

CONGRATULATING LTC MICHAEL E. HOGAN ON HIS RETIREMENT

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I would like to congratulate one of Oklahoma's finest soldiers, LTC Michael E. Hogan, who is retiring after a distinguished career of over 20 years of exceptionally meritorious conduct in the United States Army. Lieutenant Colonel Hogan was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant, Field Artillery, after graduating from the United States Military Academy. His first assignment was as a Fire Support Team Chief, HHB, 2d Battalion, 6th Infantry Division, Fort Ord, CA. Demonstrating keen expertise and artillery skills, he moved through various positions in the unit, including Firing Battery Fire Direction Officer, Executive Officer, and Battalion Fire Direction Officer. After developing and mastering the required skills as an Artilleryman through an assignment in Camp Casey, Korea, Lieutenant Colonel Hogan was moved to Fort Sill, OK, where he assumed a role on the faculty of the Field Artillery School.

In 1989, Lieutenant Colonel Hogan served as the Battery Commander for Bravo Battery, 2d Battalion, with 105mm Howitzers, for almost 2 years. Because of his expertise in artillery systems, he was moved to a position as a test officer with the U.S. Army Operational Test and Evaluation Center. After further refining his skills in artillery systems while performing as a test team chief, Lieutenant Colonel Hogan was moved to a position as an executive officer with the 6th FA Battalion, Fort Sill, OK. In 1997, while in the position on the Corps Artillery Staff, Lieutenant Colonel Hogan was deployed to Haiti where he served 6 months as the Joint Task Force Chief of Staff. Upon his return to Fort Sill, he was installed as the executive officer for the 212th Field Artillery Brigade. After serving in this position for approximately 1 year, Lieutenant Colonel Hogan was sent to the Pentagon as a representative of the regimental staff of the Field Artillery Center, with duty in the Office of the Chief of Legislative Liaison.

Lieutenant Colonel Hogan directly applied special talents and expertise as a Hardware Congressional Liaison Officer in the Office of the Secretary of the Army, Legislative Liaison Programs Division from March 2000 through February 2004. Lieutenant Colonel Hogan maintained a constant liaison with professional staff members of the Senate and House Armed Services Committees on critical issues relating to army procurement programs such as the Crusader Field Artillery System, Stryker, and the Army's top priority, the Future Combat System.

Throughout these assignments, Lieutenant Colonel Hogan has provided outstanding leadership, advice, and sound professional judgment on significant issues that affected both the Army and Congress. His actions and counsel were invaluable to Army leaders and Members of Congress as they considered the

impact of important issues. Lieutenant Colonel Hogan's dedication to accomplishing the Army's legislative liaison mission has been extraordinary. He is truly an outstanding officer who displays superb professional leadership skills and is totally dedicated to mission accomplishment in the highest traditions of military service. I am proud to call him a constituent, and wish him well in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO COMMANDER WILLIE MCCOOL

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I rise to pay my respects to my fellow veterans. It is only through the leadership, dedication, and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform that we are able to enjoy the freedoms that we value so much as Americans. We cheer our veterans at homecomings and parades, and we grieve for them when they do not come home. At critical times in U.S. history, as we are facing now, we unfortunately find ourselves grieving more for our military service members, than celebrating and honoring their service. Veterans Day gives us a chance to honor and thank all of these heroes.

On this Veterans Day, I would like to share the story of one such hero who touched many American lives—Commander Willie McCool. Commander McCool was killed earlier this year as he was piloting the *Columbia* Space Shuttle towards home. Recently, Commander McCool's family, Naval Academy classmates, and former cross-country and track teammates participated in a ceremony at the location where a memorial will be placed in his honor. The essence of what that memorial will stand for was captured perfectly in a recent Washington Post article by William Gildea, dated October 30, 2003.

On October 2, 1982, as captain of the Naval Academy's men's cross country squad, McCool led the midshipmen to a victory over Georgetown and Syracuse Universities, while setting a personal record for the 5-mile race of 24:27. On February 1, 2003, Commander McCool and the members of his crew perished when *Columbia* came apart over Texas, only 15 minutes from landing.

The location of the planned memorial for Commander McCool will be 15 minutes from the finish line on the day he set his best time. The spot was chosen to commemorate Commander McCool's life and acknowledge his contributions to the country, the Navy, and the Naval Academy's cross-country program, as well as to recognize the positive impact that being a Navy runner had on his life.

Before inviting his cross-country coach Al Cantello to the Space Shuttle *Columbia* launch, Commander McCool sent a portrait of himself to Cantello with the following inscription: "Your coaching laid a foundation of discipline, drive and passion that has carried me across the many milestones of my life. With boundless appreciation,

Willie." From that foundation, Commander McCool developed into a top-notch Naval Officer and served our country in an exemplary manner. On this Veterans Day, I humbly thank Commander McCool, and his family, for his selfless service and sacrifice for our country.

