

Recently, Fr. Acker was presented, by Administrator Dan Goldin, with the Distinguished Public Service Medal of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, NASA, the highest honor given to a civilian from that agency. This award reflects the high confidence that NASA and its Administrator have in the stewardship of Fr. Acker in connection with agency programs administered—where? at Wheeling Jesuit University.

Fr. Acker, a native of Cleveland, Ohio, entered the Jesuit order in 1947. That was my first year in the West Virginia House of delegates. He has a Ph.D. in biology. I don't have a Ph.D. in anything. But I have grandsons who have Ph.D.s in physics; not political science but physics. But Fr. Acker has a Ph.D. in Biology from Stanford University. He has taught at John Carroll University. He has taught at the University of Detroit. He has taught at San Francisco University. He has served as Dean of Arts and Sciences at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and worked in the country of Nepal, first as a Fulbright professor and then as Project Director of the U.S. Peace Corps.

Fr. Tom Acker's tenure as the President at Wheeling Jesuit University will end on Monday, July 31, 2000, the last year of the 20th century, but he will not be leaving the State of West Virginia. He has grown to love that State. Rather, he will remain in West Virginia, working in the southern sector to continue his great service to the great State of West Virginia.

I look forward to my continued relationship with this strong, competent, and compassionate man of the cloth, and I congratulate him on his decision to remain in West Virginia.

I listened carefully to his prayer today. He used the words, "In God We Trust." I was in the House of Representatives in 1954, on June 7, when the House of Representatives passed legislation to include the words "under God" in the pledge of allegiance—June 7, 1954; "under God." There are some people in this country who would like to take those words out of that pledge, but not Fr. Acker. I don't think anybody here in the Senate would be for that. That was June 7, 1954.

June 7, 1955, 1 year to the day, the House of Representatives voted to include the words "In God We Trust," to have those words, as the national motto, put on all coins and all currency of the United States. Those words were already on some of the coins, but on June 7, 1955, the House of Representatives voted to have the words "In God We Trust"—there they are—"In God We Trust," have that as the national motto and have those words on the coins and currency of the United States.

I was in the House on both occasions. I am the only person in Congress today who was in Congress when we voted to include the words "under God" in the

Pledge of Allegiance. I thank our visiting minister today for his use of those words.

He also used the same words from the scriptures that Benjamin Franklin used in the Constitutional Convention in 1787 when the clouds of dissension and despair held like a pall over the Constitutional Convention. Everything was about to break up. They were having a lot of dissension, I say to the Senator from Nevada and the Senator from Florida. They were not agreeing on very many things. They were very discouraged. But Benjamin Franklin stood to his feet and suggested there be prayer at the convention, and he used those scriptures in his statement:

Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.

Thank you, Father Acker, for using those words and for having as the theme of your prayer this morning "In God We Trust." Thank you.

I thank our Chaplain also, and I thank you, again, Father Acker. We hope you will enjoy your work in southern West Virginia. We are privileged to have you in my part of the State finally, southern West Virginia. My part is the whole State. We thank you, and may God bless you.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, before the Senator from West Virginia and the visiting priest depart, I say to the man who runs this fine school in West Virginia—and I believe the Senator from Florida will say—what a treasure we have in the Senator from West Virginia.

Today is a day of solemnity in the Senate. We are going to swear in a new Senator as a result of the death of one of our colleagues. It is a day of reflection for all of us. Speaking for myself, and I am sure the Senator from Florida, every day we reflect on how fortunate we are to have someone who is a living example of the words that are engraved in the back of this Chamber: "In God We Trust." He is someone to whom we all look—both the minority and majority—for ethical standards, for a sense of morality that he brings to this body. I say to the priest from West Virginia, the State of West Virginia is well served and has been well served by Senator ROBERT BYRD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Florida.

Mr. MACK. Mr. President, I, too, express my appreciation for the beautiful words of the Senator from West Virginia this morning. And to Father Acker: On behalf of the entire Senate, we welcome you today and appreciate greatly your words of prayer.

This is a special day for all of us, as the Senator from Nevada indicated. We will be swearing in a new Senator from Georgia. We do so with heavy hearts, however.

I seek recognition now for a few moments to say a few words on the life of

our colleague, Senator PAUL COVERDELL.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I thank my colleague, the distinguished Senator from Nevada, who has been very close to me for these several years in which we have served together in the Senate. I appreciate his friendship. I thank him for his good words today. I am grateful, flattered, and humbled by them. I thank the distinguished Senator from Florida.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

PERIOD FOR EULOGIES

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for eulogies for the former Senator from Georgia, Mr. PAUL COVERDELL.

REMEMBERING SENATOR PAUL COVERDELL

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Florida.

Mr. MACK. Mr. President, the 10 days since his sudden passing and the outpouring of expression from many different directions have given me the opportunity to reflect on PAUL's life, the gifts he brought to the Senate, and the impact his life had on people.

