

to offer. Reservists are serving on the front lines alongside full-time soldiers. They are facing the same bullets.

They deserve state-of-the-art equipment. However, since the beginning of the Iraq war, we have heard disturbing reports from many Guard and Reserve families in South Dakota, and from national media, that reservists have experienced severe shortages of body armor, night-vision goggles, rifles, and other critical equipment.

I am calling on the GAO to conduct a study about equipment reconstitution in the Guard and Reserve following Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom to assess their equipment needs for future contingencies.

Third, every reservist has the right to adequate, timely, and problem-free compensation.

The GAO has issued two reports in the last several months that call attention to deep-rooted problems in the automated pay system for reservists.

Their most recent report found that as many as 95 percent of reservists have experienced pay problems during their deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan.

My bill will create a position within the Defense Department whose primary responsibility will be to implement the GAO's recommendations and fix the problems with the pay system once and for all.

I also believe that reservists should be compensated for their increased commitment for the last few years. My bill will double the value of re-enlistment bonuses and extend them to career reservists who serve longer than 14 years.

Fourth, every reservist has the right to quality, affordable health care.

For 2 years, Senator LINDSEY GRAHAM and I have been working across the aisle to provide access for all reservists to the military's TRICARE health care system.

This initiative is critical to maintaining readiness among Guard and Reserve units, and will serve as an important recruiting and retention tool as well.

My bill would permanently provide all reservists with access to the military's TRICARE health care system, ensuring that Guard and Reserve personnel are fit to answer duty's call whenever it comes.

Fifth, every reservist has the right to child care during his or her deployment. When members of the Guard and Reserve are deployed for duty, many leave behind families with small children.

For many, Reserve duty makes child care become both more necessary and less affordable. No reservist should have to sacrifice care for his or her children in order to serve their country.

That is why my bill, following on the good work of my colleague Senator MURRAY, would increase funding for child care for families with parents deployed away from home.

Sixth, every reservist has the right to employment when he or she returns from active duty. We cannot ask reservists to fight for their country and then force them to fight for their job once they come home.

Unfortunately, the number of complaints filed by reservists who experience problems with returning to their jobs after a deployment has risen by 50 percent since the war on terrorism began, and there may be hundreds or even thousands of other reservists who have had problems but have not filed complaints.

My bill will strengthen the protections USERRA offers and ensure that reservists know their rights.

Seventh, every reservist has the right to education benefits. The Montgomery GI bill, passed in 1984, set reservists' educational benefits at 47 percent of the benefits offered to Active Duty soldiers.

Twenty years later, that proportion has fallen to only 27 percent. This erosion is even greater considering the high increases in the cost of higher education.

My bill would raise reservists' education benefits to the level set by the Montgomery GI bill at the time of its passage, and would ensure that the value of these benefits rise at the same pace as the cost of higher education.

Eighth, every reservist has the right to a fair retirement plan. As deployments grow longer, citizen soldiers are being prevented from contributing to their civilian retirement plans.

Service to one's country should not come at the expense of a secure retirement.

My colleague, Senator CORZINE, has led the fight to improve the Guard and Reserve retirement plan, which has not changed in over 50 years.

Like Senator CORZINE's bill, my legislation would reduce reservist retirement age from 60 to 55, a proposal that is endorsed by several leading advocates for National Guard and Reserve personnel.

This proposal is especially critical for States like South Dakota, where many reservists have jobs on farms or with other small businesses that have no civilian retirement plans.

Finally, every reservist has the right to representation at the highest levels of the Department of Defense. Our military force—Active and Reserve—is undergoing a transformation to make it better suited to confront the security challenges of the 21st century. We must ensure that the needs and concerns of National Guard and Reserve personnel continue to be heard at the highest levels of the Defense Department during this transformation.

My bill will create a new Deputy Undersecretary for Reserve Affairs who will participate in all decisions involving reservists and carry reservists' concerns to the most senior Pentagon leaders.

These nine rights should be guaranteed every member of our Reserve

forces. Serving in the Guard or Reserve is no longer a one-weekend-a-month commitment.

Reservists are serving on the front lines, facing the same bullets as full-time soldiers. Battlefield commanders are relying on them to serve with courage and skill, and reservists are meeting the challenge.