At this time, I ask unanimous consent that the October 30, 2003, Washington Post article regarding Commander Willie McCool be printed in the RECORD.

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

[From the Washington Post, Nov. 2, 2003]

THE PERFECT PLACE TO HONOR A HERO

(By William Gildea)

Sports doesn't have enough heroes, but Willie McCool is a hero. The captain of the 1982 cross-country team at the Naval Academy, he was known for smiling in the midst of a grueling race as the effort showed on the faces of the other runners. No matter the difficult, he always was happy. That really was how he showed the way in whatever he did. As his coach, Al Cantello, said yesterday morning, "Everyone should meet a Willie McCool in his lifetime."

Cantello was driving out to the Academy cross-country course to join relatives, former teammates and other friends of McCool. They gathered on the crest of the hill at 8 a.m. to honor the man they loved. McCool said from space on Jan. 30: 'From our orbital vantage point, we observe an earth without borders, full of peace, beauty and magnificence. And we pray that humanity as a whole can imagine a borderless world as we see it and strive to live as one in peace.'

He was the pilot of the space shuttle *Columbia*, which broke up as it reentered the earth's atmosphere Feb. 1.

"Isn't this a great cross-country morning—crisp, perfect for running?" Mark Patterson, the 1983 team captain, said in welcoming the people who assembled quietly on the hill. There, they plan to have a memorial built in McCool's honor. It will not be something grandiose, they said, because that would not be representative of such a modest person as McCool; it would be simple, but it would be big enough for passing runners to notice, maybe to be inspired by, something to prompt a thought.

The son of a Navy aviator, William C. McCool finished second of 1,083 in the class of 1983. He went on for two master's degrees, one from Maryland. During that time, he often returned to the rolling course where he had worked out twice a day during cross-country and track seasons. McCool was one of many who thought of that five-mile route as a special place. And he was one of those who remained grateful to the man who put him on the course where he developed some of his leadership skills. Before inviting his coach to the *Columbia* launch, McCool sent a portrait of himself to Cantello with the inscription: "Your coaching laid a foundation of discipline, drive and passion that has carried me across the many milestones of my life. With boundless appreciation, Willie."

For the most part, the five-mile course follows the perimeter of the Academy's golf course, across the Severn from the campus. Jimmy Carter ran it as a midshipman. So have numerous Olympians, tens of thousands of college runners, countless others. But after Saturday, when McCool's widow, Lani, and his mother, Audrey, were presented flowerers at the simple ceremony, the course seemed even more special. It felt like hallowed ground.

McCool was said to be an extraordinary test pilot. He did small things well, too. He liked to make people happy. Capt. Clyde Villemez, who was the naval officer representative for cross-country in the early '80s, remembered him tenderly escorting his 8-year-old daughter onto the dance floor at a wedding reception. Villemez retains a vivid image of the two. "She was dancing on top of his feet," he said.

Ronnie Harris, who ran the 5,000 meters for Navy, missing the 1996 U.S. Olympic team by just 25 hundredths of a second, had the idea for a memorial. He was serving in Florida when he heard of Columbia's fate. He did what many former Navy runners did as they thought of their friend. "I went for a run," he said.

Now he was back on his favorite course, standing close to where the marker will go.

"This is a very beautiful spot. It's absolutely gorgeous," Audrey McCool said.

It is not just any spot. It was chosen for a reason.

The last radio communication from the Columbia was received about 15 minutes before the scheduled completion of the mission. The crew of seven was 15 minutes from home.

McCool's friends measured back 15 minutes from the finish line of the cross-country course based on McCool's fastest time, in a meet with Georgetown and Syracuse on Oct. 2, 1982. As it happened, they came to an idyllic setting, at the top of a grassy hill, on a brief level stretch before a slope leading to a narrow path through the trees.

That's where they will build the monument.

That's when he was 15 minutes from home.

TRIBUTE TO LTG GENERAL JOHN S. CALDWELL, JR.

Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I rise today in honor of LTG John S. Caldwell, Jr., Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology at the Pentagon. After 36 years of exemplary commitment and dedicated service to the United States Army, General Caldwell is retiring.

General Caldwell's career has been vast in the command and staff positions he has held. Beginning as a Platoon Leader at Fort Meade, MD, in 1967 until his current assignment at the Pentagon, he has been a steady and dedicated member of the United States Armed Forces.

