business which was translated through the use of his legislative skills into public policies that strengthened our economy by improving our tax and labor relations laws.

As chairman of the Budget Committee he was successful in his efforts to curb unnecessary spending. He was fairminded in his dealings with Senators on both sides of the aisle.

He was a true friend to me in the Senate and a great help as a coach on the golf course. I wish him and his wife, Linda, much happiness and success in the years ahead.

BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL

Mr. President, I regret that my friend from Colorado, Mr. CAMPBELL, is retiring from the Senate. He and his wife, Linda, have become good friends who will be truly missed.

I enjoyed serving for a few years on the Committee on Indian Affairs with him, and I have had the pleasure of traveling with him on official business of the Appropriations Committee.

His service in the Senate has been exemplary. He has taken his responsibilities seriously, and he has reflected credit on his State.

I did worry about his motorcycle riding. But it was an asset when the new King of Jordan visited the Senate and asked to go for a ride.

I hope we will continue to look to Senator CAMPBELL for advice and counsel in the years ahead, especially on the finer points of self defense as an Olympic Gold Medal winner in judo.

ZELL MILLER

Mr. President, as I think about the retirement of our colleague from Georgia, Mr. MILLER I am reminded of the song, "Johnny, I Hardly Knew You."

It doesn't seem very long ago since I heard his maiden speech. He said in a strong voice that he had not come to the Senate to represent a political party but rather he was here to represent the interests of the people of Georgia. He has proven to be a man of his word. He has demonstrated great courage and much conviction as he has carried out his promise to the Senate and to the people he has represented and voted for here in the Senate.

I have observed closely his work in the Agriculture Committee where he has been a very thoughtful and effective voice for his State and our Nation.

His well-reasoned and well-informed method of approaching all the issues that come before the Senate is very impressive. He is serious minded about his responsibilities, and he works very hard to be an effective force for solving the problems that face our country.

If more public servants had the character and the commitment to doing the right thing, whatever the consequences as ZELL MILLER does, our destiny would be assured.

JOHN BREAUX

Mr. President, it is hard to believe that my good friend from Louisiana, JOHN BREAUX, is retiring from the Senate. We served in the other body together when we were very young, and we have been friends ever since, even though he almost always beat me on the tennis court.

JOHN BREAUX always took his responsibilities in the House and in the Senate very seriously but he was always humble and courteous to his colleagues. His pleasant manner, his quick wit, and his diligence were great assets which he has used over the years to fashion an impressive legislative record.

His service in the Senate has been truly outstanding. I will miss him greatly. I wish for him and his wife, Lois, much happiness and satisfaction in the years ahead.

FRITZ HOLLINGS

Mr. President, the retirement of our colleague from South Carolina, Mr. HOLLINGS signals the end of an era in Southern politics. He succeeded as few in our section of the country did in leading us through a troubled time of transition. From segregation to inte-

gration in our public schools, and from an agrarian economy to a more modern and diversified industrial economy, he led with political courage and keen insight about what was right and what was wrong, and what was hopeless and what was possible.

I have always admired FRITZ HOLLINGS because he acted on his convictions. But, he was not a gadfly. His efforts to enact new budget rules under the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings bill were an example of his effective leadership to impose restraints on Federal spending.

He was an effective leader on the Budget Committee, the Appropriations Committee, and the Commerce Committee in a wide range of issues including national defense, trade, communications, ocean policy, budget policy, education, and foreign relations.

I always enjoyed hearing FRITZ tell stories about his fellow Southern Governors. He will be missed for many reasons, but especially for always being himself, without pretense or apology.

TOM DASCHLE

Mr. President, I congratulate the distinguished Senator from South Dakota, Mr. DASCHLE, on his remarkable career in the U.S. Senate.

Soon after he was elected to the Senate, in 1986, my wife, Rose, and I had the pleasure of taking a trip to Russia with Tom and his wife, Linda. We thoroughly enjoyed their company; and, in spite of the difference in party affiliation, I have had a feeling of respect and appreciation for the Democratic leader ever since.

We have served together on the Agriculture Committee and worked to help farmers solve their problems. I have admired his dedication to the Senate and his intensity of motivation as the opposition leader. He has been a very effective leader, and I wish him and Linda much happiness and satisfaction in the years ahead.

PETER FITZGERALD

Mrs. DOLE. Mr. President, It truly has been a privilege to serve in the Senate with my good friend PETER FITZGERALD. As many Illinois newspapers wrote when PETER announced he would not seek re-election, his decision to retire from the U.S. Senate is a true loss for the people of Illinois. I could not agree more.

In the 1998 race for his Senate seat, PETER proved himself to be an exceptional campaigner, defeating a well-known incumbent in a State that had not elected a Republican in 20 years. And in that year, he was the only Republican challenger in the country to defeat an incumbent Democratic Senator. But PETER's vision, message and leadership resonated with Illinoisans, and they elected him by a 6 point margin.