I want to focus my remarks on PAUL COVERDELL's humility, which I think was his defining quality, his greatest gift, and one which had the greatest impact on the lives of others.

Many people might say that humility, sometimes defined as freedom from pride or arrogance, is a quality not found often in our society today. No one disputes, however, that PAUL COVERDELL possessed a deep sense of humility.

During the past 10 days, PAUL COVERDELL has been described as: Serious and low key; self-effacing; uncomfortable in the limelight; a humble public servant who became a political giant through selfless dedication and quiet civility; a very gentle and courteous person; a person people went to, felt really comfortable with, and opened up to; a person who really cared for what happened to others; a person many regarded as the Senate's leading mediator; a person of scrupulous integrity and unblemished character; a person with an unsurpassed work ethic and standard of personal ethics and devotion to what he was doing; a person who always kept his word and was someone you could count on—just to mention a few characterizations.

How many of us would like to be known as individuals who possess these qualities?

Too often we think success results from aggressive, enterprising, pushy, and contentious behavior. In the case

of PAUL COVERDELL, his success resulted from his combination of humility and energy which enabled him to be known as the person who was the cornerstone of the Georgia Republican Party and whose objective was to make his State party credible and viable in what had been virtually a one-party State; who was a political mentor to a number of politicians on both sides of the aisle; who was said by former Senator Sam Nunn to be "the person who makes the Senate work;" and finally, Democrats in his State have said that PAUL COVERDELL's legacy is one of actions and deeds, not words and glory; friendship and trust, not cynicism and betrayal.

There is no question that the outpouring of sentiment of PAUL's humility, humanity, and his contribution to his State and to his Nation would have overwhelmed him. He would have been embarrassed by all of the adulation and attention.

PAUL was the personification of Proverbs 22:4: "the reward for humility and fear of the Lord . . . is riches and honor and life." PAUL COVERDELL surely conducted his life in a manner that resulted in great riches and honor of public opinion.

The Book of Revelation, 20:12, states: "and I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Also, another book was opened, the book of life. And the dead were judged according to their works, as recorded in the books."

Our earthly judgment of PAUL COVERDELL will surely be confirmed in heaven. PAUL's works and his hard-working qualities were legendary.

I want to take a moment to speak about a passion of PAUL's. He often talked of the importance of freedom, challenging each of us to do our part to ensure that the legacy of 1776 endures for generations to come. I picked out a few of his quotes concerning freedom from some of his speeches, and I want to repeat them today.

From a Veteran's Day speech:

In the end, all that any of us can do with regard to this great democracy is to do our part . . . during our time.

From a speech to an annual meeting of the Georgia Youth Farmers Association:

You live by the grace of God in the greatest democracy in the history of the entire world. And each of us has our own personal responsibility to help care for it, to love it, and to serve it.

From a speech to an ecumenical service at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta:

Several years ago I was in Bangladesh, the poorest country in the world, on the day they created their democracy. A Bangladeshi said to me, "I don't know if you or your fellow citizens of your country understand the role you play for democracy everywhere. It is an awesome responsibility and I don't envy you, but I pray, sir, that you and your fellow citizens continue to accept it."

Finally, from a speech at an Andersonville, GA, Memorial Day ceremony:

I am sure that each of you, like me, has wondered how we can ever adequately honor

these great Americans who made the ultimate sacrifice for the preservation of our nation and the great Americans who suffered and endured on these hallowed grounds as prisoners of war. We look across these fields and see monuments. We have heard an elegant poem written by a young American. We have tried through movies to somehow express our gratitude. Nothing ever quite seems to meet the challenge. I have finally concluded in my mind and in my heart that the only way to appropriately express our gratitude is through duty and stewardship to this great nation.

PAUL COVERDELL truly expressed his gratitude to his country in the manner in which he lived his life—through his service and stewardship to our Nation.

Perhaps the ultimate compliment for a politician was accorded PAUL COVERDELL by one of his constituents, who simply said: He gave politics a good name.

PAUL was an unsung hero, the glue that bound us together, particularly on the Republican side, but he also had an unusually fair presence in the entire body of this Senate. We are blessed and better off because of the impact of PAUL's humility.

I hope I have learned something from him about life. God sent him so many friends—and he recognized us all and embraced us. We are thankful and grateful for his presence in our lives. And the loss of PAUL COVERDELL has made me realize just how much I am going to miss each of you when I leave the Senate in a few months.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Mississippi.

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, it is very hard to adjust to the sad reality of PAUL COVERDELL's absence from the Senate. I miss him very much. And the Senate, we have to admit, is not the same without him.

It was always a genuine pleasure to be in his company. I enjoyed very much going to Georgia with him during his reelection campaign. I also returned with him to learn more about the severe problems his State's agricultural producers were experiencing from the drought. We worked together on these and other issues that were important to our region on the Senate Agriculture Committee.

He was a very influential force in the Senate for the people of his State. And he was a thoughtful leader on national issues as well.

