

base of operations was in Tikrit. James knew the danger—especially of working in Saddam Hussein's hometown. But to James, it didn't matter; he had a job to do. He wanted to make the world a safer place for his wife and his daughter, and for all of us.

SP Tim Moore, who served with James in Iraq, remembered James telling him how much he missed his wife and daughter and how he also missed hunting and fishing. He remembers that James never complained. He did what he had to do.

Another comrade, Captain Matt Weber, recalled that James didn't just put on the uniform and go to work—he knew what it truly meant to be a soldier.

James was killed just 8 days after he received notice that he would be going home. He had called Ruby to tell her the news and how excited he was. James was looking forward to seeing his family and joining the Kentucky State Police.

Despite the news that he would be going home, Army superiors recalled that James still volunteered for a dangerous combat—the very mission that would ultimately take his life. Ruby said that even if James could have known what would happen, he still would have gone on that mission. That is the type of person he was. That is the kind of soldier he was. For his service and bravery, James was awarded the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star, and the Combat Infantry Badge.

James Powell defined bravery, honor, and love of country. Indeed, he was a fine soldier. But more than that, he was a strong, loving, supportive father, husband, and son. I had the privilege of meeting James Powell's family at the memorial service held in his honor. I spoke to Debra Powell, James's mother, who told me how proud she was of her son—how much she loved him.

Our Nation lost a great soldier in SP James Powell. He is an American hero whose memory will forever be cherished in the hearts and minds of all those who were privileged to know him.

CORPORAL ANDREW D. SIMMONS

Mr. President, an ordnance facility at Al Asad Air Base in Iraq is now called Brownfield Station. The significance of this cannot be overstated nor should the meaning behind it be forgotten.

Members of the Marine Wing Support Group 374 renamed the building after one of their fallen comrades—fellow Ohioan Marine Corporal Andrew Simmons, who also went by the name of Andrew Brownfield. Andrew lost his life on March 18, 2004, while serving our Nation in Iraq. He was 24 years old.

Andrew was an ordnance man with the task of hanging bombs on planes and helicopters. Major Steve White, Marine casualty affairs officer in Akron, OH made a poignant statement regarding the new name for the ordnance facility. This is what he said:

[This] is a reminder to the Marines in Iraq and those preparing to go there that freedom

is not free. Marines never forget the sacrifices that were made by those who have gone before us.

I rise today to pay tribute to Andrew, whose life and sacrifice should remind all of us that freedom isn't free.

Andrew Simmons was born on October 13, 1979. Known for his quick wit and sense of humor, family members and friends fondly recall his proficiency at imitating famous movie characters. Among his favorites were Billy Bob Thornton's character in the movie *Slingblade*, Dustin Hoffman's character in *Rainman*, and Tom Hanks character in *Forrest Gump*. Andrew was always the one making everyone around him laugh.

Andrew also had a driving desire to succeed. He grew up in Akron, OH and attended North High School, where he was one of the first students to join a training program that allowed students to divide their time between school and studying a vocation. After graduating from high school in 1999, Andrew held a number of jobs but decided that what he really wanted was to join the military. He wanted to be Marine and was so proud to be one that after boot camp he persuaded three of his friends to join as well.

Andrew's mother Melody remembers how Andrew's attitude changed after he graduated from boot camp. She said that "he walked proud. He had the Marine look, even in civilian clothes."

Following the tragedy of the September 11 attacks, Andrew knew that he wanted to fight against terrorism. He volunteered to go to Iraq. His fiancée, Michell Hackworth, remembered him saying that he wanted a piece of the action—that he wanted to prevent any more terrorist attacks in the United States, and this was his way of doing the most he could.

On the day he left for Iraq, Andrew called his mother from California, where he was stationed. He left a message on her machine. In it, he perfectly imitated Tom Hanks in *Forrest Gump* saying, "I love you Jenny." Andrew also told his mother and fiancée that going to Iraq was something he had to do. He felt it was his duty.

