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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.

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.

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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

service and their parents for providing them the opportunity to come up here and serve their country.●

TRIBUTE TO ASTRONAUTS WALZ AND BURSCH OF ISS EXPEDITION 4

• Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to Astronauts Colonel Carl E. Walz and Captain Daniel W. Bursch for their significant contributions and record-setting accomplishments as part of the International Space Station's Expedition 4 Crew.

Astronauts Walz, Bursch, and Expedition Commander and Russian cosmonaut Yuri Ivanovich Onufrienko departed from Kennedy Space Flight Center on December 5, 2001, for what became a 6½ month stay aboard the International Space Station. The crew of three spent 196 days in space, with Carl Walz and Dan Bursch establishing a new U.S. space flight endurance record. The previous U.S. record belonged to Astronaut Shannon Lucid, who spent 188 continuous days in space aboard the Russian Mir Space Station. With four previous flights and his Expedition 4 mission, Astronaut Walz also established a new U.S. record for the most days in space, with a total of 231 days, surpassing Dr. Shannon Lucid's record of 223 days.

We look to our Nation's space program to improve life here on Earth and explore the unknown. We also look toward the future, to the time when we will extend life beyond the bounds of Earth. On February 20, 2002, while aboard the International Space Station, the Expedition 4 crew spoke with Ohio's former Senator and NASA pioneer, John Glenn, who was the first American to orbit the Earth 40 years ago.

We have come a long way in the U.S. space program, and our future discoveries are limited only by our imagination and commitment. We must give special recognition to our Astronauts whose personal and professional commitment to live and work in space continues to break barriers and thresholds.

While on the International Space Station, in addition to maintaining, operating and performing research experiments, the Expedition 4 crew installed the S-zero truss segment. The S-zero truss forms the backbone of the Station which will eventually hold the four solar array "wings" of the U.S. segment. The crew tested the new Quest Airlock and performed the first spacewalk from it without the Space Shuttle present. The crew also was the first to use the Space Station Robotic Arm as a "cherry picker," maneuvering space walkers "flying" on the end of the arm during spacewalks.

After an extended, U.S. record-setting stay on the International Space Station, the crew returned to Earth with Shuttle Endeavor, landing at Edwards Air Force Base, California, on June 19, 2002.

Astronaut Carl E. Walz, a Colonel in the U.S. Air Force, was born in Cleveland, OH. He and his wife, the former Pamela J. Glad, have two children. Walz has received numerous Distinguished Service medals, including the Defense Superior Service Medal, three NASA Space Flight Medals, and the NASA Exceptional Service Medal.

Astronaut Daniel W. Bursch, a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and a Captain in the U.S. Navy, considers Vestal, NY to be his hometown. He and his wife, the former Roni J. Patterson, have four children. Captain Bursch also has received recognition for distinguished service, including the Defense Superior Service Medal and NASA Space Flight Medals. Bursch has over 3,100 flight hours in more than 35 different aircraft and has logged a noteworthy 227 days in space.

On behalf of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle, I thank astronauts Carl Walz and Dan Bursch for their courage, commitment and contributions in service to the United States of America.●

IN RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION OF THE EFFORTS OF SOUTH DAKOTA'S COMMUNITY FIRE DEPARTMENTS TO CONTAIN THE GRIZZLY GULCH AND LITTLE ELK CREEK FIRES

• Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I want to recognize the heroic efforts of over 60 South Dakota community fire departments and the State of South Dakota's Wildland Fire Suppression Division in responding to recent forest fires in the Black Hills. Their work was heroic, professional, and saved several Black Hills communities from complete devastation.

On Saturday, June 29, 2002, a forest fire broke out in Grizzly Gulch, south of the town of Lead, SD, and near the town of Deadwood. Steep, rugged hills and unstable terrain crisscross the Black Hills impeding efforts to control the early stages of a forest fire. By Saturday evening, fire had crept within a few hundred yards of the historic city of Deadwood and in some instances flames literally touched the sides of houses. Ninety-degree temperatures, high winds, and low humidity levels fueled the fires run up ridges and engulfed thousands of acres in a matter of hours. If it had not been for the quick reaction and professionalism of the South Dakota Wildland Suppression Office and the men and women who established a fire line between Deadwood, the city could have witnessed a catastrophic fire.

Within a few hours Joe Lowe, the Grizzly Gulch Incident Commander, had marshaled over 250 personnel, including several hand crews, 7 heavy air tankers, and pieces of heavy earth-moving equipment to keep the fire from approaching Deadwood. By the Fourth of July the number of personnel fighting the fire swelled to over 670 with an influx of U.S. Forest Service

crews under the authority of Paul Hefner, fire commander for the Grizzly Gulch blaze. As fire crews battled flareups and constructed fire lines to control the fire, high winds kept crews alert for what firefighters refer to as slop-over, flames jumping the line and burning out ahead of the fire line.

South Dakotans responded. Volunteer firefighters from 60 community fire departments from as far away as Sioux Falls descended on the region. After the fires were contained, Deadwood sponsored a night of festivities to thank the hundreds of firefighters who battled the Grizzly Gulch fire and saved the town of Deadwood. The town's round of applause and appreciation spoke for the entire State's gratitude for the bravery of our community firefighters.

At the fire's peak, over 900 firefighters fought the Grizzly Gulch fire, putting themselves in harm's way to save the towns of Lead and Deadwood. Through their selfless action, the community and State firefighters of South Dakota reaffirmed that during a crisis South Dakotans speak with one voice. I would like to add my voice and say thank you to the men and women who served us so proudly last month.●

TRIBUTE TO VADAM THOMAS R. WILSON, USN

• Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to pay tribute to a great sailor, patriot, husband and father, VADM Thomas Ray Wilson. By the time we return from our August recess, this great sailor will have officially retired from active service on August 30, 2002, having faithfully and loyally served his country around the globe for over 33 years. Admiral Wilson ends his active service having served at the pinnacle of military intelligence as the 13th Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency.

Born in Columbus, OH, Admiral Wilson is a 1968 graduate of Ohio State University. He joined the Navy at the height of the Vietnam conflict, and received his commission as an ensign in March 1969, following completion of Navy Officer Candidate School in Newport, RI.

Throughout his extraordinary military career Admiral Wilson distinguished himself as a candid innovator, a patient, creative teacher; and a great leader. His early assignments included watch officer and analytical and command briefing positions in the Taiwan Defense Command in Tapei, Taiwan, and in the Defense Intelligence Agency. Subsequent duties ashore and afloat included assignment on the USS *Kitty Hawk*; as the operational intelligence officer with the Iceland Anti-submarine Warfare Group; duty with Carrier Air Wing Three embarked in USS *Saratoga*; and force intelligence officer for Commander, Patrol Wings Atlantic in Brunswick, ME.

Recognizing his potential to serve the Navy and the Nation in positions of