

million. During the storm of November 2000, the improvement prevented approximately \$13 million worth of damages and remains fully functional today.

More recently, Mr. Mizue successfully led the district through its biggest civil works construction program in many years with highly visible and vital projects, such as the \$28 million Kaumalapau Harbor Project on the Island of Lanai, the \$124 million Palau Compact Road Project in the Republic of Palau, and the \$19 million Kikiaola Small Boat Harbor Project on the Island of Kauai. Under his tutelage, the Honolulu District has achieved the highest customer satisfaction rating for its civil works program in its history. While these accomplishments attest to his commitment to client satisfaction, his nurturing, and pragmatic management style earned him a reputation as a solid team player and a supportive, fair supervisor and mentor to his staff. Mr. Mizue exemplifies not only an effective manager but, more importantly, a dedicated and caring leader.

Mr. Mizue is a recognized representative of the Corps in the Pacific Region. Under his management, the civil works and capital improvement programs expanded in Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, providing for the essential needs of these communities. Mr. Mizue's exemplary administrative and leadership skills have always led the way. He has established lasting relationships with the Hawaii congressional delegation, as well as the Governors of Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands. The assets that he brings to bear on behalf of the Corps of Engineers are considerable.

Born in Tokyo, Japan and raised in California, Mr. Mizue is a registered professional engineer in California and Hawaii, a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and a graduate of the CP-18 Executive Development Program. He holds a bachelors of science degree in engineering from the University of California, Los Angeles and a master of science degree in Water Resource Engineering from Utah State University. He received the Commander's Award for Civilian Service in 1993 and 2002. Mr. Mizue is married to the former Ruby E. Ibaraki. They have three children, Evan, Reid, and Cara.

Mr. President, Mr. Mizue's lifelong contributions to the Army are considerable. His recognized leadership and management skills, his ability to forge lasting substantive relationships, and his clear direction and vision point to a truly outstanding individual who has dedicated his life to service. The Honolulu Engineer District will continue to serve as "America's Engineers in the Pacific." Paul Mizue's legacy of unwavering dedication to duty to the U.S. Army will carry on. Thank you, Mr. Mizue for a job well done. You have the gratitude of a grateful nation.●

IN RECOGNITION OF PAUL WICE

● Mr. NELSON of Nebraska. Mr. President, I wish to congratulate a radio legend in my home State of Nebraska. Paul Wice, who has been a talk show host, news reporter, and news director at KGFW Radio in Kearney, NE, for nearly 40 years, is retiring and will broadcast his final show on September 28, 2007.

Paul got his start in radio working part time, while earning a bachelor's degree in 1966 in speech and music from what was then known as Kearney State College. His first full-time radio job was at KWBE in Beatrice, NE, where he served as news director.

In 1967 Paul returned to Kearney as the afternoon announcer and news director at KGFW. Deciding to try something other than radio, he left the station just a year later to join the Kearney Hub newspaper. He quickly found that his heart was in radio and returned to KGFW as its news director in 1969. Paul has been there ever since and is now in his 38th consecutive year of broadcasting on KGFW to the people of central Nebraska.

While working full time, Paul went on to earn a master's degree in speech communication in 1988 and has served as an adjunct instructor at the University of Nebraska-Kearney since then. He is responsible for KGFW receiving the coveted Mark Twain Award from the Nebraska Associated Press five times, including three consecutive years from 1997 to 1999.

A past president of Nebraska Associated Press Broadcasters, Paul was also the first recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Nebraska AP. He currently serves on the Freedom of Information Committee of the Nebraska Broadcasters Association. He has covered it all for KGFW, including riding on the Robert F. Kennedy train in 1968, just months before the Presidential contender was assassinated. On the other end of the political spectrum, Paul attended a White House Radio-Television News Directors Association luncheon with then-President Ronald Reagan. He also served as the Nebraska Broadcasters Association's official witness to the first execution in Nebraska in decades.

Paul made his mark serving the people of Kearney and central Nebraska, not only as a successful broadcaster but as a dependable source of news year after year. It is highly unusual in this day and age for someone to be able to say they have worked for the same employer for nearly four decades, especially in the highly competitive field of broadcasting.

At every turn in my own political career, from my days as State insurance director to my terms as Governor to my present role as a U.S. Senator, Paul has been there to cover the news, and I will miss interviewing with him in the future.

Paul Wice has definitely been "The Talk of the Town," as his radio program is called. His absence from the

airways will leave a void that will be tough to fill, but I am sure I join all Nebraskans in wishing him well in retirement as he signs off the air for the very last time.●

WEST VIRGINIA'S 2007 ANGEL IN ADOPTION

● Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, it is my great honor to highlight the work of a devoted and difference-making West Virginian. Dennis Sutton, through his work in the Children's Home Society, has been a true asset to adoptive and foster parents and adoption agencies both in West Virginia and across the Nation. I would like to take a moment to highlight his service to his community and congratulate him on receiving the Congressional Adoption Caucus's Angel of Adoption Award.

As the CEO of Children's Home Society of West Virginia, Dennis Sutton has dedicated his organization's program to securing loving homes for West Virginia's children in need—a derivative from his belief that every child is entitled to a loving family and home. Children's Home Society of West Virginia's utmost priority of bringing children and families together has been the result of more than 110 year experience, skilled and well-informed staff, certification by the National Council on Accreditation, and readily available statewide service.

Dennis Sutton's commitment to our Nation's vulnerable children can be further seen in his participation as a founding member of Children's Home Society of America. A national organization, CHSA is comprised of the leading child welfare agencies across the country and aims to promote the safety, nurturing, and well-being of vulnerable children. This remarkable organization is working to make the adoption process easier for everyone involved but put children in the care of stable families, give them the tools to succeed in today's world, and give them hope.

To me, it is clear that this kind of work merits the Angel in Adoption Award. Because of Children's Home Society of America, more than 250,000 children are now living in stable environments. That is an extraordinary accomplishment, one that will benefit our communities now and in the future. Dennis truly has been a passionate advocate for our children in need, has laid the groundwork for a better adoption process, and has put forth the bold vision to enrich and strengthen the fabric of this Nation.

I am delighted to have had this opportunity to highlight not only the wonderful cause but the person who is working on this in my State of West Virginia. To Dennis and the Children's Home Society of America, I offer my most profound respects and deepest appreciation.●