

The men aboard the aircraft were returning to combat zones in New Guinea after their brief rest-and-recreation known as R&R at the American Red Cross Center in Mackay. Wartime censorship and reasons of military security prevented the incident from ever being reported in the United States. It was classified until 1958.

Families of those who were killed were never informed how their loved ones perished. Information was so closely guarded they were only told their soldier died in the Pacific while fighting for their country.

Little is known of the crash outside Mackay. Remarkably, one of the 41 men aboard the aircraft survived the crash. He is Foye Kenneth Roberts of Wichita Falls, TX. At the time of the accident, it was the worst plane crash in the Southwest Pacific theater. Australians regard it as their worst aviation disaster.

In May 1992, a monument was built by local citizens at Baker's Creek to mark the B-17C crash site. Thousands of Americans soldiers spent their R&R at Mackay, and many became longtime friends of local families. When the Baker's Creek memorial was unveiled on May 11, 1992, only the names of the six aircrew and the sole survivor were known. A complete list of casualties did not exist in U.S. or Australian archives.

After extensive, painstaking research, a plaque with the names of all casualties was rededicated on June 14, 1995. Their names are: Sgt. Carl A. Cunningham, T/5 George A. Ehrmann, F/0 William C. Erb, Sgt. David E. Tileston, Sgt. Dean H. Busse, Pfc. Jerome Abraham, S/Sgt. Frank E. Whelchel, S/Sgt. Lovell D. Curtis, 1/Lt. Vern J. Gidcumb, Pfc. Norman J. Goetz, T/Sgt. Leo E. Fletcher, Pfc. Frederick C. Sweet, Pfc. Kenneth W. Mann, Pfc. Charles M. Williams, Cpl. Marlin N. Metzger, Pfc. Vernon Johnson, Capt. John O. Berthold, Cpl. Charles W. Sampson, Cpl. Franklin F. Smith, Maj. George N. Powell, Pfc. Arnold Seidel, 2/Lt. Jack A. Ogren, Cpl. Jacob O. Skaggs, Jr., Pvt. James E. Finney, T/Sgt. Alfred H. Fezza, Sgt. Donald B. Kyper, Pfc. Frank S. Penska, Sgt. Anthony Rudnick, Cpl. Raymond H. Smith, T/5 William A. Briggs, Pfc. John W. Parker, Pvt. Charles D. Montgomery, S/Sgt. Charlie O. LaRue, Cpl. Foye K. Roberts (Sole Survivor) S/Sgt. Roy A. Hatlen, S/Sgt. John W. Hilsheimer, Cpl. Edward Tenny and Pfc. Dale Van Fosson. Since the Memorial's unveiling, an effort has been made to locate the final resting places of the victims, and to trace their family relatives. The search continues today.

The men who lost their lives that day and the one who survived, regarded themselves as ordinary men. We know better. They like so many before and after them, answered our Nation's call to arms. We needed them and they came. Many went, some gave all.

These men renewed for the "Greatest Generation" the cherished American

ethos of service to Nation. They came from farms and factories, from city streets and country lanes. In doing so, they transcended from ordinary men with common dreams to extraordinary citizens with uncommon valor. Their example enabled our young men and women today to take up arms when we needed them for Operation Iraqi Freedom. Regrettably, some of them made the ultimate sacrifice as well.

It is my fervent hope this June 14, along with the salute to the Army and our grand flag, that we also salute the men who gave their lives at Baker's Creek. We owe a special thanks to the Baker's Creek Memorial Association for keeping their memories alive and for helping their families discover their loved ones' fate.●

TRIBUTE TO SHARLA MOFFETT BEALL

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I rise to express my appreciation to Sharla Moffett Beall, my Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water Subcommittee staff director, as she returns to her home State of Oregon. Sharla has been an important member of my Senate staff. Her counsel and efforts will be missed.

There is no one in the Senate more knowledgeable on Endangered Species Act issues; issues of real significance to Idaho and the Nation. She has been a tireless advocate for meaningful solutions to recover endangered and threatened salmon species in the Pacific Northwest. She has helped me to lead the fight against bad policies, such as the total maximum daily load rule proposed in 2000, and for good policies, like habitat conservation plans and streamlining of the consultation process.

When I became chairman of the subcommittee, I had little doubt about who I wanted as staff director. I first worked with Sharla when she was professional staff for the House Agriculture Committee. I knew that in Sharla, I had someone experienced, professional, effective, and with a keen legislative sense. She also shared my political philosophy and passion for fish and wildlife issues.

It has also been rewarding to see Sharla start a family during her time as staff director. In her first year on my staff, she married another Oregon native, Jim Beall; during the second year, they had her first child, Anna-Sophia; and just last year a second daughter, Alexandra-Skye, was born. They are a wonderful and loving family.

The Senate has a tough time competing with two beautiful daughters. I will miss Sharla and her family. I wish them all the best, but I know this is not farewell. She will continue to be a valued friend and advisor.●

RECOGNITION OF WJJY-FM FOR RECEIVING THE NAB CRYSTAL RADIO AWARD

● Mr. COLEMAN. Mr. President, I am pleased to recognize a distinguished

Minnesota radio station, WJJY-FM, for winning 2003 National Association of Broadcaster's Crystal Radio Award, commending its commitment to community service.