While we continue to mourn his passing, we should try to carry on with the same determination and energy he brought to the challenges he faced. His example will be a very valuable legacy. Not only has Georgia benefited from his good efforts to represent its interests, but also through his leadership as Director of the Peace Corps, and on other international issues, he has made the world a better and safer place for all mankind.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I thank the majority leader for setting aside time this morning so many of us could pay tribute to PAUL COVERDELL. Certainly last week, many of us who were friends with PAUL really were not up to giving him a proper tribute because the shock of losing one of our friends was so enormous that we really did not feel that we could get through the kind of tribute that PAUL deserves. So I thank the majority leader for giving us this time.

We have now had a chance to collect our thoughts about the sudden death of our colleague and friend, PAUL COVERDELL of Georgia. One need only look at the breadth of representation at the memorial service in Atlanta to understand the many ways in which PAUL's life affected ours.

At the service, it was hard to miss the sweet but sad irony that, for one last time, PAUL COVERDELL was the great unifier. The Democratic Governor of Georgia, Governor Barnes, called PAUL COVERDELL—one of just a handful of Republicans in the State legislature when Governor Barnes, himself, was elected to the legislature in 1974—he called PAUL his best teacher in politics. Senator KENNEDY, our colleague from across the aisle, with whom Senator COVERDELL had tangled on many important education issues, sat right next to me in the church to honor PAUL COVERDELL.

Senator COVERDELL is sorely missed in the Senate and in Georgia.

He is not missed because he was a great legislator—but he was. His innovative approach to helping families have more flexibility in education spending became the Coverdell education savings account bill.

We do not feel his loss as badly as we do simply because he was a great Senate leader—but he was. His leadership could bring disparate policy and political strands together to form a single, strong bond that allowed us to move forward with our priorities.

Others have said it, but I will repeat for emphasis: PAUL COVERDELL was as close as any Senator comes to being indispensable to his party.

He will not be missed most because he was a giant in Georgia politics—but he was. Over the past third of a century, he built, from virtually nothing, the Republican Party of Georgia, starting at a time when, much as in my own home State of Texas, Republicans numbered only a few in the state Legislature.

Georgia is a better state today—and so is Texas—because there is a strong two-party system. PAUL COVERDELL is the reason why. And the people of Georgia registered their appreciation by making him the first Georgia Republican in over a century to be reelected to the Senate.

And he won't be missed the most because he was an outstanding administrator and a man of vision as the Director of the Peace Corps—but that is certainly the case.

PAUL was the right man for the job in 1989 when President Bush appointed him to head the Peace Corps, just as the Berlin Wall came tumbling down.

In 1989, Poland, Hungary, and Czechoslovakia were emerging from behind the Iron Curtain. PAUL COVERDELL thought about his agency. It was a creature of the Cold War, created to keep the Third World from falling prey to communism by exposing those countries to the energy, promise and ideals of American youth.

The Peace Corps helped win the cold war, and PAUL COVERDELL had the vision to know that it could also help win the peace. Although it had been dedicated to helping underdeveloped countries with subsistence agriculture and infrastructure projects, Director PAUL COVERDELL saw the promise of helping win the Cold War peace when he asked: "Why not in Europe, too?"

Under his leadership, the Peace Corps began sending volunteers into Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, blazing a new trail for this old cold war agency. On June 15, 1990, President George Bush wished farewell to the first such volunteers as they departed for Hungary and Poland.

Today, those countries are firmly in the sphere of freedom and democracy, and last year joined the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. PAUL COVERDELL'S vision had become a reality.

When he was director of the Peace Corps, Senator COVERDELL emphasized a particular program that had gone fallow given the many other priorities the agency was facing. This program, part of the Peace Corps' legislative mandate to foster greater global understanding by U.S. citizens, offered fellowship to returning volunteers in exchange for their agreement to work in an underserved American community as they pursued their degree.

Senator COVERDELL placed renewed emphasis on this program as Director of the Peace Corps and has been credited by Peace Corps alumni for his leadership in this area. These fellowships, funded through private-sector financed scholarships or reduced tuition agreements with universities and colleges, have been a great success.

PAUL obviously continued his pursuit of excellence in education with many innovative proposals right here in this body. I will be offering legislation that renames the program the PAUL D. COVERDELL Peace Corps Fellowship in memory of his commitment to both the Peace Corps and education.

A greater legislator, a leader of his party and of his State, a man of peace and vision: These surely describe, PAUL COVERDELL, but they do not explain the depth and breadth of warm outpouring that we have seen since his sudden death last week.

More than any other reason, Senator COVERDELL will be missed because he was a sweet, warm man, utterly without pretension.

PAUL COVERDELL: statesman; husband; Senator; leader; but above all, gentleman.

For all the wonderful tributes our colleagues have offered here in the Senate, and those that were made at PAUL's service on Saturday, none surpass in sincerity and simplicity those posted on the Atlanta Journal-Constitution's tribute web-site by ordinary Georgians.

