

because when the men and women of the Armed Forces go forward beyond our shores, in harm's way, we want the total support of both the Presidency and the Congress and, to the extent possible, the people of the United States behind those troops, particularly when the risk of personal injury is very high.

We had our differences. We fought that battle. It was about a 5-vote difference in the outcome. But from the very moment of the decision of the United States to support the resolution, which I was privileged to draft under the direction of the then-leader, Senate Dole, from the very first minute of the vote by the Senate of the United States, Senator NUNN backed President Bush in his decision to use force and to turn around the situation that was tragic in the eyes of the world.

We had our differences on the interpretation of the ABM, the SALT, the START treaties, but always, once again, bipartisanship was foremost.

A moment ago Senator NUNN spoke about the staff of the Senate. One of his hallmarks was his ability to attract the finest people for professional staff, in the years particularly when he was chairman and ranking member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and in the Governmental Operations Committee. And I think that is the hallmark of a great Senator, the ability to attract quality staff, to spend long hours of dedicated service to their Nation and to their Senate.

Mr. President, Senator NUNN always had a profound preference, as he should, for Senator Russell. He used to say from time to time that he only temporarily was the holder of the Senate seat from Georgia which was once held by Richard Russell. And I thought I would conclude my remarks by reading the remarks of our distinguished colleague, the Senator from West Virginia, Senator BYRD, at the unveiling of the statue in the Russell rotunda of Senator Richard Russell of Georgia. I ask unanimous consent to have the entire remarks printed in the RECORD.

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

RICHARD B. RUSSELL, Jr. (D-GA, 1933-1971)

At the unveiling of the statue of Russell in the rotunda of the Russell Senate Office Building on January 24, 1996, Senator Byrd said of Russell:

"He was *the* senator, the uncrowned king of the southern block, and he was as truly a Senate man as was Henry Clay or Daniel Webster or John C. Calhoun or Thomas Benton or any of the other giants who had preceded him.

"Senator Russell's philosophy of government was rooted in constitutionalism. . . . He was always regarded as one of the most fair and conscientious members of this body.

"Through it all he served his nation well. Richard Russell followed his own star. He did not pander. His confidant was his conscience. He was always the good and faithful servant of the people. He was good for the Senate, and he loved it dearly. I can say without any hesitation that he was a remarkable senator,

a remarkable American, a remarkable man who enjoyed the respect and the affecting of all who served with him."

Mr. WARNER. But I shall read this one paragraph.

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I think, Mr. President, certainly this Senator, and I feel most, can say that Senator BYRD's remarks capturing the magnificence of Richard Russell—SAM NUNN can return to Georgia with a clear conscience that he did his best to fulfill the reputation of Richard Russell of Georgia. I yield the floor.

Mr. LAUTENBERG addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Jersey.

#### TRIBUTE TO RETIRING SENATORS

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I too join our many colleagues in wanting to say goodbye, good luck, and thank you to our colleagues. All of them are leaving this body. And as they leave they leave a mark of great distinction, each and every one of them.

I cannot help, Mr. President, as I review the names of those who are retiring—we have heard several comments from many colleagues about the names, and they are all familiar—but I cannot help but note that when you talk about people like Senator PELL, Senator HATFIELD, Senator NUNN, Senator KASSEBAUM, Senator JOHNSTON, Senator SIMPSON, Senator BRADLEY, Senator COHEN, Senator EXON, Senator HEFLIN, Senator PRYOR, Senator SIMON, Senator BROWN, this is a really distinguished group of people, Mr. President.

And when I think of what each of them brings to our deliberations, to the body, to the Senate, they have enriched us substantially, each one of them, some with longer lists of legislation than others, but each one with a unique character, and a list of people of principle, of integrity, of honesty. And one of the things I think that each of us has to consider is who is going to follow, who is going to follow over these next few years as we approach the 21st century. Is there going to be a sense of what this institution is about? Are they going to have respect?

