

donates his time and talent to charitable efforts and non-profit organizations, including spots on the televised "Hour of Power" ministry since 1974.

I am grateful that I had the privilege of friendship with Roger Williams. He is a great man, a superlative musician, and a true American. As a musician myself, albeit one who is fairly low on the pecking order, I commend Roger for his talent, hard work, and dedication to his craft. His music will continue to bless the lives of literally millions for generations.

#### TRIBUTE TO PAUL MICHAEL WARNER

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a wonderful man, brilliant lawyer, and dedicated public servant—Mr. Paul Michael Warner. Paul has been serving as the United States Attorney for the District of Utah for almost 8 years, and will be stepping down this week to continue his work in other capacities within the legal system. As he embarks on a new chapter of life, I wanted to take this opportunity to honor him for the leadership he has provided, and commend him for his dedication to our country's legal system.

Paul was nominated by President Bill Clinton on July 29, 1998 to be the United States Attorney for Utah. He was unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate just one month later and by the end of August he had assumed the full duties of this important position. After President George W. Bush took office, he recognized the tremendous leadership Mr. Warner was providing and reappointed him to this position. He was then reconfirmed once again by the United States Senate and has continued to serve with strength and honor.

Prior to being appointed United States Attorney, Paul first joined this office in 1989 and has served in various positions including: First Assistant United States Attorney, interim U.S. Attorney, Violent and Hate Crimes Coordinator, and the Chief of the Criminal Division. For 7 years before joining the U.S. Attorney's Office, he worked in the Utah Attorney General's Office as the Chief of the Litigation Division and as an Associate Chief Deputy to the Attorney General.

Throughout his many years of service within the criminal justice system, Paul has established himself as an effective leader in the fight against crime. He has always greatly valued cohesive working relationships with Federal, State, and local law enforcement personnel. I believe that without exception, he has become a highly respected and trusted prosecutor and able administrator.

While serving in the Bush Administration, Paul was appointed the Chairman of U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft's Advisory Committee of U.S. Attorneys. He also previously chaired the Subcommittee on Terrorism for

this Committee, and continues as an ex-officio member of the Committee to this day.

Paul's legal career began when he graduated with the first class of the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University—BYU—in 1976. He later went on to receive a masters' degree in public administration from the Marriott School of Management at BYU.

Following graduation from law school, Paul served 6 years as a trial lawyer in the Judge Advocate General Corps of the United States Navy. In 1983, he enlisted with the Utah Army National Guard, Judge Advocate Branch, where he rose to the rank of Colonel. He is currently serving as the State Staff Judge Advocate, supervising a staff of 17 attorneys. He is also the past president of the Utah National Guard Association. The leadership and work he has provided to the military has been invaluable as he has worked on cases not only important to our Nation, but to the men and women who fight to preserve our freedoms.

Paul has also been involved in many professional organizations including serving as a Master of the Bench in the American Inns of Court, and Chairman of the Board of Visitors for the BYU Law School. He has also been honored by numerous military and civilian organizations with awards including: the United States Army's Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the 2004 Honored Alumni of the Year for the BYU Law School, the Utah State Bar's 2004 Dorothy Merrill Brothers Award for the Advancement of Women in the Legal Profession, the Federal Bar Association's Distinguished Service Award for 2003, and the NAACP's 2002 Community Relations Award for Civil Rights.

Throughout my years of working with Paul I have always been impressed with his utmost integrity and honesty. He has a strong desire to do what is right. He has garnered the respect and admiration of the staff he has led, and has served as a mentor and friend to many future leaders in Utah's legal community. He diligently strives to treat all parties with dignity and fairness, and his work has been an example of his commitment to individual rights and the rule of law.

His work within the legal community has been lauded, but perhaps his most important accomplishments have occurred within his family and neighborhood. Paul is a devoted husband to Linda, and wonderful father to four children. He has been a friend to many from all walks of life, and all persuasions. His work has been an outstanding example of someone who has dedicated his life to helping others while upholding the principles and ideals embodied in the foundation of our country the Constitution.

I am grateful for the service Paul Warner has rendered throughout his years of public service—but most importantly as the United States Attor-

ney for Utah. He is a truly dedicated public servant, strong leader, and special friend. I want to wish him well as he travels new pathways in life. I know that he will continue to guide and enrich the lives of those who have the privilege of working with him; and will remain steadfast in his commitment to enhancing and furthering the important work of our judicial system.

#### TRIBUTE TO W. CLEON SKOUSEN

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I rise today to pay special tribute to a man I deeply admire, W. Cleon Skousen. Cleon was a giant of a man. He was an exceptionally bright scholar; a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather; a special friend; and a true patriot in every sense of the word.

Sadly, Cleon recently passed away leaving a tremendous void in the lives of all who knew him. Cleon played a significant role in the political and governmental arena throughout Utah, our Nation, and even the world. I can state without any equivocation today that Cleon loved America. He truly loved our country and its citizens. He deeply respected our Founding Fathers, and he had the utmost reverence for the document that is the basis of all of our freedoms—our Constitution.

When I first met Cleon, I was a young, enthusiastic, go-getter who wanted to make a difference in our Nation's Capitol. Shortly before I announced that I would be running for the U.S. Senate in 1976 as a political novice and virtually unknown candidate—Cleon was one of the first people of political significance and substance who agreed to meet with me and discuss my candidacy.

A few short years before this time, Cleon had organized a nonprofit educational foundation named "The Freeman Institute," to foster "constitutionalist" principles including a drastic reduction in the size and scope of the Federal Government, and a reverence for the true, unchanging nature of our Constitution. I knew that he had strongly held beliefs and I was very interested in what he had to say.

We found in each other at that first meeting many areas of common ground and a shared love for the principles that make America the strongest bastion of freedom on Earth. Cleon quickly agreed to help, and throughout the coming months he became a true champion of my candidacy. He sent a letter to 8,000 of his "friends" stating that I was running for the Senate "for the express purpose of waging a fight to restore constitutional principles in this country." I was humbled by his support, and I felt a true need to fulfill his expectations of me and to never let him down.

From that first campaign, to every day I have served in the U.S. Senate—Cleon has been there for me, through highs and lows—buoying me up, giving suggestions, discussing principles and issues, and above all else being a true,