A real reflection of PAUL's impact is that there are postings from all around the country. But one, in particular, bears quoting. A man from Duluth, Georgia quotes from a well-known essay: "The True Gentleman" to describe PAUL, and it certainly fits:

The True Gentleman is the man whose conduct proceeds from good will . . . whose self-control is equal to all emergencies; who does not make the poor man conscious of his poverty, the obscure man of his obscurity . . . ; who is himself humbled if necessity compels him to humble another; who does not flatter wealth, cringe before power, or boast of his own possessions or achievements; who speaks with frankness but always with sincerity and sympathy; whose deed follows his word; who thinks of the rights and feelings of others, rather than his own; and who appears well in any company, a man with whom honor is sacred and virtue safe.

How true these words ring of my friend, PAUL COVERDELL.

I close with the words of a young boy from Georgia, written early in the last century in his school notebook. When assigned to write a short thought about how he wanted to live his life, the young boy, just 10 years or so at the time, wrote:

I cannot do much, said the little star, To make the dark world bright.

My silver beams cannot pierce far Into the gloom of night.

Yet—I am part of God's plan, And I will do the best I can.

That sounds like PAUL, another Georgian whose star burned so bright and who fulfilled God's plan by doing the best he could.

Those words were written by young Richard Russell, as a fourth-grade student. Richard Russell went on to become a great Senator from Georgia, who, like PAUL, died in office in 1971. Russell's name graces the building that houses my office, and PAUL COVERDELL's, too.

Today, we consider those great men and the reward they've gone on to enjoy. WE miss them; we miss PAUL COVERDELL today, and the Senate is a lonelier, less happy place without him. Godspeed to our friend.

I yield the floor and suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BUNNING). The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I rise this morning to comment on the extraordinary and wonderful life of my friend and our colleague, PAUL COVERDELL of Georgia. While my abilities are unequal to this task, I believe I must try, not because my mere comments will add the slightest glimmer of luster to his sterling legacy but because it is important for me and those living to contemplate his exemplary character, ways of working, positive spirit, courage, and enthusiasm.

The one thing I want to remember most about PAUL is that quick, genuine, and, at times, child-like smile he had. It seemed a bit whimsical, sometimes a bit tired, a bit resigned, at first glance; but on closer observation, that smile was always full of understanding, compassion, and insight into the difficulties we face. PAUL's smile was never silly or false but frequent, wise, encompassing, and in empathy and comprehension for our frailties, completely knowing our weaknesses and encapsulating the precariousness of our human and political condition. Yes, it was fresh and child-like and frequently given; yet in that smile was great strength. There was a kind of understanding there that was born of experience, study, insight, and concern. Moreover, because it was founded on an honest appreciation of our present condition in this life, its warmth, its humanity never failed to inspire.

PAUL COVERDELL was an honest man, an honest broker, an honest leader. PAUL COVERDELL had the courage to act on that honesty, to speak the truth in a positive way. He always saw the glass half full, not half empty. These qualities have the capacity to inspire, and they have never failed to inspire me. When I was frustrated, doubtful, and concerned, I always looked for a chance to speak with PAUL. On occasion, if he sensed I was troubled, he would seek me out. After those conversations I always felt encouraged.

As I think on it today, he was a greater encourager for me and for others than I realized at the time. His friendship, insight, and advice were invaluable for my start in the Senate three years ago. I will deeply miss him.

On the day following his death, I spoke on this floor and said, that I knew we rightly should celebrate his life and not mourn, but I was not able to celebrate at that time because of the hurt of his loss. I am better now, but his death has struck me and others in this body hard.

Still, PAUL COVERDELL's life is, indeed, to be celebrated. He loved his country. He understood its greatness and uniqueness and deeply loved it. He loved the Senate. His tireless work on matters great and small was abundant evidence of that fact. PAUL enjoyed the debate, and helping develop strategy for the leadership, but his ultimate goal was always towards improving his country. That was the constant goal of

his service. He loved the Members of the Senate—all of them—even those with whom he disagreed and he was loved in return.

PAUL COVERDELL was a very effective Senator. He followed through on his assignments. He passed legislation and he helped many others pass important legislation. In that small frame, he had, as PHIL GRAMM said, the heart of a lion. PAUL was a man of great principle and it was a rich and deeply understood the American tradition to which he adhered with vigor. PAUL was knowledgeable. He knew a lot of about a lot of things. Experiences like the Peace Corps had taught him much. That knowledge made him wise and helpful to all of us in this body.

PAUL, though not at all naive, was certainly optimistic. Even if he knew something bad was about to happen, he looked beyond that bad event and saw possibilities in the future for an even greater good. That was always the case with him. I remember numerous occasions in which he saw beyond temporary setbacks and could visualize a positive future. His optimism helped shape the agenda of the Republican Conference. It was always his method to focus on our successes, and not on the frustrations. Once one listened fairly to his arguments, one could have no choice but to become optimistic also.

Certainly this Senate has lost a giant. He held a position of great leadership, was projected to continue to rise in leadership and was a tireless supporter of all Members of this body.

