

in my old copper-colored Pinto several times a week after his classes at Yale Divinity School. Later, I hired him for a summer position with our State Senate committee investigating State construction issues. After I was elected to my first term here in the U.S. Senate, I sought to rehire Bill, who was by then a partner at a national law firm working on corporate, real estate, transportation, and administrative law matters. I was beyond delighted when Bill agreed to leave his partnership to reenter public service.

Bill's record of service in the U.S. Senate has been one of enormous distinction. When I look back with pride on the many legislative initiatives I undertook with Bill's advice and assistance, I recall with great admiration his determination, tenacity, and passionate involvement in crafting legislation. He built a stellar reputation on both sides of the aisle for his skill in nurturing innovative ideas and negotiating and advancing measures through an often complex legislative process. Bill's intuitive skills and strong leadership abilities have helped result in the successful passage of many crucial policy initiatives for which I have fought. Bill has played a key role in formulating and enacting vitally important legislative policy in the areas of science and technology; economic growth; innovation, research, and development in the fields of defense, manufacturing, health, and bioterrorism protection programs; and ensuring America's global competitiveness.

In addition, Bill's extensive and tireless work has resulted in many other significant legislative victories in our years together, including those pertaining to environmental and wilderness protection; energy security; defense and foreign policy; health and social welfare; campaign finance reform; media safeguards for children; education; and transportation and our Nation's infrastructure. Bill also had a firm hand in the landmark law that led to the creation of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and new intelligence reform initiatives to ensure the protection of our citizens. His ability to forge a consensus on these and countless other complex issues is unequalled. Bill's influence has been felt throughout the halls of Congress, and he has left a great legacy here.

I would like to highlight key legislation, grouped by subject area, on which Bill and his legislative team have assisted me over the years. I note that many of these bills or parts of them have gone on to become laws:

Economic Growth—National Innovation Act, S. 2109 (2005); National Nanotechnology R&D Act, P.L. 108-153 (2003); R&D Doubling Act, S. 2046 (2000) and predecessor bill, S. 1305 (1997); Individual Development Accounts, S. 2023 (2000); Enterprise Zone Act, S. 1032 (1991)

Defense, Homeland Security, and Foreign Policy—Rebuild the Army (increasing Army end-strength), S. 1397

(2005); Intelligence Reform Act, P.L. 108-458 (2004); 9/11 Commission Act, P.L. 107-306; Homeland Security Department Authorization, S. 2452 (2002); Establishment of the Quadrennial Defense Review, S. Amdt. 4156 to S. 1745 (1996); Bosnia Intervention, S.J. Res. 44 (1995); Gulf War Resolution, H.R. 2100 (1991)

Environment, Conservation, and Energy Security—Vehicle and Fuel Choices for America Act, S. 2025 (2005); Climate Change Act, S. 1151 (2005) and prior climate bills dating back to 1991; Clean Air Act of 1990, S. 1630 (1990); Conte Connecticut River National Fish and Wildlife Refuge Act, S. 821 (1991); Weir Farm National Historic Site, S. 2059 (1990)

Health and Social Programs—American Center for Cures, S. 2104 (2005); Bioshield II, S. 975 (2005)

Education—Technology Talent, S. 1549 (2001); 3R Act (No Child Left Behind), S. 303 (2001); Federal Charter School Assistance, S. 1513 (1994)

Media and Values—Parental Choice in Television Act (V-Chip), S. 632 (1995)

Government Reform—e-Government Act, S. 803 (2001); Congressional Accountability Act, S. 2071 (1994)

Transportation—Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA), P.L. 102-240 (1992).

We have been extremely fortunate to work with a person of Bill's character and caliber. He has graciously shared his wealth of knowledge and wise counsel with legislative aides, fellows, and other staff members. He helped us form our innovative Legislative Fellows Program, in particular, which has helped us build a strong, substantive, policy- and idea-oriented office. Under Bill's leadership as legislative director, I have consistently had a professional staff of which I am very proud. I think it is the equal of any on Capitol Hill.

Somehow, despite the long hours his work has involved, Bill finds the time to nurture his abiding interest in an array of subjects, from art to history, and this is part of what makes Bill so very interesting to be around. On many occasions, Bill led our new staffers and fellows on unique, memorable tours of the Capitol, where he regaled us with his vast knowledge of the Capitol's architecture, art collections, and historical vignettes of Congress and our democracy.

