

# THE OPENING OF A NEW HATFIELD-McCOY TRAIL HONORING THE FOUNDER, LEFF MOORE

• Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, monumental achievements are the work of visionary people. On the celebratory occasion marking the opening of a new 100-mile section of the Hatfield-McCoy recreational trail in Wyoming County, it is important to take the time to honor the visionary behind this monumental accomplishment, the late O.L. "Leff" Moore. Leff Moore was one of the wisest men I have ever had the great pleasure of knowing, and I consider it an honor to call him my dear friend. I had a habit of calling him "Uncle Leff". He just had that affect on people. He had this unique way of encouraging and inspiring people to come together and do great work for their communities. It was rare to hear a negative word from Leff. He was an optimistic who truly thought ahead of his time.

Leff was a driving force in the West Virginia Democratic Party, a life-long civil servant, and a tireless advocate for the safe operation of recreational vehicles. A deep love for the Mountain State ran through everything Leff did in his life, and his commitment to public service was evidenced by the numerous boards and committees he served on. His vision and leadership were widely respected in Putnam County, and his efforts contributed greatly to the area's growth and success. In recognition for his work, Leff was the only two-time recipient of the respected Putnam County Chamber of Commerce Mayo Lester Award.

Born in 1943, the son of Orville L. Moore, Sr. and Margaret Peyton Moore, Leff graduated Winfield High School and West Virginia State College. He served as the executive director of the West Virginia Manufactured Housing Association for more than 30 years where he helped write the policies and set the laws that will govern safe housing practices in West Virginia for future generations.

When his beloved Putnam County started growing rapidly in the 1970's, Leff's vision and determination led to the establishment of Putnam General Hospital, and planning measures brought public water and sewer to aid in the county's growth.

Leff's most stunning success, though, may be the Hatfield-McCoy Regional Recreation Authority trail system in southern West Virginia, which is breathing to new life into an entire region's economy. Over a decade ago when many of us had no idea what ATV's were, Leff somehow knew how popular they would become and saw the potential of marrying ATV's to West Virginia's scenic beauty. With little more than a VHS tape of a Utah trail and his gift for articulating ideas in a way that excited people, he sold even the most skeptical on the benefits of a recreational trail that will eventually reach into Kentucky and Virginia.

Southern West Virginia has already begun to feel the impact of Leff's vi-

sion for the trail as more and more out-of-State tourist dollars flow into the mountains of Mingo, Logan and Boone counties. During the last fiscal year, trail riders bought nearly \$400,000 in trail permits, and this year, the Regional Recreation Authority expects that number to rise 25 to 31 percent. The average visitor who comes to take advantage of the Hatfield-McCoy trails spends between \$250 and \$500 during a 3-day stay.

Even at a conservative estimate, that translates into nearly \$1 million tourist dollars injected into the local economy every month. These visitors to Southern West Virginia stay in local hotels and eat at local restaurants, many of which have sprung up to feed the growing tourist trade.

Leff's plan to stimulate the Southern West Virginia economy and showcase the beauty of the Mountain State has certainly been a resounding triumph thus far, and the potential for further expansion is limitless. The addition of this new section of trail brings the total system up to 500 miles across 4 different counties. I look forward to the day when Leff's original vision of over 2,000 miles of trails over all of Appalachia becomes a reality.

Soon, I will participate in the grand opening of the Wyoming County section of the Trail, and I am very happy about what it will mean for the area. I am also proud of all the Wyoming County officials who worked so hard to make the Trail a reality, but there will be a deep sadness in my heart as I miss my friend Leff Moore. I am comforted, however, because I know that his passion and vision for the people of West Virginia will guarantee that he is never forgotten in the hearts of many communities. I know that as his vision continues to expand into a reality, the legacy of Leff Moore will live on for a long time in many positive ways for West Virginia. •

## TRIBUTE TO LTG JAMES E. SHERRARD

• Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to an exceptional officer in the United States Air Force and a good friend, LTG James E. Sherrard III, upon his retirement after more than 38 years of distinguished service. Throughout his career, General Sherrard has personified the Air Force core values of integrity, selfless service, and excellence across the many missions the Air Force provides in defense of our Nation. As Chief of Air Force Reserve, many of us on Capitol Hill have enjoyed the opportunity to work with General Sherrard on a wide variety of Air Force issue and programs and it is my privilege to recognize his many accomplishments. I commend his superb service to the United States Air Force and this great Nation.

General Sherrard is a native of Tutwiler, MS, and graduated from the University of Mississippi's Reserve Officer Training Corps program in 1965.

His career has spanned a variety of operational assignments and major command staff functions. The general has commanded the 910th Airlift Wing at Youngstown, OH; the 433rd Airlift Wing at San Antonio, TX; the 4th Air Force, March Air Reserve Base, CA; and 22nd Air Force, Dobbins Air Reserve Base, GA. Currently, General Sherrard serves as both the Chief of Air Force Reserve and Commander, Air Force Reserve Command. He is a command pilot with more than 5,000 hours in the T-41, T-37, T-38, C-130A/B/E/H, AC-130A, C-141B, and C-5A/B. In 1996, he received special recognition from the Air Force enlisted force with the presentation of the Order of the Sword.

