

whether he is brokering a peace between warring factions in Ethiopia or promoting peace, democracy and human rights in countries such as North Korea, East Timor, and Haiti, whether he is negotiating a cease-fire in Bosnia or working to ensure free and fair elections in countries throughout the world, Jimmy Carter is one of the pre-eminent figures of the last 50 years and a wonderful embodiment of the best of American ideals.

Prior to this year, Jimmy Carter had been nominated 10 times for the Nobel Peace Prize. I am extremely pleased that in October of this year he finally received this well-deserved and long-overdue tribute to his lifelong efforts. There is nobody more deserving of this highest of honors. I salute the decision of the Nobel Committee.

I again express my gratitude to all of our colleagues in the closing hours of this 107th Congress. This resolution recognizes the contributions of Jimmy Carter, and I join with others in congratulating him on this well-deserved, long overdue honor of the Nobel Peace Prize. Our congratulations to his beloved wife Rosalynn and his family for all they have contributed to the well-being of our Nation and to the world in which we live.

I inquire of the Chair as to whether or not the fourth whereas clause on page 2 has been stricken?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator is correct.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution and preamble be agreed to en bloc, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 360) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 360), with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 360

Whereas in 1978, President Carter personally negotiated with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin to reach the Camp David Accords, the cornerstone of all subsequent peace efforts in the Middle East;

Whereas President Carter completed negotiations on the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks II (SALT II) and continued to make strategic arms control a focus of United States security policy;

Whereas President Carter emphasized the importance of human rights as a key element of United States foreign policy;

Whereas former President Carter and his wife Rosalynn established the Carter Center in 1982;

Whereas the Carter Center has taken an active and vital role in world affairs, always seeking to improve human rights, promote democracy, resolve conflicts, and enhance the lives of the people of the world;

Whereas former President Carter has made countless trips abroad to promote peace, democracy, and human rights, including visits to East Timor, North Korea, Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua, and Mexico, among many others;

Whereas former President Carter has made the promotion of peace, democracy, and human rights his life's work: Now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Senate recognizes and congratulates former President Jimmy Carter for being awarded the 2002 Nobel Peace Prize and commends him for his tireless work for and dedication to peace.

Mr. DODD. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO THE PRESIDING OFFICER

Mr. REID. Mr. President, first, I express my appreciation to the Presiding Officer for being so patient these many hours until we arrived at this point. Thank you very much.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to a period of morning business with Senators allowed to speak therein for a period not to exceed beyond 5 minutes each.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

TRIBUTES TO DEPARTING SENATORS

FRED THOMPSON

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, since 1994, Senator THOMPSON has represented the people of Tennessee in this body. During that time, I have been fortunate to call him both a colleague and a friend.

In the last 8 years, Senator THOMPSON has fought hard for issues that are vital to Tennessee. He has made sure that his State has the infrastructure it needs and the resources it deserves. He has protected Tennessee's farmers and its workers.

Three years ago Senator THOMPSON founded the Smoky Mountains National Park Congressional Caucus. My own State of Alaska has many national parks so I understand the challenges that Senator THOMPSON faced. His commitment to eliminating the National Parks Service backlog has been admirable.

Senator THOMPSON has also served the best interests of our Nation. Our work on the governmental affairs committee reflects his dedication. As chairman of that committee he has worked to make the government smaller, more efficient, and more accountable. It has been a pleasure to work with him as we worked to create the department of homeland security.

The Senate and the people of Tennessee will miss Senator THOMPSON's commitment and dedication. I am grateful for his service and wish him future success.

PHIL GRAMM

Mr. President, for 24 years the people of Texas have had an impassioned ad-

vocate and dedicated public servant in PHIL GRAMM.

Over the course of his career, Senator GRAMM has established an impressive legislative legacy. He played a role in the fight to cut federal taxes, institute international free-trade incentives, reform the welfare system, set mandatory federal prison sentences for drug crimes, and support our armed forces. The Gramm-Leach Bliley Financial Services Modernization Act and the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act were ground-breaking legislative achievements. Through these and other efforts, Senator GRAMM has helped lay the foundation for a new era of national prosperity.

