

have been contacted, including those of: Private Finney, Technical Sergeant Frezza, Sergeant Kyper, and Private First Class Penksa. The Bakers Creek Memorial Association continues to search for family relatives of the remaining 4 victims.

The aircraft that crashed at Bakers Creek had been operated by the U.S. Army Air Force's 46th Transport Carrier Squadron, of the Fifth Air Force. The plane was one of several B-17 bomber aircraft that had been removed from combat status and converted to transport service. Shortly after take-off from Mackay airport, the B-17C lost altitude, fell to earth in a slow and steady bank, and crashed in a ball of flames, 5 miles south at Bakers Creek. The 40 lost onboard included 6 crew members and 34 soldiers returning to their New Guinea battlefield posts after being on R&R leave in Australia. The crash left one survivor, Foye K. Roberts, an Army corporal at the time of the accident. Mr. Roberts recently passed away on February 4, 2004, at the age of 83.

I understand that retired Major General Robert H. Appleby, former commander of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, who lost an uncle in the crash, and other members of the Bakers Creek Memorial Association, plan to place a wreath on June 14 at the National World War II Memorial in Washington, DC, to commemorate the 62nd Anniversary of the crash.

I applaud the members of the Bakers Creek Memorial Association and thank them for their efforts to help bring closure to the casualty families and public remembrance of the forty forgotten American soldiers of World War II in the Southwest Pacific, who perished at Bakers Creek in Australia on June 14, 1943.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

HONORING HUGH O'BRIAN

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise today to acknowledge a special milestone for one of America's beloved entertainers and philanthropists. I am pleased to extend my sincere congratulations to Hugh O'Brian as he celebrates his 80th birthday.

Hugh O'Brian came into the public eye in the role of Wyatt Earp in the 1950s television series, "The Life and Legend of Wyatt Earp." An accomplished stage and screen actor, he used his talents to bring history to life while expanding his influential role well beyond the theater and television to the broader stage.

In 1958, Mr. O'Brian established the organization HOBY, Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership, aiming to provide support for young people striving for excellence. Over the past 47 years, HOBY has promoted extensive volunteerism, active global citizenship, and bright futures for young people. Through HOBY, Mr. O'Brian encour-

ages local, national, and international communities to be responsive to the needs of our future leaders, empowering countless young people with knowledge and conscientious role models.

We are extremely fortunate that people like Hugh O'Brian are committed to bringing people together in the spirit of creative problem-solving and positive social change. In his many roles, Mr. O'Brian has led, inspired, and provided hope. On the occasion of his 80th birthday, please join me in congratulating Mr. Hugh O'Brian on his lifetime of accomplishment.●

RETIREMENT OF REVEREND DAVID L. TIEDE

• Mr. COLEMAN. Mr. President, for the past 64 years, Minnesota has had the good fortune to be blessed with Dr. David L. Tiede.

When I was first elected Mayor of St. Paul, the first thing I did was travel around and meet the men and women who made the city tick. I encountered ordinary men and women, working moms and dads, who had tipped the scales to make a real difference. It was the first time I truly realized the ability of a single person to change the world around him for the better. David L. Tiede is such a person. He is a leader and a visionary, and thanks to his presence, Minnesota will never be the same.

Recently, David announced that he is retiring from Luther Seminary. Times like this are bittersweet. It is bitter because we are bidding farewell to somebody who has meant so much to us. It is sweet because we have an opportunity to pay tribute to someone who has given us so much and deserves acclaim.

A native Minnesotan, David earned his bachelor's degree at Northfield's own St. Olaf College, only a few miles away from his home in Le Center. After earning his Master of Divinity degree from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, David left Minnesota to complete his graduate study and eventually earn his PhD.

After earning his doctorate from Harvard in 1971, Massachusetts' loss was Minnesota's gain as he returned to serve as the associate pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. At Trinity, David was not only a pastor, but also a teacher. Each Sunday he would teach Christ's lessons to his parish enabling them to realize God's calling and commission.

This is David's genius. Too often we are told that there is no right and wrong, that everything is subjective. The truth is that there is a right and a wrong, and there is something called the good life, which is not an easy life. It can be hard to do the right thing and can be even harder to lead others to do the right thing. However, that is exactly what David did.

