

trails, Chugach Forest Russian River, Girdwood trails, Hatcher Pass trails, Iditarod trail, Juneau Nordic trails, Juneau Thunder Trail, Ketchikan Lewis Reef Road, Kodiak trails, Matanuska Susitna Gorsuch trails, Perseverance trail repairs, Russian River access road, Sitka Trailworks, Sitka World War II causeway, State of Alaska wildlife trails, Wrangell St. Elias Trails.

Transportation and Community and System Preservation Pilot Program: The conferees have agreed to provide \$6,000,000 to the Matanuska Susitna Borough. Within the amounts made available to the Matanuska Susitna Borough, the conferees expect that \$2,000,000 will be made available to Matanuska Susitna Gorsuch trails.

Denali Docks: I am pleased the Transportation/Treasury subsection of the omnibus bill authorizes and appropriates \$10 million to a new program for the Denali Commission which focuses on docks and the development of waterfront projects. There is no Federal Government program which funds docks for communities without roads. Through the newly authorized program within the Denali Commission, the rural communities of Alaska will be able to create, replace or repair the damaged docks within the following locations: Homer, Ugashik, Hoonah, Bristol Bay Borough, Old Harbor, Sitka, Coffman Cove, Perryville, Iliamna Lake, Auk Bay, Seldovia, Whittier, Cordova, Gustavus, and Kenai Peninsula Borough.

General Service Administration: I am pleased the conferees once again included money for the University of Alaska to continue planning for the State's 50th anniversary celebration including preserving pioneer papers throughout the state.

On another matter, the conferees urge the Service to work with the Alaska Railroad to effect a land transfer that will be mutually beneficial to both parties, and hope the national office will make the resources available for that purpose.

National Science Foundation: The conferees agreed to retain report language urging the administration to request funds to replace the Alpha Helix, one of its premier research vessels that has seen better days. But this is not the first year such language has been included. Some believe the Service has no intention of ever seeking the necessary funds. As I assume the role as chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee overseeing NSF, I want to put the agency on notice that Congress expects the administration to begin seeking the necessary funds to replace the vessel. If funds are provided and the vessel is built, it should be homeported in Seward, AK, its current home. But if the administration fails to request the necessary funds when the fiscal year 2006 budget is submitted, Congress expects the agency to develop an interim solution by leasing a research vessel that can operate out of Seward to conduct research in Alaska.

TAPS Quality Bank: As part of the fiscal year 2005 Consolidated Appropriations conference report I included legislative language that expresses Congress' concerns over a long standing regulatory and judicial dispute concerning the Trans Alaska Pipeline, TAPS. This report language is intended to provide guidance to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission as it evaluates the August 31, 2004 Initial Decision by the Administrative Law Judge, ALJ. This language does not have any effect on agreements reached between the parties. It is solely intended to address those issues still in dispute. Nor does this language have any effect on any other regulatory or judicial proceeding currently pending before the ALJ or the Commission, and should not be considered in evaluating any future rate cases.

Congress expects the Commission to carefully consider the specific equities of this case to prevent special hardship, inequity, or an unfair distribution of burdens to any party, evaluate all of the administrative law judge's decisions regarding the retroactive application of the modified Resid valuation, and to assess the equity of assigning retroactivity. The issue of retroactivity and its application in this case is problematic given the lack of clear Congressional action on the subject and the negative impacts an eleven year retroactive period will have on domestic refiners in the State of Alaska.

In addition, it is the expectation of Congress that this matter will be resolved in a fair and equitable manner which is necessary to limit business uncertainty associated with the use of the Trans Alaska Pipeline System, and to ensure continued domestic refinery activity in order to protect national fuel supplies. Ultimately, it is my hope that the parties in this case will be able to reach a settlement and finally end 15 years of litigation, and we appeal to the parties to work towards this end.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

CORPORAL LANCE M. THOMPSON AND LANCE
CORPORAL JAMES ERIC SWAIN

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, as a nation, we must always keep in mind that our military successes come at a high cost in the loss of promising young human lives. I rise today to pay tribute to two Hoosier marines who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

Cpl Lance M. Thompson, 21, of Upland, IN, was killed in action while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. Corporal Thompson graduated from Eastbrook High School in 2001 and married Dawn Case, of Van Buren, Indiana, in 2002. He was on his second tour of duty in Iraq. Corporal Thompson was an outstanding marine. He will be missed.

LCpl James Eric Swain, 20, of Kokomo, IN, was killed in action while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. Lance Corporal Swain, a member of the National Honor Soci-

ety, graduated from Kokomo High School in 2002. He was involved in numerous church and community projects in Kokomo. Lance Corporal Swain was an outstanding marine. He will be missed.

