

DiBattiste served with the Department of the Navy, where she was principal deputy general counsel, the service's second-highest ranking lawyer. In that role, she was responsible for resolving several high-profile matters, including the sexual harassment scandal dubbed "Tailhook" and the U.S. Naval Academy cheating case.

In 1994, Ms. DiBattiste returned to the Department of Justice as the director of the Executive Office for United States Attorneys. In that capacity, she was instrumental in investigating the Oklahoma City Bombing, Unabomber, Olympic Park Bombing and TWA 800 airliner crash. Between 1997 and 1999, she served with distinction as Deputy United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida. In 1999, Ms. DiBattiste accepted the nomination of former President Clinton and served as Under Secretary of the Air Force where, among other duties, she chaired a task force that brokered an anti-harassment action plan for the Department of Defense. Prior to joining TSA, Ms. DiBattiste was a partner at Holland & Knight LLP, where her practice areas involved corporate diversity counseling, government relations, and criminal and civil litigation.

Last July, TSA Chief of Staff DiBattiste became Deputy Administrator DiBattiste, a move that again recognized her many talents and leadership abilities. Deputy Administrator DiBattiste and Administrator David Stone have spearheaded the efforts to make TSA a strong and mature performance based Federal agency. But even more importantly, Ms. DiBattiste made it her mission at TSA to continuously recruit new leaders and make sure that every TSA employee—from the screeners to the executive team—understood their role in securing our Nation. Finally, Carol made sure that each of those employees understood that: they were valued, their opinions mattered, and that what they were doing was important, even vital to achieving TSA's mission. For that, we all owe Deputy Administrator DiBattiste a great deal of gratitude.

It is instructive to read what some of her friends and colleagues at TSA have to say about Ms. DiBattiste. From Tom Blank, the Chief Support Systems Officer: "Many times the sky was actually falling and when it was, Carol was in charge of getting it put back up there again—all the while with the greatest sense of humor there is." From Theresa Bertucci, Assistant Administrator for Intermodal Programs: "She always pushed the entire organization towards a level of excellence and commitment, and never asked more of any person that worked alongside her than she asked of herself." And addressing Ms. DiBattiste, Tammy M. Meckley, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Transportation Security Policy, said: "Leadership is what every employee craves, thanks for keeping all of us well fed."

In an interview with TSA's newsletter, the Sentinel, Ms. DiBattiste

said of the agency's efforts, "Without question, America is safer since the stand-up of TSA, and TSA has done an excellent job of protecting the homeland. . . ." Then typically, she added that "there is a lot more to do."

Mr. President, I realize we have much to accomplish here in the United States Senate, but I felt it was important that we thank this great American. I wish to congratulate Deputy Administrator Carol DiBattiste on a distinguished and selfless career; and in closing, offer the thought that the nation would be well-served if sometime in the future she once again rejoined the ranks of public servant.●

HONORABLE PETER B. TEETS

● Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President I rise today to honor a distinguished American and patriot the Honorable Peter B. Teets, former Acting Secretary of the Air Force and Under Secretary of the Air Force.

Secretary Teets left government service on March 25, 2005 to join his family in Colorado. He did so after four years of selfless devotion to his country serving in what I would characterize as four of the most important jobs within the Department of Defense—as the senior official in the Department of the Air Force responsible for nearly 700,000 military, civilians, and family members with budget authority exceeding \$110 billion dollars. Simultaneously, Mr. Teets also served as the Department of Defense Executive Agent for Space and as the Director of the National Reconnaissance Office. In this later special capacity he was responsible for the acquisition and operation of all space-based reconnaissance and intelligence systems. I think you would agree Mr. President, Pete Teets was an extraordinary public servant possessing uncompromising standards, superior managerial skills and a keen analytical mind wherein he was able to exact the most from the military service he represented and the programs he supervised. His quest for perfection across the board will long be remembered both within and outside the Department.

Prior to joining the Department of Defense, Pete Teets worked in industry for nearly four decades serving first as a Martin Maretta flight control engineer and ending that service as the President and Chief Operating Officer, Lockheed Martin Corporation. His resume is replete with ever increasing positions of responsibility spanning the period 1963 to 2001, when he was nominated to serve President Bush as our Under Secretary of the Air Force and Director of the National Reconnaissance Office, two demanding tasks particularly during this time of transformation within the Department of Defense, coupled with the challenges associated with emerging space requirements and system development.