Senator GRAMM has been called a man of "frank opinions and unwavering convictions." Since he came to the Senate in 1984 I have been honored to call him my friend and colleague. We will miss his leadership and his voice in the Senate. I am grateful for his years of service and I wish him success in his future endeavors.

TIM HUTCHINSON

Mr. President, Senator HUTCHINSON has been a committed advocate for the people of Arkansas and an important voice in the Senate. His strong leadership led me to personally support his candidacy and I will greatly miss his presence here in Washington.

I believe Senator HUTCHINSON leaves behind an important legacy. As a veteran of World War II, I am particularly grateful for Senator HUTCHINSON's work on the Veterans' Affairs Committee. As chairman of the Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on hospitals and Health Care, Senator HUTCHINSON really watched over the VA's 173 medical centers. Our Nation's Veterans gave so much to ensure our liberty and freedom. I thank Senator HUTCHINSON for making sure that we fulfill our promises to them and reward their service. It has been said that: "The final test of a leader is that he leaves behind in other people the convictions and the will to carry on."

We are thankful for Senator HUTCHINSON's service and convictions. I wish him much success.

FRANK MURKOWSKI

Mr. President, Alaska's recent elections have changed our state's congressional delegation for the first time in 22 years. As my Senate colleague of 22 years prepares to be sworn in as Alaska's tenth governor, I recall the battles we have fought together on behalf of our state, and I welcome the opportunity to work with him on tomorrow's challenges.

Senator MURKOWSKI has established an impressive record of achievement during his time in the Senate. Since 1981, he has represented the citizens of Alaska and served the nation admirably.

Throughout his career, Senator MURKOWSKI has been a staunch defender of Alaska's miners, loggers, and fishermen. In 1995, he authored and helped pass through both Houses of Congress legislation that would have opened ANWR to oil and gas exploration. He has helped broker an agreement among major gas transmission companies that could result in the construction of the natural gas pipeline; that pipeline would bring valuable energy resources to the lower 48.

Senator MURKOWSKI was a driving force behind the passage of an omnibus parks bill that created or improved more than 100 natural parks, forests, preserves and historic sites nationwide. He fought to increase funding for Alaska's Medicare recipients. In 2001, he helped win passage of major education reform, bringing us closer to the nation's goal of providing every child with a quality education.

Senator MURKOWSKI's wife Nancy has been an integral part of this success.

When FRANK and Nancy first arrived in Washington, Nancy worked hard to balance their family life with their new Senate responsibilities.

In addition to being a committed partner, Nancy has been a devoted public servant. She has been active in our Alaska State Society and has traveled extensively with Frank. She has also been a leader in women's health issues. Through the private charity she runs with FRANK, Nancy has raised more than \$2.3 million for breast and cervical cancer treatment. She cofounded the breast cancer detection center in Fairbanks. Annually she organizes and runs events at Waterfall, near Ketchikan and at Chilkoot Charlie's in Anchorage to raise funds for breast cancer clinics and mobile detection units for rural areas throughout Alaska. Our state is fortunate to have Nancy Murkowski as its next first lady.

Those of us in the Senate will miss the Murkowskis. We will miss FRANK's daily leadership on important issues and his commitment to public service. We take comfort in knowing that Alaska will have his proven leadership in the governor's office.

Alaska and the Nation face unique challenges and opportunities in the coming months and years. In the future, the vision and leadership Senator MURKOWSKI has demonstrated during his tenure in the Senate will enable Alaska to meet those challenges and leverage those opportunities.

Congressman YOUNG and I look forward to working with Governor Murkowski; we know he will support our work in the Nation's capital. We will work together in the future as we have in the past.

It has been an honor to serve with Senator MURKOWSKI. For 22 years we have worked closely on issues that are of vital importance to Alaska and the Nation. His career has been one of distinguished service. I look forward to working with my dear friend and colleague in the future.

