

with second oak leaf cluster, Army Reserve Commendation Medal with third oak leaf cluster, and the National Defense Service Medal.

I am sure Command Sergeant Major Shipley would agree, his honorable career would not have been possible if not for the support of his wife, Judy, and son, Cody. To them, we are also grateful.

I know I am joined by all of my colleagues in the Senate congratulating the command sergeant major on the occasion of his retirement and extending to him the Senate's sincere gratitude for his dedication to the defense of our Nation. We wish him and his family only happiness in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO TERRY WOSTER

● Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. President, today I wish, with great honor and pride, to pay tribute to a member of the Fourth estate in my home State of South Dakota. Terry Woster's career in journalism has spanned 44 years—an impressive mark in any profession, most certainly in the newspaper field.

Terry was born to Henry and Marie Woster and grew up on a farm near Reliance in Lyman County. He graduated from Chamberlain High School in 1962 and from South Dakota State University in 1966 with a degree in journalism. Terry grew up with two brothers and two sisters, fondly known as the Woster clan.

Terry married his high school sweetheart, Nancy Gust, after finishing college. Together they raised three children in Pierre.

Terry began his journalism career in 1967 at the Sioux Falls Argus Leader. He covered sports, wrote features, and was a photographer for 2 years before he went to work for the Associated Press in Pierre. After 9 years with the AP covering the Capitol and politics, Terry became editor of the Pierre Times and then managing editor for the Daily Capitol Journal. He became the Capitol reporter for the Argus Leader, a position he held for 22 years.

Readers of the Argus Leader, as well as other South Dakota newspapers, have become acquainted with Terry and his chosen topics through his weekly human interest columns. His writings accurately reflect life in South Dakota and have sometimes earned him the title of South Dakota's poet laureate.

South Dakotans have come to know the man who treasures his family, recounting many stories of growing up near Reliance, playing basketball for Chamberlain High, and boating on the Missouri River. He loves history, politics, and enjoyed going to work every day in Pierre where he got to know the Governors, legislators, and all who worked in the South Dakota State Capitol Building. His strong sense of community service was reflected in many ways including service on the Pierre Library Board.

Terry's journalism skills have earned him many prestigious awards over the years. The Argus Leader, South Dakota Farmers' Union, South Dakota Newspaper Association, and South Dakota Press Association have all presented him awards. He is the recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award from South Dakota State University.

Terry has authored and published three books, including "South Dakota 100," "The Woster Brothers' Brand," written with his brothers, Kevin and Jim, and "The Spirit of Sioux Falls."

South Dakotans of all political persuasions know Terry Woster as a fair and well-respected reporter. I am among those who have long valued Terry's political reporting, wit, and wisdom. I also am proud to call Terry a friend. We have shared our experience with prostate cancer and are proud of our wives who are breast cancer survivors.

Thank you, Terry, for sharing your career and personal life with the newspaper readers and the citizens of South Dakota, and congratulations on a career filled with professionalism and dedication. You can take great pride in your career achievements and accomplishments, and you are a true credit to the State of South Dakota.●

#### 45TH ANNIVERSARY OF YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

● Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the 45th anniversary of Youth and Family Services, YFS, a wonderful nonprofit organization based in Rapid City, SD, that provides support services for children and families. YFS has steadily grown in the last 45 years to become a thriving center of support to more than 11,000 children and their families every year.

Beginning in 1965, the organization was known as Girls Club and was one of many organizations offering programs and services to children and families. With hard work and a devotion to serving others, Girls Club evolved into Youth and Family Services, growing dramatically to incorporate several programs that offered similar services. YFS is one of the most comprehensive youth development organizations in western South Dakota.

The available programs have been consistently expanded to encompass more of the community. Working closely with other organizations, YFS remains focused on fulfilling its mission statement to help children and their families be capable, caring, and contributing members of their communities. YFS is working to serve an additional 3,000 to 5,000 children and families by expanding programs within child obesity prevention, healthy eating, and fatherhood programming, along with many others. In these hard economic times, the programs offered are even more critical, and YFS is building a strong endowment to ensure that they can continue to serve.

I am proud to recognize Youth and Family Services and all the people who have made reaching its 45th anniversary a success. The goals of Youth and Family Services are praiseworthy. This organization plays a vitally important role in western South Dakota, and I am thankful for all the devoted citizens who make the programs possible.●

#### TRIBUTE TO FRANK WOODRUFF BUCKLES

● Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to Frank Woodruff Buckles on the occasion of his 110th birthday. Frank has gained fame as the last living World War I veteran in the United States and has humbly accepted praise on behalf of the veterans who have gone before him. His story, like that of so many of the doughboys, is one of patriotism. As a 16-year-old in 1917, Frank lied to a military recruiter about his age so that he could join the Army. Once overseas, Frank served as an ambulance driver in England and France. Following the Armistice, Frank was part of a company returning prisoners of war back to Germany.

During World War II, while working for a private shipping company in Manila, Frank spent 3 years and 2 months as a Japanese prisoner-of-war. He still has, to this day, the small tin cup that he ate his paltry meals out of during that time period.

While we appropriately honor Frank for his service to our country, we should also recognize him for his longevity. His 110 years of life are no doubt due to his dedication to fitness and his love of learning. Well into his hundreds, Frank was still doing 50 situps a day and driving both his car and his tractor. Frank's love of learning has led him to learn numerous foreign languages and read countless books.