Mr. President, as I said, the question as to those who follow, will they have the respect, the reverence, not only for this institution, but for the way we operate as a Government, with the respect that I think has been denied of more recent years by many, who choose to use this place often as a battleground, as opposed to a people's forum, trying to, in many cases, get the edge, get the leg up, get the publicity, get the press?

I do not want to be too nostalgic here. These are wonderful people who, with the help of good health, will go on to do many other things. It strikes me, at a particular time when things seem to be so unruly in our society, so much hostility, so much anger, so much confusion that we take the best of us in this group and say so long to them with not only respect and reverence for them but with some misgivings, some apprehension as to the ordinary citizens of our society who are not serving in this body as they greet the newcomers. There will be many of them—I do not know how it ranks in the numbers that have come in a single class.

Mr. President, I say goodbye to each of those individuals. I want to make particular note of the retirement of my colleague, Senator BILL BRADLEY, with whom I have worked very closely over these years, with whom I have shared prospects for what we can do for New Jersey, for the country, unity of opinion, and sometimes a different approach to how we got to these goals, Mr. President, but nevertheless someone whose friendship I treasure and whose presence will be missed here, in particular by me, because of our close association.

In particular, as I mentioned BILL BRADLEY, Senator MARK HATFIELD and others, who have served this body so well. I will miss them all and I know we will be a different place.

This body is far bigger than the total sum of the individuals who serve it, and we will continue on, God willing, with strength and with purpose and with comity and collegiality. That is my wish.

#### TRIBUTE TO SENATOR MARK HATFIELD

Mr. President, I rise to say goodbye, once again, to my colleague, MARK HATFIELD, who is retiring after serving the people of Oregon, and the United States, for 30 years as a member of this body.

Recently, I have been contemplating MARK' absence from the Appropriations Committee. Whether as chairman or ranking member, his leadership will be missed. And as I reviewed our contacts over the years, I wanted to acknowledge that, even given our different party affiliations, our relationship has been one of the most satisfying associations I've ever had in my life. This man has special qualities that endeared him to many, including this Senator.

Despite the constant fray, MARK was always true to his beliefs and was able to maintain and express his convictions, without confrontation or belligerence. His value system set standards in the Senate for all to admire, and perhaps emulate. Undoubtedly, his legacy of good will, honesty and integrity benefited all who served with him.

In the area of public service, Senator HATFIELD's career has been distinguished by an uncompromising commitment to improve the human condition and to address what he has so eloquently called "the desperate human needs in our midst." Among the many

issues on which we fought together, was the work we did to ensure that hundreds of thousands of refugees from Southeast Asia would not face persecution and that refugees, worldwide, are given a fair hearing by the American Government. Under his leadership, we also worked together to end U.S. nuclear testing and to reduce defense spending. Although MARK HATFIELD has sometimes stood alone in his humanitarian and courageous efforts, he never shied away from acting according to his conscience. So it is no wonder that all of his Senate colleagues have the deepest and most sincere respect for him.

As chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, MARK has been an inspiration. He was consistently a voice of reason. He tried to avoid partisanship and worked tirelessly to unite, not divide. His concern was always policy, not politics. As Chairman of the Transportation Subcommittee, Senator HATFIELD has demonstrated that he views investment in our infrastructure as an investment in our future.

Because he chose to spend 30 years in the public arena, we are all better off. Whether addressing health care, energy, environment, transportation policy, nuclear testing, or refugee issues, Senator HATFIELD's convictions and commitment have elevated the debate in this chamber. He has always been passionate; he has always been thoughtful; he has always been fair.

I know I speak for all my colleagues when I say that MARK HATFIELD's compassion and convictions will be sorely missed by all of us in this Chamber. It has been a pleasure to serve with him and to enjoy the warmth of his friendship; I wish him my very best as he goes on to new challenges and continues to contribute to his State and his country.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR ALAN SIMPSON

Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Senator ALAN SIMPSON of Wyoming, who is retiring from the U.S. Senate.

