

Memorial Foundation, an organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for terminally ill children.

I am proud to add my words of commendation to the praise and recognition Sheriff Smith has received throughout his respected career. I extend to him my sincere congratulations for his countless contributions to the force and to the broader community. Riverside County is a safer and better place because of his fine leadership. Although Sheriff Smith will be greatly missed, his work continues to benefit Riverside County. I wish him a wonderful retirement.●

IN MEMORIAM: MARGARET WAHLSTROM

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to share with the Senate the memory of Mary Alice Wahlstrom, who lost her life on September 11, 2001. Mrs. Wahlstrom was 78 years old when the flight she was on, American Airlines Flight 11, was hijacked by terrorists. As we all know, that plane crashed into the World Trade Center, killing everyone on board.

Mrs. Wahlstrom and her daughter, Carolyn Beug, were traveling together on that tragic day. They were returning to their homes after having settled Mrs. Beug's twin daughters at the Rhode Island School of Design. This American family lost two dearly beloved women on September 11. "The one thing those terrorists cannot destroy is love. They cannot destroy the love we have in this family, and the love people have for each other," says Margaret Wahlstrom, daughter-in-law of Mrs. Wahlstrom.

Mary Alice Wahlstrom was traveling throughout Europe as a young socialite until she met, and fell in love with, Norman Wahlstrom, Senior. He was a World War II hero and like most Air Force families, they moved many times. They raised five children together, finally settling in Utah, where Mary Alice became a loan officer.

Mrs. Wahlstrom shared a zest for life with those around her. She is remembered as a vibrant, exuberant woman. One neighbor called her, "dynamic, with a wonderful outlook on life." She loved to laugh. Mrs. Wahlstrom exercised daily, played the piano and volunteered as an usher at Temple Square. She enjoyed reading, traveling, debating current events and going to the movies. "She was a ball of fire. She was 78 when she died, but she could have lived another 25 years. I have no doubt about it," says her son Scott Wahlstrom.

During the opening ceremonies of the 2002 Olympic Games, her son, Norman Wahlstrom, Jr., carried the Olympic torch in Ogden, Utah, in honor of his mother. "As with every boy that ever lived, my mother was a shining example of hope and promise. She had a wonderful, perpetual smile and contagious laugh," says Wahlstrom.

None of us is untouched by the terror of September 11, and many Californians were part of each tragic moment of that tragic day. Some were trapped in the World Trade Center towers. Some were at work in the Pentagon. And the fates of some were sealed as they boarded planes bound for San Francisco or Los Angeles.

I offer today this tribute to an American who perished on that awful morning. I want to assure the family of Mary Alice Wahlstrom, and the families of all the victims, that their fathers and mothers, sons and daughters, aunts, uncles, brothers and sisters will not be forgotten.●

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CITY OF VISALIA AND THE COUNTY OF TULARE'S SESQUICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise today to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the City of Visalia and Tulare County, California. The City and the County are celebrating their official anniversaries together on September 7, 2002 at historical Mooney Grove Park.

The City of Visalia and the County of Tulare were both organized in 1852. The State of California was two years old.

Visalia started as a small, creekside settlement and has grown into the dynamic community it is today. Commonly referred to as "Jewel of the Valley" and "Gateway to the Sierra," Visalia is now home to more than 92,000 residents. It is renowned for its great Valley Oaks that grace its neighborhoods, reminders of the natural heritage of which its residents are so proud.

Tulare County, anchored on the east by spectacular Sierra Nevada peaks, Giant Sequoia groves and fertile plains, which make it the number one agricultural county in the world, is also one of the largest counties in the great San Joaquin Valley. It is home to Sequoia and Kings National Park and the Giant Sequoia National Monument. Its residents range from its Native Americans to dozens of nationalities from all corners of the globe, making its communities diverse and proud of their shared heritage.

Both the City of Visalia and County of Tulare have thrived since their early beginnings. I have had the distinct pleasure of visiting both the city and the county over the years. Both are truly valuable assets to the State of California.

I am honored to serve the people of Visalia and Tulare County and wish them all a wonderful sesquicentennial anniversary celebration. I encourage my colleagues to join me in wishing the City of Visalia and Tulare County many more years of prosperity.

I yield the floor.●

IN MEMORIAM: CAROLYN BEUG

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to share

with the Senate the memory of one of my constituents, Carolyn Beug, who lost her life on September 11, 2001. Mrs. Beug was 48 years old when the plane she was on, American Airlines Flight 11, was hijacked by terrorists. As we all know, that plane crashed into the World Trade Center, killing everyone on board.

Carolyn Beug and her mother, Mary Alice Wahlstrom, were traveling together on that tragic day. They were returning to their homes after having settled Mrs. Beug's twin daughters at the Rhode Island School of Design. This American family lost two dearly beloved women on September 11th. Their story is one of a commitment to love conquering hate, even in the face of unimaginable sorrow and loss. "The one thing those terrorists cannot destroy is love. They cannot destroy the love we have in this family, and the love people have for each other," says Margaret Wahlstrom, Carolyn Beug's sister-in-law.

Mrs. Beug, the daughter of an Air Force colonel, was a citizen of the world. She grew up in many places, including Pennsylvania, South Korea and Utah. Carolyn Beug was a successful accountant, CFO, and real estate developer. She was a music industry executive, music video producer and director. Mrs. Beug helped establish a center for underprivileged children in Los Angeles and won the 1992 MTV Video of the Year award for directing a video by the rock group Van Halen. She was the wife of John Beug and mother of Lauren, Lindsay and Nicky. In 1998, Mrs. Beug left the music industry to write a book and to devote more time to her family.

When her daughters joined the Santa Monica High School Track Team, Mrs. Beug became actively involved as the team mother. She was affectionately known as "Momma Bunny" and she attended every meet, cheering on the team and purchasing new shoes, uniforms and sweats when needed. At the end of every season, she hosted the team banquet at the Beug family home. "She always called the kids on the team "my little bunnies," recalls her husband, John.

"Such an electric and peripatetic personality leaves an impression wherever she goes, whether that's a corporate boardroom, a movie studio, a children's shelter, a high school stadium, or a home on a quiet tree lined street. The impressions she left, a bright smile, a heartfelt belly laugh, a nugget of wisdom, an odd take on a song, a whispered secret, a motherly embrace are permanent," adds John Beug.

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