

It is very difficult to imagine Israel without Yitzhak Rabin. His life and career tracked the dramatic events of Israel's founding. He oversaw the development of its army, commanding it at one of its most perilous moments, the 1967 Six-Day War, and overseeing Israel's defense during the difficult period of the Intifada. He worked to strengthen the United States-Israel alliance as Israel's Ambassador to Washington. As Prime Minister, he worked for peace while safeguarding Israel's security. Finally, let no one forget, he gave his life for peace. There is a Hebrew saying invoked in times of mourning, "May his memory be a blessing." Yitzhak Rabin's life was a blessing to Israel, and to the world. His memory will serve as an inspiration to all of us in the difficult days ahead.

OSCAR DYSON, A FRIEND OF FISHERIES

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I rise today to note with great regret the passing of one of Alaska's most prominent citizens, Oscar Dyson, on Saturday, October 28.

Oscar Dyson was a true pioneer and an authentic Alaskan sourdough who epitomized the can-do spirit of the Last Frontier.

Born in Rhode Island, he first came to Alaska in 1940, after working his way across the country. When World War II began, he went to work building airstrips for the Army Corps of Engineers. When Japanese airplanes attacked Dutch Harbor and invaded the Aleutian Islands, Oscar Dyson was there.

After the war, Oscar truly came into his own. He started commercial fishing in 1946, beginning a career that would span generations and would make him one of the most well-known and admired figures in the U.S. fishing industry.

Over the years, Oscar pioneered fishery after fishery. Starting as a salmon and halibut fisherman after the war, he branched out into shrimp, king crab, and ultimately, in groundfish. In 1971, he made the first-ever delivery of Alaska pollock to a shore-based U.S. processor, starting an industry that now has an annual harvest of over 3 billion pounds—the largest single fishery in the United States and the fourth in value—which now represents a full 30 percent of the United States commercial harvest.

In the 1970's, while remaining an active fisherman, Oscar also diversified, joining with several other fishermen to purchase what became a highly successful and innovative seafood processing company.

Oscar thought of himself—first, last, and always—as a fisherman. But to those of us who knew him, he was far more. He knew that good citizens must be ready to give something back to this great Republic, and he was as good as his word. He served 13 years on Alaska's Board of Fisheries, and three

terms on the Federal North Pacific Fishery Management Council. He also served his country as an advisory and representative in international fishery negotiations with Japan and Russia.

He did not stop there. He was a founding member of the United Fishermen's Marketing Association and the Alaska Draggers Association. He gave his time to the Kodiak City Council, the Kodiak Community College, the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute, and the Alaska Governor's Fishery Task Force, to name a few of many. And he worked tirelessly toward the goals of the Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation, and Kodiak's Fishery Industrial Technology Center. Always, he helped lead his fellow fishermen toward a stronger, sustainable future.

In 1985, Oscar was chosen by National Fisherman magazine to receive its prestigious Highliner of the Year awards. And this year, just days before the fatal accident that took his life, he was made the National Fisheries Institute's Person of the Year, the institute's highest honor.

Finally, Oscar believed strongly in our Nation's youth. Both by example and by application, his kindness, humor, understanding, and sage advice guided generations of young people. He helped them "learn the ropes," and they gained the confidence to go out into the world and—like Oscar himself—to make it better. There can be no greater memorial.

ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER YITZHAK RABIN

Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the late Yitzhak Rabin who served his people in war and in peace and did both with great bravery. The Government of Israel and the people of Israel have suffered a deep wound that will take a great deal of time to heal.

Just 2 weeks ago, I along with many of my colleagues, stood with him in the rotunda of the Capitol to present to him, a copy of the bill which would move the American Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, the Holy City. I was most proud then and most proud now to have been there. One could not, of course, guess that only 2 weeks later, this horrible, cowardly act would occur.

The Prime Minister's goal of peace for Israel, after so very many years of blood and tears, is one that cannot be abandoned. I am sure that Israel will find the strength to move forward. Peace, like Israel's security, is of vital importance to Israel and the United States alike. Yet, one cannot argue the point that Israel will not be the same without him. He was a hero and a towering figure of his time.

My heart goes out to the Rabin family at this most unfortunate time. They can take solace in the fact that Yitzhak Rabin will forever be remembered as a peacemaker for his people—a peacemaker for Israel.