Throughout his tenure, the members of the Senate Armed Services Com-

mittee have found Pete Teets to be one of the most thoughtful and insightful DOD officials we have come to know. His ability to reduce complex system assessments into meaningful constructs were, on more than one occasion, immensely helpful to every committee member. His private counsel and immense personal interaction were directly responsible for solving major program problems for which our country is most grateful.

Our Nation deserves no less than the full measure of devotion from the men and women it nominates to our highest positions of authority. Peter Teets fulfilled every expectation the Congress and the nation placed upon him. He did so with a combination of grace and dignity, superb organizational and managerial skill, and with that rare coupling of professionalism and confidence that his Air Force and our Department of Defense would not accept anything short of excellence in accomplishing every assigned mission and task.

I truly hope this is not the last time the nation will call upon Peter Teets and his family to serve this grateful Nation. Indeed, Pete has earned the right to return home and focus on the one thing all of us yearn to do—spend time and focus on family. His many friends in the Senate wish him and his family all the best in the days ahead. We bid Pete a fond farewell and heartfelt thanks for a magnificent job as our Acting Air Force Secretary and as our Under Secretary of the Air Force. We are a better people and stronger Nation today because Pete Teets gave and accomplished so much. We will indeed miss America's "Mr. Military Space" and wish him God's everlasting blessings.●

HONORING CAMERON TROOST

● Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the courage and sacrifice of Cameron S. Troost, a 10-year-old boy from South Bend, IN. Cameron suffers from pediatric bipolar disorder, a devastating but treatable brain disorder marked by severe fluctuations in mood, activity, thought, and behavior. In an effort to contribute to the search for a cure, Cameron volunteered to participate in a four-month long rigorous clinical study at the National Institutes of Mental Health in Bethesda, Maryland.

Though the exact prevalence is not known, the Child & Adolescent Bipolar Foundation estimates that at least three quarters of a million American children and teenagers currently suffer from bipolar disorder, many of whom are undiagnosed. Bipolar disorder is thought to affect 1-2 percent of adults worldwide. Fifty-nine percent of adults with bipolar disorder report that their symptoms first appeared during or before adolescence. The disorder is often inherited, and symptoms can emerge at any time in life.

Bipolar disorder has a significant impact on our society. Children with the

condition are at higher risk for school failure, substance abuse, and suicide. The terrible human and social costs highlight the importance of discovering better treatments, and ultimately a cure, for bipolar disorder. Few controlled studies have been done on the use of psychiatric medications in children. Cameron, however, is bravely doing his part to increase our knowledge of this disease. Cameron volunteered to leave home for several months to participate in a study that required that he be locked in an 8-bed unit, submit to blood tests, brain scans, and other tests, go off all medication, and receive lithium or placebo, possibly risking his own well-being in the process. He consented to being forced into seclusion or medicated if his rages could not be controlled. All the while, Cameron kept up with a home school curriculum.

Cameron's decision to travel far from home to participate in a difficult clinical trial—one that potentially puts himself at risk for the benefit of others—will contribute to our understanding of pediatric bipolar disorder and how to treat it. His self-sacrifice will live on in the form of better treatment options for the many other children who, like him, must live with this condition. For that, Cameron deserves our most sincere recognition.●

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM "BILL" DAVID SMITH

● Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, today I pay tribute and honor a dear friend of mine who passed away recently. Bill David Smith, whom I have called a friend and relied on for half a century, passed away at the age of 72. He is survived by his beloved wife, Jane Bandy Smith, and two sons, David and Stuart. Bill David was passionate about all things in which he was involved, loved his community of Tuscaloosa, and was very proud to be an Alabamian.

We became friends during our time at the University of Alabama, and I have always appreciated his counsel and support over the years. My wife, Annette, and I have shared many memories with Bill David and his wife, Jane, which we will cherish for years to come.

Bill David was born in Meridian, MS, and spent most of his youth in Gadsden, AL. A University of Alabama graduate, he was an honor student and received both a bachelor's and master's degree in accounting. After graduation, he was a founding partner in the accounting firm, Morrison and Smith LLP. Bill David was actively involved in activities surrounding the accounting profession and served as President of the Alabama Society of Certified Public Accountants and Chairman of its State Legislation Committee. He was also a member of the Council of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Bill David was a member of the board of directors for the Alabama Trust

Fund and the Business Council of Alabama. Dedicated to a number of civic organizations, he served on the Tuscaloosa County Juvenile Advisory Board and the Alabama Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council.

