

Memorial Foundation, an organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for terminally ill children.

I am proud to add my words of commendation to the praise and recognition Sheriff Smith has received throughout his respected career. I extend to him my sincere congratulations for his countless contributions to the force and to the broader community. Riverside County is a safer and better place because of his fine leadership. Although Sheriff Smith will be greatly missed, his work continues to benefit Riverside County. I wish him a wonderful retirement.●

#### IN MEMORIAM: MARGARET WAHLSTROM

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to share with the Senate the memory of Mary Alice Wahlstrom, who lost her life on September 11, 2001. Mrs. Wahlstrom was 78 years old when the flight she was on, American Airlines Flight 11, was hijacked by terrorists. As we all know, that plane crashed into the World Trade Center, killing everyone on board.

Mrs. Wahlstrom and her daughter, Carolyn Beug, were traveling together on that tragic day. They were returning to their homes after having settled Mrs. Beug's twin daughters at the Rhode Island School of Design. This American family lost two dearly beloved women on September 11. "The one thing those terrorists cannot destroy is love. They cannot destroy the love we have in this family, and the love people have for each other," says Margaret Wahlstrom, daughter-in-law of Mrs. Wahlstrom.

Mary Alice Wahlstrom was traveling throughout Europe as a young socialite until she met, and fell in love with, Norman Wahlstrom, Senior. He was a World War II hero and like most Air Force families, they moved many times. They raised five children together, finally settling in Utah, where Mary Alice became a loan officer.

Mrs. Wahlstrom shared a zest for life with those around her. She is remembered as a vibrant, exuberant woman. One neighbor called her, "dynamic, with a wonderful outlook on life." She loved to laugh. Mrs. Wahlstrom exercised daily, played the piano and volunteered as an usher at Temple Square. She enjoyed reading, traveling, debating current events and going to the movies. "She was a ball of fire. She was 78 when she died, but she could have lived another 25 years. I have no doubt about it," says her son Scott Wahlstrom.

During the opening ceremonies of the 2002 Olympic Games, her son, Norman Wahlstrom, Jr., carried the Olympic torch in Ogden, Utah, in honor of his mother. "As with every boy that ever lived, my mother was a shining example of hope and promise. She had a wonderful, perpetual smile and contagious laugh," says Wahlstrom.

None of us is untouched by the terror of September 11, and many Californians were part of each tragic moment of that tragic day. Some were trapped in the World Trade Center towers. Some were at work in the Pentagon. And the fates of some were sealed as they boarded planes bound for San Francisco or Los Angeles.

I offer today this tribute to an American who perished on that awful morning. I want to assure the family of Mary Alice Wahlstrom, and the families of all the victims, that their fathers and mothers, sons and daughters, aunts, uncles, brothers and sisters will not be forgotten.●

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE CITY OF VISALIA AND THE COUNTY OF TULARE'S SESQUICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise today to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the City of Visalia and Tulare County, California. The City and the County are celebrating their official anniversaries together on September 7, 2002 at historical Mooney Grove Park.

The City of Visalia and the County of Tulare were both organized in 1852. The State of California was two years old.

Visalia started as a small, creekside settlement and has grown into the dynamic community it is today. Commonly referred to as "Jewel of the Valley" and "Gateway to the Sierra," Visalia is now home to more than 92,000 residents. It is renowned for its great Valley Oaks that grace its neighborhoods, reminders of the natural heritage of which its residents are so proud.

Tulare County, anchored on the east by spectacular Sierra Nevada peaks, Giant Sequoia groves and fertile plains, which make it the number one agricultural county in the world, is also one of the largest counties in the great San Joaquin Valley. It is home to Sequoia and Kings National Park and the Giant Sequoia National Monument. Its residents range from its Native Americans to dozens of nationalities from all corners of the globe, making its communities diverse and proud of their shared heritage.

Both the City of Visalia and County of Tulare have thrived since their early beginnings. I have had the distinct pleasure of visiting both the city and the county over the years. Both are truly valuable assets to the State of California.

I am honored to serve the people of Visalia and Tulare County and wish them all a wonderful sesquicentennial anniversary celebration. I encourage my colleagues to join me in wishing the City of Visalia and Tulare County many more years of prosperity.

