

Imphal, to resupply the troops and bring out the wounded.

Because of his extraordinary initiatives and many other forward-thinking actions, Master Sergeant Spielberg was awarded the Bronze Star medal with a citation that read:

Pursuant to the authority contained in Army Regulations 600-45, War Department, Washington, DC, 22 September 1943, the Bronze Star Medal is hereby awarded to Master Sergeant Arnold M. Spielberg, 15088831:

For meritorious service from 24 July 1942 to 16 October 1944 as communications technician. M/Sgt Spielberg originated numerous modifications and suggestions concerning radio equipment and procedures which were later put in use throughout the Army Air Forces. His untiring efforts and initiative have rendered substantial aid to the operations of his squadron.

By command of Major General Davidson, Headquarters, Tenth Air Force, U.S. Army.

Upon the termination of hostilities in World War II, in the year 1945, all services made an effort to allow those who experienced the battlefields beyond our shores to return, as soon as possible, to their families and homes.

Often the records of their valorous service and the decorations they received had to follow. Given there were over 16 million who proudly wore the uniform of a service, this was a remarkable feat that was accomplished by a war-weary, but joyous nation.

Now, some 56 years later, I was honored to join the present Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force, General Michael Ryan, in reviewing the records and expediting the conveyance of the Bronze Star Medal to Master Sergeant Spielberg.●

LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL BANK 2000 MALCOLM BALDRIGE NATIONAL QUALITY AWARD RECIPIENT

● Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to applaud one of the many outstanding businesses in New Mexico and one that has distinguished itself remarkably today.

Today the Los Alamos National Bank was one of four recipients of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award for the year 2000. Bill Enloe, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of Los Alamos National Bank, and Steve Wells, President of the bank, were on hand to receive this distinguished award from President George Bush and former Commerce Secretary Norman Mineta.

While I was unable to attend the ceremony, I understand that the employees attending the ceremony from Los Alamos National Bank gave Bill and Steve a rousing reception that matched the magnitude of the award and the weight of the crystal presented to Bill and Steve.

Los Alamos National Bank (LANB) is an independent community bank in northern New Mexico that employs 167 employees and serves the communities of Los Alamos, White Rock and Santa Fe. LANB received the Baldrige award in the small business category.

While the Baldrige examiners and judges recognized LANB for its quality and business achievements, I would like to recognize LANB for its outstanding response in the wake of the Cerro Grande fire that struck in May 1999. LANB's decision to provide zero interest loans to those who lost their homes in the fire was not something mandated by the government, it was something they felt was the right thing to do. LANB's decision to postpone mortgage payments for residents was also the right thing to do. This type of service is rare in today's business market, but truly reflective of what it means to be a community bank and one that provides exceptional service to its customers in times of prosperity and in times of need.

Years ago LANB recognized that if it wanted to remain an independently owned bank, it would have to rise above all other banks and strive for excellence. It's ability to accomplish that goal was recognized today. LANB now stands with only 39 previous Malcolm Baldrige Award recipients. I congratulate Bill, Steve and their fine staff on their accomplishments and commitment to the people of northern New Mexico.●

TRIBUTE TO EDDIE FROST

● Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, during my four years as a member of the United States Senate, I have traveled across the State of Alabama meeting with local community leaders. I am proud to say that I have developed close, personal friendships with many of these folks. However, in all of my travels around the state, and meetings with public officials, I have enjoyed none more than getting to know Eddie Frost, the Mayor of Florence, Alabama, who died on March 15 after a battle with leukemia.

Florence, AL is a wonderful city with a population of 36,000 people. It is located on the banks of the Tennessee River in northwest Alabama, and it is the largest city in the Shoals area. Eddie Frost was raised in the Shoals, graduated from Sheffield High School, and then he graduated from Florence State University in 1961, which is now the University of North Alabama. Before becoming mayor of Florence, Eddie Frost was a teacher and coach at Bradshaw High School in Florence. In 1976, he coached the Bradshaw basketball team to a 6A state championship, and was recognized as the Alabama Coach of the Year.

He was first elected Mayor of Florence in 1984 when the city moved to a mayor-council form of government. He inherited a city with a bleak economic forecast and a high unemployment rate. Throughout his life, however, Eddie Frost always had a vision for bigger and better things. He immediately put to work his positive spirit, his high energy level, and his unsurpassed dedication to Florence. He helped the city revitalize downtown

Florence, and today, the downtown area is booming.