The sacrifices we ask of reservists are many. But as the authors of the GI bill realized 60 years ago, America owes a debt to the men and women who defend its freedom. We should not compound their sacrifices through neglect or indifference. The brave men and women of the Guard and Reserve have earned the benefits and improvements I am proposing.

The time has come for the Government to recognize this new role and redouble our support for these courageous Americans.

I ask my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to join with me in support of the National Guard and Reserve bill of rights, and to move swiftly to pass it into law.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from West Virginia.

HOLLOW TRIBUTE TO THE VICTIMS OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I begin my words today by reading from the 33rd verse of the 18th chapter of the Second Book of Samuel, the King James version of the Holy Bible.

And the king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept: and as he went, thus he said, O my son, Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!

Mr. President, tomorrow will be a day of painful remembrance for our Nation. The passage of time has done little to numb the anguish of that September morning 3 years ago—how we do remember—when 19 ruthless terrorists commandeered four commercial aircraft and transformed them into the stuff of nightmares. The memories are still too raw, the images are still too vivid, the toll of human misery is still too overwhelming.

And so we remember, and in our remembrance we pay homage to the victims and the heroes of 9/11. But we owe more. We owe more to those who perished on September 11, 2001, than merely remembrance. And we owe more to the American people than merely paying lipservice to their safety.

That is the primary reason that we are here today, debating the Homeland Security funding bill. We are here because of the rescue workers who moved so quickly, so valiantly, to save lives, only to sacrifice their own. We are here because of those thousands of men and women who, on that crystal clear morning of September 11, 3 years ago, were sitting at their desks, walking through the halls, doing their jobs, only to have such brutality abruptly

end their lives. We are here, Senators, because we can never forget—never forget—that day, and because we never want to repeat that day of horrors.

Congress has passed a blitz of legislation and appropriated billions of dollars over the past 3 years in response to the 9/11 attacks on America. Congress overcame the objections of the President and created a new Cabinet-level Department of Homeland Security. With great fanfare and acclaim, we passed legislation to strengthen both port and border security. We have tightened airport security, turned our most prominent public buildings into barricaded fortresses, and acquiesced in the suspension of basic rights to privacy in the name of security.

And frankly, to little avail—to little avail, I say. Today, 3 years out from the 9/11 attacks, we are living under the yoke of an “imminent” threat of future attacks. Sectors of New York, New Jersey, and Washington are functioning under a heightened “orange alert” threat level while the rest of the Nation perches uneasily under the umbrella of a yellow, or elevated, threat. Security at virtually any major public event—from the political conventions to the Olympics—is oppressive. We quake, we tremble, at the notion that the November elections might spark another devastating terrorist attack on these United States.

We can talk until we are blue in the face about all the steps we have taken to enhance security since 9/11, but the bottom line is this: Does anybody really feel safer and more secure than they did 3 years ago?

Much of the legislation that Congress has passed since 9/11 was envisioned as a legacy to those 3,000 men and women who lost their lives on that day 3 years ago. Yet, I fear it is becoming a hollow legacy. Congress has been thwarted at every turn by a White House that spends lavishly on rhetoric yet demonstrates a pinch-purse mentality when it comes to delivering on its promises. The Department of Homeland Security that we took such pains to create has been hamstrung from the outset by inadequate funding from the White House. Our port and border security initiatives, so essential to fighting terrorism, are languishing for lack of money. The people hear that their safety, their security, are the paramount priority of this White House. Have you heard that? Yes. Time and again, the people have heard that their security is the paramount priority of this White House down at the other end of the avenue, but then see the very same administration play shell games with security funds.

Surely this is not the legacy we want to leave to the victims of 9/11.

The President crisscrosses the country claiming that he has made America safer. Don't believe it. He has signed legislation intended to protect our airplanes from hijackers. He has signed legislation designed to close the porous borders in our north and south. He has

signed bills to stop terrorists from slipping through our seaports. But what he hasn't signed is the check.

The President tells the country that we are safer because of him, but he has forced dangerous cuts to the Federal Air Marshal program.

The President tells Americans that they can rest easy because of him, but he has refused to approve funds that would help to prevent Madrid-style bombings at our train stations.

The President campaigns on an image of being tough on terrorists—the two-gun slinger, the man at high noon, as it were. But he has rejected effort after effort to invest critical dollars in police officers and firefighters. It is as if the President wants our emergency responders to pay for homeland security with bake sales and bingo nights. When it comes to protecting this Nation, there should be no distinction between providing necessary resources for troops in Iraq and for first responders at home in America.