My thoughts and prayers are with both of these families as they remember and celebrate the lives and dedicated service of these marines.

MICHIGAN'S FALLEN HEROES

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the brave men and women of the U.S. armed forces who have given their lives during the military operations in Iraq. Of the over 1,270 casualties to date in Operation Iraqi Freedom, 42 of these fallen heroes are from or have family in my home state of Michigan. My heartfelt sympathies go out to the families and friends of these great Americans. On behalf of the State of Michigan, I offer my deepest gratitude for the service, sacrifice, and commitment of these men and women in upholding the ideals of this Nation.

These men and women represent the finest of our citizens. They have revealed their unyielding courage, sense of duty, and patriotism. For this, their service to this Nation will never be forgotten.

I would like to honor the following men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces that have Michigan ties and have bravely made the ultimate sacrifice while serving in Iraq:

Army PVT Brandon Sloan, 19, of Bedford Heights, OH, was killed when his unit, the 507th Maintenance Co., was ambushed near Nasiriyah on March 23, 2003. Sloan's mother, Kimberly, lives in Fraser.

Marine MAJ Kevin Nave, 36, formerly of Oakland County's White Lake Township, was killed when he was run over by a military vehicle on March 26, 2003. Nave was a veteran of the 1991 Persian Gulf War and lived in Oceanside, CA. He is survived by his wife and two children.

Army SGT Todd James Robbins, 33, formerly of Pentwater, died after the Bradley fighting vehicle he manned with eight other soldiers was bombed on April 2, 2003, possibly by friendly fire. Robbins, a veteran of the first gulf war, was stationed at Fort Sill, OK. He is survived by a wife and a 13-year-old son.

Army SGT Michael Pedersen, 26, formerly of Flint, was one of six soldiers killed in the crash of an Army Black Hawk helicopter on April 2, 2003, during a fire fight in Iraq. He served as a helicopter crew chief with the Army's 3rd Infantry Division based in Fort Stewart, GA.

Army PFC Jason Meyer, 23, was killed on April 7, 2003, when his personnel carrier came under fire. He graduated from Howell High School in 1999 and joined the Army in 2001. Meyer was based in Fort Stewart, GA, and had celebrated his first wedding anniversary 2 weeks before his death.

Marine PFC Juan Garza, 20, of Temperance was killed by sniper fire on April 8, 2003. Garza graduated from Summerfield High School in 2002 and was married the day after Christmas.

Air Force SSGT Scott Sather, 29, of Clio was killed in action in Iraq on April 8, 2003. He was assigned to the 24th Special Tactics Squadron, based out of Pope Air Force Base, NC.

Army SPC Richard A. Goward, 32, of Midland was killed on April 14, 2003, when his truck entered a dust cloud and collided with another truck in Iraq. Goward was assigned to the Midland-based 1460th Transportation Company of the Michigan Army National Guard. The father of two daughters served on active duty with the Army from 1990 to 1996, then joined the Michigan Guard after the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

Army SGT Sean Reynolds, 25, was killed on May 3, 2003, in an apparent accident involving his own weapon in northern Iraq. He grew up in Detroit and graduated from East Lansing High School in 1995. Reynolds was assigned to the Army's 173rd Airborne Brigade, deployed near Kirkuk. The 173rd is based in Vicenza, Italy.

Army MSG William Lee Payne, 46, who joined the Army shortly after graduating from Otsego High School in 1975, died on May 16, 2003, in Haswah, Iraq. He was killed in an explosion. Payne was an intelligence officer for the 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor Regiment of the 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division.

Army SSG Brett J. Petriken, 30, of Flint, a military police officer, was one of two soldiers killed on May 26, 2003, when a heavy equipment transporter crossed a median and struck his vehicle in Samawah, Iraq. He was part of the 501st Military Police Unit of the 1st Armored Division.

Army CPT Paul J. Cassidy, 36, of Laingsburg died in Camp Babylon as a result of non-combat injuries on July 13, 2003. He was part of the 432nd Civil Affairs Battalion based in Ashwaubenon, WI, a suburb of Green Bay. Cassidy, a reservist, was in Iraq performing humanitarian services. He also served as department secretary for the Meridian Township clerk's office.

Army SGT Trevor A. Blumberg, 22, of Wayne County's Canton Township, a paratrooper, died on Sept. 14, 2003, when a roadside bomb hit a convoy and destroyed his Humvee in Fallujah, Iraq. Blumberg was an 82nd Airborne paratrooper with the 1st Battalion of the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment.

Army SPC Donald L. Wheeler, 22, of Concord died as a result of the injuries he sustained on October 13, 2003, in Tikrit, Iraq, when his unit came under attack from insurgent forces. Wheeler was assigned to A Company, 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, TX.