My sympathies, and those of my wife, Mary, are extended to Nancy, to his mother and to other members of the family. They have suffered the greatest loss. The scripture says our time on this Earth is but as a vapor. Indeed, James 4:13 puts us in our place. It says:

Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such town and spend a year there and get gain," whereas you do not know about tomorrow. What is your life? For you are but a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead, you should say, If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that, and it is your boast in your arrogance.

That was not PAUL. He was not a person of arrogance. More than any other person in this body that I can know, he was a man of unassuming personality, a man of genuine humility, a person utterly without pretension. I think he showed us a lot.

I don't know any 150-year-old people. All of us must expect to die. Our challenge is to keep the faith, to maintain our ideals, to adhere to great principles and to live with enthusiasm. PAUL COVERDELL was a good man and he set a good example for all of us. His death should call us all to intensify our own efforts to fill the void he leaves so that we may serve our country with effectiveness and strengthen the qualities that make up this great Senate.

I pray God will give us the ability to meet the challenge that are before us, that he will comfort those who are mourning, and that we can continue to

maintain the ideals that PAUL shared with us for a great and vigorous and effective America.

I yield the floor.

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I come to the floor this morning, following my distinguished colleague and good friend from Alabama, feeling the same inadequacy to express my thoughts and feelings about the life of someone for whom I had a tremendous amount of respect. As PHIL GRAMM so aptly put it in his eulogy on Saturday, if you knew PAUL COVERDELL, he was your friend. PAUL was a friend.

I guess in the last week from reading and listening and talking to people about PAUL, it is incredible that in this city someone could be so universally understood by everyone. All of us are individuals. We are very complex.

Some often say in Washington that politicians have many facets and many faces. PAUL was PAUL. He was like that to me. He was like it to JEFF. He was like it to the Presiding Officer. He was like it to everyone here. Everyone who has gotten up and talked about PAUL said the same thing in the final analysis. They talked about his decency, his good nature, his peacemaking, his optimism, his energy, and his enthusiasm.

I understand we are going to compile all of the things that have been said about PAUL. The remarkable thing is the sameness of what everyone says about PAUL. It is a remarkable quality in and of itself—that PAUL was always PAUL. He was always himself. He was never trying to be something for everyone to meet their expectation. He was who he was, as genuine and as pure as you can possibly be. That is a tremendous gift that he had.

It is so resoundingly amplified by the comments of our colleagues whose eulogies and comments have been out of the same embryo. That may be one of the great legacies and lessons of PAUL COVERDELL and his life.

There are a few people who I want to thank. First, I thank Nancy and his mother for the dedication that they gave to PAUL in allowing him to provide his service.

He spent an incredible amount of time working issues, long days and long nights away from Nancy while she was in Georgia. She made a tremendous sacrifice for him and for his career in the Senate. Obviously, the impact she had on PAUL's life was profound and obviously positive. The same could be said for his mother. I cannot imagine a mother being more proud of a son than PAUL's mother was of him and the contribution he made to Georgia, to the Senate, to this country.

I thank the people of Georgia for sending the Senate PAUL COVERDELL. He had some tough races but Georgia stood behind him, supported him, and elected a Republican Senator, twice, from the State of Georgia. Georgia should be very proud of that choice.

Finally, I thank God for sending PAUL, a truly extraordinary person.

When I found out on Tuesday PAUL very well may not make it, I was sitting in the back talking to Senator GORTON. I was talking about what a tragic loss it would be should PAUL die. I looked around at the desks, I looked at SLADE, and I said: I don't know where PAUL's desk is. He never sat at his desk. He was always running all over the place—down in the well, back in the Cloakroom, running from place to place. He was never at his desk. I thought to myself, where did he sit?

What a fitting analysis of the role that PAUL COVERDELL played in this place. He was everywhere, doing everything, never sitting back at his desk worried about himself or what he would say or do but running around making things happen, back in the Cloakroom with that Styrofoam Waffle House coffee cup. I don't know where he got all those Styrofoam Waffle House cups, but he had one in his hand all the time. There would be two or three placed throughout the Cloakroom by the end of the day. Everyone knew where PAUL had been. He was just working all the time, putting every ounce of his energy—and it was an incredible amount of energy—into his work in the Senate.

I was at the funeral on Saturday. Many things were said about PAUL moving on from one life to the next. It reminded me of a quote from a funeral I attended earlier this year for Governor Casey in Scranton, PA. The quote on the back of the book we received when we came into the church could not help but remind me of PAUL: "Death is not extinguishing the light. It is putting out the lamp because the dawn has come."

PAUL's light here in the Senate burned so bright. He illuminated every conversation. Every room he walked into with his energy, with his positive attitude, with his optimism. That light will be missed. Lights that seem to burn the brightest are doomed not to burn the longest. If we are measuring the wattage or the illumination that has been cast on this Earth, no one cast more light in 61 years than PAUL ever did. It is a comfort to know that the dawn for PAUL has come and that he is experiencing a brighter light than we all know right now. It is a comfort to know he is experiencing that light and is in heaven.