ROBERT TORRICELLI

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I will miss my friend and colleague ROBERT TORRICELLI, the senior Senator from the State of New Jersey when he leaves the Senate at the end of the 107th Congress.

BOB TORRICELLI first served from 1982-1996 in the U.S. House of Representatives. In 1996, he joined us in the U.S. Senate, and since getting here, has been a committed advocate for the people of New Jersey. He has worked tirelessly to protect New Jersey's natural resources, to improve air quality, and to protect drinking water. He has also worked hard to provide a comprehensive prescription drug benefit for seniors, and make college more affordable for parents and students alike.

I have worked with Senator TORRICELLI in his tireless and ongoing efforts to close the gun show loophole and to pass commonsense gun safety legislation. That is a battle that I want to assure him many of us that he leaves behind in the Senate will continue to wage.

BOB TORRICELLI served as an effective chairman of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee and has earned a reputation as one of the most eloquent orators in the U.S. Senate. His books, "In Our Own Words: Extraordinary Speeches of the American Century" and "Quotations for Public Speakers: A Historical, Literary, and Political Anthology" have become valuable resources for all of his colleagues in public life.

I know my colleagues will join me in thanking Senator ROBERT TORRICELLI for his years of service in the Congress and wish him the best.

JESSE HELMS

Mr. President, I recognize the service of JESSE HELMS.

Before coming to the Senate, JESSE HELMS served his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a Senate staffer, broadcast executive, radio personality, and banking executive.

Senator HELMS, throughout his career, has been a tireless voice for his conservative beliefs. Whether one agrees with Senator HELMS' views or not, no one can deny the imprint he has made on the deliberations and actions of the United States Senate. JESSE HELMS has always had the knack for carefully crafting legislative language which would put his supporters and opponents clearly on the record on the most difficult issues of conscience.

In his capacity as chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee JESSE HELMS was a powerful force in reorganizing the Department of State.

In the United States Senate we are called upon to work with colleagues of many differing points of view. While a fierce battler for his conservative convictions, JESSE HELMS was often willing to reach across party lines to work with Democrats on issues like adoption and increased funding for AIDS research.

While JESSE HELMS and I have frequently disagreed, I respect the straight forwardness which he brought to the public policy debate. And, JESSE HELMS was always a gracious gentleman. As this Congress comes to an end, I know that I am joined by my Senate colleagues in wishing JESSE HELMS and his wife, Dorothy, and their three children, the very best in the years ahead.

PHIL GRAMM

Mr. President, at the end of this session of Congress, Senator PHIL GRAMM, the senior Senator from Texas will leave the Senate. For 18 years, Senator GRAMM has been a leader among the Republicans and a strong voice in the Senate.

PHIL GRAMM is a hard worker and effective advocate. Before coming to the Senate, Senator GRAMM was an economics professor at Texas A&M University and member of the U.S. House of Representatives from 1978 until 1984. After being elected to the U.S. Senate in 1984, Senator GRAMM quickly became recognized as one of its most articulate members. As a member of the Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, the Finance Committee, and the Budget Committee, he has applied his boundless energies and extensive knowledge of the Senate rules and precedents to his efforts to reduce federal taxes.

While PHIL GRAMM and I disagree on many issues, I deeply respect his willingness to stand up and fight for his convictions and the good humor with which he approaches those battles. For example, on the issue of federal prisoner industries reform, Senator GRAMM and I have locked horns on several occasions, but he has always been a worthy and agreeable adversary.

I know my Senate colleagues will join me in wishing him every success as the vice chairman of UBS Warburg and in wishing our best to Wendy, his wife, and their two children.

FRED THOMPSON

Mr. President, I am pleased to join my colleagues in paying tribute to Senator FRED THOMPSON.

Senator THOMPSON joined the U.S. Senate in 1994 after a successful career in law and even some starring roles on the silver screen. But he was no stranger to this body, even then, having previously served as Minority Counsel to the Senate Watergate Committee in 1973 and 1974 at the age of 30. Once he joined as a Senator, he rolled up his sleeves and got to work on the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee seeking to make our government more sensible, more responsive, and more cost effective.