Arriving in Washington as the youngest member of the Senate, PETER hit the ground running as a strong voice for Illinois. He has been a steadfast advocate for taxpayers, consistently backing efforts to cut wasteful spend-

ing and reduce taxes. And he has been a proponent for consumer safety issues, focusing on areas such as improving car safety and child booster seats.

I have the utmost respect for PETER. His courage and determination, even when faced with a daunting challenge, are remarkable. He has gone up against unscrupulous corporations and political corruption. He has had significant roles in investigating corporate accounting fraud, and PETER also has fought political corruption across party lines, leading the Chicago Tribune conclude that "no one person has done more for political reform in Illinois than PETER FITZGERALD."

I have been privileged to serve alongside PETER on the Senate Agriculture committee, working together on issues important to our strong agriculture States. As an advocate for increasing hunger awareness myself, I admire his work to make food stamp benefits for low-income families more easily accessible, including making program benefits available over the Internet.

PETER and I share many similar views, but what is not widely known is that we look for the same qualities in our extraordinary staff members. In fact, managing the Fitzgerald office is chief of staff Greg Gross. Greg is a very talented member of his team, and I can attest to this because Greg also did such good work with me at the American Red Cross. I thank Greg for all his counsel during my first 2 years in the Senate.

It is widely known that PETER FITZGERALD is a principled and independent leader. He has time after time proven that he will go against the flow, go against what is popular, because he is loyal to his own ideals and doing what he believes is right for the people and families he represents. PETER is a refreshing elected official; a devoted family man to his wife Nina and son Jake; and a diligent public servant. It goes without saying, people in Washington and people in Illinois will sorely miss Senator PETER FITZGERALD.

TOM DASCHLE

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, I am pleased to pay tribute to Senator TOM DASCHLE, who has served South Dakota, and the Senate, with dignity and devotion during his tenure in this body.

I am proud to have worked with him on a wide range of issues over the years, but perhaps most of all I thank him for his work and leadership to reform the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. This is a fight that will go forward in the next Congress, where we will build on Senator DASCHLE's hard work and commitment to this important issue.

I also want to take a moment to recognize Senator DASCHLE's leadership, as both majority and minority leader, here in the Senate. He has led the Democratic caucus, and the Senate as a whole, through a time of great change and many difficult challenges: through a closely divided Senate,

through the tragedy of 9/11, and through the anthrax attack on the Senate, which so personally affected both of our offices. Through all of this, Senator DASCHLE has inspired us with his dedication and ability to work through tough problems, to guide the policies of our party, and to provide steady leadership when we needed it most.

Finally, I also want to extend my thanks to many of Senator DASCHLE's staff, who were especially helpful to my office over the past 12 years, and in particular, were so thoughtful and generous with their time in the wake of the anthrax attack on our offices. It is often the case that a Senator's staff reflect the personality of the Senator for whom they work, and I believe that is certainly the case with Senator DASCHLE and his staff.

I thank TOM DASCHLE for his leadership and his service to South Dakota and our country, and I wish him all the best as he moves on to begin a new chapter in his distinguished career.

PETER FITZGERALD

Mr. President, today I take a moment to recognize the contributions that Senator PETER FITZGERALD has made to this Senate, to the State of Illinois, and to the Nation.

As a fellow Midwesterner, I have always appreciated Senator FITZGERALD's honest and fair-minded approach to the issues. From the moment he arrived here in the Senate, it was clear that he would keep his own counsel, doing what he thought was best for the people Illinois without regard to powerful interests on either side of the aisle.

Above all else, I appreciate Senator FITZGERALD's unfailing commitment to reforming our campaign finance system. He was among that steadfast group of Republican senators who stood firm in their support of the McCain-Feingold bill, despite enormous pressure to do otherwise. His support of our bill took a great deal of personal and political courage, and it is something that I truly admire, and for which I will always be grateful.

As he moves on from the Senate, Senator FITZGERALD can be assured that his friends and colleagues here will long remember the contributions he made, and the dignity with which he served. I wish him all the best as he moves on to a new phase of his career.

DON NICKLES

Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I am reminded of the words of Will Rogers, that great Oklahoman whose statue is a few steps removed from the old Senate chamber, who once said, "The income tax system is the only thing that has made a liar out of more of the American people than golf has."

Coincidentally, the tax system and golf are passions of another great Oklahoman who I am proud to honor at the end of this Congress—our friend and colleague DON NICKLES.

DON has accomplished a great deal during his 24 years in the Senate. Chief

among them is the fact that he somehow has managed to look almost exactly like he did when he first entered the Senate at the ripe old age of 32 in 1981.

But the accomplishment of DON that I admire the most is remarkable record of success he has achieved in putting more money in the pockets of America's families by reducing their taxes and by restoring some fairness to the system.

To paraphrase Will Rogers, DON never met a tax he liked. And from reducing and then repealing the death tax to equalizing the tax system for the self-employed to being the guiding force behind the child tax credit, lowering the capital gains tax, and reducing tax rates for all Americans, no Senator has done more in the past 20 years to earn the enduring respect of our hard working taxpayers than DON NICKLES.