Army SSG Paul J. Johnson, 29, of Calumet was killed when Iraqi fighters ambushed his patrol in Fallujah, Iraq,

on October 20, 2003. Johnson served in the 82nd Airborne Division, based at Fort Bragg, NC. He was a member of the 1st Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment.

Army SPC Artimus D. Brassfield, 22, of Flint was killed in a mortar attack while he played basketball at an outpost on October 24, 2003.

Army SSG Mark D. Vasquez, 35, of Port Huron was killed when the Bradley Fighting Vehicle in which he was riding was struck by an improvised explosive device on November 8, 2003. Vasquez was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division based in Fort Riley, KS.

U.S. Army SSG Paul Neff II, 30, of Fort Mill, SC, on November 7, 2003, in Tikrit. The Black Hawk was shot down by unknown enemy ordnance. Neff was assigned to 5th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, 101st Airborne Division based in Fort Campbell, KY. He is survived by his father in West Branch.

Army PFC Damian S. Bushart, 22, of Oakland County's Waterford Township was killed on November 22, 2004, when a tank collided with his vehicle in Baghdad. Bushart was assigned to A Troop, 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Division; Armstrong Barracks, Germany.

Army PFC Jason G. Wright, 19, of Luzerne was killed on December 8, 2003, when his vehicle came under fire while he was providing security at a gas station in northern Iraq. Wright was a mortarman assigned to Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment. He entered the Army in June 2002, and arrived at Fort Campbell, KY, the following December.

Army SSG Thomas W. Christensen, 42, of Atlantic Mine was killed on December 25, 2003, when his living quarters in Baqouba, Iraq, came under mortar attack. Christensen was assigned to the 652nd Engineer Battalion, U.S. Army Reserve, a bridge-building unit based in Harvey. The detachment is a multi-role bridge-building outfit with administrative ties to Ellsworth, WI.

Army SSG Stephen C. Hattamer, 43, of Gwinn was killed on December 25, 2003, when his living quarters in Baqouba, Iraq, came under mortar attack. Hattamer was assigned to the 652nd Engineer Battalion, U.S. Army Reserve, a bridge-building unit based in Harvey. The detachment is a multi-role bridge-building outfit with administrative ties to Ellsworth, WI.

Army PFC Holly J. McGeogh, 19, of Taylor was among three soldiers killed when a homemade bomb exploded on January 31, 2004, along a road near Kirkuk, Iraq, as their convoy passed by. She was assigned to Company A, 4th Forward Support Battalion, 4th Infantry Division, from Fort Hood, TX.

Army SPC Richard K. Trevithick, 20, of Gaines was killed on April 14, 2004, when an improvised explosive device exploded near his convoy vehicle in Balad, Iraq. He was part of the 9th Engineer Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat

Team, 1st Infantry Division out of Schweinfurt, Germany.

Army SFC Bradley C. Fox, 34, who grew up in Adrian, died on April 20, 2004, of wounds suffered March 14 when a roadside bomb detonated near his vehicle. He was serving with the 1st Armored Division.

Army PFC Richard H. Rosas, 21, of St. Louis was one of two soldiers killed on May 25, 2004, when their patrol was hit by an improvised explosive device in Fallujah, Iraq. He was serving with the 3rd Battalion, 62nd Air Defense Artillery, 10th Mountain Division, Light Infantry, based in Fort Drum, NY.

Army SGT Aaron Elandt, 23, of Port Hope died on May 30, 2004, when the Humvee he was in struck a land mine while responding to a mortar attack. Elandt was a cavalry scout with the 1st Armored Division and had been in Iraq for about 14 months.

Army SPC Craig S. Frank, 24, of Lincoln Park, a Michigan National Guard military police officer, died on July 17, 2004, after his vehicle was hit by an improvised explosive device near Baghdad. Frank was serving with the 1775th Military Police Company out of Pontiac. He was studying education at Eastern Michigan University before his call-up.

Army SFC David A. Hartman, 41, of Akron died on July 17, 2004, in Beiji after the vehicle he was driving was hit by an improvised explosive device. Hartman was assigned to the Army Reserve's 401st Transportation Company out of Battle Creek.

Army PFC Nicholas H. Blodgett, 21, of Wyoming died on July 21, 2004, in Abdallayah, Iraq. He was killed when his patrol vehicle hit an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 4th Cavalry Regiment of the Army's 1st Squadron and stationed in Schweinfurt, Germany.

Army SPC Donald R. McCune, 20, of Ypsilanti died on August 5, 2004, in Landstuhl, Germany, of injuries he received when an improvised explosive device detonated near his patrol in Balad. McCune was assigned to the Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 161st Infantry Regiment, 81st Brigade Combat Team and stationed in Moses Lake, WA.

