

TRIBUTE TO JAMES R. MELLOR

• Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to James R. (Jim) Mellor, who retires next week from his position as chief executive officer and chairman of the board of General Dynamics Corp., a position he has held for 3 years. Jim has been with General Dynamics for a total of 16 years. Prior to becoming CEO and chairman, he was the president and chief operating officer and before that, the executive vice president—Marine, Business Systems and Corporate Planning. Jim Mellor is completing an illustrious 42 year career in the defense industry having worked at Litton Industries and Hughes Aircraft Corp. before joining General Dynamics.

During his time with General Dynamics Jim took part in the delivery of 18 Trident ballistic missile submarines, the upgrade of the Army's M1 tank to the state-of-the-art M1A2, and the development and transition into production of the Tomahawk cruise missile. The Trident submarine played a major role in bringing about the end of the cold war, and we are all familiar with the important contributions made by the M1 tank and the Tomahawk cruise missile in our overwhelming success in Desert Storm.

Jim is a graduate of the University of Michigan, earning both bachelor of science and master of science degrees from that institution. He served in the U.S. Army from 1952 to 1955. While at Hughes & Litton he received three patents relating to large screen display and digital computing technology. He has also authored more than 30 articles in national and international publications covering a wide range of management and technical subjects.

In addition to these accomplishments, Jim has been active in many charitable and community causes. He is a member of the University of Southern California Business School Board of Councilors, a member of the National Advisory Committee of the University of Michigan, and a trustee of Ford's Theater. Under his leadership for the past 7 years, General Dynamics has sponsored the annual Memorial Day Concert held right here on the Capitol Grounds. Jim has also been an active sponsor of and participant in the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation's annual walk on the Mall. Jim and his wife, Suzanne, will be moving to California to be near their three children and nine grandchildren, but will maintain a residence in the Washington area and will remain active in business and governmental issues.

Please join me in paying tribute to this distinguished engineer, business leader, civic sponsor, and family man. •

TRIBUTE MARKING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF U.S. ARMY SPACE AND MISSILE DEFENSE

• Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to

recognize the celebration of the 40th anniversary of U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense.

During this week, May 19–22, 1997, a number of special events will be taking place in Huntsville, AL, to celebrate this important anniversary. I wish to express my congratulations to the Army community in Huntsville for their splendid record of achievement in space and missile defense, and to ask my colleagues to join me saluting them for what this has meant to our Nation's security.

The U.S. Army led the nation into space and ballistic missile defense [BMD] in 1957 with the authorization to proceed with the launch of an artificial satellite and the start of development of the Nike Zeus BMD system. The Army Ballistic Missile Agency successfully launched the free world's first artificial satellite in 1958, only 89 days after receiving the go-ahead, restoring America's leadership in space exploration following the Soviet Sputnik launch 3 months earlier.

The Huntsville BMD team performed the first demonstration of a successful intercept of an ICBM class ballistic missile in 1962, deployed the first and only BMD system in the United States, conducted the first nonnuclear intercept of an ICBM in 1984, and carried out the first and the largest number of intercepts of tactical ballistic missiles, including the spectacular performance of the Patriot system against Scud rockets during Desert Storm.

The U.S. Army role in space has continued to provide significant contributions to battlefield communications, precise detection, tracking of threatening missiles, and a host of space-based capabilities tailored for the warfighter on the ground.

The Huntsville team has made significant contributions to BMD technology, including development of nuclear and nonnuclear interceptors and kill vehicles; advanced BMD radar and optical sensors; the first BMD computer, associated software and a long progression of innovations in BMD computational capabilities; and lastly, a wide range of BMD phenomenology, components and techniques.

In view of their long record of outstanding achievements, the future of military space and BMD lies to a large extent in the hands of the men and women who work in the Army organizations in Huntsville, together with their industry team mates.

Mr. President, I salute Huntsville and the hard-working men and women of that great community. Most importantly, I wish to extend a warm and hearty congratulations to the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense team for a job well done, and best wishes for its continued success now and during the next 40 years. •

TRIBUTE TO EDWARD P. SCOTT, VA ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CONGRESSIONAL AFFAIRS

• Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, it is with a mixture of happiness and sadness that I pay tribute to Edward P. Scott, VA's Assistant Secretary for Congressional Affairs, as he retires from Federal service—happiness for Ed and his family as they embark on a new phase of their lives, and sadness for those of us who will miss Ed's wise counsel and assistance as we carry on our work on veterans issues.