DON will be greatly missed as a legislator, but he will also be greatly missed as a friend. I have long believed that you can learn a lot about someone by playing golf with them, and I've been privileged during my 8 years in the Senate to play a little bit of golf with DON.

And it should come as no surprise that his actions on the golf course are very much like his actions in the Senate.

He is good, very good, at both.

And yes, there are times on the golf course like here in the Senate where he can be found on the right, the far right, but for the most part he plays it straight down the middle.

It is on the golf course where DON and I became more than colleagues, we became friends. And I know I am not alone in saying that I will miss DON's friendship, and the friendship of his wife Linda, on a day-to-day basis. When tragedy befell my family last year, DON was at my house within the hour. DON and Linda have been incredibly kind and supportive to Sharon and me.

DON, as a taxpayer I thank you for your service, as a golfer I thank you for more good memories than I can count, and as a friend, I thank you for being there when I needed you most.

I know your contributions to your state and your country are far from complete, and all your colleagues join with me in wishing you and Linda Godspeed as you begin this new chapter in your life.

TOM DASCHLE

Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, I honor the long and dedicated service that TOM DASCHLE has given to our country. He has been a true leader throughout his life in public service, and South Dakota and the entire Nation are better off because of his efforts.

For 29 years, South Dakota has been fortunate to have TOM DASCHLE represent their interests—first as a Senate staffer, then as a Member of the House of Representatives, and finally as a United States Senator. He has worked

tirelessly to make sure that the people of South Dakota have a strong economy, access to quality, affordable health care, and the highest quality education system. He has worked with unfailing determination to enhance the quality of life in rural communities across South Dakota and the Nation. Throughout his service, TOM has always kept the interests of his State and his constituents as his top priority.

TOM DASCHLE has been a wonderful leader for South Dakota, for the Democratic party, and for all Americans. I deeply respect and applaud his lifelong commitment to public service, and his leadership and his friendship will be missed by many in the Senate. I know he moves on to the next phase of his career as a happy and wise man who will continue to make important contributions to our country long after he leaves the Senate. He is a true patriot who has always served and will always serve his country. I want to thank TOM for his dedication and his service, and I wish him the very best in his future endeavors.

TOM DASCHLE

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, in these final working days of the 108th Congress, we are saying farewell to a number of retiring colleagues. A most painful farewell will be to my friend Senator TOM DASCHLE.

These days, there are fewer and fewer bipartisan agreements in this body. But there is bipartisan agreement about the senior Senator from South Dakota. We respect his decency, his fairness, his courage, his leadership, and, of course, his extraordinary capacity for hard work.

I cannot imagine a more difficult job in the Senate than being leader of the Democratic caucus. We've all heard Will Rogers's quip that he belonged to no organized party, he was a Democrat. Well, those independent, hardheaded habits flourish within our caucus. But, for the last decade, TOM DASCHLE's amazing skills and unlimited patience have brought us together as a team. And that is an accomplishment he can be very proud of.

The President of the United States has the persuasion of power. The leader of the Senate's Democratic caucus has only the power of persuasion. And I can't imagine anyone more persuasive than TOM DASCHLE. He has always been willing to talk with us, to accommodate us whenever possible, and to do whatever it takes to forge a consensus and move us forward. I am grateful for his leadership, and for the diligence and race that he has unfailingly brought to his job as leader.

I cannot emphasize too much TOM DASCHLE's sense of fairness as leader. He has been unfailingly fair to others. And he has demanded fair treatment in return. When Democrats were in the majority, majority leader DASCHLE was respectful of the rights and prerogatives of the Republican minority. Conversely, as minority leader, he has

steadfastly defended the rights and prerogatives of the Democratic minority.

In the heat of a partisan campaign, some have tried to label this obstructionism. But that characterization is incorrect. The duty of the opposition party is to oppose, and to do so fairly, forthrightly, and within the rules of the Senate—to protect the rights of the minority. That is exactly what Senator DASCHLE has done—with great skill and persistence.

I also have enormous respect for the way Senator DASCHLE has advocated for his constituents back home in South Dakota. No one has fought harder for the revitalization of rural America than TOM DASCHLE. No one has fought harder to bring health care, good schools, and economic opportunity to Indian County. No one has fought harder to increase the income level of family farmers, and to give them a fair shake in the marketplace.

Another jewel in the crown of TOM DASCHLE's legacy is the emerging ethanol industry in the United States. Since TOM arrived in Congress in 1978, he has been a relentless champion of ethanol. I know because I was there, too, during those early years. People said that those of us who were advocating the expanded use of ethanol didn't have a chance against big oil. But Senator DASCHLE used the 1990 Clean Air Act to put in place policies that spurred the ethanol industry. And he has continued to promote tax incentives and a renewable fuel standard to advance ethanol and to move our country in the direction of energy independence. So, no doubt about it, Senator DASCHLE's leadership on ethanol will be greatly missed.