Army SPC Dana Wilson, Hudsonville, 26, of Fountain, CO, died on July 11, 2004, near Al Hillah when the vehicle Wilson was riding in was involved in a head-on collision with another vehicle. Wilson was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 94th Field Artillery Brigade in Baumholder, Germany. Wilson's mother lives in Hudsonville.

Army SSG Donald N. Davis, 42, of Saginaw died on August 24, 2004, when a tractor and a tanker trailer rolled over an embankment in Fallujah, Iraq. Davis was assigned to the U.S. Army Reserve's 660th Transportation Company in Zanesville, OH.

Army SGT Carl Thomas, 29, a native of Detroit who lived in Phoenix before being stationed at Fort Hood, TX, died on September 13, 2004, when a homemade explosive detonated near his

Army observation post in Baghdad. Thomas was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment.

Army PVT Mark Barbret, 22, of Macomb County's Shelby Township died on October 14, 2004, when the Humvee he was riding in hit a roadside bomb near Ramadi, Iraq. Barbret was an Army mechanic with the 2nd Infantry Division.

Army SPC Don A. Clary, of Troy, Kansas died on November 8, 2004, in Baghdad when a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device detonated near his convoy. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 130th Field Artillery, Kansas National Guard in Horton, KS. Clary's mother resides in Flint.

Army PFC Dennis Miller Jr., 21, of La Salle died on November 10, 2004, after his unit came under attack and a rocket-propelled grenade struck his tank in Ramadi, Iraq. Miller was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division.

Marine LCpl Justin D. Reppuhn, 20, of Hemlock died on November 11, 2004, as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province. Reppuhn was assigned to motor transport duties with the 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division.

Marine LCpl Justin M. Ellsworth, 20, of Mount Pleasant died on November 14, 2004, while on reconnaissance during the U.S. assault on Fallujah. He was assigned to a Combat Service Support Battalion 1 in the First Marine Expeditionary Force in Camp Pendleton, CA.

Marine LCpl Michael Wayne Hanks, 22, of Gregory, died on November 17, 2004, as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, in the First Marine Expeditionary Force. The Marines issued him a formal commendation on May 11, 2003, for saving the life of an Iraqi civilian in Ash Shatra, 170 miles south of Baghdad.

Marine Cpl Gentian Marku, 22, of Warren, died on November 25, 2004, as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province. Marku was assigned to 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force and stationed at Camp Lejeune, NC. He was awarded medals for good conduct, humanitarian service, combat action, and other activities. Marku moved to the United States from Albania when he was 14.

Army SPC Corey Hubbell, Holly, 20, of Urbana, Illinois died on June 26, 2004, in Camden Yards, Kuwait, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Hubbell died from a non-combat related cause. Hubbell was assigned to Company B, 46th Engineer Battalion, Fort Rucker, AL. Hubbell's father resides in Holly.

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CALIFORNIA'S FALLEN HEROES

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to 66 young Americans who have been killed in Iraq since October

7. All of them were from California or were based in California.

SPC Morgen N. Jacobs, age 20, died October 7 in Tikrit, of injuries sustained in Aaliyah on October 6, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his patrol vehicle. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany. He was from Santa Cruz, CA.

PFC First Class Andrew Halverson, age 19, died October 9 as result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

CPL Ian T. Zook, age 24, died October 12 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, CA.

PFC Oscar A. Martinez, age 19, died October 13 as result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to I Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, Camp Pendleton, CA.

Lance CPL Victor A. Gonzalez, age 19, was killed in action October 13 from an explosion while conducting combat operations in the Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA. He was from Watsonville, CA.

2LT Lt. Paul M. Felsbert, age 27, died October 13 as result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

MAJ Charles R. Soltes, Jr., age 36, died October 13 in Mosul when an improvised explosive device detonated near his convoy vehicle. He was assigned to the Army Reserve's 426th Civil Affairs Battalion, Upland, CA. He was from Irvine, CA.

PVT David L. Waters, age 19, died October 14 in Baghdad when an improvised explosive device detonated near his convoy vehicle. He was assigned to the Army's 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum, NY. He was from Auburn, CA.

CPL William I. Salazar, age 26, died October 15 from wounds received as result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to Headquarters Battalion, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

SGT Douglas E. Bascom, age 25, died October 20 as result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was a member of the Individual Ready Reserves who was mobilized and assigned to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

LCpl Jonathan E. Gadsden, age 21, died October 22 at the James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital in Tampa, Florida, from injuries received during enemy action in Al Anbar Province on August 21. He was assigned to 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

LCpl Richard P. Slocum, age 19, died October 24 due to a non-combat related vehicle accident near Abu Ghraib, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA. He was from Saugus, CA.

