

have a war in Europe always started by invading Poland. But we know that while Poland was occupied, the heart and soul of the Polish nation has never been occupied.

The Polish American community never abandoned Poland. We supported them during the long, cold years of Soviet domination. And then in 1980, when an obscure electrician in the Gdansk Shipyard jumped over a wall proclaiming the Solidarity movement, he took the Polish people and the whole world with him, to bring down the Iron Curtain. Ed Moskal and the Polish American community played an important role—sending supplies to the strikers and their families and educating the world about what was going on in Poland.

After the fall of the Iron Curtain, I worked with Mr. Moskal for NATO membership for Poland. Mr. Moskal and the Polish American community helped Poland take its rightful place as a member of the family of democratic nations. Poland is now a full, contributing member of NATO. Our Polish allies serve alongside Americans in Afghanistan and in Iraq.

Now, after so many years of foreign domination, Poland has made the difficult transition to democracy and a free market. Poland is now a real democracy with a vibrant market economy, as well as a reliable NATO ally.

And so, today, we in the Polish community mourn the loss of Ed Moskal. We send our thoughts and prayers to his wife, Wanda Sadlik, and to his family.●

TRIBUTE TO PETER F. FLAHERTY

● Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, today I rise to reflect on the passing of Peter F. Flaherty. On Monday, April 18, 2005, Peter Flaherty passed away at his home in Mount Lebanon, PA, after a battle with cancer. The Flaherty family has suffered a tremendous loss, and I offer them my condolences and deepest sympathy during this difficult time.

Pete Flaherty has had incredible influence over the Pittsburgh region and also over his party. As a Democrat, Pete Flaherty did not always follow the party line, which sometimes got him into trouble, but mostly made him an effective leader.

Pete's roots extend back to Alpine Avenue in the north side of Pittsburgh where he was born. He attended St. Peters, a Catholic elementary school, went on to Latimer Middle School, and graduated from Allegheny High School. His family, devout Irish Catholics, attended St. Peters in Pittsburgh, where Pete served as an altar boy.

Before attending Carlow University and Notre Dame Law School, Pete joined the Army Air Corps and was trained as a navigator. As the war was coming to a close, Pete was shipped to a B-29 squadron in Guam.

It was after law school that Pete began his political career. He was

elected to his first office as city council in 1965. It did not take long for Pete to make his mark on Pittsburgh.

In more than 40 years of public service, Pete was three times the Democratic nominee for statewide office, served as deputy U.S. attorney general, was mayor of Pittsburgh, and was a county commissioner for 12 years. His career of public service was truly remarkable.

Pete Flaherty not only leaves behind a legacy but also a wonderful family. My thoughts and prayers are with the Flaherty family during the days and months ahead.●

PAUL DAVIS

● Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Mr. Paul Davis, who was recently awarded with the 2005 Alabama Press Association Lifetime Achievement Award. Paul Davis has been in the newspaper business for more than 35 years, and his career has been filled with courageous accomplishments.

The Alabama Press Association Lifetime Achievement Award honors outstanding service in journalism for individuals who have spent a large percentage of their newspaper career in Alabama. Paul has been recognized for standards of excellence in journalism, courage and controversy on tough issues, and a voice for those less fortunate.

Paul has spent most of his professional career in Alabama. From 1969 to 1973, he was a reporter, columnist and then associate editor at the Tuscaloosa News, my hometown newspaper. Following his time at the Tuscaloosa News, he moved on to serve as editor of the Selma Times Journal and then as vice president and general manager of the Natchez Democrat in Mississippi. From 1983 to 1998, Paul served as editor, publisher and president of the Auburn Bulletin, the Spirit Magazine, and the Tuskegee News. Today, he serves as the president and publisher of Davis Publications of Auburn.

I believe that Paul is well-known for his work as a young reporter at the Tuscaloosa News. Through his investigative reporting, he exposed the abuse of retarded youth and adults at Partlow School and the horrific treatment of patients at the state mental institution, Bryce Hospital. He uncovered the unthinkable details about patients living in wards with no air-conditioning during hot Alabama summers with only one psychiatrist to care for some 5,000 patients. He reported that attendants would dispense pills every hour to keep patients sedated day after day. Even worse, we learned that patients helped construct caskets in the basement and buried their fellow patients in fields behind the hospital, using only numbers to identify the graves. His work on this issue earned him a nomination by his publisher, Buford Boone, for the Pulitzer Prize.