In 1997, he became the Chairman of the Committee and has served in that capacity during the 105th, 106th and 107th Congresses. Over the years, Senator THOMPSON helped oversee some dramatic investigations, including the campaign finance investigation in the 105th Congress and the Enron investigation this past year. He also worked

on many less well known issues, including one close to my heart the effort to improve the way the Federal Government issues regulations.

For several Congresses, Senator THOMPSON and I teamed together on regulatory reform issues, including a major regulatory reform bill. This legislation would have required federal agencies to consider cost-benefit analysis when issuing major regulations and state publicly whether the agency found that the benefits of a regulation justified the costs. If they did not, then the agency would have to explain why it was issuing the regulation despite that finding. We also required federal agencies to conduct risk assessments where appropriate. We had a heck of a battle on that legislation, and in the end we failed to pass it. But the fight was worth it; I believe we were right; and it was great to have Senator THOMPSON fighting with me at my side to bring common sense to our regulatory process.

During his years at the Senate, Senator THOMPSON has made his mark as a legislator by supporting bipartisan efforts to enact reforms in the areas of campaign finance, sensible government regulation, and corporate accountability.

While he will no longer be "In the Line of Fire," Senator THOMPSON's legacy in the Senate will "Die Hard." I hope his future roles will be as lively as those he played here for the last eight years. It is a pleasure to join all of my colleagues today in honoring and thanking him for his years of public service to his country.

JESSE HELMS

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a great American, a fellow Senator, a fellow conservative, and friend—Senator JESSE HELMS.

I speak today with mixed emotions. I am happy to see that after a long and distinguished career he will have more time to spend with his beloved wife of 60 years, Dot . . . as well as enjoying time with his children and grandchildren. But I also know that this kind of man is impossible to replace.

In the words of The Weekly Standard executive editor Fred Barnes:

Helms is an ideologue, and his unflinching devotion to conservative principles has made him a powerful figure. He's oblivious to the buzz, the chatter, and gossip of the press, polls and the permanent establishment. He's totally inner directed. He cares little for details or process. But when something clashes with his conservative views . . . he steps up, no matter how unpopular that makes him. He wins some, loses some, but is always a player to be reckoned with, even when he's acting alone.

I recall one such occasion where Senator HELMS acted alone in his outspoken criticism of the United Nations. He refused to approve payment of U.N. dues until this lavish, bloated, and unwieldy bureaucracy was reformed. He was highly criticized by almost every member of the mainstream media, chastised by activists, and mocked by

others. He knew there were great problems at the United Nations and would not give until it was improved and it should be told that, in the end, the United Nations gave in. Reforms that will make the United Nations a better, more honest and viable organization, were passed.

It seems to be one of the seldom mentioned side notes of Senator HELMS' career in public service he often wins even when he seems to have lost. For instance, even though he was unable to block the Chemical Weapons Convention, he did win 28 of the 33 concessions he sought.

Senator HELMS' legislative career will not only be remembered as that of a foreign policy figure though. I, for one, as an Eagle Scout, will always remember his fights to defend the independence of the Boy Scouts.

Some of the best insight into JESSE HELMS as a person comes from his domestic policy stands. One of the most telling stories of the real personality of JESSE HELMS and one of the most moving as well was shared by Senator NICKLES. In the midst of a debate on a 5-cent-per-gallon Federal gas tax hike, in which they were vastly outnumbered, they were seeking guidance. Senator HELMS suggested that they pray together, and he called the Reverend Billy Graham and asked that he pray with them for guidance.

That to me speaks volumes as to what truly guides Senator HELMS as a person. He was not using his faith for a photo op, a quick sound-bite, a political tag line, or other earthly gains. This was simply a man who instinctively turns to the God for guidance.

In the article I mentioned earlier, Fred Barnes concludes by asking if JESSE HELMS can be replaced. His conclusion is similar to mine. That is a task that is "probably more than can be hoped for". A person as unique as JESSE HELMS does not come along often. His presence will truly be missed both on and off the Senate Floor.

