

taken an easy road to elected office, but that was not his way. He wanted to earn the trust of the people. He turned down an appointment as attorney general of Delaware, preferring to run for the position on his own. He won and served two terms as a faithful public servant. He was on track to become the next Governor of Delaware when his life was tragically cut short.

As attorney general, Beau Biden fought every day to protect children. Albert Camus once said: "Perhaps we cannot prevent this world from being a world in which children are tortured. But we can reduce the number of tortured children. And if you don't help us, who else in the world can help us do this?" Beau Biden answered that call. He said keeping children safe is why he wanted to be the attorney general of Delaware, and during his years in that position, he prosecuted child predators and worked to protect children from sexual abuse. In a column in the *Wilmington News Journal*, he wrote, "As adults, we have a legal and moral obligation to stand up and speak out for children who are being abused—they cannot speak for themselves." It is fitting that his family established the Beau Biden Foundation for the Protection of Children to continue his fight.

At times like this, people often think about what could have been. A decade after Robert F. Kennedy died, Allard Lowenstein wrote an article entitled "Anniversary of an Assassination." In it he wrote, "And anybody who finds himself wishing on this occasion that Robert Kennedy were around knows what Robert Kennedy would be saying if he were here—knows that we have dallied long enough, and that it is past time to try again to do better, to make a difference; past time to dream again of things as they ought to be, and ask again why they are not." Beau Biden would not only want us to do the same thing, he would expect us to. He would be telling us to keep up the fight to protect children. He would be reminding us about the honor of public service, and he would be encouraging us to go out and serve our communities and our country.

#### RECOGNIZING THE HERO CAMPAIGN FOR DESIGNATED DRIVERS

Mr. BOOKER. Mr. President, each year, tens of thousands of lives are lost and millions more are injured in collisions on our Nation's highways. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, about 40 percent of all traffic fatalities involve alcohol. This preventable behavior continues to impose a terrible toll on our families and our Nation.

To eradicate drunk driving from our roads, we must change our Nation's culture around stepping behind the wheel after consuming alcohol. A major way to enact this change is to encourage and celebrate the role of designated drivers—those who make a

commitment to remain sober to ensure that the passengers in their vehicle return home safely at the end of the night.

For this reason, I rise today to honor the 15th anniversary of the HERO Campaign, which works to create partnerships that encourage and support designated drivers.

The HERO Campaign was created in memory of U.S. Navy ENS John Elliott, a New Jersey resident and a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. Ensign Elliott was an outstanding citizen and Naval cadet. In each of his 4 years at Annapolis, Elliott was selected by his peers to serve as a human education resource officer, or HERO, to mentor fellow members of his company. At graduation, Elliott was honored as the outstanding HERO in his class.

On July 22, 2000, Ensign Elliott was driving to his home in Egg Harbor Township, NJ with his girlfriend when his vehicle was struck by an oncoming vehicle that crossed into his lane. The driver of that vehicle was operating under the influence of alcohol. Along with Ensign Elliott, that driver was killed in the collision.

Shortly after Ensign Elliott's life came to its untimely end, his parents, Bill and Muriel Elliott, started the HERO Campaign. The HERO Campaign is a non-profit organization that brings together schools, professional sports teams, law enforcement, taverns and restaurants, and community groups to recognize and encourage designated drivers.

Since its inception, the HERO Campaign has registered more than 100,000 designated drivers at sports stadiums, concerts, schools, and colleges in 7 States. In New Jersey, the HERO Campaign contributed to a 35.4 percent decline in alcohol-related driving fatalities in the general population and a 65.1 percent decline for those under 21 years of age. Truly, the accomplishments of the HERO Campaign are nothing less than heroic.

But their work is not done yet. The ultimate goal of the HERO Campaign is to register one million designated drivers across our Nation, and to ensure that having a designated driver before stepping out for the night becomes as automatic as putting on a seatbelt when getting into the car. As Bill Elliott says, the message is simple: "Who's your HERO tonight?"

I can safely say that, to me, Bill and Muriel Elliott and their colleagues at the HERO Campaign are my heroes this and every night. I commend their accomplishments and support their efforts to save lives by helping others realize their heroic potential as designated drivers.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO BISHOP PAUL S. MORTON

• Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, I wish to honor Bishop Paul S. Morton. Bishop

Morton was born in Windsor, Ontario, where he graduated from J.C. Patterson Collegiate Institute and St. Clair College. Despite his northern roots, Bishop Morton was called to New Orleans, LA, in 1972 to preach and spread the Gospel of the Lord. The Greater St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church was Morton's first home, where he was installed as senior pastor in January 1975. Under the pastor's leadership, the congregation grew dramatically, resulting in the need to expand to a 2,000 seat sanctuary in 1980 and a 4,000 seat sanctuary in 1988. In 1991, Greater St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church became Greater St. Stephen Full Gospel Baptist Church which preaches of the manifestation of miracles, healings, and gifts of the Holy Spirit.

With his unique leadership skills and his care for the community, Greater St. Stephen Full Gospel Baptist Church grew from 647 members to more than 20,000 members requiring 3 locations in the Greater New Orleans area. In addition to this great local accomplishment, Bishop Morton is also the senior pastor of Changing a Generation Full Gospel Church in Atlanta, GA, as well as the founding presiding bishop of the Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship International. The Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship represents thousands of church leaders and congregations around the world and focuses on cultivating positive values such as sustainability, holiness, innovation, family, and transcendence.

Bishop Paul S. Morton's dedication to his congregation is seen in the services he provides to the community. In 1997, the Greater St. Stephen ministry purchased a former naval base and converted it into affordable housing for more than 125 families in the New Orleans area. In addition to being an accomplished Gospel singer, the bishop hosts "Changing a Generation," a daily radio show and weekly TV broadcast with the goal of changing the way people view going to church. Bishop Morton also serves as president of the Paul S. Morton, Sr. Scholarship Foundation and president of the Paul S. Morton Bible College and School of Ministry.

I am honored to share the accomplished career of Bishop Paul S. Morton, and I thank him for his services to the State of Louisiana.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:14 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 179. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 3rd Avenue, NW, in Chisholm, Minnesota, as the "James L. Oberstar Memorial Post Office Building".

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 208. An act to improve the disaster assistance programs of the Small Business Administration.