Without question, Andrew was an exemplary Marine. His comrades knew they could trust him—they knew they could depend on him. Navy Lieutenant James A. Bradshaw, chaplain for the Marine Wing Support Squadron, had this to say:

[Andrew] took a personal interest in every Marine who worked with him and spent extra hours mentoring them and helping them earn their rank, as well as just helping them be more motivated.

Andrew and Michell had big plans for the future. Andrew used to say he wanted nine sons. He wanted to relocate to Northeast Ohio. He wanted to become an electrician, or a law enforcement officer. Tragically, those dreams will not be realized.

Since the beginning of the war in Iraq, Ohioans have given their support to families and friends of fallen sol-

diers. They have continually come together to make sure that families know they are not alone in their grief.

More than 2,000 people lined the funeral route in Akron to show their support for Andrew's family. In a moving display, people dressed in red, white, and blue. Some carried flags. Others held signs reading, "Thank you for our freedom." Many could not stop the tears and still others waited for over an hour to pay their respects.

With their hands over their hearts, mourners silently followed the procession to Andrew's final resting place.

Veterans could be seen wearing their uniforms and medals. Tom Bulanda, a Vietnam veteran, stood at the gate of the cemetery with his chest covered in the medals he had earned. He came to honor a fellow Marine—a Marine he considers to be one of his own.

We owe a debt of gratitude to Andrew—a debt we can never fully repay. Today, we honor his memory and remember his life.

I thank the Chair and yield the floor.
THE PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alabama.

HURRICANE IVAN

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I want to share a few thoughts at this time with the Senate concerning the damages we received from the hurricane, "Ivan the Terrible."

It was a major hurricane. It did tremendous damage to properties and houses, timber, and agricultural crops throughout the State of Alabama and even into our region of the United States.

I had the pleasure yesterday to travel with President Bush as he went down to Orange Beach, AL, and the Gulf Shores areas, and we examined the losses that occurred there. They are quite significant. I had flown over the area earlier, and it already looked a little better to me yesterday than it did before. The tides are still high. The water level in the Gulf of Mexico remained higher than for the highest tide for maybe 24 hours after this storm hit because the hurricane had pushed so much water in. The water went over the beachfront areas into the lagoons and flooded houses on the lagoons. It blew homes down. Some well-constructed homes stood up well. Most of the condominiums that are multistory condominiums seemed to hold up well, but the net effect was a major loss for many people. The homes and buildings will have to be structurally examined—all of them—to make sure there is not some structural damage that is not anticipated today. I am proud of the people there.

The numbers I have received indicate there were 70 deaths in the Caribbean as a result of Hurricane Ivan and that, according to the Associated Press, there were 52 deaths in the United States. We had four deaths in Alabama. That is a very large loss of life. It is something we need to think about, to

see if we can anticipate in the future these kinds of problems and minimize the loss of life.

I want to say how proud I am of the people in Alabama, from the sheriffs, the fire chiefs, the emergency management people, FEMA, and every agency of Government that participated in the preparations leading up to the hurricane for the success we have had to date in Alabama where the storm hit.

Governor Riley, early on, recognized the danger of this storm. He insisted that we have evacuations from the dangerous areas. People do not like to leave their homes. They think they can ride these things out. They may remember one several years ago that was not so bad. But when a major category 3 or category 4 hurricane hits, like Ivan was, nobody is safe on the beaches and the low-lying areas of our State. The Governor pushed hard, and people listened and moved out. For that, we are most grateful and thankful. It could have been so much worse.

First of all, I want to say, President Bush made absolutely clear that the Federal Emergency Management Agency will do whatever it takes, complying with the law, to help our people in the State of Alabama.