Senator HELMS is a provincial patriot. He has never been a part of the urbane crowd, the radical chic crowd. He knows it and they know it. It galled them that he could not be intimidated by an editorial in the New York Times or some such organization. He is a man of faith, a Baptist. He comes from the soil of North Carolina and is proud of it. He prefers the affection and commendation of those in his province over those in the great salons where the "masters of the universe" operate. In fact, he respects the people of his beloved state and deeply shares their values. That's what he fought for every day. The cynical, rootless left, the politically correct, those without principles, those who do not comprehend the greatness of America, were not for him.

Indeed, he saw them as the problem. And, at their core, these folks understood. They knew his disagreement with their actions was deep and honest. Try as they might, his opposition

would not go away. Many hated him because of it.

But, JESSE HELMS does not hate. He absolutely does not. He only wants to do the right thing for America. Because he values America over politics, and because he is courageous in his stand for principle, he often could not be moved. The left has never understood this. Some thought he hated them personally. He does not. He loves them and he wants a better life for all Americans.

The truth is that Senator JESSE HELMS is a most kind and considerate person. His soft spoken ways are known by all. His modesty and an assuming manner are plain for all to see. His wonderful wife, Dot, shares those same qualities and is loved by all who know her.

He is a true Christian gentleman in the Southern style. Courty, gracious, quick of wit and firm in friendships, he is a most remarkable person. Widely read, highly literate and a master of the language, few could turn a phrase better than JESSE. When he has been wrong or slow to understand, he has admitted it. His conversion to advocacy for a much stronger fight against AIDS in Africa is a very recent example.

Finally, the career of Senator HELMS cannot be discussed without remarking on the critical role he played in enabling the focus of democracy, free enterprise, and faith to triumph over the godless, totalitarian forces of communism. He was a constant cold warrior. He saw the evil in the evil empire, and his drive to overcome it never slackened. He was relentless, even when undergoing attacks from the so-called opinion leaders of America. It certainly was not those opinion leaders and pundits who won the war. They blew hot and cold mostly cold on American policies. But the people in the provinces knew, they knew there could be no compromise with communism, and fortunately those people had a strong, able and true voice in JESSE HELMS. He stayed the course, the Soviet Union collapsed. There were many close calls and many highlights in that Cold War. One of those critical moments came when Senator HELMS came to believe in Ronald Reagan's view of the role of the United States in this struggle. JESSE worked hard and produced a great victory in North Carolina that gave him the Republican nomination. Together they persevered and the evil empire collapsed and the victory was won.

Senator HELMS, you played a critical role in this struggle for freedom and you deserve great credit for your courage and constancy.

America and freedom are in your debt. We are much obliged for your service.

FRED THOMPSON

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, the retirement of the distinguished Senator from Tennessee (Mr. THOMPSON) will leave a major void in the heart and soul of this body. Rarely have we seen

the quality of the work product of a new Senator approach the level of excellence and importance as we have in the performance and contributions of FRED THOMPSON.

He has stood head and shoulders above the crowd, literally and figuratively. It was a rare and most enjoyable privilege for me to serve on the Governmental Affairs Committee when he was the chairman.

He assumed the awesome responsibility of leading the committee in its investigation of the election law abuses of the 1996 Presidential election. He was a superb chairman, fair to all, but thorough and diligent in his quest for the truth. He expended an enormous amount of time and energy in that undertaking, and he made every effort to keep to the subject and learn the facts. During it all, he endured criticism, skepticism and sometimes ostracism as he labored to discharge the duties of his chairmanship.

I have no greater respect for any Senator than I have for the Senator from Tennessee. He has served well and reflected great credit on the United States Senate and the State of Tennessee. We will miss him greatly.

BOB SMITH

Mr. President, I have enjoyed serving with BOB SMITH in the U.S. Senate. For the last 2 years, we have sat side by side in the Senate. He has occupied the desk that was used in the Senate by Daniel Webster, who was born in his State of New Hampshire, although he represented Massachusetts as a Senator.