Mr. President, I know that many of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle, and across the political spectrum, will miss ALAN SIMPSON in the years to come. You do not have to agree with ALAN on every issue to appreciate his warmth, his great sense of humor, and his outstanding abilities as a legislator. Perhaps ALAN's greatest talent is being able to tenaciously fight for an issue, but in a manner that leaves even his opponents with smiles on their faces.

Mr. President, I also think of ALAN SIMPSON as someone who is willing to stand up for what he believes, even when his closest colleagues may disagree with him. I have special respect for his steadfast support for a woman's right to choose, a position that put him at odds with many in his party. ALAN's belief that families, not politicians, should make basic moral decisions like abortion is consistent with

his principles, and he deserves our credit and our respect for his willingness to defend those principles, no matter what the cost. Undeniably, ALAN is a man of courage.

Mr. President, ALAN SIMPSON and I have disagreed on many issues. But I have tremendous respect for the Senator and a real affection for the man. Whatever our differences on policy, I consider him a great friend. And I hope that he and Ann and I will find the occasion to share some time together whenever and wherever we can do that.

Senator SIMPSON has made a real contribution to this great institution. I wish him the very best as he leaves the Senate, and I hope we will continue to hear his views, and benefit from his quick mind and unique wit, in the years ahead.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR HOWELL HEFLIN

Mr. President, I rise today to honor a truly great U.S. Senator, HOWELL HEFLIN, on his retirement from this body. The Senator was a tireless champion for the people and interests of Alabama. And as a lawyer, judge, and a U.S. Senator, HOWELL has been a consistent and constant supporter of racial justice and civil rights for all.

One of the most moving movements in the Senate was when Senator HEFLIN spoke about Senator MOSELEY-BRAUN's attempt to deny the United Daughters of the Confederacy a renewal of the patent for their organization's official design. Senator HEFLIN rose and said, "I have many connections through my family to the Daughters of the Confederacy \* \* \* but the Senator from Illinois is a descendant of those that suffered the ills of slavery." Senator HEFLIN voted with Senator MOSELEY-BRAUN.

Mr. President, although we did not agree on every issue, I always respected Senator HEFLIN's intelligence, integrity, and independence. It is very unfortunate that the Halls of the Senate will no longer resonate with his voice of moderation and reason.

Mr. President, as Senator HEFLIN leaves the Senate, I want to wish him and his family all the best.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR CLAIBORNE PELL

Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to a true giant of the U.S. Senate, the senior Senator from Rhode Island, CLAIBORNE PELL. He has served our Nation and his State with great distinction for 36 years in this body.

Mr. President, Senator PELL has so many Senate accomplishments that I do not have time to recount them all. However, I do want to highlight his work in three areas: Foreign relations, education, and transportation.

In foreign affairs, he has worked for peace since the end of World War II. He actually helped establish the modern United Nations. He served as a Foreign Service officer, and later as chairman and ranking member of the Foreign Relations Committee. In all of these positions, he tirelessly worked to expand democracy throughout the world and to promote peaceful resolutions to conflict.

Mr. President, whenever you hear the word education in the Senate, the first person you think of is CLAIBORNE PELL. He was a key architect of the 1965 Education Act that provided the first Federal funding for elementary and secondary education. He was also instrumental in creating the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Finally, he wrote the student aid program that bears his name: Pell Grants. These grants give low income students the opportunity to attend college and the chance to attain the American dream.

Mr. President, Senator PELL and I worked most closely on transportation issues. And it is no exaggeration to say that CLAIBORNE PELL is a visionary in the transportation field. Many years ago, he wrote a book, "Megalopolis Unbound", which advocated high speed ground transportation to deal with future urban congestion. Senator PELL and I worked to make his vision a reality by fighting to ensure quality rail service in the Northeast corridor and through the construction of the new Providence AMTRAK station.