WJJY-FM, based in Brainerd, MN, won a National Association of Broadcaster's Crystal Award, recognizing its continued charitable efforts in the Brainerd community. This award marks the third time the National Association of Broadcasters has recognized WJJY's dedication to service. The station also won a Crystal Award in 2001 and the prestigious NABEF Service to America Award in 1999.

WJJY-FM is active in charitable fundraising, supporting food drives, and providing public service announcements for the community. In 2002 the station set a fundraising record for the Brainerd area by raising \$940,500 for the community. WJJY-FM helped collect 7,500 pounds of food for the Salvation Army, gathered 1,300 clothing items for needy families, and broadcasted over 7,350 public service announcements. In addition, WJJY holds the annual Radiothon to End Child Abuse, which raised a record-setting \$66,520 in 2002.

WJJY-FM represents a tradition of corporate dedication to community service in the State of Minnesota. Since 1999, 4 Minnesota stations have received the Service to American Award, and since 1987, 17 have received Crystal Awards. This tradition of service is an important Minnesota legacy. Public-private partnerships like these are what truly get things done and leave a lasting positive impact on our state.

I would like to commend WJJY-FM for its diligent efforts to improve the community which it serves.●

COMMENDING COLQUITT COUNTY PACKERS FOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

● Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, I rise today to commend the outstanding hard work, dedication, and team work of the Colquitt County High School baseball team for winning this year's State championship.

This week, the Colquitt County Packers won the Georgia High School Association's Class AAAAA State championship by a stunning victory at Ike Aultman Field, and I couldn't be more proud. This is an exceptional accomplishment not only for the team and high school, but also for the entire Colquitt County community. Winning this year's State championship was the first Packer State championship since 1997 when the team defeated Lassiter High in three games for the first baseball title in Packer history.

I am so proud of each and every team member for their great success. I am especially proud of Packer head coach Jerry Croft for his leadership, devotion, and guidance.

Because Colquitt County has been my home for over 30 years, it gives me great pleasure to share this huge accomplishment of the Packers with my

colleagues in the Senate and with the American people.●

RECOGNITION OF KDWB-FM FOR RECEIVING THE NABEF SERVICE TO AMERICA AWARD

● Mr. COLEMAN. Mr. President, I am pleased to recognize a distinguished Minnesota radio station, KDWB-FM, for winning the 2003 National Association of Broadcasters Education Foundation's Service to America Award, commending its commitment to community service.

This award recognizes KDWB-FM's alliance with the University Pediatrics Foundation. For 8 years KDWB, based in Minneapolis, has produced and hosted numerous fundraising events to support the foundation, raising \$1.5 million.

In 1999 KDWB and the University Pediatrics Foundation used these funds to open the KDWB University Pediatrics Family Center within the University of Minnesota's Department of Pediatrics. The center serves children living with chronic conditions such as cerebral palsy, sickle cell anemia, and spina bifida, and provides clinical care, research, and emotional support services to the children and their families.

KDWB represents a tradition of corporate dedication to community service in the State of Minnesota. Since 1999, four Minnesota stations have received the Service to America Award. This tradition of service is an important Minnesota legacy. Public-private partnerships like these are what truly get done and leave a lasting positive impact on our state.

I would like to commend KDWB-FM for its diligent efforts to improve the communities which it serves.●

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 from the Senate message 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 2:01 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1308) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to end certain abusive tax practices, to provide tax relief and simplification, and for other purposes, with amendments.

The message also announced that the House insists upon its amendments to the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 1308) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to end certain abusive tax practices, to provide tax relief and simplification, and for other purposes, and asks a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following Members as the managers of the conference on the part of the House:

For consideration of the House amendments to the Senate amendments to the House bill, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. THOMAS, Mr. DELAY, and Mr. RANGEL.

ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

The message further announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills and joint resolution:

H.R. 1625. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1114 Main Avenue in Clifton, New Jersey, as the "Robert P. Hammer Post Office Building."

S. 763. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 46 Ohio Street in Indianapolis, Indiana, as the "Birch Bayh Federal Building and United States Courthouse."

S.J. Res. 8. A joint resolution expressing the sense of Congress with respect to raising awareness and encouraging prevention of sexual assault in the United States and supporting the goals and ideals of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CAMPBELL, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with amendments:

S. 555. A bill to establish the Native American Health and Wellness Foundation, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-72).

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 1954. A bill to revise the provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act relating to naturalization through service in the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. DEWINE, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1267. A bill to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to provide the District of Columbia with autonomy over its budgets, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. REED, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. DODD):

S. 1268. A bill to provide for a study to ensure that students are not adversely affected by changes to the needs analysis tables, and to require the Secretary of Education to consult with the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance regarding such changes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 1269. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the status of professional employer organizations and to promote and protect the interests of professional employer organizations, their customers, and workers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 1270. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of medication therapy management services under Part B of the medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. Res. 171. A resolution recognizing that the San Antonio Spurs are the 2002-2003 National Basketball Association champions and congratulating the team for its outstanding excellence, discipline, and dominance; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 168

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 168, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the San Francisco Old Mint.

S. 170

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 170, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize appropriations for State water pollution control revolving funds, and further purposes.

S. 453

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 453, a bill to authorize the Health Resources and Services Administration and the National Cancer Institute to make grants for model programs to provide to individuals of health disparity populations prevention, early detection, treatment, and appropriate follow-up care services for cancer and chronic diseases, and to make grants regarding patient navigators to assist individuals of health disparity populations in receiving such services.

S. 459

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 459, a bill to ensure that a public safety officer who suffers a