REMEMBERING SONIA AND MARTIN J. WOLF

Mr. BENNET. Madam President, today I want to recognize the legacy of two great Coloradans, Sonia and Martin J. Wolf. After 54 years of marriage and a lifetime of public service, Martin and Sonia went quietly away within weeks of each other in Denver, CO.

Martin Wolf was chief of staff to Senators Mike Gravel and Floyd Haskell and administrative assistant to two Colorado Governors and former Denver Mayor Federico Peña. He then went on to work on President Johnson’s staff— all with the love of his life by his side. The two spent a lifetime advocating for what they believed in, and they worked tirelessly to leave the world a better place than they found it.

Their dedication to public service is widely renowned and respected. Martin and Sonia, and the passion they carried for their work, will be deeply missed.

We ask unanimous consent that the following obituary for the Wolfs be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

Admired for the decades of public service, Sonia and Martin J. Wolf, married for fifty-four years, died within weeks of each other in Denver, CO.

Mr. Wolf was Chief of Staff to two United States Senators and Administrative Assistant to two Colorado Governors and a Denver Mayor. They were much admired in Washington and Denver for their devotion to each other and to public service.

Mrs. Wolf, a native New Yorker raised primarily in Miami, Florida, met her husband during her career as an accountant and financial advisor. Recognizing that they must be lifetime companions, they slipped away for a weekend from the campaign of Gov. Steve Beshear in 1962, flying to Santa Fe where New Mexico’s Governor made special arrangements to open a court on a Saturday. They were inseparable ever after.

Mr. Wolf, a Colorado native, was a Navy veteran of WW II, graduating from Denver University in 1950. He embarked on a journalism career that took him to posts in Australia and Alaska before returning to Denver as a reporter on KOA-TV. In 1962 he became Press Secretary for Gov. McNichols, also directing Coloradans for President Lyndon Johnson in 1964.

LBJ’s White House Chief of Staff W. Martin Watson was so impressed that he brought Sonia and Marty to Washington as Special Assistant to Chairman John Bailey at the DNC and later as Special Assistant to The Postmaster General when Watson was appointed to the Cabinet.

In 1970, Marty became Chief of Staff to Alaskan Governor, J.J. Campbell. In that position, he came into possession of the “Pentagon Papers,” loading the boxes into the trunk of his car. To Sonia’s chagrin, he kept a little book to reveal his source to anyone. Senator Gravel astounded the world reading sections aloud on the floor of the Senate while the Washington Post was fighting to reveal the story.

The Wolfs kept their home in Denver, so it was a natural transfer when Marty became Chief of Staff for newly elected Senator Floyd Haskell, a lifelong friend. In 1979, the Wolfs returned permanently to Denver where he became Regional Small Business Administration.

Wolf was considered a great success moulding together the freshman agency within six months. In 1985, Gov. Richard Lamm proclaimed “Martin J. Wolf Day” in Colorado, heralding “his dedicated, thoughtful, persuasive leadership.”

Wolf was considered a man who could do it all with MS. They never missed a chance to participate in Presidential campaigns as loyal Democrats.

A memorial service will be held on June 6 at 11 a.m. at the Little Ivy Chapel, 430 S. Quebec St., Denver, CO (Tel: 303 399 0692). Martin Wolf passed from us on February 3, 2016 and Sonia Wolf joined him on May 1, 2016.

The Wolfs are survived by a number of relatives, including Sonia’s brother, Eugene Kesser of Miami, FL; Martin’s nephew, Paul L. Downing of Denver and two godchildren whom they considered “grandchildren,” Broadway director, Ethan McSweeny of Brooklyn, NY and Federal Trade Commissioner, Terrell McSweeny of Washington, DC.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Colorado Multiple Sclerosis Society, 900 S. Broadway, Suite 250, Denver, CO 80209.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO NOAH COZAD

Mr. ROUNDS. Madam President, today I recognize Noah Cozad, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota.

Noah is a graduate of Washington High School in Sioux Falls, SD. He recently graduated from the University of Montana, where he studied political science, global studies, and German. He is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience and who has been a true asset to the office.

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

TRIBUTE TO ANDREW LEIFERMAN

Mr. ROUNDS. Madam President, today I recognize Andrew Leiferman, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota.

Andrew is a graduate of T.F. Riggs High School in Pierre, SD. He attends the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, where he studies finance and economics. He is an analytical and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience and who has been a true asset to the office.

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

TRIBUTE TO THOMAS McNAMARA

Mr. ROUNDS. Madam President, today I recognize Thomas McNamara,