

many years as manager for a chain of restaurants, has joined his brother Mitch in the electrical contracting business; Philip Faiss is a member of the staff of a major museum in Southern California; Marceline Faiss Ayres is an educator in Northampton, MA; and Justin Chambers is a member of the news staff of KTNV—Channel 13 in Las Vegas.

Wilbur and Theresa Faiss are in good health and continue to be active. It is fitting to wish them happy birthdays and a happy, rewarding and secure future.

Mr. President, Nevada is a much better place because of the Faiss family.

RETIREMENT OF JOAN DOUGLAS

Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Ms. Joan Douglas who will celebrate here retirement later this month after many years of dedicated service to the citizens of Ohio and the United States of America.

For the past 12 years, Joan has been an integral part of my team, from my earliest days on the campaign trail when I was running for Governor of Ohio, to my current service in the U.S. Senate. Not only has Joan been a valued employee, she has been a friend to me and my wife, Janet.

One of the things that I admire about Joan is her passion for public service, for it is something that both of us share. Just like I once did, Joan served in the Ohio Legislature, and she has also given back to her community at the local level, serving 8 years on the Mansfield, OH, City Council and by also serving on the Mansfield Elections Board.

Given her interest in helping her fellow Ohioans, I was extremely pleased that Joan joined my campaign for Governor in 1990 and that she stayed through both my terms. Joan was the first impression that people had of the Governor's office whether in-person or on the phone, and I believe that her professionalism and compassion made thousands of great first impressions on visitors and callers alike.

Joan has always had a wonderful way to make anyone who deals with her feel immediately at ease, whether it was frustrated constituents, harried staff or individuals with special needs. She has also always been cool under pressure, witnessing numerous demonstrations and protests and dealing with more than her fair share of troublesome individuals. And Joan always let me know what "the pulse of the people" was by keeping track of the calls we received and letting me know what our constituents were saying.

Not only did Joan smooth over the problems of countless Ohioans, she also shared her talents with fellow staff members, serving as "den mother" to many of the younger staff members in my office. Whether it was a shoulder to cry on, or motherly advice, I know that many people cherished her guidance, her comfort and her companionship.

When I was elected Senator, I was genuinely pleased that Joan continued to serve the people of Ohio when she stayed on to work for me. A whole new generation of staff and thousands more Ohioans had a chance to get to know her and experience her warmth and charm.

My wife, Janet and I appreciate all that Joan has done for us and the people of Ohio and the fellowship that she has shared with so many. We will always treasure Joan's friendship, and we wish her many years of a happy and healthy retirement.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

Tribute to Chick Matthews

• Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a true American hero from my home State—Mr. Chick Matthews of Greenbrier, AR.

Mr. Matthews was born on August 19, 1901, in a one-room house in Bailey Town, AR. Growing up in the most modest of circumstances, Mr. Matthews went on to a distinguished career of service to his country, serving in four wars in the twentieth century. Mr. Matthews served honorably in World War I, World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, either in the uniforms of the Army, the Navy, or the Merchant Marine. It is a service record that he can be proud of, and we are proud of him for it.

In 1931, Mr. Matthews married Icie Lee, who served as a postal worker in Greenbrier and a postmistress in Wooster, AR. Icie Matthews passed away in 1999 after 68 years of marriage to Chick. She is deeply missed.

Chick Matthews retired from the Merchant Marine in 1970, but since then he has stayed extremely busy. He has been around the world more than a dozen times. According to his count, Mr. Matthews has visited over 100 countries. This past summer, just before his one hundredth birthday, he traveled with his son James on a trip that took him to 18 foreign countries.

Today, Mr. Matthews leads an equally energetic lifestyle at home, tending to a one-acre garden and visiting frequently with his neighbors and friends at the Greenbrier Senior Citizen Center, where he regales his companions with tales of his adventures. We should all hope to maintain such a full and active schedule in our senior years.

Through his service to his country, his love of family and community, his commitment to making the most of his life, Chick Matthews represents the most admirable qualities in the American spirit. In this new century, in these difficult times, when a new generation of young Americans is taking up arms to defend our freedoms against the threat of international terrorism, let's follow the example set by Chick Matthews in the last century. In this, the one hundred and first year of Chick Matthews' life, it is an honor for me to

pay tribute to his example on the floor of the United States Senate. •

SUPPORT ON THE COLLEGE CAMPUSES

• Mr. BOND. Mr. President, Today I rise to recognize John K. Sheridan and Christopher A. Benson from the University of Missouri-Columbia for their outstanding accomplishment as journalism students.

The terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon and the subsequent American response has caused a huge upsurge in American patriotism. Flags are proudly flying everywhere from balconies and lapel pins. "God Bless America" is the spontaneous song of note in arenas, ballparks, and homes. The fervor is evident in all walks of society, not the least of which is the college campus.

In my home State of Missouri, we have the world's first journalism school at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Recently, two of the top journalism students published articles in the Columbia Missourian, one calling for the reinstatement of the draft with universal service and the other criticizing Harvard University for refusing to reinstate ROTC on the Campus.

I commend John K. Sheridan and Christopher A. Benson for their thoughtful and intriguing commentary. •

IN RECOGNITION OF THE COMPLETION OF THE ARCTIC RING OF LIFE AT THE DETROIT ZOO, ROYAL OAK, MI

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask that the Senate join me today in congratulating the Detroit Zoological Institute upon the completion of the Arctic Ring of Life. For over 75 years, the Detroit Zoo has educated and inspired millions, while promoting conservation and advancing our understanding of the natural world.

The Arctic Ring of Life is one of the cornerstones of the Celebrating Wildlife Campaign, a series of projects which also includes the National Amphibian Conservation Center, and two other structures that are yet to be built: The Ford Center for Environmental Conservation Education and a new Animal Health Complex. Continuing the renaissance which the Detroit Zoo has experienced over the past 20 years, the completion of these projects will further solidify the Detroit Zoo's position as one of the leading zoos in the world.

Polar bears have lived at the Institute since it first opened its gates in 1928. The Arctic Ring of Life builds upon the Institute's long relationship with the bears of the North. Sprawling over 4.2 acres, this exhibit will showcase more than just polar bears. It will provide a glimpse into life above the Arctic Circle. At the entrance of the Arctic Ring of Life, visitors will be

greeted by a nine-foot granite polar bear sculpture. From there, visitors will travel through an Inuit village as it appeared in the early 1900's. The exhibit also includes a display of a tundra area containing colorful grasses, wildflowers and other arctic plants. This area will also be home to snowy owls and arctic fox, two of the most common arctic animals. Visitors will then enter into the Nunavut Gallery, an indoor room containing Inuit art as well as interpretive graphics.

Beyond the gallery is the most unique part of the exhibit: a spectacular 70-foot-long passage that allows visitors to wind through a 300,000 gallon marine environment. The first of its kind in the world, the tunnel will take visitors beneath both the polar bear and seal areas. Those visitors lucky enough to be in the tunnel when the bears are in the water are able to look around and marvel at the grace of the largest land predator swimming effortlessly in the water.

After exiting the tunnel, visitors follow the edge of the glacier to the "Exploration Station." Maintaining the exhibit's goal of educating while entertaining, children and adults can have a first hand experience with the tools of the arctic scientist while at the station. The equipment in the building includes a thermal imaging station which children can use to see how heat is escaping the body, and a remote video camera which can be used to survey the exhibit. Following one last spectacular overview of the whole exhibit, visitors exit with a new and enhanced understanding of the fragile arctic region and its importance for the world.

The Zoological Institute is one of Detroit's most important cultural centers. Nevertheless, the zoo, like the city itself, has gone through periods of difficulty and turmoil. However, thanks to the dedicated work and contributions of thousands, the Detroit Zoo has prevailed. Beginning with the completion of the Great Apes of Harambee in the late 1980's, the Detroit Zoo has renovated or opened many new exhibits in the past two decades. While the Detroit Zoological Institute has long been one of the best zoos in the country, it is now undisputedly one of the best in the world.

As a lifelong resident of Detroit, I am heartened to see the renovations done to the Detroit Zoo and the opening of this new exhibit. The Detroit Zoological Institute is an important cultural institution for not only the city of Detroit, but the entire State of Michigan. I trust that my Senate colleagues will join me in congratulating the Detroit Zoo on its growth and wishing it the best in the coming years.●

TRIBUTE TO FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION OF HAZARD, KENTUCKY

• Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I rise today to applaud the extraordinary and

selfless efforts of the First Federal Savings & Loan Association of Hazard, Kentucky in furthering the educational development of Hazard Community College and the surrounding area of Eastern Kentucky.