FAREWELL TO PRIME MINISTER YITZHAK RABIN

Mr. PELL. Mr. President, today I wish to pay my respects to a man who will be remembered as one of history's giants.

I know that all of us in the Senate—indeed, throughout the Nation—were shocked and saddened by the news of the assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. Having just returned from accompanying President Clinton to the Prime Minister's funeral, I can also bear witness to the devastating, emotional impact of the assassination on the fabric—indeed, on every fiber—of Israel's society.

Yesterday, the Senate passed a resolution paying tribute to Prime Minister Rabin's legacy and expressing support for the people of Israel and the government of acting-Prime Minister Shimon Peres. Those are fine and appropriate sentiments, and I was pleased to cosponsor the resolution. It is indeed proper for the Senate to act quickly to reaffirm its unique and unwavering commitment to the State of Israel.

Yet in a certain sense, the words in the resolution we passed yesterday could never do justice to the rich, complicated, and ultimately heroic life of Yitzhak Rabin.

Prime Minister Rabin did not inspire love as much as confidence. Even if they disagreed with him, his countrymen could be assured of his commitment to their safety and security. To me, the grieving Israelis, whose pictures we have seen on television and in the papers, are probably not moved entirely by sentiments and emotions—although that is surely part of it. But I think the real reason they seem so fragile is because they have lost their anchor, and as a result are uncertain of their world. It is a measure of Rabin's greatness that his passing could have so profound an impact.

Prime Minister Rabin was the quintessential soldier—his thinking strategic, his analysis solid and calculating, his style terse, and his authority unquestioned. These qualities, which served him so well on the battlefield, were also the distinguishing characteristics of his political career. Although the ends he pursued seemed contradictory—decisive military victory on the one hand, peaceful coexistence on the other—the means by which he pursued them never changed. He brought to the peace table the same dogged determination, the same self-confidence that he possessed in the war room.

One of the quirks of world politics is that revolutionary change often springs from the most unexpected sources. The political pundits of the 1970's, for instance, would never have guessed that President Nixon would be the first to visit China. A decade later,

no one could have predicted that President Reagan would be the one to sign far-reaching arms control agreements with the Evil Empire, the Soviet Union. By the same token, it was equally improbable that Rabin, who arguably was more concerned with the security of Israel than many of his compatriots, would take such unprecedented risks for peace. It defies expectation even more that this gruff soldier-turned-statesman could speak so ardently and passionately in defense of his decisions.

I think that many amongst us will always associate Prime Minister Rabin with his historic appearance on the White House lawn in September 1993, when he shook Yasir Arafat's hand in full view of the world. I well remember that sun-spilled morning, a day full of hope and promise. Some moments in history are so dramatic, so full of vitality, that they will never fade. Such was that day. For me, the defining moment came when Prime Minister Rabin uttered the unforgettable words I now shall quote:

We are destined to live together on the same soil in the same land. We, the soldiers who have returned from battles stained with blood; we who have seen our relatives and friends killed before our eyes; we who have attended their funerals and cannot look into the eyes of their parents; we who have come from a land where parents bury their children; we who have fought against you, the Palestinians, we say to you today in a loud and a clear voice: Enough of blood and tears. Enough!

Those, Mr. President, are not the words of a warrior, but of a poet. I do not know if there is more unlikely an author for such stirring prose than Prime Minister Rabin, but it serves to remind us of the depth of his character, the multifaceted nature of his personality.

The complexities that so were evident in Rabin go to the very heart of leadership. In every democracy, there often emerges a struggle between the will of the people and the best instincts of their representatives. Prime Minister Rabin's decisions on the peace process were not always popular or well-received, but he was able to move his country in a new direction because of the strength and courage of his convictions. He came to believe as relentlessly in peace as he did in military strength, and brought a reluctant nation along with him. That, Mr. President, is the essence of leadership.

The United States has lost a trusted and valued friend, and Israel has lost one of its fiercest, and most noble lions. While nothing has changed that is fundamental between us, our two countries will never look at each other quite the same. That will be the result of having lost, in such a sudden and unthinkable way, one such as Prime Minister Rabin. Our Nation mourns his loss, and grieves with his family and friends.

Soldier, diplomat, leader, a peacemaker, Nobel laureate—to be successful at any one of these is more than

enough for a rich and fulfilling life. Prime Minister Rabin excelled at all of them, and for that, history will forever remember and revere him.

