

Ron conceptualized and initiated innovations in the use of video and advanced communication systems, which are revolutionizing the way health services are provided to people with exceptional needs. His seminal work in interactive video promises to improve both the accessibility and quality of supports to those with developmental, mental and physical challenges, and brings us closer to our dream of insuring that all citizens lead a full and healthy life. The intellect and energy that Ron applied toward that goal must be regarded as an olympic performance.

Of Ron's contributions to the field of telehealth and to society, those close to him knew that he most valued his role as a father to his sons, Ron and Ken. With his many accomplishments, he unfailingly looked to his sons as his greatest source of pride and of joy.

It is an honor to recognize Ronald R. Mazik for his contributions to all of our lives.

RETIREMENT OF JAMES E. McMULLEN

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, today I rise to honor James E. McMullen, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Budget and Strategic Planning of the Department of Labor on the occasion of his retirement. In his capacity as Deputy Assistant Secretary, Mr. McMullen was responsible for the Department's management and implementation of the Government Performance and Results Act, GPRA, and provided senior departmental staff with recommendations, guidance, and assistance in making decisions and selecting appropriate alternatives to meet short- and long-range budget goals. Mr. McMullen was also responsible for the development of policies, systems, and procedures for the Department's budget of \$60 billion, and was charged with planning, directing, and coordinating the formulation and presentation of the Department's budget submissions to the Office of Management and Budget and to Congress.

Mr. McMullen has served as Associate Deputy Secretary of Labor. In that position he assisted the Deputy Secretary in the Development of positions on major policy issues and provided policy guidance and program direction to Assistant Secretaries.

Mr. McMullen previously served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management. In that position, he was responsible for the day-to-day management of the Department's budget, human resources, information technology, administrative services, grant and contract policy, civil rights, and safety and health.

Mr. McMullen served as the Department of Labor's Budget Director for several years. He joined the Department's Office of Budget in August 1980 and held several positions of increasing responsibility. Mr. McMullen came to the Department of Labor as a Presidential management intern. During his

internship, he worked for the House Appropriations Committee and the Office of Management and Budget, as well as several locations within the Department.

In April 2004 he received the Philip Arnow Award, which is the highest honor given to a career employee in the Department of Labor. In 1999 he received the Meritorious Executive Rank Award, and he has received special recognition from the William A. Jump Memorial Foundation for his outstanding achievements in public service.

I have been either chairman or ranking member of the Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee since January 1989, working in partnership with Senator TOM HARKIN. For all these years, Jim McMullen has been a fixture at our budget hearings, and has provided outstanding assistance to our committee. His will be hard shoes to fill, and he will be missed. We wish him well in his future endeavors, and thank him for his dedication to duty, hard work, and professionalism that set such a high standard for others to follow in public service.

AMERICAN LEGION PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT COMMANDER ROBERT D. "BOB" SHALALA

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, today I recognize an American patriot whose commitment and dedication to the cause of our veterans has been long established. From 1960 to 1964, Bob Shalala served on active duty in the United States Navy aboard the U.S.S. *Galveston*, the U.S.S. *Wright* and the U.S.S. *Fred T. Berry*. Before his active duty ended, he served as the aide to the Commanding Officer of a naval air squadron and was also selected to join the Navy's Blue Jacket Choir, which entertained audiences around the country. Returning to Pennsylvania, he started his illustrious 40-year career as a Philadelphia police officer and twice was selected as Police Officer of the Year.

His remarkable career in the American Legion of Pennsylvania began with the Legion's Philadelphia Police Post. In the next 37 years, Bob gave new meaning to the word "leadership" as he served in every position from the Post level to District Commander to Sectional Commander to the top position—Department Commander. In between, he managed to chair a host of different committees and served as the Pennsylvania American Legion top membership recruiter for 2 years while placing second nationally in the Legion's membership effort.