It has been a privilege to serve in this body with Senator TOM DASCHLE. I will miss him as a colleague. Most of all, I will miss him as a friend. The good news is that there are important chapters yet to be written in the life of TOM DASCHLE. I wish TOM and his wonderful wife Linda the very best in the years ahead.

JOHN EDWARDS

Mr. President, I rise to express my respect and admiration for the retiring senior Senator from North Carolina, JOHN EDWARDS.

We will miss his uniquely skillful and persuasive voice in debates here on the Senate floor. Time and again, we have seen his knack for taking complex arguments and making them accessible and persuasive to ordinary people. Time and again, his skills have carried the day. So I fully understand the advice of one of our Republican colleagues: "Never yield the floor to JOHN EDWARDS."

Over the last year and a half, people in my state of Iowa have gotten to know JOHN and his wonderful wife Elizabeth very, very well. JOHN has been in every one of Iowa's 99 counties. He's been in our schools, in our coffee shops, in our living rooms. In fact, if it weren't for that Southern accent, Iowans would think JOHN was one of us.

We Democrats are proud of his race for the nomination and his conduct as VP nominee.

He always comes across as "just folks"—which is what you'd expect from a person raised in very modest circumstances, the first in his family to go to college. This humble background is an enormous strength for JOHN EDWARDS. It's a strength we saw last night. It allows him to understand people. It also allows him to communicate powerfully with ordinary people. And people respond in kind. They just plain like JOHN EDWARDS. People trust him.

But if Iowans and other Americans see a "just folks" JOHN EDWARDS on the campaign trail, Senators have been privileged to see a different side of him, hard at work in this body. JOHN has been in the Senate for only one term. But he has made his mark.

He made his mark by challenging an incumbent Senator and single-handedly taking on the Jesse Helms machine in North Carolina—and beating it.

He made his mark as a lead cosponsor of the Patients' Bill of Rights in the Senate, along with Senators KENNEDY and MCCAIN. JOHN managed the bill on the floor. And he was the lead negotiator in hammering out a bipartisan consensus on the bill.

He made his mark by sponsoring—and passionately advocating for—a bill to speed up approval of generic drugs.

And, in my State of Iowa, JOHN EDWARDS made his mark—and won people's hearts—with his big smile, his friendly manner, and his boundless optimism. At the same time, he won our respect with a campaign that was always positive. Even under provocation, even when the stakes were highest in the final weeks of the campaign leading up to the caucuses, JOHN never wavered from his positive message of hope and opportunity for "ordinary" Americans.

So here at the end of this 108th Congress, we say farewell to Senator JOHN EDWARDS. But, clearly, we have not seen the last of this remarkably able person. I wish JOHN the very best. And, of course, we all pray for the full recovery of Elizabeth. We will miss them both here in Washington, but our friendship will continue.

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to some of my colleagues who will be leaving the Senate at the end of this session.

TOM DASCHLE

I particularly want to pay tribute to a great Senator, someone who I am proud to call a friend, our leader, TOM DASCHLE.

Senator DASCHLE is truly one of the giants in the history of the United States Senate and it has been a privilege to serve with him for the last 4 years.

TOM DASCHLE has given his entire life to public service. After serving in the Air Force, he came to Washington to work for South Dakota Senator James

Abourezk. A few years later, he won election to the House and later won three terms in the Senate.

Senator DASCHLE has been through some tough elections and tough battles on the floor of this Senate. But he has always conducted himself with grace, integrity and respect for his opponents. He has been a leader in the Senate on health care, veterans' benefits, ethanol, agriculture and rural development and has fought hard for the people of South Dakota.

He is known all over South Dakota for his down-to-earth manner and the personal relationships he has with his constituents.

Every year, TOM DASCHLE would go on a driving tour of all 66 counties in South Dakota, stopping in at diners, bowling allies, Elks clubs and feed stores. He would talk to his constituents on a one-on-one basis and really feel the pulse of different communities.

Therefore, when he debated an issue here on the Senate floor, he knew firsthand what his constituents thought. He represented them so well, the way our founding fathers would have envisioned a model Senator.

He was also a great leader. He worked with all members of our caucus and did the hard work to develop a consensus on many difficult issues. And he was always willing to listen.

TOM DASCHLE would work around the aisle to get things done for his State and the country. I remember how he rose to the occasion after September 11th and worked hand-in-hand with President Bush to protect our country, rebuild New York and keep the airlines from going bankrupt.

If you were trying to get something done here in the Senate, you always wanted TOM DASCHLE on your side.

FRITZ HOLLINGS

The Senate is also losing a legend with the retirement of Senator FRITZ HOLLINGS. For 38 years, he has fought for South Carolina, bringing home jobs and economic development, and he has made a lasting impression on the lives of Americans across this country.