As a Catholic, I believe in intercessory prayer. Those in heaven can pray to God to help those on Earth. I know PAUL is praying for us. I ask for your prayers, PAUL, for all of us here, because we will miss you.

Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a noble Southern gentleman, Senator PAUL COVERDELL. All of us in the Senate were saddened by the sudden loss of such a fine man, and we will sorely miss him. As a relative newcomer to the Senate, I have spent a great deal of my time on the Senate floor observing my colleagues. You can tell a lot about a person by his demeanor, and I first grew to

like PAUL COVERDELL simply by watching him. He wore a cloak of peacefulness around him and he radiated kindness. It was rare to see him without a smile.

When I began working with him on the "Small Watershed Dams Rehabilitation" bill, I realized that my first impressions of him had been accurate. He was, indeed, kind and friendly. It was a pleasure to work with him in a bipartisan manner on an issue that is vital to both of our states. As is obvious by his rise within the leadership of the Republican Party, he was extremely loyal to his party. But he never let partisanship interfere with his relationships in the Senate. In short, he was a statesman in every sense of the word.

To his wife, Nancy, and the rest of his family, I extend my sincere condolences. Public life is not an easy one, and our country's greatest leaders can be identified by the support system that is their family. Thank you, Nancy, for sharing PAUL with the rest of us.

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, as we today welcome Senator COVERDELL's successor, I wanted to talk about the man whose shoes he must fill.

Last week the Atlanta Journal-Constitution's tribute article to our late friend PAUL COVERDELL included the following story. Once, at a county fair on a hot summer day, someone asked PAUL why he was wearing a coat and tie in such a casual setting. PAUL replied that he had noticed that in an emergency, when people are trying to figure out what to do, they always go to the guy with the tie on.

Well, tie or not, Senator COVERDELL was a guy whom we always went to.

I, like many of us on both sides of the aisle, considered him a friend. His hand and arm gestures will always be remembered as "get up and go" signs. I had the privilege of lunching with PAUL nearly every Wednesday for the last several years and his presence there was a treat.

He was a hard worker. He knew where he wanted to go. And he was willing to help those with whom he teamed on issues—issues that were invariably important and meaningful. I checked last night, and there are 103 pieces of legislation listed as sponsored by Senator COVERDELL.

Now, PAUL did work on parochial legislation for his state, and he had his share of technical bills, but he also authored many significant and far-reaching national provisions. He worked for the country as well as Georgia, and strove to improve the education, the safety, and the prospects of our children specifically and our citizenry generally.

He had an IRS reform bill, the Safe and Affordable Schools Act, Education IRA's, anti-drug legislation . . . and then there are the countless hours spent working on bills for his colleagues and conference. Even his commemorative bills were significant—

Reagan Washington National Airport for example, a bill I jumped to co-sponsor.

He had 30 productive years of service to his country—army postings in Asia, Georgia State Senate, Peace Corps Director, and an invaluable Member of the United States Senate. I was proud to be his friend and colleague. I will miss my friend from Georgia.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the article from the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

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

[From the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, July 19, 2000]

HE WAS A GREAT, GREAT MAN
COLLEAGUES RECALL GEORGIAN AS HARD
WORKER

(By Alan Judd)

Once, when he was chairman of the state Republican Party, Paul Coverdell spent a hot Saturday at a county fair in North Georgia. As always, he was spreading the Republican word. And as usual, despite the casual setting, he was dressed in coat and tie.

Lee Raudonis, a longtime aide, recalls that when he asked why, Coverdell responded: "Well, I've noticed that if there's ever any kind of emergency and people are trying to figure out what to do, they always go to the guy with the tie on."

For three decades, as a Georgia lawmaker, state party leader, Peace Corps director and U.S. senator, Paul Coverdell was the man people went to.

As word of his death spread Tuesday, many of those who counted on Coverdell said they couldn't fathom a world in which they couldn't turn to him.

"Unbelievable," said state Rep. Bob Irvin of Atlanta, the Georgia House minority leader, a friend of Coverdell's since they met at a campaign rally on July 4, 1968. "He was my oldest and best friend in politics."

"We shall miss him as we would miss our own son," former President George Bush, one of Coverdell's closest friends, said in a statement. "We loved him dearly."

Coverdell's death at age 61 came as he reached the pinnacle of a life in politics. Although less than two years into his second six-year term, he was the fifth-highest Republican in the Senate's power structure. And he was the Senate liaison for the presumptive Republican presidential nominee, Texas Gov. George W. Bush.

It was a heady time for Paul Douglas Coverdell, an insurance agent turned politician who moved to Atlanta as a teenager in the early 1950s from his native Des Moines, Iowa.

After graduating from Northside High School, he attended the University of Missouri, where he received a bachelor's degree in journalism. He spent two years in the Army before returning to Atlanta to take over his family's insurance business. Soon, his interests turned to politics.

