

Each of these measures should command majority support in the Senate. They may be able to command supermajority support on their merits. If we could only get to their merits. So while the Judiciary Committee has remained productive, its efforts to enact helpful, remedial legislation continue to be thwarted by Republican objections.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JOHNATHON M. MILLICAN

Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I rise today to remember and honor the heroic sacrifice of a courageous Alabamian who selflessly risked himself to save members of his unit under attack.

PFC Johnathon M. Millican was tragically killed on January 20, 2007, in Karbala, Iraq. A member of the 377th Parachute Field Artillery Regiment from Fort Richardson, AK, he risked his own safety to cover an enemy grenade with his body during an attack by insurgents.

For his gallantry in action against an enemy of the United States, Private First Class Millican was posthumously awarded the Silver Star, our Nation's third highest award for combat valor. While this is a great honor and one deserving of Private First Class Millican's actions, I believe his act of heroism and bravery deserves our Nation's highest honor. Therefore, I have asked the Department of Defense to consider him for the Medal of Honor, the highest military decoration awarded by the United States. Private First Class Millican went beyond the call of duty and risked his own life not only to protect our Nation but to save members of his unit.

I offer my thoughts, prayers and condolences to Private First Class Millican's family. His loss symbolizes the ultimate sacrifice one can make for our country. His service represented his commitment to protect his family, community, and our Nation.

I am honored to stand before the Senate today to pay tribute to the life and service of PFC Johnathon Millican. Private First Class Millican's dedication to the principles of freedom and democracy will serve as an example to all of us, for generations to come. It is my hope that he will be duly honored with the Medal of Honor, but even if Private First Class Millican is not awarded the Medal of Honor, he is no less a hero.

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE MCGOVERN

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, 35 years ago, thousands of young people entered politics for the first time by working on the Presidential campaign of George McGovern—a champion for social and economic justice and leading progressive.

Senator McGovern's legacy of progressive politics dates back to volunteering for Henry Wallace's Presidential campaign in 1948.

At 19, and still in college, I was one of those who volunteered for Senator McGovern during a time of great social and political upheaval in our Nation.

We looked to Senator McGovern for his leadership on ending the Vietnam war; for his vision of a nation defined by equal rights, equal opportunity, and unwavering support for those in need.

I remember being struck by the strength of his faith and by his patriotism.

When he thought our Nation needed to go to war, he served in uniform—earning the Distinguished Flying Cross during World War II.

And when he knew it was a war that was wrong, he spoke out early, and often, as was the case with the Vietnam war.

Whether he courageously spoke out against the war from this Chamber as a U.S. Senator, or spoke out for social justice on the Presidential campaign trail, Senator McGovern gave hope—and purpose—to a generation of Americans.

He changed lives and improved a nation.

Senator McGovern's work continues today.

A former U.N. Global Ambassador on World Hunger, Senator McGovern's outreach has helped feed literally millions of families around the world.

Together with Senator Bob Dole, he founded the George McGovern-Robert Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program, which helps feed children in developing nations.

And Senator McGovern continues to influence the national debate, speaking out on the Iraq war and weighing in on behalf of disenfranchised populations in our Nation and throughout the world.

Senator McGovern changed forever political activism and grassroots organizing. He opened the door for millions of activists attracted by his idealism, many of whom remained in public service their entire lives.

More than public servant, Senator McGovern has been a beloved husband and father.

The Senator was married to his wife Eleanor for nearly 64 years, before her passing earlier this year.

Together, they raised five children, Ann, Terry, Susan, Mary, and Steven.

Nearly 35 years after running for President, and marking his 85th birthday, Senator McGovern is ready to help lead us all into the next progressive era of our Nation.

I am humbled by Senator McGovern's service to our Nation and feel privileged to call him my friend.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

HONORING THE CHILD ABUSE LISTENING, INTERVIEWING AND COORDINATION CENTER

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I take this opportunity to recognize the 10th

anniversary of the Child Abuse Listening, Interviewing and Coordination Center, CALICO Center.

