

## EULOGY FOR JOE BEYRLLE

Arlington National Cemetery, April 22, 2005

We cannot be reminded often enough about the extraordinary things that seemingly ordinary Americans have done to protect our country and our freedoms.

A short year after Joe Beyrle graduated from Muskegon's Saint Joseph High School in June of 1942, he found himself on the way to England as an elite paratrooper in the storied Screaming Eagles of the 101st Airborne Division. And that is when Joe Beyrle, like other members of the Greatest Generation, came face to face with unimaginable challenges, and went from being seemingly ordinary to extraordinary.

I knew Joe and JoAnne, and I knew of Joe's wartime exploits, long before Tom Taylor's wonderful book about Joe was published. What makes that book so special for me is that now everyone can be inspired by the amazing story of Joe's service during World War II: the rigorous training that made "Jumpin' Joe" such an expert paratrooper that he was selected for clandestine drops in occupied France before D-Day to supply the French resistance with gold; his dogged determination after his capture on D-Day by the Germans to escape and rejoin his unit; his courageous decision to fight with the Russian Army after he finally escaped the German POW camp—even helping to liberate the very POW camp from which he had escaped—making him the only American soldier to fight for both the United States and the Russians against Nazi Germany; and the remarkable story of his travel after he was wounded to the American Embassy in Moscow, where American officials at first thought he was a spy because his dog tags had been found on a dead soldier thought to be him two years earlier.

And of course who can forget the story of Joe marrying JoAnne in September, 1946—in a ceremony conducted by the same priest who had conducted a funeral mass for the presumed killed-in-action Joe Beyrle a few years before.

And what a memorable moment it was in 1994 when President Clinton and President Yeltsin honored Joe simultaneously in the White House Rose Garden as part of the celebration of the 50th anniversary of D-Day.

Joe's indomitable spirit, love of country and will to survive come through every page of his remarkable story, a story that reads more like fiction than history. One of my favorite examples of the legendary Beyrle tenacity—Joe would probably call it bull-headedness—took place at the end of the story when Joe was being held in custody in Moscow until the American Embassy officials could establish his true identity.

In a feverish and woozy state from his wounds, Joe decided to overpower the Marine guarding his room and escape again—to rejoin the Russian Army and get home by way of Berlin! Even Joe admitted: "Of all my escape plans, this was the wildest and dumbest of all!"

It is said that courage isn't the absence of fear but the presence of faith. Joe was a man of courage because he had such a vast reservoir of faith—faith in himself; faith in the cause that his country asked him to fight for; and faith in his Creator.

Shortly after Tom Taylor's book about Joe was published, I hosted a reception for Joe and his family and Tom Taylor in the hearing room of the Senate Armed Services Committee. The Secretary of the Army, the Army Vice Chief of Staff, and the Russian Ambassador attended out of respect for Joe. Joe was in his element that day, passing out Screaming Eagle lapel pins and replicas of the paratrooper's crickets used by the Screaming Eagles on D-Day to identify one

another behind enemy lines. I still have the one he gave me. Listen.

When I referred to Joe Beyrle at the reception as a hero, Joe said that "the real heroes are buried in Europe." There are indeed a lot of American heroes buried in Europe. But surely some of America's greatest heroes are here at Arlington, visited each day by a hushed and awestruck multitude of their grateful fellow citizens whose freedom was defended by their sacrifices.

There is no more hallowed ground than where we stand today. And there is no hero more deserving of resting here than Joe Beyrle. Let us all honor Joe by resolving in this sacred place to live by his example of selfless service. The highest tribute we can pay to this extraordinary American is to make sure that the Simple Sounds of Freedom always resonate in this great country that he loved so much.

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## HONORING THE INDIANA SPORTS CORPORATION

• Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I rise today to call to the attention of my colleagues a signal anniversary occurring on May 3, 2005, the 25th Anniversary of the Indiana Sports Corporation, ISC.

Over the past quarter of a century, the ISC has been a tremendous contributor to the city of Indianapolis, providing economic stimulus, volunteer and community involvement opportunities, and most importantly, working to identify our capital city as a worthy destination for amateur sporting events. I have been pleased to work with the ISC through the Dick Lugar Community Run, Walk and Corporate Challenge, an event I look forward to every year.

Since 1979, the ISC has hosted more than 400 national and international sporting events. These events include: NCAA Championships, highlighted with four NCAA Division 1 Men's Basketball Final Fours, 1980, 1991, 1997, 2000; the 1987 Pan American Games; the 1982 U.S. Olympic Festival, the 2001 World Police and Fire Games; World Championships in track and field, 1987, gymnastics 1991, rowing 1994, basketball 2002 and swimming, 2004. Additionally, they have hosted U.S. Olympic trials and other National Governing Body, NGB, national championships in canoe/kayak, diving, gymnastics, judo, rowing, swimming, synchronized swimming, table tennis, track and field, and volleyball.

It is likewise noteworthy that since 1988, the ISC has awarded over \$2.5 million to more than 200 youth service organizations across the State of Indiana, and 132 Olympic hopefuls through its CHAMPS and Future Olympians grant programs respectively.

I am pleased to join the vast number of individuals who have been touched by the efforts of the Indiana Sports Corporation over the years in congratulating them on this signal anniversary.●

## 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF MOORE'S LAW

• Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, 40 years ago, when having a computer in your home was inconceivable and being able to hold a miniature computer in the palm of your hand was the stuff of science fiction, Gordon Moore, then a young engineer with Fairchild Semiconductor, had a revolutionary idea.

In the April 19, 1965, issue of Electronics Magazine, Moore first articulated what would come to be known as Moore's law: that the number of transistors on a computer chip would double in power approximately every 18 months but the price would actually decrease. Moore's law was revolutionary because it said that computer power improves essentially for free. Not only did this mean technology could be accessible and affordable for all Americans, it set the stage for increases in productivity unheard of since the Industrial Revolution.

Today, Moore's 40-year-old prediction is not just the thought of a dreamer, written for the benefit of a few early high-tech pioneers; it is the metronome of the technology industry. The drive to keep up with the drumbeat of Moore's law has meant unparalleled innovation in the high-tech industry. It has resulted in quality, high-paying jobs and contributed to our Nation's economic stability. The growth of computer technology in the U.S. has brought countless benefits to consumers and businesses throughout this country.

We are proud in my home State of Oregon to be part of the high-tech engine that helped build the digital economy. We are happy to be home to companies like Intel Corporation, which Moore helped found in 1974. Intel, which employs 15,500 people and has invested approximately \$11 billion in Oregon, is an important contributor to our economy and an example of the impact that leadership in technology can have at the local level.

Oregon's high-tech industry continues to be a vital and growing part of the State's economy, creating jobs, fueling the growth of small and large businesses, and driving the innovation necessary to keep pace with Moore's law today.

The fulfillment of Moore's 40-year-old prediction will continue to lead to advances in virtually every aspect of our lives. It means smaller and more affordable computers, and cameras the size of pills that can be swallowed to explore our insides without surgery. It also means family and friends can overcome great distances, connecting in an instant over the digital airwaves.

Though his prediction has held true, Gordon Moore could not have foreseen the power and influence of his observation. I'm proud today to pay tribute to his contributions and recognize the impact Moore's law has had on our economy and our world.●

HONORING REVEREND FRED SHUTTLESWORTH

• Mr. TALENT. Mr. President, I honor Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth, who is a key leader in the civil rights movement and continues to be a guiding light in his community. I am honored that Reverend Shuttlesworth is visiting Missouri on April 29, and I want to commemorate his visit by briefly sharing some of his accomplishments.

Reverend Shuttlesworth grew up in Birmingham, AL, and graduated from Alabama State University in 1951. After graduating, he continued to do graduate work at Alabama State and then received seminary training at Cedar Grove Academy and Selma University. His involvement in civil rights has been grounded in his belief that "a man should not be judged by the color of his skin any more than he is judged by the color of his eyes."

In 1953, at the age of 30, Reverend Shuttlesworth became pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church in Birmingham, during the period of time when the city earned the nickname "Bombingham" for the black homes that were bombed by white supremacists. In May 1956, Reverend Shuttlesworth helped lead a group of ministers to establish the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights, in response to the NAACP being outlawed in Alabama.

Reverend Shuttlesworth, on many occasions, nearly became a martyr of the Civil Rights Movement. On Christmas Day 1956, as Reverend Shuttlesworth prepared to lead protests against the segregation of Birmingham's buses, someone threw a bomb under his bed in the parsonage of his church, where he was talking to a visiting deacon. Miraculously, he was unharmed.

Undeterred, in 1957 Reverend Shuttlesworth joined with Dr. Martin Luther King, Reverend Ralph David Abernathy and Bayard Rustin to form the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which was firmly committed to using nonviolence to advocate for Civil Rights despite the violence that was being committed against its members. He would later help to organize sit-ins against segregated lunch counters and was a key leader of the mass protests and demonstrations in Birmingham during the spring of 1963. During those tumultuous times, Reverend Shuttlesworth was also assaulted by police dogs, knocked unconscious by a fire hose, and jailed more than 35 times.