Senator HOLLINGS helped start the Women Infants Children-WIC program, one of the most successful Government health care measures ever undertaken, helping reduce infant mortality, low birth weights, and premature births nationwide.

He is the father of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration—NOAA. Senator HOLLINGS pushed through the legislation that created NOAA during his very first term as a Senator.

And he co-authored Gramm-Rudman-Hollings, the landmark legislation that broke budget gridlock in the mid-80s. By making automatic spending cuts, it reversed 20 years of increased Federal spending and cut tens of billions from the budget deficit.

Senator HOLLINGS strong leadership and sense of humor will be deeply missed in this chamber.

BOB GRAHAM

We will also miss the leadership and service of Senator BOB GRAHAM.

Senator GRAHAM has dedicated his life to public service, serving in the Florida State house and State senate, and as Governor of Florida before his 18 years here in the U.S. Senate.

Senator GRAHAM and I share a passion for healthcare. And he has been a tireless advocate and leader on the need for a prescription drug benefit for America's seniors.

As founder of the New Senate Democrats, Senator GRAHAM has worked to bring together coalitions on issues ranging from education to the national debt and fiscal responsibility.

JOHN BREAUX

The Senate will be saying goodbye to another great centrist, Senator JOHN BREAUX. Senator BREAUX has a well-earned reputation on the Hill of being able to bring both sides together and forge bipartisan compromises.

In a time of blue States and red States, Senator BREAUX has been a leader in bringing Americans together in the mainstream middle, instead of dividing Americans with the ideological extremism.

JOHN EDWARDS

And finally, Mr. President, the Senate is also losing a champion for America's working families with the retirement of Senator JOHN EDWARDS. Senator EDWARDS is the embodiment of the American dream.

Raised in a small town in North Carolina by hard-working parents—his father was textile mill worker for 36 years—Senator EDWARDS learned the real American values of getting a good education, of hard work, fairness and playing by rules.

He was the first member of his family to go to college. And after graduating from law school, he fought for the values his parents taught him and by working for justice on behalf of those who couldn't fight for themselves—working families and their children who were seriously injured by irresponsible corporate actions.

I was proud to work with Senator EDWARDS on the Patients' Bill of Rights where he brought that same passion to help working families by ensuring that doctors and not HMOs make our medical decisions.

I know Senator EDWARDS will continue to fight for working families and be a national leader on these important issues.

I also want to wish his wife Elizabeth the best at this difficult time. She is a strong, amazing woman and a fighter like her husband, and the entire Edwards family is in my thoughts and prayers.

I am proud to have served with these great Senators and I know that they will be remembered long after the tribute speeches are given and the farewell parties end, because of their leadership, their compassion, and their hard work on behalf of all Americans.

I yield the floor.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I rise today to take this opportunity to honor our departing colleagues who are leaving the Senate. Almost each new Congress a different group of 100 men and women come together from different backgrounds and political philosophies, representing different interests and constituencies, but through all our differences, we develop respect and admiration for each other. Many times we step across the aisle and work together on legislation and often times genuine friendships are created. As I pay tribute to these departing Senators, whether they have been here 1 term or 7, they are a remarkable group and we thank them for their honorable service.

BEN CAMPBELL

BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL has been more than just a neighbor Senator from out west, but a close friend and colleague.

I have worked with Senator CAMPBELL on the Senate Appropriations Committee, the Energy and Natural Resources Committee and the Indian Affairs Committee. During his 18 years in the United States Congress, Senator CAMPBELL has earned the respect of members on both sides of the aisle as being a statesman and staunch advocate for the State of Colorado. In addition, he is the sole American Indian serving in the Senate, and he is also a Northern Cheyenne tribal chief. His work on behalf of tribes is legendary, and I know he will be sorely missed by the American Indian people.

Senator CAMPBELL has been a recognized leader on public land and natural resource policy. Since New Mexico and Colorado face similar challenges, we have worked closely on these matters, and it has been a privilege to work with someone so passionate about improving land management policies.

Senator CAMPBELL is a veteran, Olympian, and public servant, and he has selflessly devoted himself to serving his State and country for over half a century. Senator CAMPBELL is a unique individual who I call a friend. His love of nature, his family and his roots is continually evident. As a father, grandfather, and Senator, I know that Senator NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL and his loved ones will be glad to have more time for family activities.

He proudly represented Colorado and its people. His leadership and presence will be greatly missed by all. I wish him the best of luck in all of his future endeavors.

JOHN BREAUX

JOHN BREAUX is retiring after serving 3 terms in the Senate. I would like to take this time to acknowledge a friend, colleague, and dedicated public servant.

Senator BREAUX was elected to the House of Representatives in 1972 at the age of 28, and at that time, he was the youngest member of Congress. After serving 14 years in the House, the people of Louisiana elected JOHN BREAUX to the Senate in 1986.