Mike Brown, the Administrator at FEMA, was down. He traveled with us. He has been down several days. He is going back today, I believe, to visit some of the smaller towns off the beach that suffered badly also. We have had a good response from the Federal Government. We find there are some problems. Somehow we can't get things done quite as well as we would like. Of course, FEMA is dealing now with its third major hurricane in just a matter of weeks, so they are stretched to the limits, but they are responding well. Most people are pleased with that.

We have to have ice. We need to have the electricity on wherever possible. Some areas need water, and making that available is critical to the health and welfare of these communities.

I want to mention a couple things I believe are worth noting.

Mr. President, our colleague, TRENT LOTT, called me Saturday and told me that he had an individual from Pascagoula, MS, who had two truckloads of ice he was sending over. I tried to figure out how we were going to pay for it, and he said he is not asking to be paid. He said: This is from Mississippi with love. We love you. We are sending this ice to you because we care about you. We know you are hurting. It could have been us. We are thankful for that. We want to give this to you. So I salute Mark Mavar, an individual who cared enough to send a large and valuable amount of ice to the people of Alabama.

Groups have come from around the country to help. I was with the mayor of Atmore on Friday, and he talked about people coming there from around the country. Today, the mayor told me that Volunteers of America had served 6,000 people in his small town, and I

think then 10,000 people yesterday, and that maybe they would feed as many as 15,000 today. As is the case with other towns, the whole town of Atmore for days has had no electricity, zero, anywhere in town.

One farmer told me he had gotten his diesel fuel tank and filled it up with gasoline to go around town to provide gasoline for the power saws. People could not get gasoline for their power saws. The gas stations that were opened had lines sometimes with 100, 200 cars. In Monroeville, where I went through Saturday, people were lined up with probably 100, 200 cars at one of the gas stations there. They are just beginning to get electricity in Monroeville. Just maybe a quarter of the town had it, or less. One of the fast food restaurants had it, and there were probably 100 cars out there.

Electricity is so important to these individuals and communities. All of the food in their refrigerators and freezers is spoiling. It will have to be thrown out. In normal conditions, you would just go down to the grocery store and buy more food or you would go down to the fast food restaurant and get a hamburger. But when the whole town is out, and it may be 30, 40, 50 miles before you can find gasoline or fast food—and the lines are so long you cannot afford to spend the time there—it becomes a pretty serious crisis for the people.

I was able to go with my friend, Bob Sharp, who is a former president of the Alabama Forestry Association, and he showed me and explained to me how our timber stands have been damaged. That is a big deal. We had agricultural loss—cotton, peanuts, pecans—but I do not think anything is going to show the damage and losses as much as in the timber industry. He had a stand of pines. He said he bought the property from a paper company. The trees had been planted, and he had thinned them not long before the hurricane hit. There were substantial losses. Trees were down throughout that area. He was going to manage that timber, as he knew how to do, and hopefully he was going to be able to, over time, make payments on that, and it was going to be his retirement.

He talked about a friend of his, who is the same age, who had driven out and looked at his timber losses and just had to sit there and cry when he saw those trees, so many of them, down. It is a real economic hardship for a lot of good people, but they are responding well.

Mayor Shell, at Atmore, is such a fine leader. He was an engineer at one of the companies there. He is now retired. He gives his time so well to lead that community.

I met Mayor Anne Farrish in Monroeville. She is such a wonderful mayor. Eddie Everett is the fire chief, and Tommy Tate is the sheriff. We sat down and talked about all the trees they had lost. It is not just power lines being down, but a tree on top of a tree

on top of a tree, all on top of a power line. Power poles are broken. It is going to take some time for them to recover.

I have to say another bit of good news. Alabama Power Company today announced they expected to have 99 percent of the power restored in the State of Alabama by Friday. That is better than I would have expected. That is something to be proud of.

As I went through Monroeville, on up the road to where I grew up, to the little family house I grew up in, trees were all across that road. They had been cut and moved off the road to a degree. Sometimes you had to curve around them. This is a State highway, and the sheriff, Tommy Tate, told me one of the people in the timber business there took his own equipment and spent the day going up and down that road clearing that road so traffic could go through there.