I yield the floor.●

#### IN MEMORIAM: CAROLYN BEUG

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to share

with the Senate the memory of one of my constituents, Carolyn Beug, who lost her life on September 11, 2001. Mrs. Beug was 48 years old when the plane she was on, American Airlines Flight 11, was hijacked by terrorists. As we all know, that plane crashed into the World Trade Center, killing everyone on board.

Carolyn Beug and her mother, Mary Alice Wahlstrom, were traveling together on that tragic day. They were returning to their homes after having settled Mrs. Beug's twin daughters at the Rhode Island School of Design. This American family lost two dearly beloved women on September 11th. Their story is one of a commitment to love conquering hate, even in the face of unimaginable sorrow and loss. "The one thing those terrorists cannot destroy is love. They cannot destroy the love we have in this family, and the love people have for each other," says Margaret Wahlstrom, Carolyn Beug's sister-in-law.

Mrs. Beug, the daughter of an Air Force colonel, was a citizen of the world. She grew up in many places, including Pennsylvania, South Korea and Utah. Carolyn Beug was a successful accountant, CFO, and real estate developer. She was a music industry executive, music video producer and director. Mrs. Beug helped establish a center for underprivileged children in Los Angeles and won the 1992 MTV Video of the Year award for directing a video by the rock group Van Halen. She was the wife of John Beug and mother of Lauren, Lindsay and Nicky. In 1998, Mrs. Beug left the music industry to write a book and to devote more time to her family.

When her daughters joined the Santa Monica High School Track Team, Mrs. Beug became actively involved as the team mother. She was affectionately known as "Mamma Bunny" and she attended every meet, cheering on the team and purchasing new shoes, uniforms and sweats when needed. At the end of every season, she hosted the team banquet at the Beug family home. "She always called the kids on the team "my little bunnies," recalls her husband, John.

"Such an electric and peripatetic personality leaves an impression wherever she goes, whether that's a corporate boardroom, a movie studio, a children's shelter, a high school stadium, or a home on a quiet tree lined street. The impressions she left, a bright smile, a heartfelt belly laugh, a nugget of wisdom, an odd take on a song, a whispered secret, a motherly embrace are permanent," adds John Beug.

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I offer today this tribute to one of 51 Californians who perished on that awful morning. I want to assure the family of Carolyn Beug, and the families of all the victims, that their fathers and mothers, sons and daughters, aunts, uncles, brothers, and sisters will not be forgotten.●

#### IN MEMORIAM: CHRISTOPHER CAIRO NEWTON

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to share with the Senate the memory of one of my constituents, Christopher Cairo Newton, who lost his life on September 11, 2001. Mr. Newton was 38 years old when the plane he was on, American Airlines Flight 77, was hijacked by terrorists. As we all know, that plane crashed into the Pentagon, killing everyone on board.

Mr. Newton's life was filled with many wonderful and impressive accomplishments. He was a successful businessman and world traveler who loved the performing arts and music, the game of golf, and any home improvement project he could find. He became an Eagle Scout at 14, graduated from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo with high marks and earned his CPA. After completing his MBA at UCLA's Anderson School, he was named President and CEO of Work/Life Benefits.

Close family friend Steven Falk said there was nothing in the world that Christopher cared more about than his children. Christopher, his wife Amy and two children Michael and Sarah had recently moved from Southern California to the Virginia suburbs outside of Washington, DC. He was in the process of relocating company headquarters to Virginia, a move that would put the company closer to key customers and allow Christopher to spend more time with his family. Christopher loved to attend school functions, coach his son's little league team, or just have a quiet dinner at home with his wife and children.

Mr. Newton was also close to his parents and siblings. His father Michael said "He was very bright. An avid golfer, a great skier, a champion Scrabble player. He never gave us a moment's trouble in his life." His brother Stephen says that "Chris taught me to be patient and hopeful and to always play by the rules."

It is clear that Mr. Newton was serious, intense and committed to his responsibilities. Yet he was always able to laugh at himself. A quote from a friend says it best. "He was confident with no airs, loving with no expectations, giving with no greed, funny with no offense."

Christopher is survived by his wife Amy, their two children Michael and Sarah, his parents Michael and Barbara Newton, sister Ann-Elisabeth, brother Stephen, an aunt, cousins, nieces, a nephew and a close circle of friends.