Paul also played an important role in the Federal case regarding the treat-

ment of mental patients. In this important case, U.S. District Judge Frank M. Johnson, Jr. ruled that mental patients have a constitutional right to treatment. Following Judge Johnson's ruling, Paul was asked to serve as chairman of the Human Rights Committee at Bryce Hospital. Indeed, his investigative work in this area helped reform Alabama's mental health hospitals.

Long before his reporting exposed the horrific conditions of the mental hospital in Tuscaloosa, Paul spent many days during his youth at Partlow School, visiting and playing games with the residents. Later in life, as president of the Civitan Club in Tuscaloosa, he helped open the first rehabilitation center at Partlow.

Paul Davis has also been an outspoken critic of the leadership at Auburn University. A devoted Tiger fan himself, he has written numerous articles about the school's board of trustees. Supporters and opponents alike agree that, while you may not like what he has to say, he is in-depth and thorough in his reporting. He was recently honored with the Academic Freedom Award from the Auburn University chapter of the American Association of University Professors for his articles on governance issues at Auburn.

In addition to the Lifetime Achievement Award and the Academic Freedom Award, Paul has received numerous professional and civic awards and has twice been nominated for the Pulitzer Prize. Paul is a member of the American Political Science Association; Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi; and the National Mental Health Association. He also served as past presidents of both the Alabama Press Association and the Alabama Press Association Journalism Foundation.

His company, Davis Publications, publishes the Tuskegee News weekly, and he is a columnist for the Auburn-Opelika News. Paul and his wife Gayle have five sons, one daughter, and thirteen grandchildren.

I have tremendous respect for Paul Davis and his devotion to uncovering the truth. He is most deserving of the Alabama Press Association Lifetime Achievement Award, and I am pleased to congratulate him on this important achievement.●

HONORING THE CAREER OF ROBERT H. MCKINNEY

● Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, today I rise to pay tribute to the career of a distinguished civil servant and friend, Bob McKinney, who is retiring as chairman of First Indiana Corporation this week. His long career has been filled with acts of conscientious service on behalf of friends, family members, and Hoosiers. The contributions he made through his work in financial services and public service have touched the lives of many across the country.

A resident of Indianapolis, Bob is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, the Naval Justice School, and the Indiana University School of Law. He served his country in the Navy in the Pacific following his graduation and again during the Korean war.

Bob's career has been long and illustrious. Throughout it, his commitment to the public good has been remarkable. Bob retires from his post as the chairman of First Indiana Corporation, a publicly traded bank holding company, which operates First Indiana Bank, the largest bank based in Indianapolis. Bob was previously chairman of the Somerset Group. He is also a founding partner of Bose McKinney & Evans LLP, one of the largest law firms in Indianapolis.

These posts are impressive on their own, and yet Bob also devoted himself to a number of philanthropic and non-profit organizations. Aside from his duties as the chairman of First Indiana Bank, he has served as the trustee or director of the Hudson Institute, the U.S. Academy Foundation, the Indiana University Foundation, the Sierra Club Foundation, the Indianapolis Economic Club, the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, the Chief Executives Organizations, Inc., the World Presidents' Organization, and the Indianapolis Committee on Foreign Relations. He is also a member of the Presidential Advisory Board for Cuba and a director of Lynx Capital Corporation, a minority investment fund. In honor of his service to the community, Bob was the recipient of a number of awards including the Indianapolis Archdiocese Spirit of Service Award.

Bob's career shows his belief in the power of public policy to improve people's lives. I can personally attest to Bob's talent as a public servant, as I worked with him during my gubernatorial and senatorial campaigns. As Governor, I frequently called on Bob to serve the State of Indiana, and he was always responsive. As Senator, I was lucky enough to have the honor of appointing Bob to the Naval & Merchant Marine Academy Selection Committee.

His involvement in national politics dates back to 1960, and since then he has chaired the Indiana campaigns of Presidential candidates Kennedy, Muskie, Carter, and Mondale. He served under President Carter as Chairman of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, the Federal Savings & Loan Insurance Corporation, and the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation.

