

with experts from state agencies to provide care that is in the best interest of the child.

Of special note are two extraordinary Missourians. Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Garner of Lexington, MO, have unselfishly been foster parents to 236 kids. Their dedication throughout the years stems from a life-long commitment to serving their community and children who are in need of a loving home.

I commend the Garners and all of the foster parents in Missouri for their efforts on behalf of Missouri's children. Thank you for making me proud to be a Missourian.●

IN MEMORY OF BILL ASHWORTH

• Mr. SARBANES. Madam President, earlier this week the Senate lost one of its finest and most respected professional staff members. George William Ashworth, known to all of us as Bill, passed away suddenly on Monday, leaving not only his loving family and a multitude of friends, but a 25-year record of extraordinary public service.

I first came to know Bill when I joined the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in 1977. He had been serving on the staff, which was then non-partisan, since 1972, after having served two years in the U.S. Army and then covering the Pentagon and national security issues for the Christian Science Monitor. He came to the Committee as a specialist on arms control matters, and provided expert advice to all of us as we considered landmark treaties such as the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, the Threshold Test Ban Treaty, the Peaceful Nuclear Explosions Treaty, and the Interim Agreement on Strategic Offensive Arms SALT I. Bill not only understood the details and implications of complex treaty provisions, but could explain them in a way that made clear the vital interests at stake. He had a passion for helping to build an institutional framework for peace and stability, at a time when the threat of mutual assured destruction shaped nearly every aspect of U.S. foreign policy.

After 7 years with the committee, Bill was appointed to important positions at the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, one of which required Senate confirmation. In 1981, he returned to the Committee staff, this time under the leadership of Senator Claiborne Pell, where again he brought his vast experience to bear on the establishment of sensible and verifiable controls on nuclear arms. Over the next 16 years, until his retirement in 1997, Bill Ashworth became one of the most knowledgeable and influential staff members on national security questions, ranging from conventional weapons sales and military assistance to multilateral arms control treaties. He served as a key staffer for the bipartisan Arms Control Observer Group, briefing Members and planning missions to increase our familiarity with salient issues under negotiations.

Many of us relied on his insights and guidance as the Foreign Relations Committee considered amendments to the Arms Export Control Act, controversial arms sales, foreign policy implications of the annual defense authorization and appropriation bills, and resolutions of ratification for the START I and II Treaties, the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces INF Treaty, the Treaty on Conventional Forces in Europe, CFE, and the Chemical Weapons Convention, among others.

In all these endeavors, Bill developed cooperative working relationships with colleagues on both sides of the aisle while remaining true to his high ideals and strongly-held convictions. He was known as a hard bargainer, who took seriously his role in conducting oversight of the administration and protecting the interests of Committee members. Many an ill-conceived policy was dropped or amended because of Bill's close eye and sharp mind. He served as an example and mentor to my own staff, selflessly providing advice and encouragement at every turn.

Bill Ashworth's influence will long be felt in the field to which he devoted his career, but his presence will be sorely missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. I want to extend my deepest condolences to his wife, Linda, and his daughters, Anne and Jennifer. It was clear to all of us how much Bill adored his family, and I want to thank them for all the late hours and stressful moments they must have endured while he was diligently working to make the world a safer place for all of us.●

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. JAMES BIANCO AND ANTHONY BIANCO

• Mrs. MURRAY. Madam President, I rise today to recognize a very distinguished father and son duo from the State of Washington, Dr. James Bianco and his father, Anthony Bianco.

Jim Bianco is the CEO of Cell Therapeutics Inc., a Seattle-based company that develops cancer therapies. Recently, Jim was honored by the National Organization of Rare Diseases, NORD, for his distinguished work.