CPL Brian Oliveira, age 22, died October 25 from injuries received from enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

LCpl Jeremy D. Bow, age 20, died October 30 due to enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, Marine Corps Base Hawaii. He was from Lemoore, CA.

1LT Matthew D. Lynch, age 25, died October 31 from enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

LCpl Jared P. Hubbard, age 22, died November 4 when he sustained fatal wounds from an explosion while conducting combat operations in the Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA. He was from Clovis, CA.

CPL Jeremiah A. Baro, age 21, died November 4 when he sustained fatal shrapnel wounds from an explosion while conducting combat operations in the Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA. He was from Fresno, CA.

LCpl Sean M. Langley, age 20, died November 7 from injuries received as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

SPC Quoc Binh Tran, age 26, died November 7 in Baghdad from wounds sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his military vehicle. He was assigned to the Army National Guard's 181st Support Battalion, San Bernardino, CA. He was from Mission Viejo, CA.

LCpl Thomas J. Zapp, age 20, died November 8 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to Combat Service Support Battalion 1, Combat Service Support Group 11, 1st Force Service Support Group, Camp Pendleton, CA.

LCpl Juan E. Segura, age 26, died November 9 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

CPL William C. James, age 24, died November 9 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA. He was from Huntington Beach, CA.

LCpl Nicholas D. Larson, age 19, died November 9 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

LCpl Nathan R. Wood, age 19, died November 9 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

LCpl Abraham Simpson, age 19, died November 9 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA. He was from Chino, CA.

LCpl Erick J. Hodges, age 21, died November 10 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA. He was from Bay Point, CA.

SSG Gene Ramirez, age 28, died November 10 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

SSG Michael C. Ottolini, age 45, died November 10 in Balad, Iraq when an improvised explosive device detonated near his up-armored HMMWV. He was assigned to the Army National Guard's 579th Engineer Battalion, Petaluma, CA. He was from Sebastopol, CA.

LCpl Justin D. Reppuhn, age 20, died November 11 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

CPL Theodore A. Bowling, age 25, died November 11 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

SSG Theodore S. Holder, II, age 27, died November 11 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

2LT James P. Blecksmith, age 24, died November 11 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA. He was from San Marino, CA.

LCpl Kyle W. Burns, age 20, died November 11 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

CPL Jarrod L. Maher, age 21, died November 12 as result of a non-hostile gunshot wound at Abu Ghraib. His death is under investigation. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

SGT Morgan W. Strader, age 23, died November 12 as result of enemy action

in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

LCpl Nicholas H. Anderson, age 19, died November 12 in a vehicle incident while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

LCpl Justin M. Ellsworth, age 20, died November 13 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to Combat Service Support Battalion 1, Combat Service Support Group 11, 1st Force Service Support Group, Camp Pendleton, CA.

SGT Byron W. Norwood, age 25, died November 13 as result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

LCpl Benjamin S. Bryan, age 23, died November 13 as result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

LCpl Victor R. Lu, age 22, was killed in action November 13 from small arms fire while conducting combat operation in the Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA. He was from Los Angeles, CA.

LCpl Justin D. McLeese, age 19, died November 14 as result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

CPL Dale A. Burger, age 21, died November 14 as result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

CPL Andres H. Perez, age 21, was killed in action November 14 from an explosion while conducting combat operation in the Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA. He was from Santa Cruz, CA.

LCpl Jeramy A. Ailes, age 22, was killed in action November 15 from small arms fire while conducting combat operation in the Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA. He was from Gilroy, CA.

LCpl George J. Payton, age 20, died November 14 after sustaining fatal injuries while conducting combat operations in the Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA. He was from Culver City, CA.

SGT Rafael Peralta, age 25, died November 15 as result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, Marine Corps Base Hawaii. He was from San Diego, CA.

CPL Marc T. Ryan, age 25, died November 15 as result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

LCpl James E. Swain, age 20, died November 15 as result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to Headquarters Battalion, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

LCpl Shane E. Kielion, age 23, died November 15 as result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

CPT Patrick Marc M. Rapicault, age 34, died November 15 as result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

LCpl Antoine D. Smith, age 22, died November 15 as result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

PFC Cole W. Larsen, age 19, died November 13 in Baghdad when a civilian vehicle struck his military vehicle causing it to roll over. He was assigned to the 272nd Military Police Company, 21st Theater Support Command, Mannheim, Germany. He was from Canyon Country, CA.

CPL Lance M. Thompson, age 21, died November 15 as result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

PFC Jose Ricardo Flores-Mejia, age 21, died November 16 in Mosul when an improvised explosive device hit his convoy. He was assigned to the 25th Transportation Company, Schofield Barracks, HI. He was from Santa Clarita, CA.

