

they will lose their jobs and not be able to provide for their families. Today's economy is too uncertain, too volatile, and too global to take for granted.

This Father's Day, so many fathers are in harm's way in Afghanistan or in Iraq facing daily dangers that have already taken too many other fathers from their wives and children. To them and to their families, I offer my prayers of thanks and of safekeeping. May God bring them safely home. The families for whom this Father's Day will be a mix of loving remembrance and painful loss, I can offer only the comforting words of sympathy and the acknowledgment of their sad, sad loss. These fathers in heaven, for there they surely are, still have an important place in the family. Like all fathers, they teach by example. In this case, their example is one of bravery and sacrifice, patriotism and service.

Clarence Budington Kelland once wrote of his father: "He didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it." These fathers in uniform, like good fathers everywhere, teach by the example of their own lives. "The words that a father speaks to his children in the privacy of home are not heard by the world, but, as in whispering-galleries, they are clearly heard at the end and by posterity." Jean Paul Richter made that observation, and that truism captures the essence of a father's importance. Each day they gird themselves for battle, whether that battle be in Iraq or in an office or a factory. They go, and they return. They do not complain, or at least not much, about how much time they must spend away from home. They simply do the best that they can for their families, day after day, year after year. They love their children. They play with them when they can. They monitor schoolwork and behavior. They set standards and measure performance. They mete out discipline. They scrutinize their children's friends. They say "yes" as often as they say "no." Good fathers participate in all aspects of their children's lives.

Our families are our Nation's greatest resource and greatest treasure. I am proud each year to take a few minutes to recognize the critical role of mothers and fathers on the days set aside for each of them. It reminds me to think always of how families are affected by the votes I cast here in the Senate. The votes we cast here affect the lives and well being of mothers and fathers and families. We need to make life easier for families, not harder. We should not send fathers into battle without good cause. We should not add to the burden of debt without good cause. Our spending decisions should add to the prosperity and well-being of the Nation and our families, first and foremost.

I close with a favorite poem of mine, one that I often recite for Father's Day. I learned it as young boy, and the words and the lesson have come to mean more to me with each passing year:

THAT DAD OF MINE

He's slowing down, as some folks say,
With the burden of years from day to day;
His brow bears many a furrowed line;
He's growing old—that dad of mine.
His shoulders droop, and his step is slow;
And his hair is white, as white as snow;
But his kind eyes sparkle with a friendly
light;
His smile is warm, and his heart is right.
He's old? Oh, yes. But only in years,
For his spirit soars as the sunset nears.
And blest I've been, and wealth I've had,
In knowing a man like my old dad.
And proud I am to stand by him,
As he stood by me when the way was dim;
I've found him worthy and just as fine,
A prince of men—that dad of mine.

REFERRAL OF NOMINATION

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following letter be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

U.S. SENATE,
SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE,
Washington, DC, June 15, 2006.

Hon. BILL FRIST,
Senate Majority Leader,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. LEADER: On June 15, 2006, the Committee on the Judiciary reported favorably the nomination of Kenneth L. Wainstein to be the Assistant Attorney General for National Security. Pursuant to section 17(b)(1) of S. Res. 400 of the 94th Congress (as amended by Section 506(d) of the USA PATRIOT Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2005, Pub. L. No. 109-177 (Mar. 9, 2006)), I request that the nomination of Mr. Wainstein be referred to the Select Committee on Intelligence for a period not to exceed 20 calendar days.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

PAT ROBERTS,
Chairman.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I today salute a hero for all Americans, a leader for his party, and my friend, Senator Robert Joseph Dole.

This week marks 10 years since Senator Dole retired from this Chamber, a day I remember well. Senator Dole left as the longest-serving Republican leader in Senate history. In fact, the beginning of his leadership tenure coincided with my first term in the Senate, starting in January 1985.

Even then, it was clear that Senator Dole was and is not just another Senator, but a national fixture in American politics. Author Michael Barone, writing in his *Almanac of American Politics*, has this to say about our friend from Kansas:

Senator Bob Dole is one of the large political figures of our time, in the middle 1990s towering over everyone else in the political landscape, even the president . . . for Bob Dole is not only one of the most successful politicians of the second half of the 20th Century but also one of the most enduring.