David continued his commitment of teaching God's lessons when he joined

Luther Seminary to teach the New Testament. Working first as a member of the faculty and then as president, David brought his expertise of teaching and leadership to Luther Seminary, giving the school a strong mission focus in the preparation of pastors and other professional leaders for the Lutheran church. David taught his students that a pastor without a mission is just a guy talking. In other words, David realized that the old saying that a leader without followers is just a guy taking a walk is as true in a church as it is in life.

I remember shortly after being elected mayor of St. Paul being invited by Dr. Tiede to be a part of a program launching Luther Seminary's new Islamic Studies program. It was worth noting that this was probably the first time that a Jewish mayor of a Roman Catholic city was speaking at a Lutheran seminary to inaugurate an Islamic studies program.

David's leadership is recognized throughout the theological world. In 2002, he became only the second Lutheran to be elected president of the Association of Theological Schools, an organization of accredited theological schools in the United States and Canada. In addition, he serves on the board of IN TRUST, Inc., which provides resources for governing boards of theological institutions and has received the Outstanding Executive Award from the Association of Lutheran Development Executives. This spring, Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Ohio awarded him the Joseph A. Sittler Award for Theological Leadership. Most recently, Augsburg College in Minneapolis named Dr. Tiede to the newly established Bernhard M. Christianson Chair of Religion, the college's first endowed chair. In this capacity, Dr. Tiede will be able to teach, write and continue his study of the New Testament even as he continues to work to strengthen the institutions of the Lutheran church.

David Tiede's retirement will be a great loss to Luther Seminary and Minnesota. Certainly he has been one of the finest, most skilled religious leaders in our state. David will be missed, but will never be forgotten as his teachings and philosophy have been passed on through the Luther Seminary to a new generation of religious leaders.●

TRIBUTE TO JIM BRENT

• Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I recognize Jim Brent, the Cass County Veterans Service Officer, who most ably serves veterans of my State's largest city of Fargo and the rest of Cass County. On June 23, 2005, various veterans organizations and friends of Jim will host an appreciation dinner and program at the Fargo Teamsters Hall. This upcoming event is a real testament to how much Jim has contributed to the veterans community and the Fargo community as a whole.

Jim Brent began his service to our great Nation in the United States

Army in 1967. He served as a Combat Infantry Soldier in Vietnam and as a Training Instructor at various worldwide locations between 1967 and 1977. He continued his honorable service to the Army in various capacities until his retirement from active duty in 1987.

Following his retirement from active duty Jim worked for Northwestern Mutual Life and Metropolitan Life Insurance in Bismarck, ND, and then served as the Commander and Club Manager of the American Legion Lloyd Spetz Post No. 1 until 1996.

In 1996, Jim took on a new opportunity to serve our Nation and his fellow veterans by accepting his current position as the Cass County Veterans Service Officer. In his role as Cass County's Service Officer, Jim has gained a reputation for tenacious advocacy on behalf of veterans. He is known for his abilities to work closely with veterans to determine any possible sources of assistance they may have earned from their honorable service in the Armed Forces. Jim and I have worked together to assist a number of veterans over the years, and I can personally attest to his strong advocacy on behalf of those veterans that need a helping hand. The veterans of my state have a true friend in Jim.

Jim Brent has spent the majority of his life serving others, including his country, family, friends, and most of all, veterans. He goes above and beyond the call of duty. Jim is a great person, wonderful friend, a true patriot. I am honored to know him.●

COMMENDING JUDGE ANNE E. THOMPSON

● Mr. CORIZINE. Mr. President, I would like to recognize Judge Anne E. Thompson for her most recent accolade, the New Jersey State Bar Foundation's Medal of Honor. This honor is well deserved, presented for Judge Thompson's long-standing dedication to New Jersey's legal system and her remarkable contributions to improve the justice system. Furthermore, I wish to convey my deepest appreciation for her many years of outstanding service as a Federal District Court Judge in New Jersey. She is a distinguished jurist who embodies the best of the New Jersey legal community. We are truly fortunate to have had someone like Judge Thompson on the federal bench for the past 25 years.