SGT Christopher T. Heflin, age 26, died November 16 as result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

LCpl Luis A. Figueroa, age 21, was killed in action November 18 from small arms fire while conducting combat operations in the Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA. He was from Los Angeles, CA.

LCpl Michael W. Hanks, age 22, died November 17 as result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

LCpl Phillip G. West, age 19, died November 19 after sustaining fatal bilateral shrapnel wounds to his legs from an explosion while conducting combat operations in the Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA. He was from American Canyon, CA.

CPL Joseph J. Heredia, age 22, died November 20 in Landstuhl, Germany from wounds received as result of enemy action on November 10 in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA. He was from Santa Maria, CA.

LCpl Joseph T. Welke, age 20, died November 20 in Landstuhl, Germany from wounds received as result of enemy action on November 19 in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

CPL Kirk J. Bosselmann, age 21, died November 27 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, NC. He was from Napa, CA.

LCpl Jordan D. Winkler, age 19, died November 26 due to a non-combat related incident at Camp Fallujah. The incident is under investigation. He was assigned to Combat Service Support Battalion 1, Combat Service Support Group 11, 1st Force Service Support Group, Camp Pendleton, CA.

SGT Trinidad R. Martinezluis, age 22, died November 28 in Baqubah when his 5-ton vehicle rolled over and pinned him underwater. He was assigned to the Army's 201st Forward Support Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, Vilseck, Germany. He was from Los Angeles, CA.

LCpl Blake A. Magaoay, age 20, died November 29 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

SPC Sergio R. Diazvarela, age 21, died November 24 in Ar Ramadi when an improvised explosive device detonated near his dismounted patrol.

He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, Camp Howze, Korea. He was from Lomita, CA.

CPL Bryan S. Wilson, age 22, died December 1 as result of a non-hostile vehicle incident in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA.

Mr. President, 349 soldiers who were either from California or based in California have been killed while serving our country in Iraq. I pray for these young Americans and their families.

I would also like to pay tribute to the 25 soldiers from or based in California who have died while serving our country in Operation Enduring Freedom.

SSG Brian C. Prosser, age 28, was killed December 5, 2001 by ordnance from a B-52 aircraft north of Kandahar, Afghanistan.

He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group, Fort Campbell, KY. He was from Panorama City, CA.

SGT Jeannette L. Winters, age 25, was killed January 9, 2002 as result of a KC-130/R aircraft crash in Pakistan.

She was assigned to Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 352, whose home base is the Marine Corps Air Station at Miramar, CA.

LCpl Bryan P. Bertrand, age 23, was killed January 9, 2002 as result of a KC-130/R aircraft crash in Pakistan.

He was assigned to Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 352, whose home base is the Marine Corps Air Station at Miramar, CA.

SGT Nathan P. Hays, age 21, was killed January 9, 2002 as result of a KC-130/R aircraft crash in Pakistan.

He was assigned to Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 352, whose home base is the Marine Corps Air Station at Miramar, CA.

SSG Scott N. Germosen, age 37, was killed January 9, 2002 as result of a KC-130/R aircraft crash in Pakistan.

He was assigned to Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 352, whose home base is the Marine Corps Air Station at Miramar, CA.

GySgt Stephen L. Bryson, age 35, was killed January 9, 2002 as result of a KC-130/R aircraft crash in Pakistan.

He was assigned to Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 352, whose home base is the Marine Corps Air Station at Miramar, CA.

CPT Daniel G. McCollum, age 29, was killed January 9, 2002 as result of a KC-130/R aircraft crash in Pakistan.

He was assigned to Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 352, whose home base is the Marine Corps Air Station at Miramar, CA.

CPT Matthew W. Bancroft, age 29, was killed January 9, 2002 as result of a KC-130/R aircraft crash in Pakistan.

He was assigned to Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 352, whose home base is the Marine Corps Air Station at Miramar, CA. He was from Shasta, CA.

SSG Dwight J. Morgan, age 24, was killed January 20, 2002 when a Marine CH-53E crashed in a remote region south of Bagram in Northern Afghanistan.

He was assigned to Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 361, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station, Miramar, CA. He was from Mendocino, CA.

SSG Walter F. Cohee, III, age 26, was killed January 20, 2002 when a Marine CH-53E crashed in a remote region south of Bagram in Northern Afghanistan. He was assigned to Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 361, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station, Miramar, CA.

SrA Jason D. Cunningham, age 26, was killed in action March 4, 2002 in eastern Afghanistan during Operation Anaconda. He was assigned to 38th Rescue Squadron, Moody Air Force Base, GA. He was from Camarillo, CA.

Petty Officer 1st Class Neil C. Roberts, age 32, was killed in action March 4, 2002 in eastern Afghanistan during Operation Anaconda.