Jim's father, Anthony Bianco, also just received some long-overdue recognition for his military service to our Nation. During World War II, Tony Bianco was a pilot with the 32nd bomb squadron. Our Christmas Day, 1944, Tony was not required to fly. But he chose to fly that day in service to his country. On that mission over Czechoslovakia, his squadron was attacked. Shrapnel came through the floor of his B-17, entered his lower leg, and exited through his knee. It was a serious injury, yet Tony managed to land his plane safely. He spent the next nine months in a hospital in Italy before being sent back to the United States.

Because of the recovery time for his injury and the coinciding of the end of the War, Tony was never given his 2nd

Lieutenant bars. Tony's son Jim just recently discovered this oversight, and has worked diligently to get his father the recognition he deserves.

Recently, Jim was able to present his father Tony with his 2nd Lieutenant bars in recognition of his correct status after his bravery in World War II. I, too, would like to recognize Anthony Bianco and thank him for his brave service to our country. Congratulations should go to both of these men, and a heartfelt thanks to both of them for serving our country.●

HONORING REAL LIFE WITH MARY AMOROSO

• Mr. TORRICELLI. Madam President, I rise today to bring to your attention a noteworthy television program as we in Government continue to encourage broadcasters to produce more "family entertainment" programming. It is a program that reflects a commitment to family programming by a cable television network and an individual, Mary Amoroso.

The program is called "Real Life with Mary Amoroso," and appears on the Comcast Cable Network's CN8 Channel. It can be seen in about four million households from the Washington DC to New York City mid-Atlantic region.

Completing its fifth season, the program is a multiple Emmy Award nominee. With criticism around the country about a lack of quality family programming, Real Life with Mary Amoroso has stood as proud proof that family entertainment can be accomplished.

Real Life with Mary Amoroso has tackled issues ranging from grieving for the loss of a child to finding a job after you've been laid off to Internet dating. The show has focused on government's involvement in personal lives, in topics ranging from the human impacts of Federal approval of stem-cell research to the effect of divorce on today's families.

In fact, comedian/philosopher, Steve Allen, father of the talk-show format, told the show's producers that he'd never had a better interview after he appeared on the program to talk about "Dumbth"—his book about the "dumbing-down" of American discourse.

"We talk about birth, death, dating, child development and parenting issues, addictions and abuse, public range and school yard shootings, mid-life crises, and aging," said show host Mary Amoroso. "If our viewers are living it and worrying about it, we want to talk about it and offer them resources and connections."

I would like to recognize Ms. Amoroso, who is also a columnist on family issues for the Bergen Record newspaper in New Jersey, for her excellent work and dedication to these family-friendly formats. The Comcast cable television network and the Roberts family owners also deserve a great

deal of credit for its commitment to this initiative.●

IN MEMORY OF SARAH MAE SHOEMAKER CALHOON

• Mr. CARPER. Madam President, I rise today to commemorate the passing of a wonderful woman, mother, and American, Sarah Mae Shoemaker Calhoon died on July 7, 2001 outside of Columbus, OH after a courageous battle with cancer. Mrs. Calhoon was 75 years old.

Mrs. Calhoon was born on August 31, 1925 in Philadelphia, PA to the late Samuel and Sarah Mae Shoemaker. She spent her childhood in Philadelphia, where she would graduate from Cheltenham High School. On August 29, 1947, just two days before her 22nd birthday, Sarah Mae Shoemaker was married to Tom Calhoon, a Marine from nearby Grandview Heights.

The new Mr. and Mrs. Calhoon had their first child, Tom, Jr. or "little" Tom as they often called him, early in their marriage. In September of 1948, Tom, Sarah, and "little" Tom moved to Columbus, OH, where, over the next 4 years would become the proud parents of three more sons, Sam, Don, and Bob. Their only daughter, Susie, would be born in April of 1961.

Although I did not know Sarah Mae Calhoon personally, I have known her son Tom for more than half of my life. We met as undergraduates at Ohio State University in the 1960s and have been fraternity brothers for more than three decades. Despite living so far from each other, Tom and I have managed to keep in touch over the years. It is often said that all children are a reflection of their parents. If Tom is even a faint reflection of his mother, it is a great tribute to the values she carried throughout her life and instilled in her children.