Beyond Bill David's devotion to his work and his community, he was a dedicated friend to many. A good natured person with a huge heart, Bill David often showed compassion for those less fortunate. His quick wit and intellect fostered his passion for policy issues and politics. He cared very deeply for his community and its people.

But most of all, my thoughts and prayers go out to Jane and their two sons. Bill David was a dedicated family man and his presence will be missed by those who knew him best. Indeed, we will all miss him.●

WE THE PEOPLE: THE CITIZEN AND THE CONSTITUTION

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, from April 30 through May 2, 2005, more than 1,200 students from across the United States will visit Washington, D.C. to take part in the national finals of "We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution," the most extensive educational program in the country developed specifically to educate young people about the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights. Administered by the Center for Civic Education, the We the People program is funded by the U.S. Department of Education by act of Congress.

I am proud to report that a class from East Grand Rapids High School from Grand Rapids will represent the State of Michigan in this prestigious national event. These outstanding students, through their knowledge of the U.S. Constitution, won their statewide competition and earned the chance to come to our Nation's capital and compete at the national level.

While in Washington, the students will participate in a 3-day academic competition that simulates a congressional hearing in which they "testify" before a panel of judges. Students demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of constitutional principles and have opportunities to evaluate, adopt, and defend positions on relevant historical and contemporary issues. It is important to note that the Educational Testing Service, ETS, characterizes the We the People program as a "great instructional success." Independent studies by ETS have revealed that We the People students "significantly outperformed comparison students on every topic of the tests taken."

I congratulate East Grand Rapids students John Abraham, Ted Bosch, Ross Brenneman, Katherine Fasse, Bill Frayer, Kyle Fuller, Joe Gallmeyer, Will Gallmeyer, Katherine Harger, Jimmy Hogan, Christina Kim, Peter Meyer, Lenard Robert, Sarah Stevens, Tully Svekric, Alyssa Titche, Gab Tourek, Dimitri Wohns and their teacher, Pierre A. Sirois.

I wish these students the best of luck at the We the People national finals and applaud their outstanding achievement.●

RECOGNIZING ROSEMARY FAY

● Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, today I congratulate an extraordinary young woman, Rosemary Fay, aged 11. Rosemary, a sixth grader at St. Thomas Aquinas School in Indianapolis, was the winner for her age group of the USA Today National Sportsmanship Essay Contest. The essay contest was a part of the 15th National Sportsmanship Day, sponsored by the Institute for International Sport, to raise awareness about fair play, sportsmanship and ethics in athletics and society.

Nearly one thousand students submitted essays addressing sportsmanship and ethics or offering a personal reflection on good or poor sportsmanship. Students were asked to respond to the question, "Do you dare to play fair?" A panel of judges chose the four winners, including Rosemary, who was the winning writer among middle school entrants.

In her touching reflection on the importance of sportsmanship, Rosemary gives her own definition of what it means to be a good sport. She writes, "Good sports are confident, competitive and capable, but most of all, they treat other people with respect and dignity. Their attitudes and actions show they have a higher purpose in life than just winning today's game. Even when they lose, they act like winners." In this day of bitter disputes, when what is truly important is often overshadowed by a more immediate conflict, Rosemary's essay shows us how to step back, remember the bigger picture and be a good sport.

Rosemary also writes about the influence of good sports in her life, paying tribute to her teammates whose good sportsmanship extends beyond the field. Her essay concludes that "Sportsmanship can make a huge difference in a person's life. I know, because I am fortunate to be on a team with truly great sports." She credits her teammates with inspiring her to persevere in sports.

Hoosiers have always known the importance of sports to American life. Playing sports teach our children values like leadership, self-discipline, and the importance of hard work. Improving access to sports and afterschool athletic activities is a challenge that we must strive to accomplish, so that all students can benefit from the lessons outlined in Rosemary's essay.●

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF FRIENDSHIP INDUSTRIES OF HARRISONBURG

● Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, today I would like to recognize Friendship Industries, of Harrisonburg, VA, for 40 years of service to persons with disabilities in Harrisonburg City and Rockingham County.