

and those most senior, to the appropriations process through courses in the Graduate Legislative Institute and briefed newly elected Members of Congress at biennial Williamsburg seminars. He provided groundbreaking analysis to the Congress on U.S. aid to Communist nations, implications of the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings deficit reduction on foreign policy, debt forgiveness including heavily indebted poorest country—HIPC—Initiatives, post-Cold War aid, Israeli loan guarantees, numerous congressional-executive efforts at foreign aid reform, international family planning programs, third-country foreign aid programs, establishment of the Millennium Challenge Corporation, and multiyear foreign policy budget trends.

Mr. Nowels attended the National War College at the National Defense University in 1986–1987, where he won an award for his writing. On several occasions he was detailed to committees to serve alongside committee staff. In recent years, he traveled extensively on behalf of the Department of State's Speakers Program to speak to foreign officials, academics, and journalists on the U.S. Congress and U.S. foreign policy.

Mr. Nowels' exemplary contribution and service has been recognized by the Congressional Research Service with numerous special service awards, performance awards, and outstanding performance evaluations. His sustained excellence was acknowledged and honored by the Library of Congress with a Meritorious Service Award in 1992.

Larry Nowels is a fine example of those many dedicated staff of the Congressional Research Service who help inform Congress as it deliberates important public policy issues. His gracious demeanor and considerable expertise on U.S. foreign aid and U.S. foreign policy made him an invaluable asset to Congress for many years. On behalf of my colleagues, I extend our deep appreciation to Larry for his service and wish him the very best in future endeavors.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO VICE ADMIRAL KEITH W. LIPPERT

• Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a lifetime commitment of service to the United States of America, our Defense Department and our great U.S. Navy by a true patriot, VADM Keith W. Lippert, Supply Corps, U.S. Navy. On September 1, 2006, Vice Admiral Lippert will retire after 37 years and 8 months of dedicated and exceptionally distinguished service in the U.S. Navy. In addition to his retirement, Vice Admiral Lippert will relinquish command as the 14th Director of the Defense Logistics Agency, DLA, and I would note that he will retire as our longest serving DLA Director having spent the last 5 years at the helm

of a Defense agency that has become increasingly important to the Nation. The Admiral's departure is indeed a loss for our nation since over these last 5 years, he has made remarkable accomplishments and I would highlight a few of them here.

The remarkable success of our military servicemen and women in the field, and the battles won every day by our forces engaged in the global war against terrorism could not be accomplished if not for the unparalleled logistics support our military so critically depends upon. On Admiral Lippert's watch this support has increased to the extent that 95 percent of the materials used by the entire U.S. military is provided by the 22,000 personnel hard at work in DLA activities around the globe and many here in Virginia. I am proud to note that Virginia hosts the DLA Headquarters and the Defense Energy Support Center at Fort Belvoir in Northern Virginia, the Defense Supply Center, Aviation, and Distribution Depot in our State capital of Richmond, and another Distribution Depot right on Virginia's Navy waterfront in Norfolk.

DLA has facilities in 48 States and 24 countries around the world and each facility is a source of pride for all of the DLA employees. All of the fuel supporting our jets, helicopters, ships and tanks is purchased by DLA. All of the food, military clothing, and supplies needed to sustain our forces is managed by the DLA workforce.

The DLA Defense Distribution system, a total of 26 distribution depots here in the United States and in overseas locations such as Kuwait, Korea, Japan, Italy, and Germany are all crucial to the steady flow of materials to our troops and these depots constitute a national treasure in their own right.

Allied forces that have partnered with DLA on Admiral Lippert's watch also enjoy this same support.

Remarkably, Admiral Lippert has aggressively driven down the cost of managing this enterprise to the lowest level in the 45-year history of DLA while dramatically improving the inventory validity of our critical defense stocks, championing a series of transformational initiatives, leading the most successful enterprise resource planning software re-engineering initiative in the entire Defense Department, and greatly improving the quality of customer service provided by this amazing Agency. I would add that the Agency has become equally important to the Coast Guard, FEMA and other Agencies in our Federal, State, and local governments. This support was especially significant to our country after the last hurricane season when millions of Meals Ready to Eat, MREs, were sent en masse from Norfolk to our fellow citizens in need.