THE DEATH OF MARTHA MOLONEY

Mr. FORD. Mr. President, I rise to speak today on a matter that brings me great personal sadness. A loyal and trusted member of my staff, Martha Moloney, passed away over the weekend, after a long battle with cancer.

I know that many of my colleagues will understand when I say that my staff is like a second family to me. And perhaps, it is even more pronounced for me, because of the length of time my staff has continued to serve me with such loyalty and dedication. Martha was one of those staffers, working with me for 18 years, nearly my entire service in the Senate.

Over the years, I had the privilege to see her develop her legislative acumen, having a hand in numerous historic legislative achievements and working on airport projects all across my State.

I depended immensely on her political sense and her knowledge of aviation and telecommunications issues. Her work certainly did not go unnoticed in Kentucky. Because of her commitment of time and energy, officials at one of our largest airports named a street after her. I will be forever grateful for the countless times that her advice and counsel helped me make the best decisions for Kentucky and the Nation. I know that many Kentuckians will share my belief that she will be impossible to replace.

I also saw her confront a terrible illness and turn it into a series of personal triumphs. Because of her bravery and commitment, last year's National Race for the Cure on behalf of breast cancer, had over 200 participants who ran, walked, and said, "Doing it for Martha." As a result of the personal outpouring of support on her behalf, the entire race will be dedicated in Martha's honor next year. It is the largest 5 kilometer race in the world.

If you look simply at her 25 years of public service, first in her native Kentucky and then in Washington, you cannot help but be impressed by her commitment to a State and its people. But, that really does not begin to define a woman whose gifts and talents were many.

I know my fellow Kentuckians will agree when I say she was a true southern woman in the best of that tradition. She was intelligent and articulate, not a bit afraid to speak her mind, a gracious hostess and talented artist creating beautiful quilts and needlework, and to the end, compassionate and giving.

She was the accomplished cook who was as proud of the meal she cooked at Christ House or Carpenter's homeless shelter as she was of the gourmet spread you were guaranteed when invited to dinner.

She was the woman who faced death much too early, yet was determined in

the last months of needlepoint the Christmas ornaments her friends and colleagues had come to expect each year, before it was too late.

Not long ago, I read the words of a pastor who said that "If you look hard enough, you can see God's image even in someone whose life is foreign to yours, and you can have compassion for him." In the end, I believe that is the life Martha had come to live, turning the skills that led to an accomplished career, into the large and small acts of kindness and generosity that touched all those who knew her and many who did not. My thoughts and prayers go out to her friends and family.

PRIME MINISTER YITZHAK RABIN

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, the hills of Jerusalem were quiet yesterday as world leaders gathered to pay tribute to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, a man who served and led Israel for more than 50 years both in war and in peace. Yitzhak Rabin was a true leader in every sense of the word. A man who, after having led his nation in war battling for freedom, turned to his own countrymen to seek peace for the long-term security of Israel.

In the days since his tragic death, much has been said of Yitzhak Rabin's unique role in brokering peace in the Middle East. Friends and former foes agree Mr. Rabin achieved progress where perhaps no other Israeli leader was capable. Because of his strong military record, Yitzhak Rabin brought legitimacy to his quest to stop the bloodshed of Israelis. Only a man who led his country to great victories in war could argue effectively against concerns that Israel was giving up its security in negotiating peace with her neighbors.

From Yitzhak Rabin's early days as a young soldier in the Palmach, to his meteoric rise to Chief of Staff of the Israeli Army, he was credited worldwide as having one of the most insightful military minds of his time. He was primarily responsible for creating the army which led Israel to victory over Egypt, Jordan, and Syria and included the capture of the Old City of Jerusalem in the Six-Day war. Yet it may have been his close contact with war that led him to eventually realize that the only true prospect to ending the Palestinian question was negotiation, and not a military solution.

One of the most tangible examples of what his efforts for peace have garnered was the presence of King Hussein and President Hosni Mubarak at the funeral services at Mount Herzl Cemetery. These men, once enemies, joined over 30 other world leaders to honor a man they had faced on the battlefield and then again at the equally difficult peace table.

Yitzhak Rabin inspired in most Israeli citizens a sense of confidence that in these troubled times he was acting in the interest of Israel's long-term