

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

STENNIS CENTER PROGRAM FOR CONGRESSIONAL INTERNS

• Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, for 10 years, summer interns working in Congressional offices have benefitted from a program run by the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Leadership. This 6-week program is designed to enhance their internship experience by giving them an inside view of how Congress works and a deeper appreciation for the role that Congress plays in our democracy. Each week, the interns meet with senior congressional staff and other experts to discuss issues such as the legislative process, separation of powers, balancing governing and campaigning, political polarization, and more. My office has had the benefit of hosting Stennis interns over years and I know it contributes to a richer experience for all who participate.

Interns are selected for this program based on their college record, community service experience, and interest in a career in public service. This year, 28 outstanding interns, most of them juniors and seniors in college who are working in Republican and Democratic offices in both the House and Senate, have taken part.

I congratulate the interns for their involvement in this valuable program and I thank the Stennis Center and the Senior Stennis Fellows for providing such a meaningful experience for these interns and for encouraging them to consider a future career in public service.

I ask that a list of 2012 Stennis Congressional Interns and the offices in which they work be printed in the RECORD.

The list follows.

Nick Briggs, attending Brown University, interning in the office of Rep. JIM MCGOVERN;

Julia Caulfield, attending Western Washington University, interning in the office of Sen. MARK BEGICH;

Ryan Clarke, attending the University of North Florida, interning in the office of the House Democratic Leader;

Rebecca Dailey, attending Boston College, interning in the office of Sen. MARK BEGICH;

Myranda Elliott, attending Hofstra University, interning in the office of Rep. PAUL GOSAR;

Robert Glass, attending Georgia Southwestern State University, interning in the office of Rep. JOHN BARROW;

Alison Gocke, attending Princeton University, interning in the House Committee on Natural Resources;

Sadhna Gupta, attending Duke University, interning in the office of Rep. JIM MCGOVERN;

Geoff Henderson, attending Haverford College, interning in the House Committee on Foreign Affairs;

Katie Hill, attending Brown University, interning in the office of Rep. DAVID CICILLINE;

Kayla Howe, attending The Monterey Institute of International Studies, interning in the House Committee on Foreign Affairs;

Dan Hsieh, attending Seattle University School of Law, interning in the office of Sen. MIKE ENZI;

Elizabeth Joseph, attending the University of Texas at Austin, interning in the office of Sen. THAD COCHRAN;

Isabella Leavitt, attending Arizona State University, interning in the office of Rep. RAÚL GRIJALVA;

Ju Young Lee, attending Claremont McKenna College, interning in the office of Rep. BARBARA LEE;

Hunter Ligon, attending the University of Oklahoma, interning in the office of Rep. JAMES LANKFORD;

Jennifer Lundemo, attending Dickinson State University, interning in the office of Sen. KENT CONRAD;

Ty McNamee, attending the University of Wyoming, interning in the office of Sen. MIKE ENZI;

Zach Ostro, attending the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law, interning in the office of Rep. MARCIA FUDGE;

James Pollack, attending Harvard University, interning in the office of Rep. JACKIE SPEIER;

Stephanie Rice, attending Boston College, interning in the House Committee on Financial Services;

Sterling Robinson, Jr., attending Hofstra Law School, interning in the office of Rep. CHARLES RANGEL;

Amir Rowe, attending St. John's University, interning in the office of Rep. CHARLES RANGEL;

Ray Salazar, attending Hawaii Pacific University, interning in the office of Rep. COLLEEN HANABUSA;

Mike Sardano, attending New England Law Boston, interning in the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration;

Elizabeth Teagle, attending the University of Georgia, interning in the office of Sen. SAXBY CHAMBLISS;

Kanoe Tjorvatjoglou, attending George Mason University, interning in the office of Rep. COLLEEN HANABUSA;

Guy Wood, attending Princeton University, interning in the office of Sen. THAD COCHRAN. •

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL
TIMOTHY J. LOWENBERG

• Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Major General Timothy J. Lowenberg for his exemplary record of service to the Washington National Guard, Washington State, and the United States of America.

MG Timothy J. Lowenberg will retire on July 31, 2012 after a distinguished career with the Washington National Guard and 44 years of military service to this country. General Lowenberg has been the Adjutant General for Washington State since September 1999 and in this role he has served as the commander of all Washington National Guard forces, Director of Washington State's Emergency Management programs, and Homeland Security Advisor to the Governor of Washington. Beyond these already extensive responsibilities, General Lowenberg is recognized nationally for his work on Homeland Security policy. In a defining mark of General Lowenberg's forward-leaning leadership, he established the Washington State Domestic Security Infrastructure in 1999, prior to the events of 9/11. This collaborative effort to establish a Statewide system capable of responding to major disaster events pre-

ceded the establishment of the Department of Homeland Security by several years.

While his list of titles would be a strong credit to any individual, an equally impressive aspect of General Lowenberg's career has been his ability to provide this leadership during one of the most dynamic periods of Washington State's history. During his tenure, General Lowenberg has led Washington State in the response to 53 Governor Emergency Proclamations, 10 Presidential Major Disaster Declarations, and one Presidential Emergency Declaration. Beyond the sheer volume of emergencies General Lowenberg has addressed during his time as Adjutant General, he has displayed great flexibility and a talent for adapting to the needs of any given situation. One of his signature accomplishments was working with me and others toward the establishment of the 2010 Olympics Security Committee and the construction of the 2010 Olympic Coordination Center. In the years that led up to the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics, General Lowenberg recognized the need for local, State, Federal, and international cooperation to ensure an effective and smooth response to the games. He managed to operate this committee without the benefit of a National Security Special Event designation, achieving the desired outcome without the benefit of additional funding.

Had General Lowenberg spent his time as Adjutant General only responding to emergencies and planning for disasters, he would still have been able to retire as one of the most accomplished Adjutant Generals in the country, but he also commanded the Washington National Guard during a time of war. Though it is easy to forget, our world looked quite different in 2001. The servicemembers who initially deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq didn't have Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles, up-armored Humvees, or even the kind of extensive body armor we see today. Some National Guard members deployed to war zones without body armor, necessary equipment, or even vehicles. In the face of these hardships, General Lowenberg and the Washington National Guard stood fast and persevered. Over the last decade Washington Guard members have deployed and sacrificed alongside the Active-Duty military again and again, and in the words of former Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, the Washington National Guard and all State Guard members have changed from, "a strategic reserve to an integral part of the operational force."

While these brave servicemembers were deployed, General Lowenberg worked with me to modernize Cold War-era benefits that no longer sufficiently supported the post-9/11 Guard members and their families. Guard members deploying in the early half of the last decade were doing so without the promise of adequate veterans' benefits, without appropriate TRICARE