Mr. President, the Senate is losing an extraordinary Senator and statesman. Although he leaves a great void in the Senate, I want to wish my friend CLAIBORNE PELL and his family health and happiness for many years.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR BENNETT JOHNSTON

Mr. President, I rise today to honor BENNETT JOHNSTON, the senior Senator from Louisiana, as he prepares to leave this body after 24 years of distinguished service. It has been a privilege to serve with BENNETT.

I worked with Senator JOHNSTON on the Budget and Appropriations Committees, and I was impressed with the way he handled the tough issues. He is a skillful negotiator, always willing to try to find a compromise to end legislative gridlock. For JOHNSTON, the important thing was policy, not politics.

Although we will all miss Senator JOHNSTON, he will be especially missed by the people of the Pelican State. He actively championed Louisiana's interests, particularly in the areas of education and infrastructure.

At the national level, Senator JOHNSTON understood the dangers of depending on foreign oil. And he consistently argued for the formulation of a comprehensive, national energy policy.

Mr. President, it is true that the Senator from Louisiana and I did not agree on every issue that came before the Senate. But I learned quickly that he was a very skilled legislator, who was always willing to defend his convictions.

Mr. President, the citizens of Louisiana will certainly miss BENNETT JOHNSTON's commitment and concern, and I will miss the integrity and intelligence he brought to the Senate. I wish him well in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR SAM NUNN

Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to one of the most dedicated

Members of the United States Senate, SAM NUNN, on his retirement.

Few members have worked so doggedly to protect the defense and security of our country as Senator NUNN. When he came to the Senate in 1972, Sam brought a commitment to make this Nation more secure by strengthening America's defenses, by reducing the threat of nuclear war, by eliminating wasteful Pentagon spending and by fostering pride in America.

While his accomplishments are numerous, I view his leadership in the effort to support the dismantling of nuclear weapons in the former Soviet Union as one of his most important and far reaching contributions. Without exaggeration, this initiative significantly reduced the risk of accidental nuclear war. For this alone, all Americans owe him a debt of gratitude.

Through his dedication to our men and women in uniform, Senator NUNN proved that there is more than one way to defend your country. And by securing the enactment of National Service legislation, which offers generous education benefits in exchange for public service, Senator NUNN is helping to instill in our young people the importance of public service and as well as a respect for American values.

Mr. President, I have tremendous respect for Senator NUNN's work on behalf of the people of Georgia and the United States. Though we have not always shared the same view on defense policy, I have always admired his careful analysis, deliberation and evaluation.

His 24 years of public service in the Senate will undoubtedly leave a lasting imprint on the national security and defense policy of our Nation. I know that I join with all of his Senate colleagues in saying that Senator NUNN's presence will be sorely missed. I extend my best wishes as SAM leaves the Senate and begins the next phase of his career.

#### TRIBUTE TO SENATOR BILL COHEN

Mr. President, I rise today to honor a distinguished Member of this body, Senator BILL COHEN, who will be leaving the Senate at the end of the 104th Congress.

Mr. President, the Senate is losing one of its most respected and dedicated members. BILL COHEN is the kind of person that Americans want, and America needs, in Government. He is someone with unquestioned integrity, who has always done what he believes to be right, even if his own party disagrees with him.

BILL COHEN first came to national attention at one of our Nation's darkest hours, during the Watergate scandal. As a member of the House Judiciary Committee, he was one of the first Republicans to break ranks with President Nixon, and he led a group of moderate Members who supported a resolution of impeachment. It was the right thing to do. And it was typical of the kind of independent thinking that has marked BILL COHEN's career ever since.

From his days on the Watergate Committee, BILL COHEN has worked hard to promote ethics in Government, and he has made an enormous contribution in this area. He has helped strengthen the Office of Government Ethics, and he worked to enact legislation that substantially increased reporting requirements for lobbyists. Senator COHEN also joined me in the successful effort to ban most gifts to Members of Congress.