Judge Thompson has distinguished herself throughout her career as an outstanding lawyer and judge. In 1975 she was appointed by Governor Brendan T. Byrne to the position of Prosecutor of Mercer County and in 1979 she was appointed by President Jimmy Carter as a United States District Court Judge for the District of New Jersey. Judge Thompson served as Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. Judge Thompson formerly served as Vice-Chairwoman of the Mercer County Comprehensive Criminal Jus-

tice Planning Board and was appointed by the New Jersey Supreme Court to the Statewide Committee on Character and the Criminal Practice Committee. She also excelled as Chairperson of the New Jersey Supreme Court's Committee on Municipal Courts and the Juvenile Justice/Juvenile Standards Committee of the National District Attorneys Association. Judge Thompson presently serves as a member of the Criminal Law Drafting Committee for the National Conference of Bar Examiners and is a member of the committee responsible for oversight of the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts in Washington, D.C.

Even more significant than her many achievements is the exceptional degree of integrity and character that Judge Thompson has displayed as a Federal judge. She is known for her wonderful courtroom demeanor and her willingness to approach each and every case with the utmost thoughtfulness and care. Indeed, her many accomplishments demonstrate the depth of her abilities as well as her understanding that all litigants must be treated fairly and with dignity and respect.

On behalf of the people of New Jersey, I would like to again express my congratulations to Judge Thompson for receiving the New Jersey State Bar Foundation's Medal of Honor. I offer my sincere gratitude for her many years of distinguished service as a Federal judge in New Jersey.●

COMMENDING JUDGE JOSEPH E. IRENAS

● Mr. CORIZINE. Mr. President, I would like to recognize Judge Joseph E. Irenas as a 2005 recipient of the Justice William J. Brennan, Jr. Award. This award, which is given each year by the Association of the Federal Bar of the State of New Jersey, honors those whose actions have advanced the principles of free expression. I wish to convey my congratulations to Judge Irenas and my deepest appreciation for his many years of outstanding service as a Federal District Court Judge in New Jersey. He is a distinguished jurist who embodies the best of the New Jersey legal community.

Judge Irenas has distinguished himself as an outstanding judge and lawyer during his career. He is presently a member of the American Bar Association, American Law Institute, New Jersey Bar Association and Camden County Bar Association. He is also a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (London) and a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation. From 1985 to 2002, Judge Irenas was an Adjunct Professor of Law at Rutgers University School of Law—Camden, NJ. He taught numerous courses, including Commercial Paper, Secured Transactions, Professional Responsibility, First Amendment, High Technology and The First Amendment, and Products Liability.

But even more important than his many achievements is the depth of

character that Judge Irenas has displayed while on the bench. He has approached every case with thoughtfulness and care. Indeed, his many accolades reflect the strength of his abilities and his deep understanding that every case, even the smallest, matters greatly to all those who appear before him.

And so on behalf of the people of New Jersey, I would like to again express my congratulations to Judge Irenas for receiving the Brennan award and my sincere gratitude for his many years of distinguished service on the Federal bench in New Jersey.●

CONGRATULATING ELIZABETH KELLY AND SADIE HARTELL

● Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I rise to congratulate Elizabeth Kelly and Sadie Hartell, of Willington, CT. Both Elizabeth and Sadie will be presenting projects this week in Washington in celebration of National History Day this Wednesday, June 15.

Elizabeth and Sadie, both of whom attend Hall Memorial School, were selected as 2 of 19 students who will be presenting their projects this week. These students are part of a larger group of 2,300 finalists, who were selected from more than half a million participants in National History Day activities across our Nation.

National History Day is an initiative to promote the learning of history by American students in junior high and high schools. It encourages students not only to read their textbooks but to visit libraries, museums, and archives, and to create exhibits and participate in performances based on historical themes. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the National History Day initiative.

The students who competed in the National History Day competition have spent months doing in-depth research on topics they have selected, and preparing their presentations.

Elizabeth Kelly's project is titled, "The Second American Revolution: Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Her Fight." As part of her research, Elizabeth interviewed Colin Jenkins, a relative of Stanton's, who gave her original letters by Stanton that Elizabeth incorporated into a 10-minute dramatic performance, which she will be presenting at the National Museum of American History.

Sadie Hartell's project is titled, "The Beatles Communicating to Their Generation."

She will be presenting an exhibit and showing a short movie. Sadie did her research at both the University of Connecticut Music Library, as well as at Hall Memorial's school library. Her project, which she will be presenting at the Renwick Gallery of the Smithsonian American Art Museum, focuses on how the Beatles used their music to express sentiments about the Vietnam War.