Frank never intended to have the distinction of being the last American World War I veteran. As he has said, "I knew it would happen to somebody, but I didn't necessarily think it was going to be me." Mr. President, I think you will agree with me that Mr. Buckles has accepted this honor with grace and humility. We salute you today, Frank Buckles, and wish you the best on this special occasion.●

#### TRIBUTE TO DR. EDMOND DYAS

● Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, it is appropriate that we take a moment to note the passing of Dr. Edmond Dyas of Mobile, AL, who was one of Alabama's most famous athletes and an accomplished orthopedic surgeon. Dr. Dyas first came to my attention when I was a young Boy Scout thrilled with the opportunity to have the chance to attend Auburn University football games as an usher. He was one of my first heroes. He was an Auburn team leader, a three-time Academic All American and All American, the Southeastern Conference's top running back in 1960, and

set the NCAA record for career field goals, and he was selected as a member of the College Football Hall of Fame in 2009. He finished fourth in 1960 in the Heisman Trophy balloting.

I was at the game when he was pushed and injured hitting the bench with his face, causing him to miss the Alabama game, thus losing the opportunity to perhaps win the Heisman Trophy. I also was at Auburn for a famous Auburn-Georgia game. Georgia was led by Fran Tarkenton and Pat Dye, later Auburn's head coach. In that classic game, Ed Dye hit three field goals and Durwood Pennington hit two. The final: 9 to 6.

Ed was a superb surgeon, community leader, and family man. He fought his cancer like the champion he was. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Diane, four children, and seven grandchildren.●

#### TRIBUTE TO HALL WILLIAMS THOMPSON

● Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, Tom Brokaw, in his book "The Greatest Generation," describes the generation that survived the Great Depression and World War II. He notes that their sacrifices made possible the many comforts and conveniences we enjoy today. On October 27, 2010, America and Alabama lost one of the best examples of that generation with the death of Hall Williams Thompson of Birmingham, AL.

That Hall Thompson was a very successful family man, businessman, civic leader, and philanthropist, there can be no doubt, and much could be said about a host of areas where he served, giving back to his State and his Nation. But I want to share a few remarks about one of his most notable qualities—his patriotism. Hall Thompson loved his country. He had fought for it, serving in the Pacific during World War II in the Army Air Corps. And that commitment to serving his country never abated.

Indeed, while he had strong views about our country and the exceptional nature of the American experience and was never afraid to express them, he was ever anxious to respect those who may disagree. He would, with sincerity, ask questions about the subject which concerned him and at the end of the conversation would say something like, "Well, I just think . . ." or, "I am just concerned." He made his point clearly but courteously.

On a personal note, I called Hall and asked him to support a political event. Quickly, he assured me he could come and asked if Lucy, his wonderful wife and partner of 66 years, could attend. The answer, of course, was yes, as everyone loves Lucy. But in asking that question, Hall showed his humility and courtesy.

So, we gathered on October 19, and I took the opportunity during the event to personally thank Hall for his support for me in 1994 when I ran for attor-

ney general of Alabama and for his support of many great causes. He did not know me well in 1994 but had heard good things about me, and he was very generous in his support. I thanked him for that and noted that he had never asked for a single thing personally, only for good government. The fact that there are others in our country like Hall who support their candidates, Republicans and Democrats, liberal and conservative, because of values and principles and not for personal gain, is important to our country's political health. They should be appreciated. They make the country a better place.

Later during that same meeting, Hall Thompson suffered the stroke that would sadly take his life 9 days later. He had lived a full life of 87 years. He left an accomplished and loving family and a host of friends and admirers. He loved America, closely monitored her progress, and was ready to help whenever possible.

He was a true patriot. Our State and Nation will miss him.●

#### TRIBUTE TO TERESA SCANLAN

● Mr. JOHANNNS. Mr. President, I am pleased to congratulate 17-year-old Teresa Scanlan of Gering, NE, on being crowned as Miss America 2011. Teresa represented our great state as Miss Nebraska 2010 at the Miss America Pageant held earlier this year in Las Vegas, NV. She is the first Miss Nebraska to win the pageant, and I know our State is very proud of Teresa.

Teresa, the daughter of Jamie and Mark Scanlan, graduated from Scottsbluff High School and plans to attend college at Patrick Henry College in Virginia after her year as Miss America. In the future, she would like to get involved with politics and attend law school.

As Miss America, Teresa will travel throughout the United States. She will raise awareness of the dangers of eating disorders and will also serve as the National Goodwill Ambassador for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. I thank Teresa for her efforts to make a real difference in the lives of others and to set a positive example for other young people to follow.

Congratulations, again, to Miss America 2011, Nebraska's very own Teresa Scanlan.●

#### TRIBUTE TO CHAD MILLER

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Chad Miller, an intern in my Sioux Falls, SD, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Chad is a graduate of Washington High School in Sioux Falls. Currently he is attending the University of Saint Thomas, where he is majoring in psychology and political science. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Chad for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-360. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Shipping Act, Merchant Marine, and Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) Provisions; Fishing Vessel, Fishing Facility and Individual Fishing Quota Lending Program" (RIN0648-AY16) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 25, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-361. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Tilefish Fishery" (RIN0648-BA42) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 25, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-362. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "International Fisheries; Pacific Tuna Fisheries; Vessel Capacity Limit in the Purse Seine Fishery in the Eastern Pacific Ocean" (RIN0648-AY75) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-363. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Pacific Cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XZ61) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-364. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer" (RIN0648-XA073) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-365. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Inseason Adjustment to the 2011 Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Pacific Cod Total Allowable Catch Amount" (RIN0648-XA120) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 19, 2011; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.