Powerful words about a powerful leader. Many of my colleagues have already recounted Senator Dole's extensive political career, his record of legislative accomplishment, and his leader-

ship of the Republican Party, here in the Senate and as the Republican candidate for both President and Vice-President of the United States. Beginning with his chairmanship of the Republican National Committee in 1971, Senator Dole was a prominent player on the national stage for a quarter-century.

Senator Dole's heroism on the battlefield is well-known and revered by us all as well. In 1945, a young Lieutenant Dole from Russell, KS, found himself on the hills of Italy, fighting the Nazis. Suddenly pain exploded in his back. Paralyzed by his war injury, Bob Dole spent 4 years in hospital wards, relearning how to do simple tasks, like button his shirt. To this day his right arm remains largely paralyzed.

I believe the determination and focus Senator Dole must have had to recover from that injury explains his success in politics, and with the American people. After struggling to regain control of one's body, lining up a vote on a difficult bill might be a little less daunting. I have heard Senator DOLE say before that no honor that has come his way has ever surpassed the pride he felt at wearing his country's uniform.

As a Republican Leader, Bob Dole was about results, not symbolism or showmanship. President George H.W. Bush, for instance, cited him as instrumental in the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990. Out of office, he has continued to serve his country, fundraising for worthy causes and raising awareness of the dangers of prostate cancer.

Senator Dole is also famous for his dry, Midwestern wit, which has lifted many of us here in the Senate in times of despair as well as levity. This is a man who, after losing the Republican Presidential nomination in 1988, assured an audience that he "went home and slept like a baby. Every couple of hours, I'd wake up and cry."

My colleagues and I continue to be graced every day in this chamber by the presence of another prominent Senator DOLE, the Senator from North Carolina. ELIZABETH, I wish to express how happy we all are Bob has found you, and you have found Bob. You remind us of him every day, and we hope that you will tell him how much we all respect and miss him, and how pleased we are to honor his service.

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, last Sunday marked the 10th anniversary of Senator Bob Dole's retirement from the Senate. Bob Dole served the people of Kansas and the people of the United States of America as a Member of Congress for more than three and a half decades. He was outspoken on many issues, but, above all, I will always admire his tireless, passionate advocacy on behalf of people with disabilities.

The first speech that Bob Dole ever made on the floor of the Senate—on April 14, 1969—was about the challenges faced by Americans with disabilities. That date was the 24th anniversary of the day he was gravely wounded in

World War II. In fact, every year that he was in the Senate, on or about April 14, Bob Dole made a statement on the floor about the challenges faced by individuals with disabilities. But Bob Dole did much more than just talk about expanding access and opportunity for people with disabilities. He was an outstanding leader in bringing about change for the good.

Most importantly, I will always be grateful for Senator Bob Dole's leadership in helping to pass the Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990. Both he and I remember the day that it was signed into law as one of the proudest in our entire legislative careers.

It is hard to believe, but it has been nearly 16 years since we passed the Americans with Disabilities Act. Just as many predicted, ADA has taken its place among the great civil rights laws in our Nation's history. Today, the impacts of ADA are all around us. Drive-through restaurants have visual displays allowing the deaf and hard of hearing to place their orders. Banks have talking ATMs, now, to assist those with visual impairments. Cities have installed curb cuts and ramps to allow wheelchair users easier access. And on and on. Just as important, because of ADA, we have seen an enormous change in attitudes. These changes that we see today, that we feel today, would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of Senator Bob Dole in working cooperatively to help get the ADA passed.

On a bipartisan basis, we miss Bob Dole here in this body. But the good news is that there is still a Senator DOLE in the Senate, and our friend Bob has found a richly satisfying life after the Senate. Today, he continues to serve the American people in a whole range of voluntary capacities, proving President Reagan's dictum that "you don't have to be on the public payroll to be an outstanding public servant." I salute my good friend, Bob Dole, and I wish him all the best.

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, of all my colleagues, I suppose that in 1996 I was the one most hoping that Bob Dole would not retire from the Senate. That was because I was doing my best to defeat him in the New Hampshire Presidential primary. If I had, Bob had told several friends he was "going back to the Senate." Well, Pat Buchanan beat both of us by a few percentage points, and Bob beat me. Within a few weeks, I was back in Tennessee at a press conference endorsing Bob Dole and presenting him with one of my red and black plaid shirts. "I hope it's his last one," Bob's friend Howard Baker was heard to mutter, referring to my shirt.