Mr. President, BILL COHEN is one of the most thoughtful Members of this body, someone who thoroughly studies an issue before announcing a position. Consequently, when BILL COHEN comes to this floor, people listen. They admire his judgment, his fairness, his integrity, and so do I. I have not agreed with BILL COHEN on every issue, but I have always respected his scholarship, his leadership, his statesmanship.

It has been a privilege to serve with BILL COHEN in the Senate, and it is unfortunate that people of his stature have decided to leave this body. But I want to wish BILL all the best as he leaves this body for new challenges. He has served his country with distinction, we will all miss him very much.

#### TRIBUTE FOR SENATOR PAUL SIMON

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to my colleague and friend, PAUL SIMON. When I think of PAUL's extraordinary career in the Senate, I'm reminded of a remark by Toni Morrison, "As you enter positions of trust and power, dream a little before you think." Although PAUL's intellectual abilities are well known, he even holds 39 honorary degrees, he is also a great dreamer. For he has dreamed of a country where no child has to live in poverty, where no young person is denied an education because of financial reasons and where no senior citizen is bankrupted by a medical emergency.

And PAUL has tirelessly fought to make those dreams reality. It is not surprising that in 1983, during his 10 years in the House, Time magazine noted that SIMON passed more legislation that year than other Members of the House of Representatives.

In the Senate, PAUL has been particularly concerned with affording every American the opportunity of an affordable education. Among his accomplishments in this area, he recently enacted major education and job training legislation which includes the National Literacy Act, the School-to-Work Opportunities Act and the Job Training Partnership Act Amendments. He was also the leading champion of the new direct college loan program, enacted in 1991 as a pilot program and expanded in 1993 as a replacement for the guaranteed student loan program.

Mr. President, PAUL and I have personally fought many battles together. And although I could speak about his support on any number of issues, I want to especially recall his constant and consistent efforts on the issue of gun control. I knew that I could always

count on Senator SIMON's support in the continuing struggle to take guns off our streets.

When I think of PAUL's retirement from the Senate, I remember the words of Thomas Jefferson. When Jefferson presented his credentials as U.S. Minister to France, the French Premier remarked, "I see that you have come to replace Benjamin Franklin. Jefferson corrected him; saying, "No one can replace Dr. Franklin, I am only succeeding him."

In much the same way, Paul SIMON is also irreplaceable. As he begins the next phase of his career, I wish my friend continued success and best wishes.

#### TRIBUTE FOR SENATOR DAVID PRYOR

Mr. President, I rise to offer my best wishes to Senator PRYOR on his retirement from the Senate. All of his colleagues will miss DAVID's candor and commitment, but his presence in Washington will be especially missed by the people of Arkansas and by our Nation's senior citizens.

Senator PRYOR's motto has always been "Arkansas Comes First." And as he's noted, it's more than a slogan—it's a way of life. Throughout his career, he's been a fighter for Arkansas' interests and for her people. As a member of the Agricultural Committee, DAVID's leadership led to the development of innovative programs and legislation to aid Arkansas' farmers and to protect her resources.

Senator PRYOR is also considered one of Washington's leading advocates for older Americans. Starting in 1989, he served for 6 years as chairman of the Senate Special Committee on Aging. He is nationally recognized for his work to help save the Social Security system, to reform the nursing home industry and to lower the price of prescription drugs. He also endeavored to ensure that Government institutions preserve the essential dignity of our country's elderly.

Mr. President, as a member of the Finance Committee, Senator PRYOR also wrote the Taxpayer Bill of Rights, the first piece of legislation in over 40 years which guaranteed certain rights to individuals when dealing with the Internal Revenue Service.

If I had to sum up DAVID PRYOR's Senate career, including the 6 years he held the number three leadership post, in a single word, that word would be service. And that reminds me of a remark by the great humanitarian, Albert Schweitzer. He noted, "The only ones among you who will be truly happy are those who have sought out, and found how to serve." If that's true, then DAVID PRYOR is definitely the happiest of men.

As he leaves the Senate, I wish my colleague well as he begins the next stage of his career, and his life.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to