In the aftermath of the attacks perpetrated on September 11, Hazard Community College found themselves at a loss for adequate funding for their newly planned building when a major philanthropist had to withdraw previously committed funds. The building was projected to be the campus' main building with plans to include a student center, bookstore, cafeteria, meeting area, economic development center for Eastern Kentucky, and a community center. Without proper funding, the project appeared to be heading for failure. However, in a Herculean display of courage and character, First Federal Savings & Loan Association, led by President and CEO Tony Whitaker, stepped in and played the heroic role.

By locally rising \$3 to \$4 million through an eleventh-hour fundraising campaign to match state and federal funds and also graciously providing a half million dollars directly from the bank, First Federal Savings & Loan was able to secure appropriate funding for the project to continue as planned.

In trying times such as these, we all can learn from the example set by Mr. Whitaker and the First Federal Savings & Loan Association of Hazard with their commitment to education and the community.●

CONGRATULATIONS DAN WENK, SUPERINTENDENT OF MT. RUSHMORE

• Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Dan Wenk, former Superintendent of Mt. Rushmore National Memorial. Dan was recently promoted and is currently serving the National Park Service as the director of the Denver Service Center.

Dan started serving as Superintendent of Mt. Rushmore 16 years ago. Over the past 16 years, Dan has had oversight over numerous big events, including the 50th anniversary observance in 1991, which was a national observance that highlighted the memorial's significance as this country's 'Shrine of Democracy'. President George Bush, actor Jimmy Stewart and many other national and statewide celebrities took part in the event.

In recent years, Mount Rushmore has also been placed on the national stage with its awesome and impressive Independence Day fireworks celebration. Thousands of people descend upon the monument around the July 4th holiday to listen to patriotic music, witness one of the Nation's best fireworks displays and unite in a patriotic spirit.

During his tenure, Wenk helped showcase Mount Rushmore National Memorial to a worldwide audience, numbering in excess of two million visitors annually. These visitors have

included presidents, cabinet members, members of Congress, and national celebrities. But I know Dan's biggest reward came in visiting with the general public and answering countless questions from inquiring folks of all ages.

In recent years, Dan shepherded a massive \$30 million renovation project to redesign outdated facilities and expand the visitor experience at the memorial. The expanded amphitheater, the Lincoln Borglum Museum and the Presidential Trail are just a few of the renovations that marked this project. Expanded and renovated parking, dining and gift shop facilities greet today's visitors to Mount Rushmore.

Over the years, Dan has not been afraid to tackle challenging issues affecting Mount Rushmore. He has dealt with the occasional protester and anthrax threat. As the renovation took several years to complete, Dan recognized the importance of continued leadership to oversee the project. It was very important to communicate the status of the project and the intricacies of the rebuilding phases to the local citizenry, many of whom were skeptical of any changes made to the memorial. At times, during the renovation and parking fee debates, Dan tackled the challenge of keeping the local public informed, addressed opponents' questions and letters to the editor, and even answered the occasional congressional inquiry—all with calmness, all with a professional attitude and all with a dedication to the final goal, which was completion of a massive renovation to one of this nation's most prized symbols. As if overseeing the political wrangling was not enough, Dan would sometimes get away from it all and come down from the mountain to don a striped shirt and officiate local basketball games. I do not know which was the bigger challenge: dealing with intricate construction details and the occasional verbal or written jab, or whistling a foul in the final seconds of a tightly-contested high school basketball game between city rivals.

Dan's responsibilities for his new position will include the oversight of planning, design and construction in national parks throughout the United States. Although this is a big loss for Mt. Rushmore and South Dakota, I know his experience and leadership will benefit the entire country. Dan and I started roughly at the same time. I was first elected to Congress in 1986 and Dan started at Mt. Rushmore in 1985. It has been an honor for me and my staff to work with Dan and his staff, and he will be sorely missed. I have appreciated Dan's insight, honesty and professional attitude over the years. I look forward to continuing my relationship with Dan in his new position and I know that he will show the same professionalism in Denver that he showed in South Dakota.

Congratulations Dan and I wish you and your family the best of luck in Denver and in your new position.●