He was assigned to the Navy SEALs, Little Creek Naval Amphibious Base, Norfolk-Virginia Beach. He was from Woodland, CA.

SGT Jamie O. Maugans, age 27, was killed April 15, 2002 in Qandahar, Afghanistan as the result of an explosion during explosive clearing operations. He was assigned to the 710th Explosive Ordnance Detachment, San Diego, CA.

SSG Justin J. Galewski, age 28, was killed April 15, 2002 in Qandahar, Afghanistan as the result of an explosion during explosive clearing operations. He was assigned to the 710th Explosive Ordnance Detachment, San Diego, CA.

SSG Brian T. Craig, age 27, was killed April 15, 2002 in Qandahar, Afghanistan as the result of an explosion during explosive clearing operations. He was assigned to the 710th Explosive Ordnance Detachment, San Diego, CA.

TSSgt Sean M. Corlew, age 37, was killed June 12, 2002 in the crash of a U.S. Air Force MC-130H in the Paktika province of Afghanistan. He was assigned to the Air Force's 16th Special Operations Wing at Hurlburt Field, FL. He was from Thousand Oaks, CA.

LCpl Antonio J. Sledd, age 20, was killed October 8, 2002 in Kuwait. He died from wounds received in action while participating in an urban exercise as part of Exercise Eager Mace.

He was assigned to Lima Company, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, Camp Pendleton, CA.

SGT Gregory M. Frampton, age 37, died January 30, 2003 when a MH-60L Black Hawk helicopter crashed during a training mission in Bagram.

He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY. He was from Fresno, CA.

PFC James R. Dillon, Jr., age 19, died March 13, 2003 in Kuwait as the result of a gunshot wound. He was assigned to 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, Marine Corps Air-Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, CA.

1st Class Petty Officer Thomas E. Retzer, age 30, died of wounds received in action June 25, 2003 in Afghanistan. He was assigned to the Navy SEALs at Virginia Beach, VA. He was from San Diego, CA.

SFC Mitchell A. Lane, age 34, died August 29, 2003 of injuries received from a fall while conducting a fast rope infiltration into a known enemy cave complex in Afghanistan. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group, Fort Bragg, NC. He was from Lompoc, CA.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Darrell Jones, age 22, died October 8, 2003 of non-combat related injuries in the United Arab Emirates. He was assigned to the USS Higgins, San Diego, CA.

SPC Adam G. Kinser, age 21, was killed January 29, 2004, west of Ghazni, Afghanistan when he was working around a weapons cache and there was an explosion.

He was assigned to the 304th Psychological Operations Company, U.S. Army Reserve, Sacramento, CA. He was from Rio Vista, CA.

CPL Billy Gomez, age 25, died October 27, 2004 in Landstuhl, Germany

from injuries sustained when his vehicle struck an improvised explosive device in Naka, Afghanistan on October 20.

He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks, HA. He was from Perris, CA.

CPL Dale E. Fracker, Jr., age 23, died on November 24 in Deh Rawod, Afghanistan, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his unit.

He was assigned to the Army's 2nd Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment, 25th Light Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, HA. He was from Apple Valley, CA.

Mr. President, 25 soldiers who were either from California or based in California have been killed while serving our country in Operation Enduring Freedom. I pray for these Americans and their families.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL TASK FORCE REPORT

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I commend to my colleagues the November 2004 Task Force Report of the Foreign Affairs Council entitled "Secretary Colin Powell's State Department: An Independent Assessment."

This nonpartisan report prepared under of the sponsorship of the Council and on behalf of the 11 organizations that comprise the Council represents the work of some of the most distinguished leaders in our Nation's foreign policy establishment.

The report chronicles the impressive achievements of Secretary Powell and Deputy Secretary Armitage and their team over the last 4 years.

One of Secretary Powell's greatest achievements was his effort to reform the leadership culture of the State Department. Through an increased focus on the management, training and empowerment of the Department's Foreign Service officers and civil servants, the Secretary strengthened the team of individuals who execute our Nation's foreign policy. Secretary Powell complemented these management changes with key steps to raise morale and foster team spirit.

The Secretary has been personally committed to working with interested Members of Congress to strengthen the Department over the past 4 years. He most notably worked to improve diplomatic readiness including: the hiring of new officers, a commitment to long-term training, especially language training; and significant improvements in information technology infrastructure. He addressed staff shortages stemming from budget cuts in the Nineties by recruiting and hiring more Foreign Service officers, consular officers, and diplomatic security personnel. In the area of information technology, Secretary Powell provided desktop access to the Internet for all State Department employees worldwide and developed a state-of-the-art messaging system to replace the cur-

rent World War II telegram system. Most recently, he decided to strengthen the Department's capacity to play a major role in planning, organizing and leading the civilian component of stabilization and reconstruction operations.