During votes and deliberations of the Senate we have had opportunities to discuss a wide range of subjects from fishing in the deep south to experiences in the U.S. Navy, as well as the issues under consideration by the Senate.

I have grown to know and appreciate BOB SMITH. I like him, and I respect him. He is a person who has strongly held views, and he is not afraid to express them, and to fight for them.

He has been admired on both sides of the aisle for his efforts to protect the environment. He has been a dutiful and diligent Chairman of the Environment and Public Works Committee.

As a member of the Armed Services Committee, he has been an effective supporter of a strong national defense. His leadership has been deeply appreciated by me on the issue of missile defense. He worked effectively to help garner the votes to pass the National Missile Defense Act of 1999 which I authored. He was a cosponsor of that bill and a very enthusiastic proponent of its passage, and its implementation by the administration. We met regularly with Defense Department officials to urge cooperation in the effort to develop and deploy, as soon as possible, a system, or systems, to defend the citizens of our country against ballistic missile attack. He mastered the esoteric subject matter associated with this issue and was an important force in the shaping and carrying out of this new national policy.

I will miss BOB SMITH. I wish for him and his family much happiness in the years ahead.

PHIL GRAMM

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, it is an honor to pay tribute today to my dear friend and colleague, the senior Senator from Texas, PHIL GRAMM. Perhaps more than anyone in the Senate, I will miss PHIL's leadership. In the Senate there are three kinds of relationships between Senators from the same State: One, they do not like each other. Two, a professional relationship: they get along OK, work hard together for their State, but are not really close. Three, they are good friends who have a great partnership for their State.

PHIL and I have No. 3. I recently noted that his retirement is like sending an older sibling off to college: Your best friend will not be upstairs anymore, and there is nobody to stick up for you when you get in a fight. But then again, you'll get the big room, and you will not have to share the spotlight anymore.

When I first came to the Senate after a special election, I walked into an office with no staff, but PHIL had sent his own staff to start answering the phones, and detailed one of his senior staff to help set up my office. That support was invaluable in those early days.

PHIL's story is one of those "only in America" success stories. Born at Ft. Benning, GA, the son of a soldier, his father died when PHIL was a young teenager. He and his two brothers were raised by their mother in a modest neighborhood in Columbus, Georgia.

His mother worked at two jobs to take care of the family, as a practical nurse and also in a cotton mill for \$28 a week. PHIL has often said his mother had decided before he was born that he would go to college.

But after failing the 3rd, 7th and 9th grades, his mother recognized it was time for drastic action for her dream to be realized. She pooled the family's limited resources and sent PHIL off to the Georgia Military Academy near Atlanta. Mrs. Gramm knew PHIL had a good mind but needed encouragement and direction.

His life has been a testament to his mother's sacrifice ever since. A PhD in Economics from the University of Georgia led him to another life-changing experience when he accepted a teaching position at Texas A&M. If the Georgia Military Academy gave him the academic foundation to achieve, Texas A&M nurtured his natural talent to teach and to entertain. He was a sensation at A&M. PHIL managed to make even the most complex economics courses exciting. It was also at A&M that PHIL met and married a fellow economics professor, Wendy, who has been a partner and inspiration to PHIL throughout his career.

While it is one thing to test your economic principles and convictions in the classroom, it is quite another to have

the courage to place your views in front of the voters. After a losing campaign for the Senate in 1976, he ran for Congress 2 years later and won. His campaign theme—"common sense; uncommon courage"—described him perfectly. Particularly after he decided to switch parties, from Democrat to Republican. He resigned from his seat, to give his constituents a choice to vote on his switch. He won back his seat, becoming the only member of Congress in the 20th century to do this. And after serving three terms in the House, PHIL set his sights on the Senate again, and won this time in 1984.