To continue this homeland security hoax pays little tribute. To tell the American people that they are safe, when, in fact, they are not, honors few memories of those victims of 9/11. This White House has made an absolute sham of homeland security.

And yet there is more. This President has staked his credibility and, to a large extent his Presidency, on the assertion that the war in Iraq is an extension of the war on terror—do not believe it—despite the fact that no Iraqis were among the 9/11 hijackers and despite the fact that no credible evidence of a link between Saddam Hussein and Osama bin Laden has ever been documented.

Oh, the President loves to tell us over and over again that America is safer because Saddam Hussein is no longer in power in Iraq, but the President fails to mention that post-war Iraq has become the foremost breeding ground of anti-American terrorism on the globe. The President likes to talk to the troops, and he likes to talk with the background of troops standing behind him. But he doesn't like to talk about the steadily mounting death toll in Iraq.

Why are the people mute about the death toll in Iraq? Despite the President's rose-colored view of Iraq, the number and recently the rate of American and Iraqi deaths and injuries are continuing to rise. Yes, Iraq may be free of the yoke of Saddam Hussein, but it is not free of the yoke of violence. As of this very week, the death toll of American military personnel in Iraq has exceeded 1,000.

I can hear the cries at night of the fathers and the mothers of those soldiers, marines, and military personnel who have laid down their lives in the hot sands of Iraq. I hear again, as though it were the king, crying:

O my son, Absalom, my son, my son, Absalom! Would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!

Unlike the mass casualties of September 11, American military per-

sonnel in Iraq have died in relatively tiny clusters over the course of the past 18 months, one or two here or five there or seven at a time. In spite of the transfer of sovereignty in Iraq more than 2 months ago, fighting continues to rage on in that crippled country, and American casualties continue to mount.

My son, my son, O Absalom, my son, my son!

The death toll of American military personnel in Iraq may not yet approach the death toll of civilians on September 11, but it is no less significant and no less heartbreaking.

The September 11 terrorist attacks on America may or may not have been preventable. The missed intelligence cues, the missed communications, the “what ifs,” will haunt us forever. But the returns are already in on the war in Iraq. This President, President Bush, took this country to war in Iraq for the wrong reasons, based on faulty assumptions, with unanticipated and deadly results for untold numbers of Americans.

As we pause to remember the moment when the airplanes struck the World Trade Centers, the Pentagon, and the Pennsylvania field, we will remember the sacrifice of the mothers and the fathers, the husbands and the wives, the brothers and sisters and the children, the firefighters, the police officers, the ambulance drivers. We will remember all of those who lost their lives in that tragic time and those tragic moments, and we will remember those who have been sent to battle in their name against the terrorist forces of al-Qaida and the Taliban in Afghanistan.

That was the war in which America was attacked. America was invaded by an invader in the form of hijackers in the cockpits of airplanes used as deadly missiles. Tragically, this has become an enemy of our own making, through our own invasion, through our own attack, through our own pernicious doctrine of preemption, an enemy of our own making in Iraq. And the sorrow of those who have given their sons and daughters in that unprovoked war, the sorrows will not end at election day. The sorrows will not end this year or next or next or the next, but the sorrows will continue as long as there are memories of those who once sat in those vacant chairs around the kitchen tables of America. Those mothers and fathers will continue to weep. The tears will continue to fall. Those loved ones will cry out, as did the king, King David, cry out for their sons as David cried out for his.

And the king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate and wept: and as he wept, thus he said, O my son, Absalom, my son, my son, Absalom! Would God I had died for thee, oh Absalom, my son, my son.

I yield the floor and I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M., MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2004

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate is adjourned until 2 p.m. Monday, September 13, 2005.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 2:27 p.m., adjourned until Monday, September 13, 2004, at 2 p.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate September 10, 2004:

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

CARIN M. BARTH, OF TEXAS, TO BE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, VICE ANGELA ANTONELLI, RESIGNED, TO WHICH POSITION SHE WAS APPOINTED DURING THE LAST RECESS OF THE SENATE.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

ALBERT A. FRINK, JR., OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, VICE LINDA MYSLIWIY CONLIN, RESIGNED, TO WHICH POSITION HE WAS APPOINTED DURING THE LAST RECESS OF THE SENATE.