I have had the pleasure of working closely with Senator BREAUX on many energy matters over the years. During this time, I have admired his ability to find common ground between those who hold disparate views. His uncanny ability to bring industry leaders, policy makers, and administration leaders together is unique, and I will always appreciate his candor in resolving energy policy differences. JOHN was always someone I could reach across the aisle to work with on the Budget Resolutions.

It is well known that Senator BREAUX is passionate about improving health care for all Americans. He worked tirelessly on welfare and health care issues, and took an active interest in the elderly as a member of the Finance Committee and a leader of the Special Committee on Aging, just last year he played an integral part in drafting the Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003. This historic legislation will provide relief to the millions of people struggling to pay for prescription drugs and he should be honored for his dedication to this bill.

Senator BREAUX's work has touched the lives of a great many Americans, and his talents and unrivaled sense of humor will be sorely missed in the Senate. Just as importantly, he has been a great advocate for his home State of Louisiana, and his State has been lucky to have his service for so many years.

In the course of working together for so many years, I have developed genuine respect for Senator BREAUX. I thank him for years of distinguished service, and wish him the very best in all his future undertakings. I will miss Senator JOHN BREAUX.

ZELL MILLER

I wish to take this time to honor a great senator and a true American patriot, ZELL MILLER. He is a man who has served Georgia with dignity and honor these past 4 years in the United States Senate.

ZELL MILLER embraced public service early on in his life. His mother served as one of Georgia's first female mayors. She taught him early on about public service and a strong work ethic, which he has exemplified throughout his career.

In the late 1950s, ZELL MILLER served as mayor of his hometown of Young Harris, GA. He then went on to serve as a State Senator, Lieutenant Governor, and eventually served in the highest power in the state of Georgia as Governor. Not surprisingly, ZELL MILLER was named by the Washington Post in 1998 as the most popular governor in America and the Governing Magazine named him Governor of the Year in 1998. These career paths finally led him to the United States Senate in 2000.

While ZELL MILLER was invested in politics, he was also dedicated to education and students. Throughout his career, ZELL MILLER was a professor of political science and history at the

Emory University, University of Georgia, and Young Harris College.

Senator MILLER has continuously reached across the aisle to work with Republicans, but it is probably best stated in his own words when he pointed out that while he is a lifelong Democrat, he pledged to serve all 8.5 million Georgians and no single party in the Senate. Through this approach, ZELL MILLER has been a supporter of a broad range of issues such as tax cuts, improving education, strengthening national security, and fighting the global war on terrorism. While in the Senate, he dutifully served on the Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee, the Banking, Housing, and Urban Development Committee, and the Veterans' Affairs Committee.

His time here has been all too brief, but Senator MILLER has made a difference and I will miss him. While he may be leaving the U.S. Senate, I do not doubt that we have not heard the last of ZELL. I bid him farewell and extend my best wishes to him and his family.

TOM DASCHLE

I would like to pay tribute to a respected colleague who is leaving the Senate after a long and distinguished career. Senator TOM DASCHLE worked hard, for 8 years as a Member of the House of Representatives and for 18 years as a United States Senator, to represent the interests of voters across the State of South Dakota.

As the leader of his party for the past 10 years, Senator DASCHLE has proven himself to be a capable legislator and moreover, an advocate for his State's and party's interests. During the 108th Congress, Senator DASCHLE served on four committees: Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, Finance, and Rules and Administration; and today he serves as the Senior Senator and the Democratic Leader of the Senate.

Influenced by his formative experiences during the Vietnam War as an intelligence officer in the Air Force, Senator DASCHLE worked hard to serve the interests of veterans across this great country. His most notable achievement in this field was the enactment of legislation securing benefits for those soldiers exposed to Agent Orange.

During his tenure, Senator DASCHLE also developed a reputation for being a shrewd legislator on issues related to agriculture and South Dakota's farming community. He was always apprised of even the most minute issues at stake and thus ensured that all of his constituents were represented at the negotiating table.

Senator DASCHLE fought tirelessly for his beliefs throughout his time in the Senate. I wish Senator DASCHLE and his family the very best in the years ahead.

BOB GRAHAM

I have a great affection for the departing Senator from Florida BOB GRAHAM. After 18 years of dedicated service to his country and to the people of Florida, all of us in this Chamber

will certainly miss the Senator as he retires from elected office.

I had the pleasure of serving on the Energy and Natural Resources Committee with Senator GRAHAM during the past 9 years. During that time, I had the opportunity to work with Senator GRAHAM on a number of important issues. He proved to be a sound leader for his party and a member committed to bipartisan solutions.

Senator GRAHAM's brief tenure as Chairman of the Select Intelligence Committee, came during one of the most trying times our Nation has faced, the attack on our country by terrorists on September 11, 2001. Senator GRAHAM worked closely with his House counterpart, and current Director of Central Intelligence, Porter Goss to lead a joint Senate-House inquiry into the attacks on our nation.