He also worked tirelessly to see the Patton Island Bridge completed across the Tennessee River. I remember vividly during my campaign for the Senate, he took me up in the Florence Renaissance Tower and pointed out some lonesome concrete supports standing out in the middle of the river. There was no doubt how strongly he felt about completing that bridge project. He understood the economic importance this bridge would have for the Shoals area, and he worked side by side with us here in Washington to find funding for this worthy project. Thanks to his leadership, the bridge is nearly complete.

I also remember Eddie Frost proudly taking me on a tour of his city's recycling center. I admired greatly his use of city prisoners to separate garbage. It provided work for the prisoners, relieved landfill costs, and produced revenue. I have long advocated such projects and have never seen one better run.

Eddie Frost was also instrumental in helping the City of Florence land the NCAA Division II National Football Championship game in 1986. This is a world-class event, and the game has been very successful in Florence. The game has been a success because of the hospitality shown to the players, coaches, and fans by Eddie Frost, the championship committee, and the great people of Florence, Alabama. In December, the city will celebrate the 16th consecutive Division II Championship game in Florence. In addition to football, Eddie Frost brought his love of basketball to Florence. The city is now the home of the annual Alabama-Mississippi high school all-star basketball game.

He was involved in many civic and volunteer organizations, and his life was full of many achievements. He served as President of the Alabama League of Municipalities, Chairman of the American Public Gas Association, Chairman of the Board of Eliza Coffee Memorial Hospital, the hospital in which my eldest daughter was born, and he was Past President of the North Alabama Industrial Development Association. He was a Deacon at Highland Baptist Church in Florence, active in the Northwest Alabama Boys and Girls Club, the United Way, the Lauderdale County Cancer Society, the Lauderdale County Heart Association, and the Leukemia Society of America.

In 1993 he was named the Florence Civitan Citizen of the Year. He was the University of North Alabama's Alumnus of the Year in 1998, a member of the University of North Alabama Athletic Hall of Fame. Last month he was inducted into the Lauderdale County Sports Hall of Fame and the Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame.

Eddie Frost not only left his mark on the city of Florence, the Shoals area, and the State of Alabama, he left an impression on our hearts. He was honest, out-going, and he was genuine. But

most importantly, he loved people, and he cared deeply for them. He loved his wife Bonnie, and their three children. I want to offer my sincerest condolences to them. I know the last few months since he was diagnosed with leukemia have been especially difficult for them. They will always miss Eddie, but they can take great pride in the life he led, and the hearts he touched along the way.●

NDSU WRESTLING TEAM FLOOR STATEMENT

● Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, last month the North Dakota State University wrestling team once again showed the strength, grit and determination of North Dakotans by winning the NCAA Division II wrestling championship. Not only was this the second consecutive championship for the Bison, it was the fourth national title in school history.

As a native North Dakotan, I am exceptionally proud of this accomplishment. Defending their NCAA Division II Championship, the Bison finished 7½ points ahead of second place South Dakota State University in the NCAA Division II finals on March 10. This year's dramatic victory came down to the wire needing a victory by Bison heavyweight Nick Severson to secure the victory over second place rival South Dakota State. Severson rose to the occasion by pinning an opponent he has never previously beaten. The stage for the upset heavyweight finale was set when each of the other Bison finalists, Todd Fuller and Steve Saxlund, did their part by becoming national champs at 174 and 184 pounds. For Saxlund, this was an impressive third straight national championship.

I congratulate the Bison wrestling program. Exceptional coaching, determined wrestlers, and remarkable teamwork led the Bison to their fourth national championship. They qualified all 10 members of their wrestling squad for the NCAA tournament. With all but one returning for next season, I expect to have the opportunity to make a similar announcement next year regarding the Bison's success in the world's oldest sport. Again, on behalf of all North Dakotans, I extend congratulations to the Bison on yet another successful season and wish the best of luck to the entire team.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. THOMAS E. STARZL

● Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I wish to recognize and honor Dr. Thomas E. Starzl on the 20th anniversary of the first liver transplant performed in Pittsburgh.

On February 26, 1981, Dr. Starzl made history upon his performance of the first liver transplant at Presbyterian University Hospital (now UPMC Presbyterian). In the two decades since that remarkable accomplishment, Dr. Starzl has led the University of Pitts-

burgh transplant program to national and international prominence. UPMC, now the largest and most successful transplant center in the world, has performed more than 5,700 liver transplants; 3,500 kidney transplants; 1,000 heart transplants; and 500 lung transplants—largely attributed to Dr. Starzl's trailblazing vision.