Mr. President, Ed has had a long and distinguished career, including 16 years here in the Senate where he served on the Veterans' Affairs Committee as general counsel, minority general counsel, and in the 102d Congress, as chief counsel and staff director. I first became familiar with Ed's work when I joined the Veterans' Affairs Committee in 1985 when I first came to the Senate; I have recognized and relied on his great professionalism and integrity ever since. I particularly appreciated his assistance in 1993 when he worked tirelessly to ensure that my transition to the chairmanship of the committee went as smoothly as possible.

For the past 4 years, Ed has served ably in the often challenging job of Assistant Secretary for Congressional Affairs at the Department of Veterans Affairs. He is enormously knowledgeable about veterans' programs and laws, and both the committee and the Department have relied heavily on his expertise and keen insight. He has worked hard to keep his various constituencies—most particularly, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Jesse Brown and the authorizing and appropriating committees of both the House and Senate—informed and working together. On any number of occasions, Ed has kept the train on the tracks when it was threatening to tumble off.

During these 4 years, Ed has played an important role in working with Congress to ensure passage of significant legislation to improve benefits and services for the service men and women who have sacrificed so much for our great country. He was particularly instrumental in working with the Congress last year to enact health care eligibility reform legislation, Public Law 104-262. Ed has also been in the middle of efforts to make sure that the Congress understood what the administration was doing in response to the concerns of veterans of the Persian Gulf.

Ed's high standards—in doing the job and doing it right, in being a person of unassailable integrity, and in working with all parties concerned to find solutions that all could embrace—have inspired all who have worked with him.

Mr. President, Ed's earlier career was equally distinguished. He graduated cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania Law School where he was an editor of the law review. Following a clerkship with a justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court, he entered active duty in the Air Force and served

as assistant staff judge advocate at Keesler Air Force Base, MS. He then served with the Peace Corps, first in the Office of General Counsel, where he served as the deputy general counsel, and then as the Peace Corps country director in Korea. Ed also worked at the Mental Health Law Project here in Washington, an experience that gave him significant expertise on mental health issues which he has brought to bear on any number of VA mental health matters.

Mr. President, I am certain that all in the Senate who have had the privilege of knowing and working with Ed Scott join me in wishing him well as he retires from a distinguished career of Government service. We will be the poorer for his going, but the richer for his having worked among us.●

NATIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

● Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize National Emergency Medical Services Week and the heroic and courageous work our emergency medical service providers perform everyday.

As an author of the Emergency Medical Services Efficiency Act, I have had the opportunity to meet with many EMS providers both in Minnesota and Washington to hear firsthand the problems they face every day—and their suggestions on how those problems can be resolved. The meetings were constructive, and we identified specific areas of concern and ways in which Congress can address them. I hope that the Emergency Medical Services Efficiency Act will serve as a blueprint for helping these dedicated public servants make the system more efficient.

Mr. President, emergency medical services have come a long way since the 1860's when the first civilian ambulance service was begun in Cincinnati and New York City. Now we have sophisticated medical equipment on ambulances around the country, and the American people have come to rely on the readiness, efficiency, and quick response of the EMS system. Yet many Americans—including Members of Congress—take these crucial services for granted.

Mr. President, I have a great admiration and respect for those who dedicate their time and talents to the emergency care profession, whether as a career or through volunteering. It's a field that offers a great many rewards. And yet along with those rewards often come great challenges. EMS professionals are often thrust into dangerous situations—situations that set their profession apart from most any other 9-to-5 job. It's a difficult, sometimes terrifying time to be part of the public health and safety professions.

I'm reminded of a frightening example of the terrors EMS professionals face that happened here in Washington just 5 months ago when a paramedic team was attacked by a gunman.

Emergency workers were transporting a shooting victim to the hospital when the gunman stormed the ambulance, killing the victim and wounding one of the paramedics. That followed another violent incident just a month earlier, when a man who had been shot was stalked by his attacker to the hospital and was fatally wounded as he sought treatment.

Despite these risks, there are many thousands of Americans who serve their communities with determination and compassion as paramedics and emergency medical service personnel. Last night, they honored those who exemplify the best of their profession as "Stars of Life." I was asked to speak to their group, but was unable to attend due to the Budget Committee's markup of the fiscal year 1998 budget resolution. I was disappointed I could not attend so I wanted to take the time to recognize their achievements on the Senate floor today.