Not surprisingly, Bob Shalala's goal as Department Commander over the past year has been to improve and promote membership. The American Legion in the State of Pennsylvania is the largest in the country and the position of Department Commander is a formidable one. From peers and mem-

bers comes that Bob accepted the challenge of leadership and has set a high standard for his successors to emulate. An excellent spokesman, Bob Shalala departs his position as Department Commander in July 2004 with the gratitude of the Department's 240,000 members for a job performed exceedingly well. As the mantle of leadership passes to a new Department Commander, I express my gratitude to Bob Shalala for serving Pennsylvania veterans with such alacrity and dedication. He has faced the churning sea and completed his mission. In nautical terms that Navy men will understand, I raise high the flag hoist signaling Bravo Zulu—well done.

PENNSYLVANIA AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY PRESIDENT ANN CONEYBEER

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, today, I honor the many women who serve our veterans through their tireless efforts and membership in auxiliaries of such organizations as the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion to name a few. These women, the wives, mothers, sisters and daughters of veterans give tirelessly of their time to provide needed assistance and funding to veterans and their families in the communities.

In particular, I cite Ann Coneybeer—the outgoing President of the Pennsylvania American Legion Auxiliary. In July 2004, Ann will complete her tour of duty in this elected position.

Ann had four brothers who served in World War II thus making her eligible for membership in the Legion. For the past 41 years she has been a very active member where she has served as Unit President, Western Vice President and Department Vice President. In between Ann held a number of chairmanships at the State level including Leadership, Americanism, Constitution and By-Laws, Finance, Membership, Parliamentarian, Poppy and Veterans Affairs & Rehab and Children and Youth. Serving as Chairman is often a thankless job, but Ann fulfilled these responsibilities with dedication, energy and persistence.

As Ann Coneybeer departs office, I extend to her my thanks and the thanks of Pennsylvania veterans and their families for her many years of service, for her leadership and, most of all, for her belief in the cause of our Nation's veterans and our Nation's principles. She is truly a great American and it is a privilege that I honor her today.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2003

● Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about the need for hate crimes legislation. On May 1, 2003, Senator KENNEDY and I introduced the-

Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act, a bill that would add new categories to current hate crimes law, sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society.

On February 10, 2000, in Bay Shore, NY, Javier Morales was charged with allegedly assaulting a man he believed was gay.

I believe that Government's first duty is to defend its citizens, to defend them against the harms that come out of hate. The Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act is a symbol that can become substance. I believe that by passing this legislation and changing current law, we can change hearts and minds as well. ●

RETIREMENT OF DR. TALLEY

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to acknowledge the work of a wonderfully talented individual, whose leadership has helped the University of South Dakota Medical School grow, and advance an excellent reputation within the national health care community during his 17-year tenure as dean. At the age of 68, Dr. Robert Talley retires from his role as dean to become the University of South Dakota's interim director for internal medicine residency in Sioux Falls, where he will continue to teach and guide our South Dakota medical community.

Dr. Talley graduated from the University of Michigan in 1958 and from the University of Chicago Medical School in 1962. He went on to Yale New Haven Hospital where he pursued an internship and residency. He then completed cardiology and clinical pharmacology fellowships at Grady Memorial Hospital in 1969.

Dr. Talley's career took him to various positions in San Antonio, with the University of Texas Medical School and Veterans Administration Hospital from 1969 through 1975. He became the chairman of the USD Department of Internal Medicine in 1975, and was promoted to dean in 1987. Dr. Talley was a founding member of the Medical Service Plan, the predecessor of University Physicians.

While Dr. Talley served as dean, the medical school received full accreditation during each review. Dr. Talley developed a model of medical student clinical education, which is considered cutting edge in the United States, and helped to form unique partnerships with the South Dakota Health Science Research Foundation and the Wegner Health Science Information Center. In the past 5 years, funded research in the basic biomedical sciences division alone grew 189 percent, resulting in great part from Dr. Talley's reorganization of the basic biomedical sciences division at the university. Dr. Talley provided outstanding leadership in medical education and is responsible for significant innovation in USD's approach to the education of South Dakota's health care providers.