Bob is a man who walks with kings but has never lost the common touch. It is a rare man who can make such an impact on so many people over the course of a career. Bob McKinney is admired by those who know him professionally and personally for his great integrity, commitment to serving the community, his concern for those less fortunate than himself, his unswerving loyalty and dedication to his friends,

family, and country. We will continue to recognize Bob as a loving friend and an incredible leader and colleague. As he retires from First Indiana, and leaves the corporation in his daughter's capable hands, he is merely moving on to the next great challenge, which—like all of his work—will undoubtedly make the world a better place.

I am proud to honor Bob McKinney, a truly great man, and enter his name in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on the occasion of his retirement.●

CONGRATULATING HEATHER BOLEJACK

● Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I rise today to call to the attention of my colleagues the appointment of Heather Bolejack to the position of executive director of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, CJI. I am pleased that Governor Mitch Daniels has nominated her to this important position, and I am confident that she will serve my home State of Indiana with distinction.

A product of Indianapolis, Heather graduated with high honors including being named a Fund for Hoosier Excellence Lugar Scholar, an honor bestowed upon the top minority students in Indiana. Heather attended Butler University and graduated with a degree in Spanish and journalism. She then went on to earn a law degree from the Indiana University School of Law, Indianapolis, where she received the Zazas Award, a full academic merit based scholarship. Heather served as General Corporate Council for McFadden Solutions Group, a law clerk and associate for Bingham McHale, and since 2004 has worked as a litigation associate at Ice Miller, an Indianapolis law firm, where she concentrated on practicing in the areas of drug and medical devices, as well as insurance coverage. I am pleased that she is not only a member of the 2004-2005 Richard G. Lugar Excellence in Public Service Class, but also a board member of the Fund for Hoosier Excellence.

I am proud that Heather has taken this opportunity to heed the call of public service in this tremendously significant capacity. I join her family, friends, and colleagues in acknowledging this noteworthy achievement.●

HONORING FAIR OAKS FARMS AND RANDY KRAHENBUHL

● Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, I rise today to commend Fair Oaks Farms for winning the 2005 U.S. Championship Cheese Contest. Fair Oaks Farms was founded in 1999 and is a large dairy operation in northwest Indiana committed to producing the highest quality milk and dairy products.

The U.S. Championship Cheese Contest included more than 1,000 entries from 25 different states. Despite such tough competition, Fair Oaks Farms took home first prize with Randy Krahenbuhl's 45-pound wheel of nutty

Emmenthaler Swiss. The cheese was awarded a score of 98.55 out of a possible 100. Randy Krahenbuhl's sweet Swiss also won honors as the second gold-medal cheese in the championship round.

Although nearly half of the entries for top honors were from Wisconsin, Krahenbuhl put Indiana on the cheese map with his incredible quality cheeses. I come from a tradition of family farming, so I know firsthand that Indiana's farmers have played a key role in Indiana's rich history. Our farms have long been recognized as some of the best in the country and this contest is yet another example of Hoosier farming representing the very best of Indiana.

Randy Krahenbuhl presides over the dairy operation at Fair Oaks Farm, where he has the chance to design his own cheese and ice cream factory, and the freedom to run it as he pleases. I am pleased to congratulate Randy Krahenbuhl and Fair Oaks Farm on winning such an honor and bringing recognition to Indiana. We are proud to have him in the Hoosier State.●

HONORING DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I am proud to rise today to commend Dakota State University in Madison, SD, for its outstanding commitment to the national security of the United States through Dakota State University's information assurance program. The program has developed important technologies to protect community banks from information breaches, simultaneously training its undergraduate and graduate students to be leaders in this highly technical field.

In 2004, DSU was one of 10 universities receiving National Security Agency designation for this bank-focused program and DSU is the only National Center of Academic Excellence in information assurance that tailors its information assurance curriculum to the banking industry. Recent security breaches by information brokers and financial institutions highlight the importance of DSU's work in this area. I believe strongly that the future of information security will include a combination of careful review and oversight of laws, but also looking to security innovators like DSU and other institutions around the country to protect our financial information.

As security innovators, graduates and employees of Dakota State University have engineered a new information technology security company called Secure Banking Solutions, SBS. With 93 banks in South Dakota, SBS will soon be able to provide IT security to most of the community banks in my home State, as well as to protect the personal information of the hard-working South Dakotans that bank at those institutions.

The Independent Community Bankers of South Dakota and I have encouraged the replication of the SBS model