He has one of the sharpest minds in Congress. His Southern drawl and easy-going nature may fool some, but we know behind that accent is a razor-sharp mind. PHIL has become one of the Senate's most important leaders. He has mastered the Senate, and is one of our body's intellectual and philosophical giants. He is a man of great character. He does not stand on ceremony; he stands on conviction. He is never been swayed by popular opinion, in fact, he has often stood his ground despite popular opinion. His tenacity and his passion are unrivaled. And even in his last days in the Senate, he's not taking a rest from the trenches, he has been leading the debate on the Department of Homeland Security, perhaps one of the most important decisions of our time. If there is a tough fight to be had, you can be sure PHIL GRAMM will lead the charge. If there is something difficult that needs to be done, you can be sure PHIL will find a way to do it.

Of course, in addition to his brilliant mind, PHIL will be remembered for his colorful sense of humor and witty anecdotes. For example, who could get away with saying things like: During GRAMM's bid for the Presidency, Larry King asked PHIL if he would ever run with a woman? "Sophia Loren is not a U.S. citizen," answered GRAMM. "People of New Hampshire talk funny and therefore they think I talk funny." On campaign reform, "Our problem is not bad money corrupting good men; our problem is bad men corrupting good money." "It's always dangerous to send your wife ahead in your place, because then no one cares if you show up."

While he will certainly be remembered for his originality and humor, he is second to none as an effective legislator. PHIL has always maintained his focus on fiscal responsibility, helping us get back to a balanced budget. He is the first person to actually do something to eliminate the national debt, so that our children and grandchildren will not be saddled with our bills. The Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Budget Act was a masterpiece. PHIL thought of it and engineered its passage, proving it is possible to be both smart and effective. As chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, PHIL crafted the Financial Services Modernization Act, one of the most important pieces of financial legislation in modern years.

When you are in a fight for survival, the most important decision you make is who you want in the foxhole with you. When I have ever had a tough fight, PHIL was my first call. For two reasons: I want him on my side, and I sure do not want him on the other side. I can say without reservation that PHIL GRAMM is truly irreplaceable. What I admire most about him is his courage. PHIL and Wendy have been good friends to Ray and me. We are friends in the Senate, and friends at home. PHIL, I will miss you. I wish you well and look forward to having you as a constituent.

CHAPLAIN OGILVIE ON HIS SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES SENATE

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to my good friend, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, for his 8 years of service as the U.S. Senate Chaplain.

Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie was born in Kenosha, WI, and graduated from the Garrett Theological Seminary and the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. After serving at churches in Illinois and Pennsylvania, he was a pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Hollywood, CA, for over 20 years. Since 1995, Chaplain Ogilvie has served as the 61st Chaplain of the Senate.

This great Nation was founded on faith in God and has been supported throughout its history by the faith and prayers of its citizens. Chaplain Ogilvie has taken part in this great tradition by his undying devotion to the Senate. Over the past 8 years, Chaplain Ogilvie has provided the Senate family with kind words and open arms. From his weekly prayer groups to his moving opening prayers, Chaplain Ogilvie has been a consistent source of inspiration and strength for the Senate family.

As our Nation faced the horrific attacks on September 11, 2001, Chaplain Ogilvie helped our Senate leaders come together to help heal a wounded Nation. Today, as we continue to face possible attacks on our land, Chaplain Ogilvie provides us with the strength to continue working to uphold the ideals of this great Nation. On a more personal level, I thank Chaplain Ogilvie for the support he offered my staff and I when we lost our beloved Holly Richardson. His comforting sentiments and lending ear certainly offered us hope and a renewal of our faith. We are all thankful for his tremendous service, and he will be greatly missed by all those in the Senate.

On behalf of myself, my colleagues, and our Nation, I express my sincere gratitude to Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie for his service to the Senate. I wish his wife Mary Jane the best for a speedy return to good health, and the best of luck to his children and grandchildren. I thank Dr. Ogilvie for all his good works and for bringing the word of the Lord to so many people.