General Sherrard's exceptional leadership skills have been evident to both supervisors and subordinates throughout his career as he repeatedly led and inspired those around him. He was the Chief of Air Force Reserve during the most demanding period in history for the Reserve Components. Under his tenure, the Air Force Reserve successfully experienced the largest mobilization since the Korean War. Cumulatively, more than 28,000 members of the command have been activated since September 11, 2001, with 5,300 members still on orders in support of the Global War on Terror, OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, OPERATION NOBLE EAGLE and OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM.

During his term as the Chief of Air Force Reserve, General Sherrard has always maintained a "People First" philosophy. He has called on each member of his team to advance legislative strategies, readiness, and quality of life issues that are absolutely essential to maintaining both active and reserve components of our all volunteer force. The results of his efforts include a Montgomery GI Bill Kicker for the Selected Reserve and extension of eligibility from 10 to 14 years; command responsibility pay; hostile fire and imminent danger pays for Reservists on inactive duty; expanded TRICARE benefits; lodging reimbursements during leave; and commissary privileges for all reservists. General Sherrard has been the driving force on every major Air Force Reserve issue from rebalancing the force structure between the Reserve and Active components to updating Cold War era laws to more effectively employ Reserve members.

On behalf of Congress and the United States of America, I thank General Sherrard, his wife Marsha, and their entire family for the commitment, sacrifices, and contribution that they have made throughout his honorable military career. Congratulations on completing an exceptional and extremely successful career. •

## MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:19 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Chiapparti, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in

which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4200. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, for other purposes.

H.R. 4359. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the child tax credit.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 2092. An act to address the participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 4279. To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the disposition of unused health benefits in cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements, to improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system, and to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to improve access and choice for entrepreneurs with small businesses with respect to medical care for their employees.

S. 2451. A bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to restore the application date for country of origin labeling.

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 4200. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2005, and for other purposes.

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The following enrolled bills, previously signed by the Speaker, were signed on today, May 21, 2004, by the acting President pro tempore (Mr. CHAFEE).

H.R. 408. An act to provide for expansion of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore.

H.R. 708. An act to require the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in Mendocino National Forest, California, to provide for the use of the proceeds from such conveyance for National Forest purposes, and for other purposes.

H.R. 856. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to revise a repayment contract with the Tom Green County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, San Angelo project, Texas, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1598. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in projects within the San Diego Creek Watershed, California, and for other purposes.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with amendments:

S. 2273. A bill to provide increased rail transportation security (Rept. No. 108-278).

#### 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 Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. CORZINE, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. REED):

S. 2473. A bill to require payment of appropriated funds that are illegally disbursed for political purposes by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ALLARD (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 2474. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow penalty-free withdrawals from retirement plans during the period that a military reservist or national guardsman is called to active duty for an extended period, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 2475. A bill to require enhanced disclosure to consumers regarding the consequences of making only minimum required payments in the repayment of credit card debt; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. KYL (for himself, Mr. MILLER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. ROBERTS):

S. 2476. A bill to amend the USA PATRIOT Act to repeal the sunsets; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 2477. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to expand college access and increase college persistence, to simplify the process of applying for student assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEVIN:

S. 2478. A bill for the relief of Mohamad Derani, Maha Felo Derani, and Tarek Derani; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. 2479. A bill to amend chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for Federal employees to make elections to make, modify, and terminate contributions to the Thrift Savings Fund at any time, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. GRASSLEY:

S. 2480. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to research and prevent drug impaired driving; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. HAGEL):

S. Con. Res. 112. A concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Purple Heart Recognition Day; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Con. Res. 113. A concurrent resolution recognizing the importance of early diagnosis, proper treatment, and enhanced public awareness of Tourette Syndrome and supporting the goals and ideals of National Tourette Syndrome Awareness Month; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 13

At the request of Mr. KYL, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 13, a bill to provide financial security to family farm and small business owners by ending the unfair practice of taxing someone at death.

S. 333

At the request of Mr. BREAU, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 333, a bill to promote elder justice, and for other purposes.

S. 491

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 491, a bill to expand research regarding inflammatory bowel disease, and for other purposes.

S. 875

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE), the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) were added as cosponsors of S. 875, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an income tax credit for the provision of homeownership and community development, and for other purposes.

S. 989

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. 989, a bill to provide death and disability benefits for aerial firefighters who work on a contract basis for a public agency and suffer death or disability in the line of duty, and for other purposes.

S. 1142

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) were added as cosponsors of S. 1142, a bill to provide disadvantaged children with access to dental services.

S. 1381

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1381, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify certain provisions relating to the treatment of forestry activities.

S. 1411

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) were added as cosponsors of S. 1411, a bill to establish a