Although he was first elected to the Senate in 1986, Senator GRAHAM has been serving the people of Florida since 1966 when he was first elected to that State's House of Representatives. After serving in the House for 4 years and in the State Senate for 8 years, Senator GRAHAM was elected the 38th Governor of the State of Florida.

In spite of these accomplishments, it is fair to say that Senator GRAHAM will perhaps be most memorable for instituting the "Workdays" he began in 1974 and continued during his time in the Senate. Senator GRAHAM began the "Workdays" by teaching a semester of civics courses at a Miami area high school.

I wish Senator GRAHAM, his wife Adele, and his children and grandchildren the very best in the coming years.

ERNEST HOLLINGS

ERNEST "FRITZ" HOLLINGS devoted his entire adult life to public service. He admirably served 7 terms as a U.S. Senator and today he is the fourth most senior member of the Senate, and he also holds the distinction of being the longest serving junior Senator in history.

His service to our country began immediately after he graduated from The Citadel in 1942 when he received a commission from the U.S. Army. Throughout his honorable military service Senator HOLLINGS received the Bronze Star and seven campaign ribbons. He served as an officer in the North African and European campaigns during World War II.

After returning from the war, FRITZ attended the University of South Carolina School of Law where he completed his Juris Doctorate in less than 3 years. At the age of 26, FRITZ HOLLINGS launched his public service career when he was elected to the South Carolina House of Representatives. He went on to become Speaker Pro Tempore, Lieutenant Governor, and at the age of 36 Governor of South Carolina becoming the youngest man in the 20th century to be elected Governor of South Carolina.

It has been a great honor to work with FRITZ HOLLINGS over these many

years. We were able to work together while serving on the Senate Budget Committee and the Senate Appropriations Committee together. He consistently fought for fiscal responsibility and a reliable Government for the people.

As a principal author of the 1996 Telecommunications Act, Senator HOLLINGS was a perfect candidate to serve as the ranking member on the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee during the 108th Congress. Through this position, Senator HOLLINGS developed legislation to strengthen national security for our nation's port, railroad, and aviation systems.

Senator HOLLINGS has served the Senate in so many ways over the past 42 years it is impossible to know where to begin showcasing his contributions. Therefore, I would just like to say that he has continued over the years to work to better not only the lives of South Carolinians, but all the people of our nation.

Senator HOLLINGS will certainly be missed around here. I bid him farewell and extend my best wishes to him and his family.

PETER FITZGERALD

Senator PETER FITZGERALD is retiring from the Senate after 6 years of service to his home State of Illinois.

Prior to joining the Senate, Senator FITZGERALD was a commercial banking attorney and in this position played a significant role in investigations of corporate accounting fraud, mutual fund industry abuses, chronic underfunding of employee pensions, and waste, fraud and mismanagement in various Federal agencies. In 1993, he embarked upon his public service work when he began serving as an Illinois State Senator until his election to the U.S. Senate in 1998 at the young age of 38.

PETER was the first Republican in Illinois to win a Senate race in 20 years. Even though his time here was brief, he has been able to establish himself as a fiscally responsible Senator. He has consistently backed efforts to control spending and reduce taxes. Through these actions, Senator FITZGERALD has received many awards from taxpayer watchdog groups such as the Americans for Tax Reform, who has repeatedly named him a "Hero of the American Taxpayer."

While serving as chairman of the Commerce Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs and Product Safety, PETER has also led a successful fight to improve outdated consumer safety regulations. These regulations brought about higher testing and safety standards for child car seats and improved car safety features that benefit all Americans.

Senator FITZGERALD will be missed, though I'm sure he is now looking forward to spending more time with his wife Nina and their son Jake. I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

JOHN EDWARDS

Finally, I would like to acknowledge my retiring colleague from North Carolina, Senator JOHN EDWARDS.

Senator EDWARDS was the first in his family to attend college, working his way through North Carolina State University and later earning his law degree from the University of North Carolina. Afterward, JOHN EDWARDS established himself as a distinguished and successful lawyer. These accomplishments alone are quite striking and aptly demonstrate the intelligence and determination of Senator EDWARDS.

During his time in the Senate, Senator EDWARDS served on four committees: Health, Education, Labor & Pensions, the Judiciary, the Small Business & Entrepreneurship, and the Select Intelligence. He continually championed for issues affecting the daily lives of regular people in North Carolina and the nation.

I am sure Senator EDWARDS will find success in any endeavor he now chooses to undertake and I join with my colleagues in wishing him the best.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent there now be a period of morning business, with Senators speaking up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

A PRAYER FOR THANKSGIVING

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, in a matter of days, families across this Nation will gather around the table to celebrate Thanksgiving, that quintessential American holiday on which we pause to give thanks for our many blessings as a Nation and to celebrate that most precious gift of all, the love and fellowship of our families and friends.

There will be many empty chairs at the table this year as America observes the second Thanksgiving holiday since the invasion of Iraq. As many as 140,000 U.S. military personnel are currently serving in Iraq and another 20,000 in Afghanistan.

