donates his time and talent to charitable efforts and non-profit organizations, including spots on the televised “Hour of Power” ministry since 1974.

I am grateful that I had the privilege of friendship with Roger Williams. He is a great man, a supertative musician, and a wonderful human being. As I look back on all that he has done for the legal system, Paul has been an outstandng prosecutor and someone who has always been respected and trusted in the criminal justice system, and it has been an honor to work with him. I believed that without his leadership and dedication, the United States would not be the country it is today.

TRIBUTE TO PAUL MICHAEL WARNER

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a wonderful man, brilliant lawyer, and dedicated public servant—Mr. Paul Michael Warner. Paul has been serving as the United States Attorney for the District of Utah for 3 years, and he is stepping down this week to continue his work in other capacities within the legal system. As he embarks on a new chapter of life, I wanted to take this opportunity to honor him for the leadership he has provided, and commend him for his dedication to our country's legal system.

Paul was nominated by President Bill Clinton on July 29, 1998 to be the United States Attorney for Utah. He was unanimously confirmed by the Senate 1 month later and by the end of August he had assumed the full duties of this important position. After President George W. Bush took office, he recognized the tremendous leadership Mr. Warner was providing and reappointed him to this position. He was then reconfirmed once again by the United States Senate and has continued to serve with strength and honor.

Prior to being appointed United States Attorney, Paul first joined this office in 1989 and has served in various positions including: First Assistant United States Attorney, interim U.S. Attorney, Violent and Hate Crimes Coordinator, and the Chief of the Criminal Division. For 7 years before joining the U.S. Attorney's Office, he worked in the Utah Attorney General's Office as the Chief of the Litigation Division and as an Associate Chief Deputy to the Attorney General.

Throughout his 30 years of service within the criminal justice system, Paul has established himself as an effective leader in the fight against crime. He has always deeply respected the rights of those accused and has always upheld the principles and ideals embodied in the foundation of our country’s Constitution. I am grateful for the service Paul Warner has rendered throughout his years of public service—but most importantly as the United States Attorney for Utah. He is a truly dedicated public servant, strong leader, and special friend. I wish him well as he travels new pathways in life. I know that he will continue to guide and enrich the lives of those who have the privilege of working with him; and will remain committed to enhancing and furthering the important work of our judicial system.

TRIBUTE TO W. CLEON SKOUSEN

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I rise today to pay special tribute to a man I deeply admire, W. Cleon Skousen. Cleon was a giant of a man. He was an exceptionally bright scholar; a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather; a special friend; and a true patriot in every sense of the word.

Sadly, Cleon recently passed away leaving a tremendous void in the lives of all who knew him. Cleon played a significant role in the political and governmental arena throughout Utah, our Nation, and even the world. I can state without any equivocation today that Cleon loved America. He truly loved our country and its citizens. He deeply respected our Founding Fathers, and he had the ultimate vision for the document that is the basis of all of our freedoms—our Constitution.

When I first met Cleon, I was a young, enthusiastic, go-getter who wanted to make a difference in our Nation. Cleon was just the man I was looking for. He had the experience and knowledge to guide me in my political career. He was a true American. As a musician, Cleon was a great man, a superlative musician, and a shared love for the principles of our Constitution. I knew that he had a deep respect for our Founding Fathers, and a shared love for the principles that make America the strongest bastion of freedom on Earth. Cleon quickly became a mentor to me.

A few short years before this time, Cleon had organized a nonprofit educational foundation named “The Freemen Institute,” to foster “constitutionalist” principles including a drastic reduction in the size and scope of the Federal Government, and a reverence for the true, unchanging nature of our Constitution. I knew that he had strongly held beliefs and I was very interested in what he had to say.

We found in each other at that first meeting many areas of common ground and a shared love for the principles that make America the strongest bastion of freedom on Earth. Cleon quickly became a mentor to me. In the coming months he became a true champion of my candidacy. He sent a letter to 8,000 of his “friends” stating that I was running for the Senate “for the express purpose of waging a fight to restore constitutional principles in this country.” I was humbled by his support, and I felt a true need to fulfill his expectations of me and to never let him down.