In 1970, he was elected to the state Senate from a north Atlanta district. At the time, Republican legislators were rare, so Coverdell formed alliances with like-minded Democrats. By the late 1970s, then-Lt. Gov. Zell Miller had appointed Coverdell to chair the Senate Retirement Committee—a first, said a former Senate colleague, Pierre Howard.

"He was one of the hardest-working, most disciplined, most incisive public servants I've ever known," said Howard, who later be-

came lieutenant governor. "There was nobody who surpassed his work ethic and his ethics and his devotion to what he was doing. You might not agree with him on an issue here or there, but you always knew that he was sincere and that he was well-informed and that he was going to work hard to achieve the objective that he had."

Since the mid-1970s, his objective was to make the GOP credible and viable in what had long been virtually a one-party state.

"He really never, ever let go of this stuff," said Rep. John Linder (R-Ga.). "If there was an evening when he was free from 9 to 12, he'd pace around his driveway and think about what would be next."

Coverdell and other Republicans—Mack Mattingly, a future U.S. senator, and future House Speaker Newt Gingrich, among them—met regularly at St. Simons Island to establish long-range goals for the party.

"That group actually worked to develop what in many ways became the modern Republican Party in Georgia," Gingrich said Tuesday night from California. "We've been a very close team for the last 26 years."

Although a staunch Republican, Coverdell eschewed partisanship. It was a quality that served him well, Gingrich said.

"Paul had several strengths that combined in an unusual way," Gingrich said. "He was very intelligent. He had a great deal of courage. He was willing to take responsibility. He would work very, very hard. And he always kept his word. That gave you somebody you could count on and work with in a very remarkable way."

Beginning in 1978, Coverdell formed a close friendship with another politician, a relationship that would help propel him to a higher political level.

While vacationing with his wife, Nancy, in Kennebunkport, Maine, Coverdell opened the local telephone book to look up one of the town's best-known residents: George Bush, the former U.S. ambassador to China and the United Nations. He knocked on Bush's door, and the pair quickly became friends.

When Bush ran for president two years later, Coverdell was one of his earliest supporters, serving as his finance chairman in Georgia. Bush lost the Republican nomination to Ronald Reagan. But as vice president, he remained close to Coverdell. The two men were "not only great political allies, but very close friends," said Jean Becker, a spokeswoman for Bush. The Coverdells were frequent guests at the Bush home in Kennebunkport, Becker said. Just last month, they attended Barbara Bush's 75th birthday party there.

When Bush became president in 1989—inaugurated on Coverdell's 50th birthday—one of his first acts was to appoint Coverdell director of the Peace Corps. In that job, Coverdell was such a workaholic, Raudonis said, that when once asked to list his hobbies, all he could come up with was "dining out."

After an Asian tour, Raudonis said, Coverdell proudly pointed out that he had never checked into a hotel. Instead, if he slept at all, it was on planes between destinations.

"Paul was the type who's constantly on the go," said Raudonis, who worked for Coverdell for 10 years in Georgia and Washington. "The idea of having to take 12 hours off to go to a hotel, he couldn't figure out why anybody would do that."

After three years, Coverdell left the Peace Corps in 1992 to seek what friends say he had long wanted: a U.S. Senate seat.

In a close race, he unseated Democrat Wyche Fowler. He was re-elected in 1998.

Although he ascended to a leadership position in the Senate and maintained a remarkably full schedule, Coverdell had found time in recent years to relax a bit, friends say. He developed a passion for gardening, and his recent Christmas cards included a picture of his flowers.

"My greatest regret for him is that he didn't have the time that he deserved to enjoy himself more," Howard said. "I feel a real sense of loss. He was a great, great man."

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. President, I rise today to join with my colleagues in mourning the loss of Senator PAUL COVERDELL of Georgia.

He was a man that I respected and admired. All of us here in the Senate feel his absence acutely. Paul COVERDELL was a fixture in the Senate. I cannot recall how often I have sat at my desk and, looking up at C-SPAN, saw him there leading his party on one difficult issue after another. He did so honorably, tenaciously, and modestly. And, of course, he did so effectively.

I feel a real void in the Senate Chamber without his presence and feel a sense of surprise when I look up and see someone other than Senator COVERDELL at the Republican floor manager's desk.

PAUL COVERDELL touched many lives. I am privileged to have known him and count myself lucky to have served in the Senate with him. He was a unique and truly special person, taken from us too young and so suddenly.

I send to his family, his friends, and his staff my deepest condolences. He was a good man who will be sorely missed. But he will also be remembered by us all, and his spirit will never leave us.

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I join my colleagues in expressing the grief felt by us all at the passing of Senator PAUL COVERDELL.

As a fellow Southerner, I can tell you that PAUL epitomized all that is good and noble about the South. He was principled, but always looked for workable solutions to problems. He was a determined advocate, but always added an air of civility to this chamber. He was a Republican through and through, but always sought out ways to work with the other side of the chamber.