It took a day or two to get that done. That is the kind of spirit of which I am proud. As I went through my community, I passed a company working on the power line. I stopped to thank them and asked them where they were from. They were from Indiana. They were a cable TV company. They had a crew that could handle clearing and improving lines. They were down in rural Alabama helping. From all over, Oklahoma, other places, these companies are there.

Nothing is more important to the recovery of a community than getting electricity on. We should salute and thank the people who have come from around the country, as well as the Alabama Power Company employees who are working their hearts out to get that power back on. We have electric cooperatives that are also doing the same thing.

It is not just the Alabama Power Company. So many companies are helping. I salute them. I thank them.

When I was talking to that company from Indiana, way out there in the rural areas of Alabama, I asked them: How long are you going to be working today? They said: There is a substation down the road, and we are going to try to get there by midnight tonight. They are working until midnight.

That is the kind of hours people are putting in. There is no place with electricity for them to spend the night or to get a hot meal, unless somebody in the community provides it. They are performing at an extremely high level which makes us all proud.

We are going to come out of this. We have a long way to go. People's homes are damaged all over. At the home I grew up in, a big oak tree crashed down on the little garage there and smashed it flat and knocked a couple of holes in our house. That was small. If you go out further, you see a huge pine tree cutting off a part of a house, and people are thanking the good Lord they were not injured. You see people there who had 6 inches to 8 inches of water in their house and flooding during the

rain that came with this hurricane. You begin to count your blessings. They were counting theirs. They weren't complaining.

People whose home flooded had a young child there. The tree hit their roof. They were thankful. I saw a person who was working in the yard, and I went up to him to speak and said: Do you live here?

He said: No, this is my friend, and we didn't have any real damage at my house, just lost some shingles, so I am here helping him.

I saw people with power saws cutting trees. A timber company had cherry picker equipment that was lifting one of the logs off a house for no charge, just to help a neighbor be able to seal up the house so the rain won't do damage to it.

Those are the kinds of things that make this a great country. It does not require the direction of somebody from Washington, DC. It does not require direction from Montgomery, AL, or even the counties. But in the very communities and neighborhoods of our country live some of the finest people the world has ever known. They know how to stand up and make decisions, utilize equipment, take care of their neighbors, and help one another who are in need. They do that on a daily basis in this crisis.

I am proud beyond words to represent them. Yes, the Federal Government has a role. We expect them to fulfill that. The State of Alabama has a role, and the county and city governments have a role. They are working hard. I have talked to those mayors. I have talked to the leaders in the communities, and they are working hard. They are intense. They are alert. They are insisting that things be done. They are insisting that if they need some equipment and it is available, they get it. I am proud of that kind of leadership. That is perfectly legitimate.

Fundamentally, the people are responding well. The power will be turned back on. FEMA will come around, under the supervision of the Corps of Engineers, and pick up all the limbs and trees that are there. These are not just small trees. Some of them are huge, representing many loads just to haul off the wood product of one major oak tree or one big pine tree. It is going to take months to get all that done. But the system has been proven. We need to refine it and make it better. But it will work. This relief will apply not just to the people who have houses on the beach but to every town and community in the State.

I was pleased to see Mr. Brown make that comment just today on the national news media. I talked to him about it. It is not just the people on the beaches who were hurt but in Atmore and Brewton and Monroeville, Frisco City, Evergreen, Greenville, and Camden, my hometown where I went to school.

I talked to Mayor Henrietta Blackmon there today. She is strug-

gling to get some electricity. They just got a little bit in town, and they are excited about that. They will be able to have gasoline provided. Some of the restaurants have electricity so people can get a hot meal. That was good news. That is the kind of thing they are doing.