Dr. Starzl's influence reaches well beyond western Pennsylvania. He has been a pioneer in the field of organ transplantation for more than 40 years, and has compiled a distinguished career that spans the country and medical technology. Dr. Starzl performed the world's first liver transplant in 1963 at the University of Colorado, and helped to develop the truly revolutionary surgical techniques and anti-rejection drugs which have brought organ transplantation to the mainstream of American medicine. Dr. Starzl has authored or co-authored more than 2,000 scientific articles and four books, received 21 honorary doctorates, and has been honored with more than 175 awards. Most recently, he was a co-winner of the King Faisal International Prize in Medicine for the year 2000, sharing the award with two other transplant pioneers. Although retired from clinical practice since 1991, Dr. Starzl continues to actively contribute to biomedical research as the director emeritus of the transplant institute in Pittsburgh, renamed in his honor in 1996. The Thomas E. Starzl Transplantation Institute and the University of Pittsburgh will pay tribute to Dr. Starzl this month with a "Festschrift," a collection of articles by colleagues, former students and others published in his honor. This special event will inaugurate the Starzl Prize in Surgery and Immunology and unveil a portrait of Dr. Starzl that will be displayed in the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

With more than 20 years of landmark advancements in science and medicine to his credit, I salute Dr. Thomas E. Starzl for his remarkable dedication and honor his contribution to the life-saving field of organ transplantation.●

MARY WALTERS

● Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I learned this morning that Mary Walters, one of New Mexico's most outstanding citizens has died at age 79. She was a pioneering spirit if there ever was one, and many of us who knew and admired her feel this loss keenly.

Not yet twenty-one, she served as a WASP, Women's Auxiliary Service Pilots transport pilot during World War II. In a move that would shape her later career, she used her soon-to-expire GI benefits to go to college and then went on to earn a law degree at age forty. For the next half of her life, she went places no woman had gone before in New Mexico. She was President of the New Mexico Women's Political Caucus and served in a leadership position in the Constitutional Convention.

She was the first woman named to the district court. Her service on the New Mexico Court of Appeals, 1978–1984, led to the New Mexico Supreme Court where she became the first woman to sit on that bench.

During a critical period for women's rights, Mary Walters took the lead in our state and in our profession. She had many admirers. My wife, Anne, and I, were among them. She was a marvelous person whose life was a blessing to all who appreciated her strength and spirit, and whose death reminds us all what a force for good she was.●

CELEBRATION OF CHAUL CHHNAM, CAMBODIAN NEW YEAR

● Mr. REED. Mr. President, I rise today to join Cambodian-Americans in celebration of the traditional Cambodian New Year, Chaul Chhnam, one of the major celebrations of the Cambodian culture. For three days this month, there will be gatherings across the United States to celebrate the beginning of the year. I take this opportunity to wish all Cambodian Americans a very happy New Year.

New Year celebrations are about the passing of time and the rejuvenation of optimism for the future. The Cambodian New Year is this and more. It represents a traditional end of the harvest and a celebration of faith. Traditionally, it was a time for farmers to enjoy the fruits of their harvest and relax before the rainy season began. The start of the New Year is marked by the sounding of a bell. With the sounding, it is believed that the New Angel arrives. Throughout the day people participate in ceremonies and bring food to the Buddhist monks and religious leaders. The second day of celebration, or Vana Bat, is a time to show consideration for others. Gifts are given to parents, grandparents and teachers as a show of respect and charity is offered to the less fortunate. The third day, or Loeng Sak, includes more religious ceremonies and rituals to bring good luck and happiness to families.

In my home state of Rhode Island there are numerous businesses owned by Cambodian-American families, most of them in the capital city Providence. These families enrich Rhode Island with their diversity and culture, and their hard work contributes much to the local economy. I would like to wish each one of them a happy New Year.

The Cambodian New Year is an appropriate time to remind all Americans why we must support the political and economic stabilization of Cambodia. As Cambodia continues to recover from three decades of civil conflict, including the atrocities committed by the Khmer Rouge, it is critical that the United States and international community aid the Cambodian people in their efforts to build a lasting democracy.

As we approach the beginning of Chaul Chhnam, I encourage all U.S.