I should have known better. In my first Iowa poll in June of 1995, pollster Whit Ayres said, "Governor, this is the professional challenge of my career. The poll says, 'Dole 54, Alexander 3, margin of error 4 percentage points.'" The end result in the caucuses 6 months later was a good deal closer,

but Bob Dole won because he had earned for himself the unofficial title of "President of Iowa." Iowans liked his spare talk, his good humor, his war record, and his middle-America brand of politics.

So did and does the rest of America. Not everyone comes out of a Presidential race more admired than when he or she went in. But Bob Dole did. He ran three times, the last time securing the Republican nomination. And, I would judge, he is even more admired today than he was 10 years ago when he retired from the Senate.

Bob Dole is an emblem of America's greatest generation. He and our colleague ELIZABETH are together one of our country's most admired couples. When we think of him, and of them, we think of what is best about public service in America and about our country itself.

Mr. MARTINEZ. Mr. President, today I honor a great American, a man who devoted his life to this nation and to the just principles he believed in. Born in Russell, Ks, Robert J. Dole would serve his country as a war hero, risking his life for a fellow soldier fighting the forces of fascism and Nazism in Italy, as a Senator, a great Majority Leader, my party's candidate for Vice President and President and today as an active private citizen fighting for veterans and the causes in which he believes.

For his bravery in World War II, Bob Dole received two Purple Hearts for his injuries, and the Bronze Star Medal for his attempt to assist a downed radio man. Bob Dole served in the House and Senate representing his home State of Kansas. In 1971, President Nixon asked him to be the Chairman of the Republican National Committee, a post he held for 2 years. Then in 1976, President Ford selected Bob Dole as his running mate for the Republican nomination.

Recognizing his leadership, Bob Dole rose to the pinnacle of our leadership here in the U.S. Senate as the Majority Leader. He was a tireless worker and effective champion of conservative principles, a strong foreign policy and personal freedom and responsibility.

One decade ago, Senator Dole resigned his post to devote himself fully to his 1996 presidential campaign. As my party's nominee he crossed the country running on a platform of lower taxation and smaller, more accountable government. Unfortunately, he didn't win, but he developed a good working relationship with President Clinton and the two leaders have devoted their time and energy to many notable causes over the years. Shortly after the 1996 election, President Clinton bestowed upon Senator Dole the highest civilian award in Government, the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

To those who know him, Senator Dole is a regular comedian. One story goes that on the campaign trail in his home state of Kansas, he would spend an hour at each stop telling jokes and only 10 minutes talking about politics.

Senator Dole was always able to demonstrate a quick wit, while also showing that he was well grounded in decency.

Senator Dole continues today to serve the many veterans of World War II who fought so valiantly to liberate Europe and defeat the Japanese. Most recently, it was his personal dedication and determination to see a monument honoring the sacrifice of the World War II veterans that led to the construction of the beautiful tribute to selfless service that now graces the National Mall.

I wish Senator Dole and his lovely wife, my colleague, Senator ELIZABETH DOLE, more happy years together and many happy returns to the United States Senate.

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I was first elected to the Senate in 1993 in a special election to fill the remainder of Lloyd Bentsen's term. Bob Dole, like my predecessor Lloyd Bentsen, is a member of the "Greatest Generation"—the generation of men who never wavered in answering the call to duty, fighting in distant lands to protect the free world, and returning home to build the greatest Nation on Earth. Bob Dole epitomizes the "Greatest Generation," not only for his heroic service in battle, but also for what he did when he came home, ultimately serving in the U.S. Senate.

When I first arrived in Washington, Nancy Kassebaum of Kansas was the only other female Republican Senator. Fortunately, our leader Bob Dole understood the unique and important voice women brought to the Senate. He graciously welcomed me from the first day, and I enjoyed working with him as he ascended from minority leader to majority leader. He was great in both roles, and I appreciate the leadership and support he provided in my early days.

One of my first discussions with Bob was committee assignments. I told him I wanted to serve on the Armed Services Committee, as there are more military members serving in Texas than any other State. I hoped to carry on the great tradition of helping our men and women in uniform like so many Texas Senators before me. He understood why this committee assignment was important to me and realized the unique perspective I would bring to the national discussion. I was the first woman to sit on this committee in over 30 years. Today, there are three women serving on the Armed Services Committee, including Bob's wife, Senator ELIZABETH DOLE, who was elected after Bob retired from her home State of North Carolina.