Since her recent passing, I have heard and read many wonderful things about Sarah Mae Calhoon. I have learned about her strong commitment to the community of Columbus, whether it be through her active membership in a variety of organizations like the PTA, 4-H, the Lions Auxiliary or in her unofficial role as the "zoning watchdog" of the Calhoon's neighborhood on Old Cemetery Road. I have read about her great success as a multi-million dollar producer in the real estate industry. I have heard, from both former customers and competitors alike, about the dedication, loyalty, and integrity that she brought to her job every day.

Most importantly, however, I have learned about her unfailing commitment to being a mother and wife. Nothing was more precious to Sarah Calhoon than her family, and she did all she could to ensure that all of her children grew up in a loving and nurturing environment that would enable them to go on to lead valuable and fulfilling lives. She consistently put the needs, concerns, and feelings of her

family and others before her own wishes, never asking for much but always giving a great deal. Her life served as an example, providing inspiration to women everywhere struggling to maintain the careful balance between career and family, a task that she carried out with admirable grace and skill.

Everything that I have learned about Sarah Mae Calhoon since her death has only confirmed what I had always pictured my good friend Tom's mother would be like: the epitome of an exemplary wife, mother, business woman, and citizen.

In closing, I would like to extend my greatest condolences to her husband, their five children, seven grandchildren, and countless others whose lives were touched by this wonderful woman. As we celebrate her remarkable life, let it be known that Sarah Mae Calhoon will be dearly missed, yet never forgotten.●

TRIBUTE TO CINDY REESMAN FOR HER SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

• Mr. JOHNSON, Madam President, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Cindy Reesman, who grew up on a farm near Colton, SD, and attended school in Chester. Cindy has been a highly-valued member of my staff for 10 years, and I wanted to take this opportunity to publicly thank her for years of hard work and dedication to the people of South Dakota and to me. Cindy will no longer be working on my staff after next week, as she will be moving back to South Dakota with her husband, Ed Reesman and their two year old daughter, Margaret. My wife Barbara and I, along with my entire staff, will miss her greatly.

Cindy is truly a public servant, as demonstrated by her efforts in my office since 1991, when she joined my staff in the House of Representatives as office manager and scheduler. Cindy quickly earned my trust and confidence, and she soon brought stability and her considerable organizational skills to my office. As every member of Congress knows, a scheduler and office manager are an integral part of a congressional office and our daily life. Cindy's efforts over the years have certainly made my time in Congress more organized, as well as more enjoyable.

Cindy's efforts over the years as a member of my staff have included five and a half years as my office manager and scheduler in the House of Representatives, as well as four and a half years working for me in the Senate, both as my scheduler and in her current role as a part time employee managing my official Senate website. I have had the opportunity to see Cindy progress through an important part of her life, from when she started on my staff as Cindy Coomes, a graduate of Northern State University in Aberdeen, SD, to when she was married in September of 1994 to Ed Reesman and to when Cindy and Ed became proud

parents of Margaret "Mattie" Reesman in May of 1999.

Cindy has been an instrumental part of my staff for the past 10 years, and it is hard to imagine her not being here. However, I know that when she returns to South Dakota to live in Sioux Falls, she will be an active member of the community who will continue to serve the public with her many talents.

I know Cindy's parents, Eddie and Lois Coomes, the rest of her family, friends and colleagues are all very proud of Cindy and wish her all the best on her move back to South Dakota. She has a wonderful career and life in front of her, and I know she will continue to succeed at whatever she chooses to do. On behalf of my wife Barbara and I, and my entire staff, I want to thank Cindy Reesman for her dedication and years of hard work for the people of South Dakota.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 4:05 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4. An act to enhance energy conservation, research and development and to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1499. An act to amend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999 to permit individuals who graduated from a secondary school prior to 1998 and individuals who enroll in an institution of higher education more than 3 years after graduating from a secondary school to participate in the tuition assistance programs under such Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar: