

served as president of the Temple Emanu-El in Jasper, AL and the Walker County Lodge of B'nai B'rith. In 2003, he was named "Man of the Year" by the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, where he also served as a member of the executive board.

George Mitnick gave of himself so selflessly to the Jasper community and the State of Alabama. We are better off for having him a part of our State and our country, and I am fortunate to have known him and called him a friend. My deepest sympathies are extended to his wife, Willine, and his daughters, Karen and Ronne. May this tribute, in a small way, honor his life and memory.●

TRIBUTE TO GENERAL JOHN W. HANDY

● Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, it is my honor and privilege today to pay tribute to a leader and warrior, General John W. Handy, Commander, United States Transportation Command, USTRANSCOM, and Commander, Air Mobility Command, AMC. General Handy is retiring after honorably serving this great Nation for over 38 years.

General Handy was commissioned in the U.S. Air Force in 1967 and received his pilot wings in 1968. He has accumulated over 5,000 hours piloting just about every mobility aircraft in the U.S. Air Force, to include the C-7A Caribou, the C-130 Hercules, the C-141 Starlifter, the C-37 Gulfstream V, the C-9 Nightingale, the KC-10 Extender, and the Nation's newest mobility airlifter, the C-17 Globemaster III. His hands-on performance, sound judgment, and expertise have made him an exceptional Air Force leader.

General Handy commanded the 21st Air Force at McGuire Air Force Base. He created and commanded AMC's Tanker Airlift Control Center. He also commanded two airlift wings and a maintenance squadron. He previously served as the Director of Operations and Logistics for USTRANSCOM; the Air Force's Director of Programs and Evaluations; the Deputy Chief of Staff, Installations and Logistics, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, DC; and Vice Chief of Staff, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. It is clear that General Handy is the preeminent mobility and logistics expert in the Department of Defense.

In November 2001, General Handy assumed command of USTRANSCOM at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, responsible for executing mobility combat operations through three component commands: The Air Force's AMC, the Navy's Military Sealift Command, MSC, and the Army's Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, SDDC. General Handy has had the unique distinction of simultaneously commanding both USTRANSCOM and its air component command, AMC. USTRANSCOM provides the synchronized transportation,

distribution, and sustainment which projects and maintains our national power. As a global combatant commander, General Handy has made supporting the American warfighter his top priority.

Since the tragic events of 11 September 2001, USTRANSCOM, under General Handy's leadership, has moved over 2.4 million passengers, 6.4 million short tons of cargo, and 2.8 billion gallons of fuel in support of the Global War on Terrorism, including Operation Noble Eagle, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. To put this in perspective, the passenger movement is equivalent to moving the entire population of Kansas while the cargo movement is equivalent to moving over 70 Washington monuments halfway around the world. General Handy, an avid NASCAR racing fan, is fond of stating the amount of fuel moved could run the NEXTEL Cup Series for the next 19,473 years.

America truly has a military deployment and distribution system that is unmatched anywhere in the world. America's military might moves with USTRANSCOM, but so too does its heart. As quick as we are to defend this great Nation, Americans are just as quick to assist those in need; and when we do, we turn to the remarkable capabilities of USTRANSCOM. Under General Handy's command, USTRANSCOM has provided humanitarian relief to hurricane victims in the United States, earthquake victims in Iran, and tsunami victims in South Asia, just to name a few. The medicines, supplies, equipment, and personnel that USTRANSCOM delivered to these and other natural disasters ultimately saved lives and eased human suffering.

In addition to conducting the largest military movement since World War II and providing unparalleled humanitarian relief, General Handy has made it a priority to transform our Nation's deployment and distribution system, ensuring our ability to project national power where needed with the greatest speed and agility, the highest efficiency, and the most reliable level of trust and accuracy. As the USTRANSCOM commander, General Handy actively took on the role of the distribution process owner for DOD, charged with improving efficiency and interoperability across the entire DOD supply chain. His initiative to develop Joint Deployment and Distribution Operations Centers JDDOCs, in each of the regional combatant commands continues to improve combat capability and save valuable resources. Regional combatant commanders can now plug into the DOD supply chain system, track their requirements, and prioritize their actions. The net result is that troops and equipment are now arriving to the battlefield faster and at less cost. While meeting the needs of the warfighter, General Handy's distribution process owner improvements have saved almost one-half billion dollars in the global war on terror.

General Handy will be the first to tell you he did not accomplish these feats alone. General Handy has led the way in seeking collaborative joint solutions to today's complex combat issues. Those who worked for him and with him, military and civilians from every branch of Service, will miss his leadership and mentorship. They will miss the stories and humor he used to get his message across. In Congress, we will miss his straightforward approach and sound counsel. The Nation will miss his devotion to duty, ceaseless drive for improvement, and unwavering support to our warfighters.

General Handy will be remembered as the man who brilliantly led our Nation's mobility forces during the global war on terrorism. I know we speak on behalf of our colleagues and a grateful Nation in saying thank you to General Handy and his wife, Mickey, for their years of service and sacrifice. We wish General Handy and his wife, Mickey, all the best in future endeavors and pray that those who follow in your footsteps may continue the legacy of unprecedented support to our great Nation. Good luck and Godspeed.●

HONORING THE EMPLOYEES OF THE MOTHER'S COOKIE COMPANY AND WAMZ-FM RADIO IN LOUISVILLE, KY

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I wish to recognize the employees of the Mother's Cookie Company and WAMZ-FM Radio in Louisville, KY, for their commitment to philanthropy through their participation in a charity softball game to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

The employees from Mother's Cookie Company assembled a team to take on the WAMZ-FM Hamz softball team. For the past 2 years, this Louisville radio station has assembled players to compete against area businesses willing to provide a location, umpires, and players to raise money to benefit the St. Jude Children's Hospital. While the team from Mother's Cookies lost a close game by a score of 7-8, they won big raising money for St. Jude's Children's hospital. Their donation of \$1,264.65 was the largest single game donation generated this season.

I believe the employees of these two companies in Louisville are examples of how every American can contribute to the care and maintenance of community by participating in activities that bring people together, and unselfishly dedicating their time and resources to a worthy cause. Companies that give back to the community and employees who share their time with others form the backbone of the American economy, and are the foundation of a strong neighborhood. The men and women who work at the Mother's Cookie Company not only took the time to raise money for medical research, but also bake more than 60 percent of the Girl Scout cookies in America throughout the year.