At the national level, Talley is a member of the Liaison Committee on

Medical Education, which accredits 125 undergraduate medical education programs in the United States. He served as chair of the American Medical Association Section on Medical Schools and chair of the Internal Medicine Committee, National Board of Medical Examiners. Most recently, the American College of Physicians—American Society of Internal Medicine bestowed a Mastership rank on Dr. Talley in recognition of his distinguished contributions to internal medicine.

Dr. Talley could have devoted his talents to private practice. But instead he chose to be an educator—he chose to use his skills in a manner that would enable him to reach a wide circle of individuals and which has had profoundly important public policy consequences.

He knows his students by name and utilizes the wide range of his students' abilities to enhance classroom discussion. His approach to teaching enriches health education on multiple levels that will prepare students for real-life situations in working with patients. Dr. Talley's impact on the University of South Dakota, its students and faculty, and on the entire State will be felt for generations to come. ●

TRIBUTE TO KENT A. SMITH

● Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, as a Member of the Senate who has worked in the area of medical research and health care, I draw the attention of the Congress—and Nation—to the retirement of a truly outstanding civil servant: Kent A. Smith. For the past quarter century, Mr. Smith, as deputy director, has managed the day-to-day operation of the National Library of Medicine, a part of the National Institutes of Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The National Library of Medicine is the largest medical library in the world, and it serves as the indispensable hub of national and international scientific medical communication.

The administrative and managerial astuteness of Mr. Smith has converted the vision of the Library's directors, Donald A.B. Lindberg, M.D., and his predecessor, Martin M. Cummings, M.D., into outstanding operational programs. There are many examples. One of the great success stories at the Library and the National Institutes of Health in the last decade is the National Center for Biotechnology Information. This institution, which serves as the collector and disseminator of molecular sequence data resulting from the Human Genome Program, is absolutely indispensable to the conduct of 21st century biomedical science. Its various web services are used almost a billion times each year by people around the globe. Mr. Smith provided invaluable support to members of the House and Senate, and their staff, in developing the legislation that created the center.

He has also been closely associated with the amazingly successful entry of

the National Library of Medicine into the world of web-based consumer health information relied on by millions of Americans. His skill at managing people and budgets has allowed the Library to move beyond its traditional emphasis on serving exclusively scientists and health professionals. Today, such heavily used consumer information services as MedlinePlus, ClinicalTrials.gov, NIHSeniorHealth.gov, and the Household Products Database are testimony to his success in administering such a diverse institution as the Library now is.

Kent Smith, trained in mathematics, economics, and management, is known to medical librarians around the world. In our country he has had close ties to the 5,000 member institutions of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, and he has championed their cause in many venues. His leadership and tireless efforts have had great impact on the development of federal information policies that ensure broad public access to an expanding universe of electronic government health information resources.

He is also known for his strong leadership of national and international organizations in the information field. He has served as President of the National Federation of Abstracting and Indexing Services, President of the International Council of Scientific and Technical Information, Chair of the Policy Group of the Federal Library and Information Center Committee, Vice President of the UNESCO General Information Program, and Chairman of CENDI, a group of federal scientific and technical information and technology managers.

I am aware that there are many far-sighted and dedicated managers serving the people of the United States. It is a pleasure for me to honor one with whom I am personally acquainted and who, on the occasion of his retirement, richly deserves our thanks for a job well done. ●

IOWA AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNITS

● Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I wish to take this opportunity to recognize the activities of two American Legion Auxiliary Units in Iowa, the Walter T. Enneberg 358 Auxiliary Unit in St. Ansgar, IA, and Auxiliary Unit 278 in Osage, IA. I thank them for their contributions to their communities. I ask unanimous consent that a newspaper article detailing the activities of the St. Ansgar unit and a summary of the activities of the Osage Unit be printed in the RECORD.

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

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AMERICAN LEGION UNIT #358 REVIEW

The American Legion Unit #358 of St. Ansgar, meets on the second Tuesday of each month. The evening starts with a potluck-