And now to add to these many accomplishments, Bill has an exciting opportunity to focus his efforts on science and technology innovation and policy, issues of deep concern to him and of critical importance to our Nation and the world. I have no doubt that Bill will distinguish himself in this endeavor just as he has throughout his Senate career.

I sincerely thank Bill's wife, Janis Ann Sposato, for her understanding of the long hours and enormously demanding schedule so often posed by the Senate legislative calendar, even as they juggled the demands of parenting and their public service careers. It has

been a pleasure to see Janis and Bill's sons, Raphael and Marcus, grow from childhood into the fine young men they are today.

It has been a memorable journey. Through it all, Bill has maintained his clear vision of a better future for all, a sense of humor, and calm demeanor in the eye of any approaching storm. In all of his interactions with staff, visiting constituents, and other parties with whom he has come in contact, he has always given generously of his time and talent. I could not have made a better choice for my legislative director than I did in 1989 when I asked Bill to take on the challenges we have faced together.

I am proud to call Bill a trusted adviser and lifelong friend. The office will be a different place without him. My staff and I will miss him a great deal, but we wish him success, health, and happiness always. I sincerely thank and congratulate Bill Bonvillian on his outstanding, loyal, and dedicated service to the U.S. Senate.

TRIBUTE TO ROGER WILLIAMS

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President. I rise today to pay special tribute to America's pre-eminent, piano-playing patriot, Mr. Roger Williams. Roger is to American music what the Grand Canyon is to the American landscape.

Roger has enjoyed decades of success and the title "Pianist to the Presidents," because he has had the honor to perform for eight of our Nation's Commanders In Chief. In 2004, Roger celebrated his birthday alongside Jimmy Carter because the two share the exact same birth date.

Despite his advancing years, Roger's ivory-tickling fingers continue to thrill audiences. In November, he broke his own record for marathon piano-playing with a 14-hour performance at Steinway Hall in New York City. The marathon was to raise awareness of the importance of music education and to commemorate the 50th anniversary of his classic, "Autumn Leaves." This song is the only piano instrumental that has ever reached No. 1 on the Billboard singles charts.

According to Billboard Magazine, Roger is the greatest-selling pianist of all time, with 18 Gold and Platinum albums to his credit. He is the first pianist to receive a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, and is—so far—the only recipient of the Steinway Lifetime Achievement Award. Williams has played the music for soundtracks to films of three generations and in 2004 he released his 116th album. His records "Born Free," "The Impossible Dream," "Almost Paradise," and the theme from "Somewhere in Time" are only some of his hits, which span 4 decades.

Not only a virtuoso, Roger is also a man of great virtue. He is a champion of music education in all schools and California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger named him "Champion for Youth 2004." Roger regularly

donates his time and talent to charitable efforts and non-profit organizations, including spots on the televised "Hour of Power" ministry since 1974.

I am grateful that I had the privilege of friendship with Roger Williams. He is a great man, a superlative musician, and a true American. As a musician myself, albeit one who is fairly low on the pecking order, I commend Roger for his talent, hard work, and dedication to his craft. His music will continue to bless the lives of literally millions for generations.

TRIBUTE TO PAUL MICHAEL WARNER

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a wonderful man, brilliant lawyer, and dedicated public servant—Mr. Paul Michael Warner. Paul has been serving as the United States Attorney for the District of Utah for almost 8 years, and will be stepping down this week to continue his work in other capacities within the legal system. As he embarks on a new chapter of life, I wanted to take this opportunity to honor him for the leadership he has provided, and commend him for his dedication to our country's legal system.

Paul was nominated by President Bill Clinton on July 29, 1998 to be the United States Attorney for Utah. He was unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate just one month later and by the end of August he had assumed the full duties of this important position. After President George W. Bush took office, he recognized the tremendous leadership Mr. Warner was providing and reappointed him to this position. He was then reconfirmed once again by the United States Senate and has continued to serve with strength and honor.

Prior to being appointed United States Attorney, Paul first joined this office in 1989 and has served in various positions including: First Assistant United States Attorney, interim U.S. Attorney, Violent and Hate Crimes Coordinator, and the Chief of the Criminal Division. For 7 years before joining the U.S. Attorney's Office, he worked in the Utah Attorney General's Office as the Chief of the Litigation Division and as an Associate Chief Deputy to the Attorney General.

Throughout his many years of service within the criminal justice system, Paul has established himself as an effective leader in the fight against crime. He has always greatly valued cohesive working relationships with Federal, State, and local law enforcement personnel. I believe that without exception, he has become a highly respected and trusted prosecutor and able administrator.

While serving in the Bush Administration, Paul was appointed the Chairman of U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft's Advisory Committee of U.S. Attorneys. He also previously chaired the Subcommittee on Terrorism for

this Committee, and continues as an ex-officio member of the Committee to this day.

Paul's legal career began when he graduated with the first class of the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University—BYU—in 1976. He later went on to receive a masters' degree in public administration from the Marriott School of Management at BYU.

Following graduation from law school, Paul served 6 years as a trial lawyer in the Judge Advocate General Corps of the United States Navy. In 1983, he enlisted with the Utah Army National Guard, Judge Advocate Branch, where he rose to the rank of Colonel. He is currently serving as the State Staff Judge Advocate, supervising a staff of 17 attorneys. He is also the past president of the Utah National Guard Association. The leadership and work he has provided to the military has been invaluable as he has worked on cases not only important to our Nation, but to the men and women who fight to preserve our freedoms.

Paul has also been involved in many professional organizations including serving as a Master of the Bench in the American Inns of Court, and Chairman of the Board of Visitors for the BYU Law School. He has also been honored by numerous military and civilian organizations with awards including: the United States Army's Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the 2004 Honored Alumni of the Year for the BYU Law School, the Utah State Bar's 2004 Dorothy Merrill Brothers Award for the Advancement of Women in the Legal Profession, the Federal Bar Association's Distinguished Service Award for 2003, and the NAACP's 2002 Community Relations Award for Civil Rights.

Throughout my years of working with Paul I have always been impressed with his utmost integrity and honesty. He has a strong desire to do what is right. He has garnered the respect and admiration of the staff he has led, and has served as a mentor and friend to many future leaders in Utah's legal community. He diligently strives to treat all parties with dignity and fairness, and his work has been an example of his commitment to individual rights and the rule of law.

His work within the legal community has been lauded, but perhaps his most important accomplishments have occurred within his family and neighborhood. Paul is a devoted husband to Linda, and wonderful father to four children. He has been a friend to many from all walks of life, and all persuasions. His work has been an outstanding example of someone who has dedicated his life to helping others while upholding the principles and ideals embodied in the foundation of our country the Constitution.

I am grateful for the service Paul Warner has rendered throughout his years of public service—but most importantly as the United States Attor-

ney for Utah. He is a truly dedicated public servant, strong leader, and special friend. I want to wish him well as he travels new pathways in life. I know that he will continue to guide and enrich the lives of those who have the privilege of working with him; and will remain steadfast in his commitment to enhancing and furthering the important work of our judicial system.

TRIBUTE TO W. CLEON SKOUSEN

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President. I rise today to pay special tribute to a man I deeply admire, W. Cleon Skousen. Cleon was a giant of a man. He was an exceptionally bright scholar; a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather; a special friend; and a true patriot in every sense of the word.

Sadly, Cleon recently passed away leaving a tremendous void in the lives of all who knew him. Cleon played a significant role in the political and governmental arena throughout Utah, our Nation, and even the world. I can state without any equivocation today that Cleon loved America. He truly loved our country and its citizens. He deeply respected our Founding Fathers, and he had the utmost reverence for the document that is the basis of all of our freedoms—our Constitution.

When I first met Cleon, I was a young, enthusiastic, go-getter who wanted to make a difference in our Nation's Capitol. Shortly before I announced that I would be running for the U.S. Senate in 1976 as a political novice and virtually unknown candidate—Cleon was one of the first people of political significance and substance who agreed to meet with me and discuss my candidacy.

A few short years before this time, Cleon had organized a nonprofit educational foundation named "The Freemen Institute," to foster "constitutionalist" principles including a drastic reduction in the size and scope of the Federal Government, and a reverence for the true, unchanging nature of our Constitution. I knew that he had strongly held beliefs and I was very interested in what he had to say.

We found in each other at that first meeting many areas of common ground and a shared love for the principles that make America the strongest bastion of freedom on Earth. Cleon quickly agreed to help, and throughout the coming months he became a true champion of my candidacy. He sent a letter to 8,000 of his "friends" stating that I was running for the Senate "for the express purpose of waging a fight to restore constitutional principles in this country." I was humbled by his support, and I felt a true need to fulfill his expectations of me and to never let him down.

From that first campaign, to every day I have served in the U.S. Senate—Cleon has been there for me, through highs and lows—buoying me up, giving suggestions, discussing principles and issues, and above all else being a true,