

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