Reverend Shuttlesworth moved to Cincinnati, where he founded the Greater New Light Baptist Church in 1966, and today he continues to serve as Pastor. In 1988, Reverend Shuttlesworth established the Shuttlesworth Housing Foundation to help needy families access capital for down payments for the purchase of homes. His efforts have helped hundreds of low-income families in the Cincinnati area to become homeowners.

These are just a portion of the good works that this outstanding servant of God has done to help make our Nation more just. I commend Reverend Shuttlesworth for his outstanding contributions to the cause of civil rights for all Americans. I am honored to share his story with my colleagues, and I wish him and his family all the best for the future.●

STATE REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES W. CAPPS, JR.

• Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I am pleased to bring to the Senate's attention the distinguished career of Charles W. Capps, Jr., who has served with distinction and honor as a member of the Mississippi State House of Representatives from Bolivar County since 1971.

My friend, Charlie Capps has announced that he will retire from the legislature in June. As a member of the House of Representatives, Charlie Capps has earned the respect of eight governors, the members of the Mississippi Congressional Delegation, and all who have called upon him for advice and assistance over the past three decades.

Charlie Capps is well known throughout our State for his contributions to higher education, highways, wildlife conservation, job development, and job training. He made special efforts to improve the quality of life in the Mississippi Delta.

He has held many positions of responsibility including service as Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations from 1988 to 2003. During those years, the State has experienced unprecedented economic growth. Today, workforce training centers, mental health facilities, university libraries, recreational lakes, and distance learning centers are part of the legacy of this great Mississippian.

I congratulate Charlie Capps for his distinguished career of public service and for his indelible contribution to our State.●

TRIBUTE TO DONNIE R. WHEELER

• Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I rise today to commend Mr. Donnie R. Wheeler for becoming the first president of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies—NACWA—formerly the Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies, AMSA. Mr. Wheeler currently serves as the General Manager of the Hampton Roads Sanitation District—HRSD—Virginia Beach, VA. He is regarded by his peers as an exceptional leader, dedicated to protecting the environment and health of Virginia and the Nation.

Mr. Wheeler is a graduate of Virginia Tech and for 7 years was employed by the Virginia State Water Control Board before joining HRSD in 1974. HRSD, a nationally recognized regional wastewater treatment utility, serves 17 cities and counties covering 3100 square miles of southeast Virginia. Under his

management, HRSD has received numerous awards from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and is recognized as a state innovator for such initiatives as Virginia's first municipal water reuse project.

Under his leadership, I trust that NACWA will promote responsible national policies to advance clean water and a healthy environment. Mr. Wheeler, is a founder of the Virginia Association of Municipal Wastewater Agencies—VAMWA—and served as its president for 6 years. In his long career, Mr. Wheeler has earned the respect of his colleagues at all levels of government and his achievements have earned him awards from the Virginia Water Environment Association—VWEA—and Environment Virginia. Mr. Wheeler also has served as an adjunct professor of Environmental Engineering at Old Dominion University.

In the true sense of the word and by his many achievements in a long and distinguished professional career, Mr. Wheeler is an "environmentalist" who will now proudly serve in a new leadership role the industry in which he has worked for so many years. It is with pleasure that I congratulate and commend Mr. Wheeler on being elected the first president of NACWA.●

COWBOY VIGIL

• Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. President, I today honor a great American, a great Coloradan, and a great Puebloan.

Alcario Vigil was born and raised in the San Luis Valley in Colorado and on April 1st turned 100 years old. His life has been rich with accomplishments and extraordinary devotion to his family, his friends, and his community.

Known as "Cowboy," Alcario Vigil grew up in Lobatos, CO, just down the road from the Salazar family ranch in the San Luis Valley. Like most of his neighbors, he was brought up in a poor family and eventually took over responsibility for his parents' ranch with his wife Sophia. Together, the Vigil family survived the hardships of the Great Depression and raised eight children on the Lobatos family ranch, where they prospered and strengthened Colorado and this country.

Throughout his life, Alcario has been respected as an outstanding community servant, a devoted husband, and a loving father. He has a remarkable record serving as a Penitente for more than 70 years. He has passed those values to his descendants, some of whom are now seventh-generation Coloradans.

Although "Cowboy" lost his devoted wife Sofia in 1994, and his son Jose just 2 years ago, Alcario remains strong and healthy in his Pueblo home. Even at 100 years, he works the ranch's irrigation ditches in the summer months and enjoys visits from his family and friends.

The Pueblo County Commission recently declared April 1, 2005, to be "Alcario (Cowboy) Vigil Day." Given