

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 Freeman Institute," to foster "constitutional" 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,

supportive friend. I can never overstate what his support has meant to me throughout my years of service.

A natural outgrowth of the successful Freeman Institute was the founding of the National Center for Constitutional Studies which Cleon started to further the study of our Founding Fathers and the U.S. Constitution. He traveled the globe and spoke to literally hundreds of thousands of people each year for many years to promote the ideals of this center.

The mission of the center was so aptly described by our Nation's first President, George Washington, when he said: "A primary object. . . should be the education of our youth in the science of government. In a republic, what species of knowledge can be equally important? And what duty more pressing than communicating it to those who are to be the future guardians of the liberties of the country?"

Cleon took this mission very seriously and spent many hours each week educating and imparting his knowledge of his years of study to people throughout our Nation, and even the world. He cultivated friendships far and wide and became to many the "Master Teacher."

As we all know, Cleon was a prolific author and writer. His books, "The First 2000 Years, The Making of America," and "The Five Thousand Year Leap" have been used by foundations, and in forums across America for many years. His writings and words leave an indelible legacy of knowledge and beliefs that have touched many people and will continue to inspire and educate generations to come.

Many have yearned for even a morsel of his years of study. He was learning, studying and writing until the end. I loved an account I recently read in the *Deseret News* from the Rev. Donald Sills, a Baptist minister who became close friends over many years with Cleon. He spoke of his knowledge and study and recalled a time when he found Cleon sitting on the steps of the Jefferson Memorial in Washington, DC. When he asked Cleon what he was doing just sitting there, Cleon's fitting response was, "I'm talking to Tom Jefferson."

Cleon had a strong desire for good government, and a true love for our Savior Jesus Christ and our Heavenly Father. He believed that our country was founded on pure principles and that our Heavenly Father had a hand in guiding our historic and profound beginnings. He firmly believed, as many believe, that God governs the affairs of men. He was not shy about sharing this belief with all who would listen. The words he shared on this subject were not unlike the words spoken by Benjamin Franklin as he arose on the floor to speak at a particularly trying time during the Constitutional Convention. He pled with his peers to call upon the Father of them all for wisdom and guidance as they continued to contemplate and draft this most important document.

His words remind me so richly of Cleon when Mr. Franklin stated: "I have lived, Sir, a long time; and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth, that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid? We have been assured, Sir, in the sacred writings that 'except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it,' I firmly believe this. . ."

And Cleon firmly believed it. He had a true testimony of our Savior's works and our Father's infinite wisdom and love. He wrote of it. He testified of it. And he lived a life following their teachings.

The wonderful, strong leader General George S. Patton once said: "It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather we should thank God that such men lived."

I don't believe it is foolish to mourn the loss of this great man—but I do thank my Heavenly Father that W. Cleon Skousen lived, and that he touched my life in so many ways. His example, passionate beliefs, and wonderful mind will never be forgotten. His journey was full and brought rich rewards to people throughout the world.

I am grateful that I had the privilege of knowing W. Cleon Skousen and working with him. He is a great man, and true American. His life's work has touched literally thousands, and his memory will live on through the wonderful words and teachings he leaves behind.

Mr. President, I would like to close with a poem that I wrote for him:

W. CLEON SKOUSEN

His life seemed like 2000 years
By those who feared the truth,
To us who've loved him through our tears
And even from our youth,
This quiet, simple, gentle man,
Who taught us sacred things,
He helped us all to understand
The memories of a thousand springs.

Within this caring, pleasant soul
God's glory was refined,
Experiences had made him whole
For he had peace of mind,
So many lives he touched each day
Explaining holy things,
In writings left along the way
A treasure fit for kings.

He loved the prophets of the Lord,
The Founding Fathers too,
And Israel's most sacred word,
God's children whom he knew,
His precious Jewell, of greatest worth,
He'll love eternally,
He loved his family here on earth
In loving majesty.

So many others one by one,
This giant among men,
He leaves us now, his work now done,
We know we'll meet him once again.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF L-3'S COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS-WEST

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, today it is an honor and a privilege to rise and congratulate the men and women of L-

3's Communication Systems-West on the 50th anniversary of that company's arrival in Utah.

I realize that many outside of the state of Utah might not have heard of L-3's Communication Systems-West, but no one can dispute the strategic advantages that this company has provided to our Nation's men and women in uniform. Much of the work that Communication Systems-West performs is of a highly classified nature. However, I can say that the real-time, world-wide dissemination of images and information gathered by the U-2 and our new unmanned aerial vehicles, such as Global Hawk and the Predator, is only possible because of the hard work by the people at Communication Systems-West. For example in 2001, Communication Systems-West was awarded the Collier Award for producing the airborne integrated communications system for the Global Hawk. As my colleagues may know, the Collier Trophy is the National Aeronautic Association's highest honor for that year's greatest American aeronautical achievement.

Other examples of Communication Systems-West outstanding work can be found in the SATCOM Tri-Band Satellite Earth Terminals and the ROVER III Remote Operations Video Enhanced Receiver system that are deployed with our forces today. As a stalwart division for L-3, the employees of Communication Systems-West were honored in 2005 to receive the L-3 Chairman's Award for Best Operating Performance.

It is not an exaggeration to say that the technologies created and built by Communication Systems-West have won battles for the United States and, equally as important, saved countless American lives.

However, the leadership of Communication Systems-West's 2,300 employees, including 1,000 engineers, is not limited to the battlefield. It is also found in their dedication to their community. Communication Systems-West partners with Utah's universities to assist in placing new graduates in promising and creative careers. The company is an active member of the Mathematics, Engineering, and Science Achievement, or MESA, consortium. MESA, of course, provides resources to aid minority and female students entering technological fields of study. As a contributor to the Ames and Challenger advanced education programs for high school students interested in technology sciences, Communication Systems-West continues to bring a bright future to the next generation of students.

Finally, Communication Systems-West also supports its home-town National Guardsmen and Reservists by fully paying the salaries of its employees who have been activated to fight the War on Terrorism.

Communication Systems-West and its employees have been an integral part of Utah for a half-century, and we