Thirty-eight years ago, Vice Admiral Lippert earned his commission through the Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Miami University in Oxford, OH, with a bachelor of arts de-

gree in mathematics in 1968. He received his master's degrees in management and in operations research from the Naval Postgraduate School. In 1994, he attended the senior executive program in national and international security at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

The admiral has spent a significant time on sea duty tours including service as the supply officer on the nuclear submarine USS *Queenfish*, SSN 651, as assistant supply officer on the Submarine Tender USS *Simon Lake*, AS 33, and as the supply officer on the Submarine Tender USS *Canopus*, AS 34. The admiral has had increasingly important shore duty tours including assignments as assistant comptroller, Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, operations research officer at the Navy Ships Parts Control Center, Mechanicsburg, PA; inventory analysis staff, Naval Supply Systems Command, Washington, DC; executive officer, Naval Supply Center, Jacksonville, FL; and director, spares programs and policy branch in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Logistics.

In 1990, he rejoined the Naval Supply Systems Command as the deputy commander for financial management/comptroller. From July 1993 to July 1995, Admiral Lippert served as the commander, Defense General Supply Center in the great capital of our commonwealth, Richmond. In August 1995, he became the first commander of the Naval Inventory Control Point with offices in Philadelphia, PA, and Mechanicsburg, PA. Admiral Lippert officially entered the Flag Officer Corps when he was awarded the rank of rear admiral, lower half, in November 1995. From 1997 to 1999, he served as the vice commander for the Naval Supply Systems Command and received his promotion to rear admiral, upper half, in October 1998. From 1999 to 2001, he commanded the Naval Supply Systems Command and served as the Navy's 41st chief of Supply Corps. In May of 2000, President Clinton appointed Vice Admiral Lippert to represent the Navy as a member of the President's Committee for Purchase from People who are Blind or Severely Disabled. He assumed his current position as the director of DLA in July of 2001 and received his promotion to vice admiral in September of 2001.

His decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, three Legion of Merits, four Meritorious Service Medals, two Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and Submarine Supply Dolphins. He is also the recipient of the Society of Logistics Engineers 1992 International Award for outstanding performance in financial management/inventory control. Under Admiral Lippert's tenure as Director, DLA received two Joint Meritorious Unit Awards.

In closing I wish to commend Vice Admiral Lippert for his nearly 38 years

of distinguished service to our Nation, protecting our freedoms of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness and wish him the best in his future endeavors. His departure is a great loss to our Navy, but we are markedly better for having had him aboard. He leaves us with a Defense agency that is indeed a national treasure and one that has been vastly improved on his watch. I honor this patriot and dedicated public servant, wishing him a fond farewell, fair winds for his sails and following seas.●

HONORING THE LIFE OF JERRY W. LEE

● Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, today I rise to pay tribute to the life of a distinguished civil servant and friend, Jerry W. Lee, who passed away on June 7. Jerry's dedication to the working families of our State kept him involved in public service up until his death, doing his part to help Hoosiers from all walks of life. I know that he will be greatly missed.

Jerry was a good and decent man who dedicated his life to serving others. From his work with organized labor to his involvement in the community, his career was filled with acts of conscientious service on behalf of friends, family members, and Hoosiers across Indiana. The contributions he made touched countless lives, and his presence and straight talk will be sorely missed.

For the past 20 years, Jerry served as secretary-treasurer and business manager of the Laborers' Indiana District Council, standing up for the working men and women of our State. He devoted all of his energy to ensuring good jobs at decent wages for his workers and helping take care of their families. He is survived by his mother; his wife, Benetta Jo Woodruff Lee; his son, Darren Lee; his three daughters, Stephanie Bean, Christina Brown and Connie Phillips; his two brothers, Sammy Joe Lee and Donald Dean Lee; 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

A lifelong Hoosier, he was also involved in numerous other labor associations and was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. It is a rare man who can make such an impact on so many people over the course of one life. Hoosiers will miss Jerry as a friend, a community leader, and an advocate for working Hoosiers.

It is my sad duty to enter the name of Jerry Lee in the official RECORD of the U.S. Senate for his service to the State of Indiana.●

CONGRATULATING NEWPORT POLICE CHIEF MICHAEL CAPRIGLIONE

● Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to commend Police Chief Michael Capriglione of the town of Newport, DE. Chief Capriglione has been recognized by the National Highway Traffic Safety Ad-

ministration with a Public Service Award for his outstanding dedication to the fight against drunken driving in the State of Delaware.