Mr. President, at this time I ask that the names of this year's "Stars of Life" be printed in the RECORD following my remarks.

Far too often, Washington fails to respond to pressing concerns until they become a crisis. We cannot wait for a crisis to occur before we respond to the needs of our emergency medical system.

It's ironic that we expect so much from our EMS providers and yet, when they seek assistance, we continue to ignore their 9-1-1 call for help. In recognizing and celebrating National EMS Week, we should all take the time to congratulate the "Stars of Life," and their colleagues, who receive no special recognition and yet answer every call, every day, because they have chosen to serve.

The names follow:

STARS OF LIFE RECIPIENTS 1997

Irene Acquisto, NY.
Mike (Dewey) Albritton, MS.
Josh Alger, MI.
Thomas Anderson, CT.
Jim Bard, OR.
Robert Barmore, KY.
Sue Beals, ME.
Trish Beckwith, NV.
Walter Bedward, NJ.
Jeffrey Blank, WA.
Charles Blattner, CA.
Andy Bowersox, IN.
Terry Bracy, AR.
Ken Bradford, CA.
Tim Braithwaite, SD.
Bernie Callahan, PA.
Marty Carlson, OR.
Bryan Clark, GA.
Mike Coburn, NV.
Keith Cooper, PA.
David Curran, RI.
Virginia Davis, CA.
Vito DePietro, PA.
Jeffrey DeVine, MA.
George Drum, AZ.
Dave Elle, OR.
David Ellis, MO.
Linda Emery, OH.
Clarence Ervin, MI.
Ramona Fincher, LA.
Wayne Gilbert, MA.
Tom Gottschalk, MI.
Dave Green, NY.
Robert Gregory, CT.
Julian Guerrero, TX.
Marlene Guillory, LA.
David Hahn, IL.
Paul Haynie, CA.
Margaret Heckmann, IL.
Leigh Hennig, NY.
Victor Hoffer, OR.
Lynda Hoffman, NY.
Gregory Hogan, MA.
Dennis Hogges, GA.
Sharon Houghton, MO.
Shane Husted, MI.
Christopher Imm, NY.
Brent James, NE.
Charles Jarmon, CT.
Wilson Jean, FL.
Leonard Joseph, NY.
Shelly Kaczynski, MI.
James Lanier, FL.
Tony Lee, MA.
Carl Lind, AZ.
Thomas Lindgren, MA.
William Lindsay, OK.
Alvin Lynn, VA.
Tonia Mack, MA.
Steve Madrid, AZ.
Quijuan Maloof, CA.
Michael Mangan, MD.
Kerry Mariano, PA.
Donald Marsh, MI.
Greg Martino, CO.
Vicky McClanahan, TN.
Ed (Hunter) McKeever, CO.
Chris Mixon, LA.
Edward Moser, NY.
Jim Neal, ME.
Rella Neal, ME.
Keith Overcash, NC.
Cheryl Pasquarella, MN.
Thinh Pham, LA.
Ron Piel, FL.
John Piombo, FL.
Maye Pittman, CA.
Suzanne Pluskett, CA.
Judy Rains, VA.
Richie Ray, TX.
John Rivas, FL.
Jodi Roberts, OK.
Stephen Roberts Jr., TN.
Earl Ruberts, NJ.
Todd Sadler, OH.
Orlando Segarra, FL.
Mia Shelton, NY.
Penny Shuler, GA.
Todd Sims, NC.
Randy Sizelove, IN.
Mary Sloan, GA.
Carroll Smeltzer, AR.
Brent (Michael) Smith, TX.
Robert L. Smith Jr., NC.
John Sotero, CT.
Todd Stockford, MI.
Regina Stoneham, TX.
Matt Syverson, AZ.
Steve Thurman, PA.
Linda Tracey, NY.
Kevin Waddington, CO.
Beth Wally, NC.
Greg Ware, LA.
Courtney Williamson, GA.
Kevin Winte, CA.
Bill (Ronald) Wright, DE.
Destry Young, TN.●

DEATH SENTENCES FOR SALE OF LAND

● Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I was profoundly disturbed to learn that the Palestinian Authority has adopted a policy that any Palestinian caught selling land to a Jew will receive the death penalty. Only days after the announcement, the New York Times reported the brutal abduction and murder of Mr. Farid Bashiti, a 70-year-old