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#### TRIBUTE TO GEN. JOHN MICHAEL LOH, USAF, ON HIS RETIREMENT

Mr. NUNN. Mr. President, today I want to recognize Gen. John Michael Loh for his 39 years of distinguished service to our Nation. General Loh has displayed exceptional leadership in a wide-ranging Air Force career that culminated as commander of the Air Combat Command. As a Georgian, I am proud to note that General Loh is a native of Macon, GA.

General Loh graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy as a distinguished graduate in 1960. Ultimately, he rose to command the 250,000 men and women of Air Combat Command.

General Loh is a highly decorated veteran of the Vietnam war. He flew over 200 combat missions in the F-4 at Da Nang Air Force Base, South Vietnam. Later, General Loh also served as a test pilot, helping usher in the technological improvements we see in today's advanced fighters. As the director of the F-16 System Program Office, he led the acquisition efforts that brought our country the world's best multirole fighter.

His numerous military awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Distinguished Flying Cross, Meritorious Service Medal, and the Air Medal with seven Oak Leaf Clusters.

General Loh has flown over 5,000 hours as a command pilot in the F-16, A-7, F-4, and F-104 to mention just a few. He recently capped his career by flying our Nation's most sophisticated aircraft—the B-2 bomber. Perhaps his greatest feat, however, was in leading the successful merger of Strategic and Tactical Air Commands into Air Combat Command. In fact, the Air Force Association awarded him its highest military honor, the Hap Arnold Award, for his leadership of Air Combat Command and his national reputation for quality improvement. Vice President GORE singled out Air Combat Command as a shining example of reinventing government.

Despite the significant changes in the Air Force and our military structure as a whole, General Loh leaves a command that performed brilliantly during and after the gulf war, and more recently, has responded quickly and effectively to contingency operations around the world.

The United States is indebted to General Loh for his selfless and distinguished service. I offer my sincere thanks and appreciation for a job well done and wish General Loh and his wife, Barbara, continued success in the future.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with

accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-987. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period October 1, 1994 through March 31, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-988. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans' Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period October 1, 1994 through March 31, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-989. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period October 1, 1994 through March 31, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-990. A communication from the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period October 1, 1994 through March 31, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-991. A communication from the Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period October 1, 1994 through March 31, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-992. A communication from the Chairman and General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period October 1, 1994 through March 31, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-993. A communication from the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period October 1, 1994 through March 31, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-994. A communication from the Public Printer of the Government Printing Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period October 1, 1994 through March 31, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-995. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period October 1, 1994 through March 31, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-996. A communication from the Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period October 1, 1994 through March 31, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-997. A communication from the Chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period October 1, 1994 through March 31, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-998. A communication from the Director of the U.S. Information Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period October 1, 1994 through March 31, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-999. A communication from the Chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period October 1, 1994 through March 31, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1000. A communication from the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period October 1, 1994 through March 31, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1001. A communication from the Acting Director of the Peace Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period October 1, 1994 through March 31, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1002. A communication from the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period October 1, 1994 through March 31, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1003. A communication from the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period October 1, 1994 through March 31, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1004. A communication from the Administrator of the Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period October 1, 1994 through March 31, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1005. A communication from the Deputy and Acting Chief Executive Officer of the Resolution Trust Corporation and the Chairman of the Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period October 1, 1994 through March 31, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1006. A communication from the Chairman of the U.S. International Trade Commission, transmitting jointly, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period October 1, 1994 through March 31, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1007. A communication from the Chairman of the National Science Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period October 1, 1994 through March 31, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1008. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period October 1, 1994 through March 31, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1009. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period October 1, 1994 through March 31, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1010. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period October 1, 1994 through March 31, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1011. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period October 1, 1994 through March 31, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1012. A communication from the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period October 1, 1994 through March 31, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1013. A communication from the Attorney General, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act