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

JON D. LEIBOWITZ, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSIONER FOR A TERM OF SEVEN YEARS FROM SEPTEMBER 26, 2003, VICE MOZELLE WILLMONT THOMPSON, RESIGNED, TO WHICH POSITION HE WAS APPOINTED DURING THE LAST RECESS OF THE SENATE.

DEBORAH P. MAJORAS, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSIONER FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF SEVEN YEARS FROM SEPTEMBER 26, 2001, VICE TIMOTHY J. MURIS, RESIGNED, TO WHICH POSITION SHE WAS APPOINTED DURING THE LAST RECESS OF THE SENATE.

AMTRAK

ENRIQUE J. SOSA, OF FLORIDA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE REFORM BOARD (AMTRAK) FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS, VICE LINWOOD HOLTON, TERM EXPIRED, TO WHICH POSITION HE WAS APPOINTED DURING THE LAST RECESS OF THE SENATE.

SAINT LAWRENCE SEAWAY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

SCOTT KEVIN WALKER, OF WISCONSIN, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY BOARD OF THE SAINT LAWRENCE SEAWAY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, VICE ANTHONY S. EARL, RESIGNED, TO WHICH POSITION HE WAS APPOINTED DURING THE LAST RECESS OF THE SENATE.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

SUSAN JOHNSON GRANT, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, VICE BRUCE MARSHALL CARNES, RESIGNED, TO WHICH POSITION SHE WAS APPOINTED DURING THE LAST RECESS OF THE SENATE.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

STEPHEN L. JOHNSON, OF MARYLAND, TO BE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, VICE LINDA J. FISHER, RESIGNED, TO WHICH POSITION HE WAS APPOINTED DURING THE LAST RECESS OF THE SENATE.

CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD

GARY LEE VISSCHER, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS, VICE ISADORE ROSENTHAL, TERM EXPIRED, TO WHICH POSITION HE WAS APPOINTED DURING THE LAST RECESS OF THE SENATE.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

PAUL JONES, OF COLORADO, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE OVERSIGHT BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 14, 2008, VICE CHARLES L. KOLBE, TERM EXPIRED, TO WHICH POSITION HE WAS APPOINTED DURING THE LAST RECESS OF THE SENATE.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ALDONA WOS, OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF

ESTONIA, TO WHICH POSITION SHE WAS APPOINTED DURING THE LAST RECESS OF THE SENATE.

CHARLES GRAVES UNTERMEYER, OF TEXAS, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE STATE OF QATAR, TO WHICH POSITION HE WAS APPOINTED DURING THE LAST RECESS OF THE SENATE.

JOHN D. ROOD, OF FLORIDA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS, TO WHICH POSITION HE WAS APPOINTED DURING THE LAST RECESS OF THE SENATE.

INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION

NADINE HOGAN, OF FLORIDA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING JUNE 26, 2006, VICE FRANK D. YTURRIA, RESIGNED, TO WHICH POSITION SHE WAS APPOINTED DURING THE LAST RECESS OF THE SENATE.

JACK VAUGHN, OF TEXAS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 20, 2006, VICE PATRICIA HILL WILLIAMS, RESIGNED, TO WHICH POSITION HE WAS APPOINTED DURING THE LAST RECESS OF THE SENATE.

ROGER W. WALLACE, OF TEXAS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 6, 2008, VICE FRED P. DUVAL, TO WHICH POSITION HE WAS APPOINTED DURING THE LAST RECESS OF THE SENATE.

UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

JAMES R. KUNDER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, VICE WENDY JEAN CHAMBERLIN, RESIGNED, TO WHICH POSITION SHE WAS APPOINTED DURING THE LAST RECESS OF THE SENATE.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LITERACY

RICHARD KENNETH WAGNER, OF FLORIDA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LITERACY ADVISORY BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING NOVEMBER 25, 2006, VICE ROBIN MORRIS, TERM EXPIRED, TO WHICH POSITION HE WAS APPOINTED DURING THE LAST RECESS OF THE SENATE.

THE JUDICIARY

SEAN F. COX, OF MICHIGAN, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN, VICE LAWRENCE P. ZATKOFF, RETIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

JONATHAN W. DUDAS, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE, VICE JAMES EDWARD ROGAN, RESIGNED, TO WHICH POSITION HE WAS APPOINTED DURING THE LAST RECESS OF THE SENATE.

UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION

RICARDO H. HINOJOSA, OF TEXAS, TO BE CHAIR OF THE UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION, VICE DIANA E. MURPHY, RESIGNED, TO WHICH POSITION HE WAS APPOINTED DURING THE LAST RECESS OF THE SENATE.

IN THE COAST GUARD

THE FOLLOWING NAMES OFFICERS OF THE COAST GUARD PERMANENT COMMISSIONED TEACHING STAFF FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD UNDER TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 188:

To be captain

JOHN B. MCDERMOTT, 0000

To be lieutenant commander

MICHAEL J. CORL, 0000
GREGORY J. HALL, 0000
DAVID C. CLIPPINGER, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUAL FOR APPOINTMENT AS PERMANENT REGULAR OFFICER IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD IN THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 14, U.S. CODE, SECTION 211:

To be lieutenant

KAREN W. QUIACHON, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD UNDER TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 271:

To be captain

MICHAEL H ANDERSON, 0000
MICHAEL J ANDRES, 0000
BRUCE D BAFFER, 0000
KARL R BALDESSARI, 0000
PETER J BERGERON, 0000
JOHN R BINGAMAN, 0000
PATRICK W BRENNAN, 0000
ERIC P BROWN, 0000
JOHN E CAMERON, 0000
MARK S CARMEL, 0000
ERIC A CHAMBERLIN, 0000
EUGENE F CUNNINGHAM, 0000
GERALD D DEAN, 0000
ROBERT M DEAN, 0000
MICHAEL D EMERSON, 0000
SUZANNE E ENGLEBERT, 0000
ANNE T EWALT, 0000
JOHN M FELKER, 0000
SCOTT J FERGUSON, 0000

ALFRED C FOLSOM, 0000
PATRICK G GERRITY, 0000
MICHAEL A GIGLIO, 0000
PAUL M GUGG, 0000
THOMAS R HALE, 0000
CHRISTOPHER J HALL, 0000
STEVEN M HANEWICH, 0000
STEVEN L HUDSON, 0000
BRUCE C JONES, 0000
THOMAS W JONES, 0000
BRIAN M JUDGE, 0000
JEFFREY S LEE, 0000
THOMAS P MARIAN, 0000
BRIAN J MERRILL, 0000
CHARLES D MICHEL, 0000
EDWARD P NAGLE, 0000
SAM M NEILL, 0000
JONATHAN H NICKERSON, 0000
JEFFREY E OGDEN, 0000
RAYMOND J PERRY, 0000
JOHN P PHILBIN, 0000
MARK L PORVAZNIK, 0000
STEVEN D POULIN, 0000
ROBERT M PYLE, 0000
PAUL S RATTE, 0000
SCOTT W ROBERT, 0000
PAUL J RODEN, 0000
DANIEL A RONAN, 0000
DONALD J ROSE, 0000
PETER S SIMONS, 0000
MATTHEW J SISSON, 0000
THOMAS M SPARKS, 0000
EDWIN M STANTON, 0000
GEORGE J STEPHANOS, 0000
CHARLES V STRANGFELD, 0000
MARK A SWANSON, 0000
DAVID J SWATLAND, 0000
CARI B THOMAS, 0000
LORNE W THOMAS, 0000
DONALD R TRINER, 0000
CARL J UCHYTIL, 0000
THOMAS J VITULLO, 0000
GORDON K WEEKS, 0000

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. R. STEVEN WHITCOMB, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. DAVID D. MCKIERNAN, 0000

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be vice admiral

REAR ADM. LEWIS W. CRANSHAW JR., 0000

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 1552:

To be colonel

FRANK A. POSEY, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AND FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT (IDENTIFIED BY AN ASTERISK (*)) UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 531:

To be major

TRACEY R.* ROCKENBACH, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AND FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT (IDENTIFIED BY AN ASTERISK (*)) UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 531:

To be major

SHANNON D.* HAILES, 0000
MICHAEL F. LAMB, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADES INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AND FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT (IDENTIFIED BY AN ASTERISK (*)) UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 531:

To be major

TOMMY D.* BOUIE, 0000
ANDREW P. BURKE, 0000
DEIDRA E.* HEFFINGTON, 0000
JENNIFER L.* LUCE, 0000

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

To be colonel

MICHAEL J. BLACHURA, 0000