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I offer today this tribute to one of the 51 Californians who perished on that awful morning. I want to assure the family of Christopher Cairo Newton and the families of all the victims, that their fathers and mothers, sons and daughters, aunts and uncles, brothers and sisters, will not be forgotten.●

#### TRIBUTE TO JOHN E. BREWER

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to John E. Brewer of Rapid City, SD, on the occasion of his retirement as president of Rushmore Bank and Trust in Rapid City. The people of the Rapid City area share my pride in John's accomplishments, and I know they join me in congratulating him on his retirement after a distinguished 32 year career in the banking industry.

Throughout his career, John has worked to provide financial opportunities for South Dakotans. For the past 16 years, John has guided Rushmore Bank and Trust in new and innovative directions. John has also helped guide the entire banking profession in South Dakota by serving as a past president of the South Dakota Bankers Association. John came to South Dakota in the same year I was first elected to Congress. During my years in Congress and now as the Chairman of the Senate Banking Subcommittee on Financial Institutions, I have relied on John's vast experience and knowledge of the banking industry to help guide my decisions on important policy matters.

In addition to his professional dedication, John is a true leader in the Rapid City community and has earned the respect and friendship of so many of us fortunate to spend time with him. John has served as the chairman of the Rapid City Area Chamber of Commerce, president of the Children's House Society, and president of the Mount Rushmore History Association. John represents the goodness and diligence that we find in so many South Dakotans, and I wish him well for a long and happy retirement.●

#### HONORING KASDIN MILLER ON HER ELECTION AS PRESIDENT OF GIRLS NATION

● Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, last week I had the honor of swearing in the American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nation president. I am proud to announce that Kasdin Miller of Montgomery, Alabama, was elected president by the other participants in this fine program. Three of the last six presidents of Girls Nation have come from my home State of Alabama. Girls Nation celebrated its 56th year this year, and 96 teenage girls from 48 states participated. These teen-

agers were selected through their participation in the American Legion Auxiliary's Girls State program. I would also note that Alabama Girls State celebrated its 60th anniversary this year, making its program one of the oldest in the country.

The Girls State and Girls Nation programs of electing senators and creating state legislatures and local governments is an extraordinary learning process. Participants in Girls State and Girls Nation, and their counterparts in Boys State and Boys Nation, gain first-hand experience in how our laws are made. Each summer, some 20,000 enthusiastic young women participate in Girls State sessions across the nation, where they study local, county, and state government processes. These young people are our leaders of tomorrow, and I salute them for their interest in government. Former participants in Girls State include three current members of the U.S. House of Representatives—Barbara Cubin of Wyoming, Connie Morella of Maryland, and Jennifer Dunn of Washington. Perhaps one day we may see Kasdin and other Girls Nation participants on the floor of the Senate and House.

Kasdin, a rising senior at the Montgomery Academy, also had the high honor of being elected Governor of the Alabama YMCA Youth in Government program. I enjoyed meeting her when she came to Washington as Alabama's Youth Governor in June. She has been a leader on her school's debate team and earned a spot in the national tournament this year. She excels in the classroom as well. Kasdin is an intelligent young lady who has a bright future, and she is to be commended for her achievements. Indeed, I congratulate all of the participants in both Girls Nation and Boys Nation for their accomplishments and encourage them to continue to prepare themselves to be America's future leaders.●

#### APPRECIATION FOR A JOB WELL DONE

● Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I would like to just take a brief moment of the Senate's time to commend the interns who have worked in my office this summer and express my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for their dedication to public service.

Therefore I would like to commend: David Abroms; Matt Anderson, Peyton Bean, Rebecca Beers, Gabe Bonfield, David Burkholder, Katie Cassady, Robin Cooper, Mary Alise Cosby, Emily Costarides, Mary Katherine Davis, Lyle Dubois, Will Dumas, Beth Fanning, Ben Ford, Jonathan Hooks, Jonathan Macklem, Molly McKenzie, Christy Olinger, Blake Oliver, Matt Peterson, Craig Pittman, Jr., Melanie Rainey, Walker Rutherford, Anna Smith, Austill Stuart, Jason Wells.

All of my interns worked very hard and produced great work products, and I just wanted to take a minute of the Senate's time to thank them for their