Chief Capriglione was nominated for this award by the mid-Atlantic office of the NHTSA, which began the Checkpoint Strikeforce Campaign in Delaware in 2001. The Checkpoint Strikeforce Campaign is an initiative that works to decrease the number of impaired driving crashes through increased police presence on the roads and statewide sobriety checkpoints on weekends and during holidays. The campaign has continued to grow since its inception, with increasing numbers of affiliated police agencies and officers joining the program each year. In 2003, county teams were created to pool resources and enhance the efficiency of the campaign in each of Delaware's three counties. Chief Capriglione was named the head of the New Castle County DUI Task Force and has served as the primary law enforcement advocate for the Checkpoint Strikeforce Campaign in Delaware.

The campaign had been highly successful; an increasing number of DUI arrests are made each year, with 685 intoxicated drivers arrested between July and December 2005 alone. This results in safer roads for our citizens to travel: 2004 saw the lowest number of alcohol-related highway deaths ever recorded in the State. The campaign has also expanded from its original half-year scope to become a year-round initiative. Under Chief Capriglione's leadership, the New Castle County DUI Task Force has established checkpoints during major holidays and other events typically associated with higher rates of impaired driving, including Super Bowl Sunday and St. Patrick's Day. During the recent Cinco de Mayo holiday, the county teams conducted checkpoints that resulted in 19 DUI arrests, as well as 7 drug arrests, 8 felony arrests, and the apprehension of 3 wanted individuals.

Chief Michael Capriglione has been instrumental in the development and success of the Checkpoint Strikeforce Campaign in Delaware. Through his exceptional leadership and commitment to public service, Delaware's roadways have become safer and its citizens more secure. He is the embodiment of public service and deserves all of the recognition he has received for his remarkable efforts, and more. We are fortunate to have committed, effective law enforcement professionals such as Chief Capriglione working to combat the problem of drunken driving throughout Delaware and the Nation, and I ask the Senate to join me in thanking Chief Capriglione for his dedicated service.●

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL DANIEL JAMES III, USAF

● Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I rise today to honor LTG Daniel James III who recently retired as Director, Air

National Guard. To say that General James has had a distinguished career at the National Guard Bureau would be an understatement due to his unmatched success in formulating, developing, and coordinating all policies, plans, and programs affecting more than 106,000 Guard members throughout the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands.

The general personifies the model commander with a career in the military that spanned almost four decades. He earned his commission as a distinguished graduate of the University of Arizona's ROTC program in 1968. The general is a command pilot with approximately 4,000 hours in fighter and trainer aircraft. A combat veteran with two Distinguished Flying Crosses, General James completed two Active-Duty tours in Southeast Asia, logging 500 combat hours as a forward air controller and F-4 Phantom aircraft commander. Prior to becoming ANG Director, General James was the Adjutant General for Texas National Guard headquarters. In June of 2002, he was appointed to the position as Director, Air National Guard.

In closing, I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in expressing our deep appreciation for the numerous contributions Lieutenant General James has made on behalf of our brave service men and women. It is my honor to recognize the general for his distinguished service to our Nation. Recalling our national anthem, to our veterans and Armed Forces, I say, we would not be "the land of the free" if we were not also "the home of the brave." We wish Daniel and his family continued success as he closes out his service to the Air Force and the people of this grateful Nation.●

TRIBUTE TO JACK BANDY

● Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, I wish today to honor in the RECORD of the Senate my friend, B. Jackson Bandy, a great Georgian, a great American, and a great citizen of Whitfield County. I honor Jack upon his induction into the Junior Achievement Northwest Georgia Business Hall of Fame.

Junior Achievement was founded in Dalton, GA, in 1964 and sends volunteers from the community into local schools to teach students about business, economics, and personal finance. Each year the local district serves more than 8,900 students in 44 schools, including more than 30 schools in Whitfield and Murray Counties. The district has more than 300 volunteers. Nominees from this community for this award were selected based on business excellence, inspiring leadership, community involvement, and innovation.

In addition, Jack was one of three founders in 1956 of the tufted carpet business Coronet Industries, which was eventually bought by Beaulieu. But Jack is more than just a businessman