They are worried about the nursing home. Generators are keeping that going right now so far. Her husband is a doctor there, and the hospital is getting by on a generator. Linden, Thomasville, Jackson, all these communities were hard hit. Birmingham, much further up the State, had substantial power outages, and the storm continued on north. We have had flooding in West Virginia and many deaths.

Whatever else a storm such as Ivan teaches us, it teaches us that we don't control our fate. We are just here a short period of time in this life; our lives are but a vapor, the Scriptures say. We can't control the winds and waves, as my daughter e-mailed me. That is controlled by a higher power. We are called upon to love our neighbors, take care of our communities, and help one another. I believe that is happening in my State to a degree that makes me very proud.

We are going to get through it. We are going to stay together. We are going to be a better State when it is over.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. DOLE). The Senator from Wyoming.

ONE SHOT ANTELOPE HUNT

Mr. ENZI. Madam President, I wish to take a few minutes and talk about a historic event that just reoccurred in Wyoming this last weekend. We just completed another weekend of the One Shot Antelope Hunt. This is one of the earliest competitions in America. It is a continuing one. It has been done annually since 1939. I know about it because my grandfather told me about it. He considered it to be one of the great competitions. They allow 2,400 hunters to be a part of it each year. It is tied in with some conservation efforts.

I would like to thank a few people for putting this on each year in Lander, WY. The president this year was Scott Harnsberger. They are helped by the Shoshone Tribe. Chief Norm St. Clair did the blessing of the bullets. Medicine man Willie LeClair provided the medicine bags. My greeter was Rick Fagmont.

He is a CPA, and I appreciated that since I am the only accountant in the Senate. The sheriff, Skip Horneker, was my guide for the hunt.

As I mentioned, my grandfather had told me about this hunt, and I started hunting with him when I was about 6 years old. We would go out and take this rifle he had and sight it in. At that time, it was his intention for me to some day have that rifle. As we would sight it in, he would take three shots and we would check the target, and

then he would say this is shooting 4 inches high and 4 inches to the right. As long as that is happening, don't change anything. If you change it, it will never be the same again. I am pleased to tell you that 54 years later it has never been changed. It still shoots 4 inches high and 4 inches to the right. That is the rifle I took on this hunt.

When I sighted it in—and they have professionals there to make sure you have it right—I told them it is 4 inches high and 4 inches to the right and that I would not change it. My first shot was 4 inches high and 4 inches to the right. After I compensated that, the second shot was right in the bullseye.

Part of this organization provides water for wildlife. Many people would not know that Wyoming is high desert. Most of it gets less than 16 inches of rainfall a year. Yet we have a lot of wildlife. We have an increase in the amount of wildlife because the hunters of the State have been concerned about it, are working on it, and have provided different methods that improve habitat for wildlife, none of which helps it more than water. There are people who would claim that in some places in Wyoming, if you saw an antelope, it would be carrying a water bottle because it would be so far from water.

They worked very hard during the year to get contributions and planned water projects in places to be particularly helpful to the wildlife. I would be remiss if I didn't mention the Sportsman's Caucus, which is a group of sportsmen in the Senate and in the House that works all year long to watch out for legislation that helps conservation and that provides greater access for hunters and sportsmen. It involves Members of the Senate and House in the outdoor sports. So those who have not had an opportunity to see them will have an opportunity to see what they can do.

A favorite quote of mine is that "it is better to take your child hunting than to be hunting for your child." Fortunately, there are not only parents involved in this activity, but there are a lot of people who adopt kids for this kind of activity. It makes a great difference in Wyoming, and I expect it makes a great difference throughout the country.

It was a great pleasure to take part in this annual event and to see the people who have participated for years. It was a great time for me to remember my grandfather and all of the lessons he gave me as I grew up, not only in the area of hunting or fishing, but the respect that grew out of those activities that allows me to talk about absolutely anything. So while my grandfather passed away a number of years ago, in a sense I just finished having a great weekend with my grandfather.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.