My friend, the Senior Senator from New York, called Senator COVERDELL a man of peace. I think that sums up his contribution to this world very eloquently.

His work, as director of the Peace Corps during a time of world transition, was extremely important. He brought the Peace Corps to the nations of the Warsaw Pact and the former Soviet Union. This single decision may harvest benefits to this nation that we will enjoy for many generations.

Had Senator COVERDELL's life work ended there, he would have accomplished much for which he and the nation could be proud. However, fortunately for the people of Georgia, he continued his life in public service.

When I came to the Senate in 1997, one of the first bills that I worked on as a Democratic sponsor was with PAUL COVERDELL. I will always remember the warm reception that he gave me, and the encouragement to go forward with the Coverdell-Landrieu Protecting the Rights of Property Owners Act.

Since I had just finished a bruising campaign it was such a pleasure to be

welcomed in such a warm and bipartisan manner from this southern gentleman.

Senator COVERDELL was also an early and ardent supporter of the Conservation and Reinvestment Act. As many in this Chamber well know, I have pestered and cajoled my colleagues on CARA for 2½ years. PAUL must have seen it coming and was one of the first to sign on.

For his leadership on this, I owe him a debt of gratitude I cannot repay.

Senator COVERDELL shall be missed, in this chamber, by the people of Louisiana, and by people throughout the country. My deepest condolences to his family.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT—S. 1796

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I have a unanimous consent request for the leader.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order for the majority leader, after consultation with the minority leader, to proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 460, S. 1796, under the following limitations: 2 hours for debate equally divided between the chairman and ranking members, or their designees.

I further ask unanimous consent that the only amendment in order be a Mack, Lautenberg, Leahy, and Feinstein substitute amendment No. 4021.

Finally, I ask unanimous consent that following the use or yielding back of time, and the disposition of the above-listed amendment, the bill be read the third time, and the Senate proceed to a vote on passage of the bill as amended, if amended.

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

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I am pleased that we have reached a time agreement to take up and consider S.1796, the Justice for Victims of Terrorism Act. However, it is regrettable that we could not pass this important legislation by unanimous consent this week, as I had hoped.

The Justice for Victims of Terrorism Act addresses an issue that should deeply concern all of us: the enforcement of court-ordered judgments that compensate the victims of state-sponsored terrorism. This legislation has the strong support of American families who have lost loved ones due to the callous indifference to life of international terrorist organizations and their client states, and it deserves our support as well.

One such family is the family of Alisa Flatow, an American student killed in Gaza in a 1995 bus bombing. The Flatow family obtained a \$247 million judgment in Federal court against the Iranian-sponsored Islamic Jihad, which proudly claimed responsibility for the bombing that took her life. But the family has been unable to enforce this judgment because Iranian assets in the United States remain frozen.

This bill would provide an avenue for the Flatow family and others in their position to recover the damages due them under American law. It would permit successful plaintiffs to attach certain foreign assets to satisfy judgments against foreign states for personal injury or death caused by an act of torture, extrajudicial killing, aircraft sabotage, hostage taking, or the provision of material support or resources for such an act. Meanwhile, it allows the President to waive the bill's provisions if that is necessary for the national security interest.

Some have raised concerns that the legislation could cause the United States to violate its treaty obligations to protect the diplomatic property of other nations, and thus provoke retaliation against our diplomatic property in other nations. I believe that this bill can and should be construed as being consistent with our international obligations, and I trust the State Department to ensure that it does not compromise the integrity of our diplomatic property abroad. I want to commend Senator BIDEN for working with the sponsors and the State Department to help fashion the changes to S.1796 that help accomplish that goal.

I am also pleased that the time agreement will allow the Senate to consider a Mack-Lautenberg-Leahy-Feinstein amendment dealing with support for victims of international terrorism. This amendment will enable the Office for Victims of Crime to provide more immediate and effective assistance to Americans who are victims of terrorism abroad—Americans like those killed or injured in the embassy bombings in Kenya and Tanzania, and in the Pan Am 103 bombing over Lockerbie, Scotland. These victims deserve help, but according to OVC, existing programs are failing to meet their needs. Working with OVC, we have crafted legislation to correct this problem.

Our amendment will permit the Office for Victims of Crime to serve these victims better by expanding the types of assistance for which the VOCA emergency reserve fund may be used, and the range of organizations to which such funds may be provided. These changes will not require new or appropriated funds: They simply allow OVC greater flexibility in using existing reserve funds to assist victims of terrorism abroad, including the victims of the Lockerbie and embassy bombings.

Our amendment will also authorize OVC to raise the cap on the VOCA emergency reserve fund from \$50 million to \$100 million, so that the fund is large enough to cover the extraordinary costs that would be incurred if a terrorist act caused massive casualties, and to replenish the reserve fund with unobligated funds from its other grant programs.

At the same time, the amendment will simplify the presently-authorized system of using VOCA funds to provide