

When there was a tragic death of an employee on official travel, Alex temporarily set aside his own grief to assist others in the office in addition to the employee's family. In the confusion that surrounded the funeral, Alex took time to meet with all of the family members to try to help them understand the events that had taken place. It was a difficult time for all involved, but Alex clearly demonstrated his caring for his co-workers and should be commended for his actions.

One area where Colonel Alexander should be especially proud is in his initiatives for acquisition reform. Alex was always driving to improve all aspects of buying satellites and software, looking for new and innovative ways to execute the program. At his encouragement, one division has studied purchasing satellites on-orbit, which would be a first for the NRO. He has been an advocate for openness and revolutionary thinking, balancing trusted methods with new ideas. Under his leadership, a security rebaselining was started which resulted in his program appearing on CBS' Eye on America. His drive in this area has literally saved the federal government millions of dollars.

Finally, I want to thank Colonel Alexander for one final initiative. After being nominated for a Congressional Fellowship by Colonel Alexander, a member of his staff has joined my staff for the legislative year. This staff member has been of great assistance already in the Defense bills that have gone to the floor, and I look forward to his continuing contribution through the rest of the Senate's session.

I'm sure that there are still many details for Colonel Alexander to work out as he transitions to a "former" military life. I wish him the best in his endeavors and pass along a sincere thank you on behalf of Congress for passing along his life's philosophy to the generation that will follow in his procurement footsteps. The legacy left behind is greater than mere relics of satellites and software, which will age and be disregarded. Colonel Alexander's heritage is in a corps of people who now have a greater understanding of the balances and pressures in life and a toolkit with how to deal with them. This is a true success, and one that I hope will be a sustained source of pride throughout his retirement.●

THE FENWAY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

● Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, today the Fenway Community Development Corporation in Boston is celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary, and I congratulate the corporation on its impressive accomplishments.

The Nation's economy is currently enjoying the longest period of peacetime expansion in the nation's history. Today, more Americans than ever have access to quality education and produc-

tive jobs and careers. But that success is no cause for complacency. Too many of our fellow citizens and too many of our communities are not full participants in the nation's overall prosperity. For them, economic growth often means higher housing costs and pressures to move out of neighborhoods which have been their homes all their lives.

Twenty-five years ago, the Fenway Community Development Corporation was formed to do more to see that neighborhood development benefits the residents of the neighborhood. The Corporation stands proudly for the fundamental principle that local residents should enjoy the benefits of economic growth too, regardless of their incomes, and that neighborhood planning should always put people first.

Since 1973, the Fenway CDC has worked skillfully to improve the quality of life in the community, actively encouraging residents to participate in decisions that affect it. Under its leadership, residents from different cultures, age groups, and income levels have all come together for a better Fenway. I commend them for what they have done to empower people and strengthen the fabric of their neighborhoods.

A large part of this success comes from many activities to improve life in the Fenway. Protecting existing housing, actively seeking opportunities to develop affordable new housing, pursuing commercial development that meets the needs of the neighborhood—all of these are essential parts of the mission.

Other activities include homebuyer counseling—the afterschool programs and playground renovation for neighborhood youth through the Fenway Family Coalition—the computer training and job opportunities with local employers through the Walk to Work Program—and the Senior Task Force, which maintains affordable housing for low income elderly residents, as well as blood pressure screenings and recreation facilities available at the Peterborough Senior Center. All of these programs have contributed immensely to the quality of life in the Fenway neighborhood, and the Corporation deserves great credit for these achievements.

Fenway CDC is a respected leader of CDCs nationwide. I congratulate them for 25 years of skillful work and real results, and I know that the next 25 years will be just as successful.●

TRIBUTE TO THE LOON MOUNTAIN RECREATION CORPORATION

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Loon Mountain Recreation Corporation of Lincoln, New Hampshire for their outstanding achievements in the environmental arena. This month, Loon Mountain will receive the Times Mirror Company's Silver Eagle Award for Environmental Excellence in Visual Impact.

Loon Mountain will be receiving this award due to the recent installation of a new snowmaking pump station. The resort's two objectives in the design of this station were to reduce the visual impact of the pump station to the surrounding community and minimize the impact of the new water withdrawal system on the adjacent river.

Through careful site planning and creative architectural design, the pump station blends in naturally with its surroundings. The techniques employed during construction were environmentally sound and the withdrawal system does not disturb the river environment.

As a senior member of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, I realize the impact that industrial design can have on the environment, and I am excited to see businesses such as Loon Mountain working hard to minimize these impacts. I commend the Loon Mountain Recreation Corporation for their environmental awareness, and I am proud to represent them in the U.S. Senate.●

ANDRE AGASSI

● Mr. BRYAN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the historic event that took place this past weekend in Paris when Las Vegas's own Andre Agassi captured the 1999 French Open Championship. Andre's completion of the career Grand Slam secures him a place in tennis history that only five other men can claim, and as a testament to his versatility, he is the only person to accomplish this feat on three different surfaces—hardcourt, grass, and clay. He is the first American in 61 years to win all four majors—Wimbledon in 1992, the U.S. Open in 1994, the Australian Open in 1995, and now the French—and his victory will soon catapult him to No. 4 in the world rankings.