A graduate of the United States Military Academy, West Point, NY, General Caldwell's career has been one of dedication, service, and sacrifice. Upon graduation, he was commissioned in the Armor/Cavalry. He has commanded armored cavalry units from platoon through battalion, had combat duty with the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment in Vietnam, and served two tours in the Federal Republic of Germany.

He has held a variety of other assignments including: Deputy Chief of Staff for Research, Development and Acquisition, Headquarters, Army Materiel Command; Director, Army Digitization Office, Headquarters, Department of the Army; Assistant Deputy for System Management and International Cooperation, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Research, Development and Acquisition; Assistant Pro-

fessor for the Department of Engineering at USMA; Research and Development Coordinator, Office of the Project Manager, Abrams Tank Systems; Operations and Training Officer, S-3, for 2nd Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment; Operations Staff Officer and Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, Plans and Training for the Army Staff; Research and Development Staff Officer, Army Studies Group for the Office of the Chief of Staff, Army; Chief, Strategy Application Branch of the Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate, J-5, for the Joint Staff, and, Project Manager, Abrams Tank Systems.

General Caldwell is often sought after for his knowledge and insight into the critical issues facing our country today. He is a decorated soldier, having received the following decorations and badges: Distinguished Service Medal, with Oak Leaf Cluster, Silver Star, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, with Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Achievement Medal, Ranger Tab, Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge, and Army Staff Identification Badge.

On this Veterans Day, I celebrate and applaud the distinguished career of LTG John S. Caldwell. A courageous soldier, fearless leader, and patriot, General Caldwell is much deserving of a relaxing and enjoyable retirement. My best wishes go out to his wife, Judy, his family and friends in this time of celebration.

MEDIA CONSOLIDATION AND DIMINISHING INDEPENDENT CONTENT

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, in June of this year, the Federal Communications Commission issued a decision relaxing a number of important rules that limit consolidation in the media industry. In the months leading up to that decision, and ever since, a bipartisan group of Senators has sought to sound the alarm about the dangers of unbridled media concentration. Those efforts eventually led to Senate passage of a resolution to reverse the commission's decision. But the battle continues, and the outcome is uncertain.

Most of the debate on this subject has focused on the details of rules limiting the national reach of broadcasters and the local cross-ownership of television, newspaper, and radio stations. But I would like to call attention to another important dimension of media concentration: the demise of independent producers, who are being bought up or driven out of business by the big networks and big studios.

More and more, the television programming delivered to the homes of American families is controlled by a handful of executives in a handful of corporate boardrooms. Independent writers and producers are growing

scarce. Indeed, there soon may be only two remaining independent Hollywood studios that produce scripted television programming. The others have either disappeared or linked up with one of the major networks.

I think that having all programming produced by a few large media conglomerates could pose some real risks for creativity and diversity. That is why I would like to commend my colleague from Arizona, Commerce Committee Chairman JOHN McCAIN, for his leadership in agreeing to cohost a dialogue with Chairman BILLY TAUZIN of the House Energy and Commerce Committee and representatives of studios, networks, writers, and producers.

I am confident that under the direction of Chairman McCAIN, this dialogue can produce positive discussion and concrete results, such as voluntary guidelines to help ensure diversity, competition, and opportunity in the market for television programming. I look forward to participating.

WTO RULING ON STEEL TARIFFS

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, yesterday, the World Trade Organization upheld its earlier ruling that the steel tariffs imposed in March of last year are illegal and in violation of global trade rules. As a result of this ruling, the European Union threatened to impose trade sanctions on American imports sold in Europe, ranging from footwear to fruits and vegetables. The EU has said that it will impose duties of 13, 15, 30 percent on these imports as soon as December 6 or at the latest December 15, if the steel tariffs continue to remain in place. The EU trade sanctions alone would amount to about \$2.2 billion.

Unfortunately though, the EU is not alone. Japan has announced that it will join the EU in retaliatory trade sanctions against the U.S. China, Norway and Switzerland have also notified the WTO that they will possibly impose trade sanctions against the U.S. if the steel tariffs are not removed.

There is plenty of evidence that if the steel tariffs are allowed to continue they will do more harm than good. On September 19, the International Trade Commission released its report on the effects of the steel tariffs on steel consuming industries. Here is what they found.

One-half of the steel-consuming firms that were surveyed reported they had difficulty in obtaining steel in the qualities and quantities they needed.

Almost one-third of these firms relocated or shifted production to foreign plants or facilities after the implementation of the tariff.

One-quarter reported that their customers had shifted to purchasing finished parts or assemblies overseas as a result of the steel tariff.

Almost one-third of these firms also reported their contracts they had in place to purchase steel were broken or modified after the tariff was imposed