

Colonel Fortunato over the past 3 years, during which time he served as the congressional liaison for all Army aviation programs. In this capacity, Lieutenant Colonel Fortunato was instrumental in improving the understanding of Senators and staff concerning a myriad of Army aviation issues, in particular the reinvestment of Comanche helicopter funding to restructure Army aviation for the 21st century, the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and Army transformation. He was instrumental in the successful authorization and appropriation of the light utility helicopter, armed-reconnaissance helicopter, joint cargo aircraft, Chinook multiyear, Apache, Black Hawk multiyear and numerous unmanned aerial vehicle and aviation R&D projects.

Lieutenant Colonel Fortunato escorted numerous congressional delegations to over 20 countries, including 3 to Iraq and Afghanistan. I myself was privileged to have him as an escort at my specific request for my own visits abroad and in larger delegations. He worked tirelessly to ensure my visits were coordinated with all the relevant agencies, military leaders, heads of state and government officials so I could focus on the issues that were critical to my service as the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Air Land Subcommittee. I am extremely grateful for the support, friendship and perspective Ed provided me and my staff.

Lieutenant Colonel Fortunato's congressional assignment was the capstone to an outstanding career of service to our Nation. He served as an aviation officer in numerous command and staff positions. His operational assignments began in the famous 101st Airborne Division, AASLT, during Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm with further assignments as part of JTF-Bravo in Honduras, 2nd Infantry Division in Korea and the 25th Infantry Division, L, in Hawaii. Lieutenant Colonel Fortunato then served in a number of program and acquisition positions to include program manager for the Army Special Operations Aviation Regiment MH-60 Black Hawk fleet and various high level assignments within the Army Secretariat.

Lieutenant Colonel Fortunato holds an MBA from George Washington University and a bachelor's of science in business and marketing from George Mason University. His military awards include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Air Assault Badge, the Army Aviation Association's Order of St. Michael, and he is a Senior Army Aviator with over 1,100 hours.

Son of a soldier, Lieutenant Colonel Fortunato is married to the former Monique Childress of Roanoke, VA. They have two children, Isabella, 13, and Edward, 11. I congratulate them on their husband and father's retirement from the Army. The demands of military life are such that military fami-

lies also sacrifice and serve the Nation along with their soldier, and I thank Monique, Isabella and Ed for their service.

The Army, the Senate, and the Nation are fortunate to have had the service of such a great officer as LTC Ed Fortunato. I wish him Godspeed.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. AMAR BOSE

● Mr. KERRY. Madam President, in May, Dr. Amar Bose was inducted in the National Inventors Hall of Fame. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize his outstanding accomplishments that have helped change our society and improve the way we live every day.

A pioneer in modern acoustics, Dr. Bose is founder, chairman and technical director of the internationally-recognized audio company that bears his name, Bose Corporation.

Raised just outside Philadelphia, Dr. Bose began his career at the age of 13, repairing radios in his basement during WWII.

His passion for technology continued at MIT, where he earned bachelor, masters and doctoral degrees in electrical engineering. In 1956, Dr. Bose was asked to join the faculty at MIT, where he taught for 45 years.

His research at MIT led to the development of new, patented technologies. With those patents, he founded Bose Corporation in Massachusetts in 1964. He has achieved worldwide acclaim with the introduction of groundbreaking products, including the 901® Direct/Reflecting speaker system, customized sound systems for automobiles, and active noise-reducing headphones. Under his leadership, 100 percent of profits are reinvested back into the company, enabling research and advancements in non-audio areas.

In 2004, after 25 years of research, he introduced a revolutionary suspension system that combines superior comfort and control in the same vehicle.

Dr. Bose has done extensive work for the Armed Forces and NASA. He was named Inventor of the Year in 1987, by the Intellectual Property Owners Association and holds numerous patents in the fields of acoustics, electronics, nonlinear systems, and communication theory.

He is a member of the Audio Hall of Fame, the recipient of a Distinguished Service Citation from the Automotive Hall of Fame, and has been inducted in the Consumer Electronics Hall of Fame. He is an elected member of the National Academy of Engineering and of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Congratulations Dr. Bose on being inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame and for your outstanding work at the Bose Corporation.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to

the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting nominations which were referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2007, the Secretary of the Senate, on June 23, 2008, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representative, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announcing that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 634. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

H.R. 814. An act to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to issue regulations mandating child-resistant closures on all portable gasoline containers.

H.R. 5778. An act to preserve the independence of the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority.

S. 188. An act to revise the short title of the Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006.

S. 254. An act to award posthumously a Congressional gold medal to Constantino Brumidi.

S. 682. An act to award a congressional gold medal to Edward William Brooke III in recognition of his unprecedented and enduring service to our Nation.

S. 1692. An act to grant a Federal charter to Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated.

S. 2146. An act to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to accept, as part of a settlement, diesel emission reduction Supplemental Environmental Projects, and for other purposes.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 4:10 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to section 841 (b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110-181), and the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Speaker and the Majority Leader of the Senate jointly appoint to the Commission on Wartime Contracting: Mr. Michael J. Thibault of Reston, Virginia, cochairman. Further, pursuant to the aforesaid authority, the Speaker appoints the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the