Secretary Powell worked to overcome a crisis in embassy construction and security in which only one new safe and functional embassy was being built each year. The State Department is currently managing \$4 billion in construction projects in comparison to the \$700 million when Secretary Powell took office. Committed to improvements in embassy security, the Secretary has overseen the construction of 13 embassies in 2-year period—completing these projects on time and under budget. Twenty-six additional embassy projects are currently underway. With Congressional support for full funding, this building program can be completed and all our departments and agencies operating overseas will enjoy safer and more functional work environments as soon as possible.

The foreign policy achievements of Secretary Powell are many. Soon after assuming his post, the Secretary adeptly managed the crisis over the shoot down of an American P-3 aircraft over China. He has worked tirelessly to achieve United States objectives in the war on terrorism. He has sought to strengthen important relationships with Russia, China, India, Pakistan, and has provided critical support for further expansion of NATO. The Secretary has exhibited distinguished leadership promoting United States interests around the globe. He has represented our country honorably and ably overseas and is widely known and admired on every continent.

Secretary Powell has also worked to strengthen relations on the domestic front. Upon assuming his position, the Secretary committed to improving relations between the State Department and the Congress. I think many who have worked with the Secretary during his tenure would attest to the achievement of this goal.

I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Secretary Powell on his success and in wishing him well in any future endeavor he undertakes.

I ask unanimous consent that the executive summary of this report be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

SECRETARY COLIN POWELL'S STATE DEPARTMENT: AN INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT—NOVEMBER 2004

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In the summer of 2000 some 1,400 Foreign Service personnel, a quarter of the officer corps, attached their names to an Internet protest of their working conditions. In early 2004 the State Department had 200 Civil and Foreign Service volunteers, more than it could handle, for the 146 positions it was opening in Baghdad. The difference was Colin Powell and the gifted team of senior managers he assembled at the State Department.

Secretary Powell arrived at the State Department determined to fix a broken institution. He launched a two-pronged strategy. First, change the leadership culture so that managers at all levels focus on training, empowering and taking care of their people. Second, remedy critical management deficiencies: (1) restore diplomatic readiness by rebuilding State's staff; (2) give State modern information technology (IT); (3) focus on security of the nation (visas and passports), of information and of Americans abroad, including U.S. government employees (also involves holding overseas staffs to the minimum necessary—right-sizing); (4) assure safe, healthy and secure facilities, especially overseas buildings; and (5) relate budgets to agreed strategies, policies and priorities. Visa and passport security required reshaping consular affairs to deal with the post-9/11 world. Secretary Powell also had to address two other major management issues: improving State's congressional relations and overhauling public diplomacy following the 1999 merger of USIA into State.

The accomplishments are extraordinary:

Employees at all levels, Foreign Service and Civil Service alike, feel empowered and respected. Morale is robust. "One Mission, One Team" has taken root as a value.

Leadership and management training are now mandatory for all mid-level and senior officers. Career candidates for Ambassador or Deputy Chief of Mission (DCM) appointments have the inside track if they have demonstrated leadership qualities. The Foreign Service employee representative, the American Foreign Service Association (AFSA), wants to write this practice into the permanent rulebook.

Congress has given State virtually all of the resources Secretary Powell requested. Congress understands that the increases for diplomatic readiness, information technology, overseas buildings and diplomatic security are permanent parts of the budget, not one-time catch-up costs.

State has achieved most of its Diplomatic Readiness Initiative (DRI) staffing goals. With its new, first-rate recruitment and marketing program, State has redressed in three years almost the entire personnel deficit of the 1990s (some 2,000 employees hired above attrition) and increased the diversity and quality of Foreign Service officers and specialists.

All the hardware for modern IT is now installed and on a four-year replacement cycle. All desks are finally linked worldwide. Information security is greatly enhanced. A new, robust, state-of-the-art message and archiving system (SMART) is being tested to do away with yesteryear's inadequate telegrams and their risky distribution and storage.

The new Overseas Buildings Office (OBO) has completed 13 safe, secure, functional buildings in two years and under budget. Twenty-six more are on the way. This contrasts with the pre-2002 rate of about one building per year. Congress and OMB have praised OBO effusively. Security upgrades have thwarted terrorist attacks at several posts.

The Deputy Secretary personally chairs the senior reviews of the Bureaus' Performance Plans (BPPs—policy-related budgets) and the bureaus in turn hold ambassadors accountable for their Mission Performance Plans (MPPs).

The senior reviews include USAID. There is a first-ever five-year Joint State-USAID Strategic Plan. And the new State-USAID Joint Management Councils, one for policy and one for management operations, are running effectively.

There are experiments with "virtual posts" which aid "right-sizing" and public