TRIBUTE TO DR. GERALYN M. JACOBS

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Dr. GERALYN M. JACOBS of Vermillion, SD who has been named the South Dakota Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. This award is given to professors who demonstrate a high level of dedication to teaching and a commitment to students, and who use innovative instructional methods. Dr. Jacobs' dedication to early childhood education and academic accomplishments make her an outstanding recipient of this award.

Since 1995, Dr. Jacobs has been a professor at the University of South Dakota. In addition to her teaching responsibilities as an Associate Professor of Early Childhood Education in the School of Education, she serves as President of the South Dakota Association for the Education of Young Children and is active in several professional, campus and community organizations. She co-produced a CD ROM, "Inclusion: Celebrating Children's Successes," that provides resources for teachers working with children with special needs and she often leads workshops and classes for teachers in South Dakota. Dr. Jacobs brings 16 years of experience working with school-age children to her college classrooms.

Through her tireless efforts at the University of South Dakota and in many area communities, Dr. Jacobs has an invaluable impact on many teachers and their students. Recent brain research has shown us that early childhood educators can have a tremendous impact on the development of young minds, and I would like to thank GERALYN JACOBS for her contributions to South Dakota schools and congratulate her on this well-earned recognition.

TRIBUTE TO THURSTON ERIC WOMBLE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I take this opportunity to recognize and say farewell to an outstanding staff member and friend, Eric Womble. For the past 7 years, Eric has served as my national security adviser and military legislative assistant, and as one of my most able counselors. As Eric moves on to new challenges in the private sector, it is my privilege to commend him for his service.

The son of Thurston and Olive Womble, Eric was born at Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland and was raised in Mobile, AL. He received his undergraduate degree in 1979 from the United States Naval Academy and was designated a Naval Flight Officer in 1980. Before retiring from the United States Navy in 1997, he served in many assignments, including: Patrol Squadron Twenty-Four, VP-24; the Joint

Chiefs of Staff Intern Program in Washington, D.C.; the Program Resource Appraisal Division in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, OP-81; Flag Secretary to Commander Seventh Fleet in Yokosuka, Japan; Fleet Replacement Instructor in Patrol Squadron Thirty, VP-30; Operations Officer in Patrol Squadron Forty-Nine, VP-49; Executive Assistant to the Chief of Naval Research; and in the Department of Defense's Congressional Fellows Program.

During his military career, Eric was awarded the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Services Medal with a gold star, Navy Commendation Medal with three gold stars, Joint Service Achievement Medal, and Meritorious Unit Commendation with bronze star. He also earned an MBA from Marymount University of Virginia and served as a White House Social Aid for President Ronald Reagan.

When Eric came to work for me seven years ago, I assigned him the task of helping me implement an innovative plan to create new jobs in Mississippi by growing the research and technology base at our universities and in our industrial community. Eric's efforts helped Mississippi universities and businesses grow their research and technology programs by approximately 200 percent from 1996 to 2002. This growth in research and technology was a major factor in attracting several Fortune 500 companies, including Nissan Motor Company, Lockheed Martin Corporation, The Boeing Company and Alliant TechSystems. Mississippi also has become home to several new military commands including Special Boat Unit Twenty-Two, the Navy's Southeast Region Human Resource Office, and the Air National Guard's first C-17 squadron. This prescription for growth, which Eric helped me pursue for seven years, also helped several existing entities in Mississippi, including Northrop Grumman Ship Systems, Raytheon Aerospace Company, and the Meteorology and Oceanography command to prosper and create more jobs.

When our military was suffering from extremely low retention and recruiting in the mid-1990's, Eric helped me craft legislation that helped reverse these troubling trends. During his tenure on my staff, the Congress passed the largest pay raise for our military men and women since 1981, repealed the REDUX retirement system, reset the future pay raise formula to Employment Compensation Index plus one-half percent, implemented dual compensation exemption for military officers, reset the pay caps for our Flag and General officers, created the TRICARE For Life military health care system, and targeted millions of dollars in pay raises to our mid-career enlisted military personnel and officers. Eric also assisted me in improving the quality of medical care to our military veterans by helping me craft legislation to establish a Medicare Subvention Demonstration program and a prescription drug program.