CALICO Center was established in 1997 to provide a supportive environment for children in Alameda County who have suffered from abuse. By providing a safe and secure place where children are the first priority, CALICO Center successfully minimizes the trauma that these children face when dealing with the after effects of abuse. As a multidisciplinary center, CALICO Center brings together law enforcement, child welfare workers, and prosecutors to coordinate Alameda County's response to child abuse. CALICO Center also works with the community to increase the prosecution of child abusers who engage in such heinous crimes.

Since it first opened, CALICO Center has effectively served more than 5,000 children, most of whom were victims of violence in their homes and communities. It also connects children and families with critical therapeutic, medical and legal support services that are essential to the healing process.

I commend CALICO Center's dedicated staff and volunteers, who have worked tirelessly and unrelentingly to help children and end child abuse in Alameda County for the past decade. They have an incredibly difficult job, but the men and women at CALICO Center prove every day that they are truly community heroes by helping these innocent victims of child abuse.

Child abuse is one of the most vicious crimes known to humanity. Since 1997, CALICO Center has served as a model for how to successfully engage the entire community in protecting its most vulnerable citizens. Its dedication to the community is inspiring and impressive. I congratulate CALICO Center on its 10th anniversary and wish them many more years of success.●

HONORING COLONEL STEPHEN L. HILL

• Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, today I honor COL Stephen L. Hill and the exceptional service he has provided as commander of the Pittsburgh District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers during the period from July 16, 2004, to July 13, 2007. My colleague from Pennsylvania, Senator SPECTER, has joined me to honor Colonel Hill.

On Friday, July 13 in Pittsburgh, PA, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Pittsburgh District military Change of Command ceremony will honor the services of the outgoing commander, COL Stephen L. Hill, and welcome the incoming commander, COL Michael P. Crall.

Colonel Hill will leave a legacy of excellence. His leadership focused the district's capabilities on executing vital programs for the region and the Nation. His superb managerial skills and emphasis on building relationships and encouraging open and honest communication increased confidence in the

ability of the district to accomplish its mission.

During his tenure as district commander, the district's workload expanded and its annual operating budget increased from less than \$100 million in Fiscal Year 2004 to over \$184 million in Fiscal Year 2007. Colonel Hill skillfully managed resources and reengineered district processes to efficiently accomplish the planning, engineering, construction, operation and maintenance of Pittsburgh district's 23 locks and dams, 16 multipurpose reservoirs, local flood protection projects and environmental infrastructure projects covering 26,000 square miles and portions of five States.

Colonel Hill knew that an important aspect of commanding the district was developing relationships with key leaders in the region. He took the time to meet with officials, visit projects, evaluate the issues, and work to understand the various perspectives of the experts in the region. He established and improved relations with local, State and Federal officials, culminating in changes to outdated lock and dam operating schedules, resulting in cost savings and efficiencies. Colonel Hill's partnerships resulted in the revitalization in projects affecting the critical waterways in the Lower Monongahela and Upper Ohio River. He championed efforts with the Upper Ohio River Study, Asset Management, Charleroi construction, the district's Strategic Business Initiative, SBI, and a number of other high priority projects. These efforts and accomplishments greatly improved the district's image and reputation among the public, stakeholders, congressional staff and the workforce.

Colonel Hill recognized the importance of working across and beyond the district's boundaries. He led by example, deploying to Louisiana to assist in the Hurricane Katrina recovery effort, serving as part of Task Force Hope. More than 25 percent of the Pittsburgh District team members also deployed to assist in the hurricane recovery effort.

Colonel Hill's exceptional service reflects great credit upon himself, the Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Army.

Colonel Hill's next duty assignment is Commander of the gulf region South District at Base Camp Adder, Iraq. The South District covers more than 65,000 square miles, manages more than 1,500 projects that are valued at over \$3.3 billion. Colonel Hill will oversee 107 U.S. military and civilian professionals, 263 contract security personnel and nearly 124 Iraq professionals who work side-by-side to provide the transitional support in order to create a viable and stable democracy in the country.

Pennsylvania has been honored to experience the leadership and passion that COL Stephen Hill provided to the Pittsburgh District. Along with my colleague, Senator SPECTER, I thank the colonel for his service to our coun-

try and wish him a safe tour of duty in Iraq and much success throughout his entire career.

I ask to have printed in the RECORD a biography of Colonel Hill.

The material follows:

Colonel Stephen L. Hill assumed command of the Pittsburgh District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on July 17, 2004. He graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. with a Bachelor of Science Degree and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Engineers in 1982. He holds a Master of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from Purdue University and a Masters Degree in Strategic Planning and Policy from the Army War College. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, the Armor Officer Advanced Course and the Engineer Officer Basic Course.

Since graduation from the Military Academy, Col. Hill has served in command and staff positions in Germany, Haiti, Japan, Kuwait, Egypt and the United States. Prior to his assignment in Pittsburgh, Col. Hill served as the Senior Engineer Trainer—Sidewinder 07—at the Army's National Training Center (NTC) at Fort Irwin, Calif. Training soldiers and leaders while assisting in the development of training doctrine for contemporary operations and emerging asymmetric threats. He commanded the 317th Engineer Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division and led the battalion during deployments to Kuwait, Egypt and the NTC. Prior to battalion command, he served with Headquarters, U.S. Forces, Japan as a joint engineer staff officer responsible for bilateral negotiations with the Government of Japan and management of a \$1 billion facility improvement program. Before duties in Japan, Col. Hill served as an operations officer in the 82nd Airborne Division and staff engineer for the Army Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg, N.C. He served as program and project manager for classified special mission unit projects throughout the country and deployed to Haiti with Task Force Black to assist the Ambassador and country team with initial efforts to restore security and democratic leadership.

Earlier in his career, Col. Hill commanded the 58th Combat Engineer Company, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment and Delta Company, 54th Engineer Battalion with missions along the Fulda Gap. He served as project officer and assistant Resident Engineer for the Corps of Engineers' Seattle District at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls, Mont. He also managed several EPA superfund projects and assisted with the development of the environmental project and program management baseline plan for Seattle's engineering division.

Col. Hill's next duty assignment is Commander of the Gulf Region South District at Base Camp Adder, Iraq.

Col. Hill's awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Army Meritorious Service Medal (five oak leaf clusters), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Army Superior Unit Award and other unit and service awards. He is a SAME fellow, Master Parachutist and wears the Air Assault Badge. He is qualified as a Joint Specialty Officer.

Col. Hill is married to his high school sweetheart, the former Susan Mills from Nichols, N.Y. They have a son, Ross, who recently completed his freshman year in Chemistry at Boston University.●

THE CENTENNIAL OF ELIDA, NEW MEXICO

● Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment to mark the centennial of Elida, NM.

In July 1907, the town of Elida was officially incorporated, and for the last 100 years this small New Mexico town has remained a close-knit ranching community. Although much has changed in Elida during the last 100 years, many things have not. Elida is still the kind of town where neighbors take the time to help one another and come together for a Fourth of July barbeque every year. I believe that kind of community is something special and those individuals who call Elida home should be proud.

As the residents of Elida and the surrounding area gather this weekend to celebrate the history of their town, I would like to wish them well and I hope Elida has another wonderful 100 years.●

IN RECOGNITION OF ERIN RATH

● Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to my longtime communications director and friend Erin Rath, who for the past 9 years has had the unenviable task of turning a sow's ear to a silk purse, of explaining what I "really" meant and consoling reporters whose call I missed.

Erin comes from hearty New Hampshire political stock and was brought up in an environment where politics and community service was very much a part of her life. Her mother Chris is a leading educator in Concord, serving as superintendent of schools, and her father Tom is a bit of a legend in New Hampshire politics for offering sound advice to Presidential candidates who wander into the Granite State. But, anyone who knows Erin will tell you she has always cut her own path, willing to take any task and accomplishing it with a smile. Whether it was dealing with a not so media friendly member or an aggressive reporter, Erin has perfected the skills needed to pitch any story with style and grace. She understands how to craft a message and have it be understood, whether by a weekly paper in New Hampshire or the Wall Street Journal.

On those rare days that I didn't want to do press, Erin was always the one coming to me and promoting an interview or conference call and, even when temporarily rebuffed, would find a way to cheerfully get her mission accomplished. And, when she was left to translate the day's events to a press corps that was disinterested or confused, Erin would find a way to make the story intelligible and get it in print or across the airwaves.

Erin has also worn another very important hat in my office as the lead on appropriations issues. She excelled at organizing and managing my appropriations requests and making sure worthy New Hampshire projects were