for the period October 1, 1994 through March 31, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1014. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period October 1, 1994 through March 31, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1015. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period October 1, 1994 through March 31, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1016. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period October 1, 1994 through March 31, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1017. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period October 1, 1994 through March 31, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1018. A communication from the Administrator of the General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period October 1, 1994 through March 31, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1019. A communication from the Chairman of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period October 1, 1994 through March 31, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1020. A communication from the Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period October 1, 1994 through March 31, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1021. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Panama Canal Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period October 1, 1994 through March 31, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1022. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Government in the Sunshine Act for calendar year 1994; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1023. A communication from the Administrator of the Office of Independent Counsel, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on audit and investigative activities; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. THURMOND, from the Committee on Armed Services:

John P. White, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense.

(The above nomination was reported with the recommendation that he be confirmed, subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. GREGG:

S. 924. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a reduction in the capital gains tax for assets held more than 2 years, to impose a surcharge on short-term capital gains, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MACK (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. HELMS, and Mr. DOLE):

S. 925. A bill to impose congressional notification and reporting requirements on any negotiations or other discussions between the United States and Cuba with respect to normalization of relations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BRYAN:

S. 926. A bill to improve the interstate enforcement of child support and parentage court orders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HELMS:

S. 927. A bill to provide for the liquidation or reliquidation of a certain entry of warp knitting machines as free of certain duties; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. BURNS, and Mrs. KASSEBAUM):

S. 928. A bill to enhance the safety of air travel through a more effective Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. ABRAHAM (for himself, Mr. DOLE, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. GRAMM, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 929. A bill to abolish the Department of Commerce; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SHELBY (for himself, Mr. LOTT, Mr. BROWN, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. MACK, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. SIMPSON):

S. 930. A bill to require States receiving prison construction grants to implement requirements for inmates to perform work and engage in educational activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PRESSLER (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. WELLSTONE):

S. 931. A bill to authorize the construction of the Lewis and Clark Rural Water System and to authorize assistance to the Lewis and Clark Rural Water System, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, for the planning and construction of the water supply system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BRADLEY, Mr. DODD, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GLENN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. KERREY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. PACKWOOD, Mr. PELL, Mr. ROBB, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SIMON, and Mr. WELLSTONE):

S. 932. A bill to prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. SIMON:

S. 933. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to ensure that affordable, com-

prehensive, high quality health care coverage is available through the establishment of State-based programs for children and for all uninsured pregnant women, and to facilitate access to health services, strengthen public health functions, enhance health-related research, and support other activities that improve the health of mothers and children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. DOLE (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. Res. 134. A resolution expressing the Senate's gratitude to Sheila P. Burke for her service as Secretary of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

S. Res. 135. A resolution to authorize production of documents, testimony by a former Senate employee and representation by Senate Legal Counsel; considered and agreed to.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. GREGG:

S. 924. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a reduction in the capital gains tax for assets held more than 2 years, to impose a surcharge on short-term capital gains, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

THE LONG-TERM INVESTMENT INCENTIVE ACT OF 1995

●Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I introduce a bill that will have a significant impact on the promotion of long-term investment through a reduction in the capital gains tax. I believe the Congress has a responsibility to enact laws promoting long-term capital investment and savings by all Americans. Part of fulfilling this obligation must include implementing a plan that would reduce the current capital gains tax rate on long-term investments.

We must also, however, balance this important economic goal against the moral issue of adding increasing debt onto our children's shoulders. This becomes an unavoidable issue in the capital gains debate because the Joint Committee on Taxation scores capital gains a big revenue loser. This scoring issue is an unfortunate fact that we in Congress cannot ignore.

Accordingly, I have developed legislation that would encourage long-term investment by amending the current capital gains tax using a sliding scale plan. My bill encourages an individual to hold an asset over a number of years, thus, allowing a greater tax reduction on investments, with the maximum benefit being reached after 4 years. It would reward individuals who look toward contributing to a savings plan over a number of years, while at the same time making quick fix investments less attractive. This sliding scale plan would encourage investments that benefit long-term savings,