

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

prosperity. He viewed peace negotiation as a necessity to secure Israel's future in the Middle East, putting aside whatever personal remembrances he may have carried from his days as a soldier. The pinnacle of his career was witnessed by millions of people on September 13, 1993, when he and Yasir Arafat shook hands on the White House lawn after the signing of the Declaration of Principles. On that day, he spoke words meant for Israel's Arab enemies but now tragically apply to fellow Israelis, "We are today giving peace a chance—and saying to you and saying again to you: enough. Let us pray that a day will come when we all will say farewell to the arms."

TRIBUTE TO PRIME MINISTER YITZHAK RABIN

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, like so many of my colleagues, I want to rise today and pay tribute to the late Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who lost his life in the name of peace this past Saturday in Tel Aviv.

Many of us have spent the last several days mourning the loss of a great man—not only for Israel but also for the world. On Monday, Kings, Presidents and Princes gathered in Jerusalem to pay tribute to this finest of leaders—the late Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. But as I listened to the statements of praise and honor, I was struck most by the words of his granddaughter, who spoke of his place in Heaven more than his place in history. "Grandfather," she said, "may the God of Israel that keeps over all of us keep you in Heaven, as you merit."

Heaven now cradles the man who spent his life fighting wars and waging peace on behalf of the great nation of Israel. And so it is left to those of us still living to carry his torch—that "pillar of fire" described by his granddaughter, that lit a path toward peace few thought possible. Yitzhak Rabin, we will miss your vision and courage. But we will not let the message of your life be lost. Today it falls to each of us, citizens and leaders of all nations, to guarantee that your legacy of peace is fully realized.

Yitzhak Rabin was trusted by Israelis first for his military knowledge, and later for his political leadership. He has been a central actor in his nation's history since its founding in 1948, leading his country through times of war and peace. His was truly a remarkable life, held together by a singular, unwavering commitment to the security of Israel.

Yitzhak Rabin once said that he worked to end the hostilities in the region so that his children and his children's children would no longer "experience the painful cost of war." Today, on behalf of Yitzhak Rabin's granddaughter and all the children of Israel, we must not ask if the Middle East peace process can survive, but rather, how. We must devote ourselves to that goal with unity and courage.

For my part, my commitment to ensuring a strong and secure Israel remains steadfast. As always, Israel has a true and lasting friend in the United States. Since its founding, the American people have stood by Israel in the search for peace and stability. Today, as Israeli citizens mourn, we stand by our friend. In the months ahead, we will stand by Israel's side as that nation heals, and as it finds the courage to take the next step toward peace.

Shalom, Yitzhak Rabin. We praise your life and the gifts you gave to Israel and the world community.

CONDOLENCES TO ISRAEL

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I take this opportunity to add my voice to those that have been raised all over the world to say how sad we are today to have lost a great leader in the peace process in the Middle East. I, as a member of the Armed Services Committee, have met with Prime Minister Rabin, and I, like so many others who have spoken for the last few days, had great respect for him.

I want to say at a time like this, you look to your friendships for support and comfort. Clearly, America is there for the support and comfort of our friend, our ally, and our strong, strong compatriot, the State of Israel. We are there to make sure that we get through this testing period strong in body together.

Mr. President, I think as I look back on the events of the last few days, what struck me the most is how far the leadership of Prime Minister Rabin, along with his predecessors, brought us. The funeral itself would never have happened in our dreams. We would never have seen the President of Egypt, the King of Jordan, and even the good wishes of the PLO chief, coming together to say we are able to speak in one voice that this should not have happened, that we want to seek peace. I think now everyone believes that peace is achievable in the Middle East. That could not have happened 10 years ago.

Just seeing what we saw at the funeral yesterday makes us realize how far we have come. It makes us miss all the more the leadership that Prime Minister Rabin has given in this country for so long, first as a military spokesman, a military strategist, a hard-liner, if you will.

The Prime Minister saw how the strength of Israel was one and how the strength of Israel could be made to continue and endure into the future generations. I think he saw that peace was the answer that they had come to where they were by sheer grit and sheer determination. But he saw that it took more to have a lasting place in the Middle East, and he was coming around to bringing the people of Israel with him.

So I add my voice and say that my condolences go to the people of Israel, to Prime Minister Rabin's widow, and

just say that the comfort that is there in seeing the funeral for the fallen leader of Israel and the diversity of people from around the world, leaders of country, who came to pay their respects, said more than anything else, that we are at the cusp of a time when we will see peace in the Middle East.

I just want to reiterate this Senator's strong position, that America will be there, hand-in-hand with our friends, to make sure that Prime Minister Rabin's dreams will not die. They will be carried on by his successors in office and by the future generations of leaders of Israel.

Mr. President, I yield the floor and suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. EXON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Chair will inform the Senator we are scheduled, under previous consent, to be in recess at 12:30.

Mr. EXON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent I be yielded 5 minutes or a short period of time thereafter, and under that unanimous-consent request the 12:30 hour for recess be set aside temporarily, so that I might finish my remarks.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from Nebraska.

THE ASSASSINATION OF PRIME MINISTER RABIN

Mr. EXON. Mr. President, I would like to briefly address the shocking loss to the world caused by the assassination of Prime Minister Rabin, the beloved Prime Minister of our friend, the State of Israel. I have heard several of my colleagues' remarks on the sadness of this moment, the terrible loss that we feel here in the United States and the terrible situation that is going on inside the State of Israel today; people obviously in dismay and disbelief. This is a very, very sad event.

I have listened with great interest this morning to my friend and colleague, the Senator from Minnesota. I simply say he said everything so well, I think it will suffice to say that I wish to associate myself with the remarks by Senator WELLSTONE on the floor of the Senate earlier today. He summed it up so very, very well that I cannot add to it.

Those of us who had our lives touched by Prime Minister Rabin, those of us who knew him, those of us who were with him, those of us who listened to his sound advice with regard to world leadership for peace over the years, feel a terrible loss. Our hearts go out to his family, to his constituents in the State of Israel, where he led so courageously and so bravely.

A true warrior of peace has been struck down. We all should recognize