From that first campaign, to every day I have served in the U.S. Senate—Cleon has been there for me, through highs and lows—buoying me up, giving suggestions, discussing principles and issues, and above all else being a true,
His words remind me so richly of Cleon when Mr. Franklin stated: “I have lived, Sir, a long time; and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth, that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it not probable that an empire can rise without his aid? We have been assured, Sir, in the sacred writings that ‘except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it,’ I firmly believe this...”

And Cleon firmly believed it. He had a true testimony of our Savior’s works and our Father’s infinite wisdom and love. He wrote of it. He testified of it. And he lived a life following their teachings.

The wonderful, strong leader General George S. Patton once said: “It is foolish and wrong to mourn the loss of great men—but I do thank my Heavenly Father that W. Cleon Skousen lived, and that he touched my life in so many ways. His example, passionate beliefs, and wonderful mind will never be forgotten. His journey was full and brought rewards to people throughout the world. I am grateful that I had the privilege of knowing W. Cleon Skousen and working with him. He is a great man, and true American. His life’s work has touched literally thousands, and his memory will live through the wonderful words and teachings he leaves behind.”

Mr. President, I would like to close with a poem that I wrote for him:

W. CLION SKOUSEN
His life seemed like 2000 years
By those who feared the truth,
To us who’ve loved him through our tears
And even from our youth,
This quiet, simple, gentle man,
Who taught us all things.
He helped us understand
The memories of a thousand springs.
Within this caring, pleasant soul
God’s glory was experienced.
Experiences had made him whole
For he had peace of mind.
So many lives he touched each day
Explaining holy things.
In writings left along the way
A treasure fit for kings.
He loved the prophets of the Lord,
The Founding Fathers too.
Israel’s most Moslems, too,
Good’s children whom he knew,
His precious Jewell, of greatest worth,
He’ll love eternally.
He loved his family here on earth
In loving majesty.
So many others one by one,
This giant among men,
He leaves us now, his work now done.
We know we’ll meet him once again.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF L-3’S COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS-WEST

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, today it is an honor and a privilege to rise and congratulate the men and women of L-3’s Communication Systems-West on the 50th anniversary of that company’s arrival in Utah.

I realize that many outside of the state of Utah might not have heard of L-3’s Communication Systems-West, but no one can dispute the strategic advantages that this company has provided to our Nation’s men and women in uniform. Much of the work that Communication Systems-West performs is of a highly classified nature. However, I can say that the real-time, worldwide dissemination of images and information gathered by the U-2 and our new unmanned aerial vehicles, such as Global Hawk and the Predator, is only possible because of the hard work by the people at Communication Systems-West. For example in 2001, Communication Systems-West was awarded the Collier Award for producing the airborne integrated communications system for the Global Hawk. As my colleagues may know, the Collier Trophy is the National Aeronautic Association’s highest honor for that year’s greatest American aeronautical achievement.

Other examples of Communication Systems-West outstanding work can be found in the SATCOM Tri-Band Satellite Earth Terminals and the ROVER III Remote Operations Video Enhanced Receiver system that are deployed with our forces today. As a stalwart division for L-3, the employees of Communication Systems-West were honored in 2005 to receive the L-3 Chairman’s Award for Best Operating Performance. It is not an exaggeration to say that the technologies created and built by Communication Systems-West have won battles for the United States and, equally as important, saved countless American lives.

However, the leadership of Communication Systems-West’s 2,300 employees, including 1,000 engineers, is not limited to the battlefield. It is also found in their dedication to their community. Communication Systems-West partners with Utah’s universities to assist in placing new graduates in promising and creative careers. The company is an active member of the Mathemtics, Engineering, and Science Achievement, or MESA, consortium. MESA, of course, provides resources to aid minority and female students entering technological fields of study. As a contributor to the Ames and Challenger advanced education programs for high school students interested in technology sciences, Communication Systems-West is clearly building a bright future to the next generation of students.

Finally, Communication Systems-West also supports it home-town National Guardmen and Reservists by fully paying the salaries of its employees who have been activated to fight the War on Terrorism.

Communication Systems-West and its employees have been an integral part of Utah for a half-century, and we