As great as Andre's accomplishments have been on the court throughout his career, they are, in my opinion, overshadowed by the generosity and compassion he has shown off the court. Andre's commitment to at-risk and underprivileged youth has been a passion of his throughout his tennis career. His establishment of the Andre Agassi Foundation in 1994 to support and fund programs that serve underprivileged kids has provided much needed assistance to a variety of service organizations that work with children in the Las Vegas area, including the Boys & Girls Clubs in Las Vegas, the Assistance League of Las Vegas, and Child Haven. Since its inception, the Agassi Foundation has donated over \$5 million to local youth charities.

In today's world of professional sports, it is always refreshing to see an athlete who recognizes the blessings and opportunities he has received, and has chosen to give something back to his community. In spite of a tennis career that has had its ups and downs, Andre has always had a steady hand

when it comes to helping underprivileged children. Andre Agassi is the epitome of what a professional athlete should be, and I ask my colleagues to join me in commending him for making tennis history and for all of his charitable endeavors that mean so much to the Las Vegas community.●

TRIBUTE TO MEYER "MIKE" BERMAN

● Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to Meyer "Mike" Berman, a World War II veteran who demonstrated unusual heroism during his two years of service in the United States Army.

Mike Berman, Private First Class, served as part of the 12th Infantry Regiment during World War II. An outstanding soldier, he was decorated with the Good Conduct Medal, the Bronze Star Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the World War II Victory Medal and Ribbon, the European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and a Ribbon with one Silver Service Star.

However, the accomplishment Mike Berman is proudest of is the time he saved the life of his friend, Private John Buyers. While artillery shells were coming from all directions, Mike Berman rushed to the aid of Private Buyers, who had been grievously injured. Mike Berman singlehandedly carried Private Buyers by foot to the service jeep that transported him to medical aid. I ask that Private Buyers' letter expressing the gratitude he felt towards Private Berman for saving his life be printed in the RECORD.

The letter follows:

England: Oct. 29th 1944

DEAR MIKE: Just a few lines to say hello and let you know I'm coming along pretty good. I just wanted to thank you for what you done for me the day I got hit. I'll never forget it. If it hadn't been for you, I wouldn't be living today. Thanks a million, "Mike." I've had three operations so far and I'm pretty weak, but I'll live through it. I won't be with you boys' any more but tell them all hello for me. Please write to me if you get a chance.

Well, Mike, be good and take care of yourself. I sure didn't last long, did I? Oh well! It was all in the cards I guess. Please excuse my writing. I can do better but I'm pretty nervous these days. Once again thanks for what you done for me and maybe some day, I'll be able to sort of square things up.

So long,

Cordially,

BUYERS.

Mr. MOYNIHAN. It is particularly appropriate with the recent celebration of Memorial Day that we pay homage to truly courageous individuals like Mike Berman, whose faith in democracy and freedom for mankind have helped make our nation as great as it is today.

The worst of times often best reveals the character of an individual. In the worst of times, Mike Berman proved his charity and love for his fellow man. He went beyond the call of duty when no one else dared to.

Having come from an immigrant family, Mr. Berman's achievements illustrate the enormous passion and desire America's immigrants have to create a better future in their newly adopted country. Our recognition of Mr. Berman reminds us of the tremendous contribution that immigrants have made in the shaping of our Nation. This diverse group of extraordinary, enterprising, and self-sufficient individuals have continuously served to strengthen the United States.●

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES— H.R. 1554

Mr. STEVENS. I move that with respect to H.R. 1554, the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House, and further, the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

The motion was agreed to and the Presiding Officer appointed from the Judiciary Committee: Mr. HATCH, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. KOHL; from the Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee: Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. HOLLINGS conferees on the part of the Senate.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 1999

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 9. I further ask that on Wednesday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day.

I further ask consent there then be a period of morning business until 11

a.m., with Senators permitted to speak up to 10 minutes each, with the following exceptions: Senator COLLINS, 20 minutes; Senator SMITH of New Hampshire, 10 minutes; Senator DURBIN or his designee, 30 minutes.

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

Mr. STEVENS. As I understand it, the consent that was just entered into means Senator MCCAIN will be recognized at the close of that period of morning business. Is that correct?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. That is correct.

Mr. STEVENS. I further ask unanimous consent that at 11 a.m. the Senate begin consideration of S. 96, the Y2K legislation, in accordance with that agreement.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. STEVENS. For the information of all Senators, the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 11 a.m. tomorrow. By previous consent, the cloture vote on the motion to proceed to S. 96 has been vitiated, and at 11 a.m. the Senate will begin debate on the important Y2K legislation. Hopefully, the Senate will make substantial progress throughout the day, and therefore votes on amendments can be expected.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. STEVENS. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:52 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, June 9, 1999, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate June 8, 1999:

FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD

FRANZ S. LEICHTER, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A DIRECTOR OF THE FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING FEBRUARY 27, 2006, VICE DANIEL F. EVANS, JR., TERM EXPIRED.

DOUGLAS L. MILLER, OF SOUTH DAKOTA, TO BE A DIRECTOR OF THE FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING FEBRUARY 27, 2002, VICE LAWRENCE U. COSTIGLIO, TERM EXPIRED.