What that means in human terms is that tens of thousands of American families will be sitting down to a somber Thanksgiving dinner, their prayers of thanksgiving tempered by their fears for the safety of their loved ones.

Others, the families and loved ones of the more than 1,200 American troops who have been killed in Iraq, will sit down to a dinner seasoned with sorrow, the empty chair at the table a wrenching reminder of the terrible cost of war.

Whatever one believes about the justification of the war in Iraq, it is an indisputable fact that the troops on the ground, and their families and friends here at home, are bearing the heaviest burden of the President's decision to go to war. And on holidays like Thanksgiving, when family and friends are

held especially close to the heart, the weight of that burden becomes especially hard to bear.

It is easy to talk about war in the abstract. It is easy for the President and his military advisers to point to the steady progression of U.S. victories against the insurgents in places like Falluja and Mosel as evidence that we are winning the war in Iraq. It is easy to be armchair quarterbacks in a bloody battle raging halfway across the world. But as anyone knows who has visited wounded troops at Walter Reed Army Hospital, who has gazed into the eyes of young widows or grieving parents, or who has read the poignant stories of the fallen, there is no such thing as war fought in the abstract or battles waged in statistics.

War, to those who must fight it and to their loved ones who must endure it, is painfully real and painfully present at the table, on Thanksgiving and on every other day of the week for the duration of the conflict—and sometimes for long after the fighting has ceased. These are the men and women on the front lines of the battle, and it is they whom we must salute and thank for their sacrifice.

I was struck by an article in the November 14 edition of the Los Angeles Times on the psychological toll that the war in Iraq is taking on U.S. soldiers and Marines. According to the newspaper, the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research has found that 15.6 percent of marines and 17.1 percent of soldiers surveyed after returning from Iraq reported suffering from major depression, generalized anxiety, or post-traumatic stress disorder.

Even more disturbing, the article predicted that the reported statistics were only the tip of the iceberg. According to the Times article:

Army and Veterans Administration mental health experts say there is reason to believe the war's ultimate psychological fallout will worsen. The Army survey of 6,200 soldiers and Marines involved only troops willing to report their problems. The study did not look at reservists, who tend to suffer a higher rate of psychological injury than career Marines and soldiers. And the soldiers in the study served in the early months of the war, when tours were shorter and before the Iraqi insurgency took shape.

The Los Angeles Times went on to quote Dr. Matthew J. Friedman, a professor of psychiatry and pharmacology at Dartmouth Medical School and the executive director of the VA's National Center for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder: "The bad news is that the study underestimated the prevalence of what we are going to see down the road," he said.

What a chilling forecast. One has only to look at the video footage of the house-to-house, mosque-to-mosque combat in Falluja to understand the tremendous psychological stresses on the young servicemen who form the vanguard of our assault against the insurgents in Iraq. One has only to read of the wary convoys of soldiers and Marines who are tasked to traverse the

treacherous stretches of deadly Iraqi highways day after day after day, or to edge their way into labyrinthine alleys of Baghdad's most dangerous neighborhoods, to understand the sheer psychological hell of the war in Iraq.

The Pentagon keeps a daily log of U.S. military troops killed or wounded in Iraq. As of this morning, November 19, the Pentagon reports that 1,214 American troops have been killed in Iraq and another 8,956 wounded, more than half of them so severely injured that they could not be directly returned to duty. Barely more than halfway through the month, November 2004 has already turned into the second deadliest month for American military forces since the United States invaded Iraq in March of 2003. Where and when will the carnage end?

The casualty statistics are heart-breaking enough, especially on the cusp of what is supposed to be one of the most joyful seasons of the year. But they do not represent the whole story. The Defense Department does not tally the walking wounded, those soldiers and Marines who return home from duty physically fit but emotionally scarred, sometimes for life. These men and women are also casualties of the war in Iraq, and they and their families may suffer just as deeply as those whose wounds are plain to see. Modern medicine has come a long way in mending the broken bodies of soldiers wounded in combat, but I fear the military still has a long way to go in identifying and mending the broken psyches of otherwise healthy veterans.

And so on this Thanksgiving, I hope that all Americans will take a moment to pray for the safety of our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, for the eternal salvation of those who have died in service to their country, and for the speedy recovery of all who have been wounded, including those who are suffering from the invisible ravages of emotional wounds. I also hope that Americans will take a moment to pray for the families and loved ones of all those who have been called to duty in the battle zones of Iraq and Afghanistan. We cannot fill the empty chair at the table, but we can offer an abundance of love and support for our neighbors and friends whose lives have been upended by the war, and we can pray most fervently that our troops will be returned home quickly, and that their families will not have to endure another Thanksgiving without them.

Praise Almighty God for His kindness, His love, His mercy. Thank Him. I yield the floor.

CONGRATULATING THE CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, Senator LIEBERMAN and I extend congratulations to the Center for Excellence in Education, and its president, Joann DiGennaro, for the achievements of its educational programs to nurture young