On the 10th anniversary of Bob Dole's retirement from the Senate, I am proud to honor him for his many accomplishments and tireless service to our country. While we all regretted to see him go, we are grateful for the legacy he left behind, and I hope we can carry it forward for generations to come. He was a giant during his time

in this institution, and when the history of the Senate is written, I am confident that he will be fondly remembered as one of our great leaders.

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, it was just about 10 years ago that Bob Dole announced his retirement from the Senate. It was 1996 and the Nation was in the midst of an intense campaign for the Presidency. Bob Dole had decided to resign his Senate seat for the good of his home State of Kansas, his party, and his country. He knew he would have to focus all his energies on his campaign for President if he were to be successful, so he left Washington to answer another call to serve his country and provide a choice to the people of Kansas and the rest of the United States when the election was held in November of that year.

We really shouldn't have been surprised. Answering the call to serve his country was nothing new for Bob Dole and he was proud to be able to do it. Over his life he had been many things, a legislator, a decorated war hero, and a leader both inside and outside of the Senate. Through the years, Bob Dole had always answered the call to serve his country when he was needed, and I have no doubt that he will continue to do so for many years to come.

It's no secret. Bob Dole has made it clear all his life. You want to know and understand him, you must first understand Russell, KS—the people who live there and the values and principles they hold dear. By coming to know the people of Russell, you understand the philosophy that Bob Dole has lived by his entire life. It's a philosophy of work, and of always giving your best to whatever you choose to do. It is a reflection of his father's view of the world—"stewers versus doers." Needless to say, you will always find Bob Dole in the "doers" group.

That is why the story of Bob Dole's life is thoroughly intertwined with the story of Russell, KS. For it was when he was growing up in Russell that Bob Dole committed himself to the service of God, Country and family. They came to become his core values as he learned at a young age that there are things worth fighting for and that is what drew him to his service in the military.

Those who have chronicled those difficult years in our history have called him part of our greatest generation. Without any regard for himself, Bob Dole left everything he called dear behind to face a challenge as great as any generation had faced before. Pearl Harbor had been attacked and the whole world had taken up arms in a battle against an unspeakable evil that had been unleashed upon the world. World War II had called him to action and Bob Dole was a young man serving in the U.S. Army. He would never be the same again in mind or body. Given the circumstances, I don't think anyone would have returned home from the battlefields of Europe and the South Pacific and not have been changed forever.

As he bravely fought in the mountains of Italy, he was wounded in action, but still he fought on. Then, he was wounded again, this time far more seriously. The odds were against him, but he somehow made it through those vital first days. He then began what would be a lengthy recovery. He had a long stay in the hospital and despite the efforts of those who attended him, he had lost the use of an arm.

When he was released from the hospital, he returned home, and that special place of Russell, KS, again reached out to him with open arms and provided him with the support he needed to continue to recover from the wounds he had suffered on the battlefield. Once again, the bonds that tied him to the people of Russell and Kansas became stronger. Those bonds helped Bob Dole to regain his strength and begin to plan for the future.

Soon he heard the call to serve again. With the support of the people of his home town, he left to work for the people of Kansas in the State house and then in the U.S. Congress. His leadership skills were quite apparent and he compiled quite a record in the Senate. He progressed through the ranks and served his party as minority and then majority leader. Every day on the Senate floor, he took a leadership role on a wide variety of issues that he knew were important to the people of his home State. Through the years he worked to ensure that our American values we protected and preserved in all the proceedings of Congress. It was a remarkable record of service that continued until that day, ten years ago, when he resigned to pursue the call to carry the Republican banner for President.

Although that final political campaign of his was not successful, Bob Dole will always be remembered for a lifetime of service to the United States. He has received many honors for his service to the United States, and for being a part of a noble cause that the greatest generation took up for which so many fought and died. He never forgot those with whom he served or the needs of our Nation's veterans. In fact, it was those ties from so many years ago that led him to join the effort to construct a memorial for World War II to recognize those with whom he served—especially those who never returned. His leadership in that effort resulted in the dedication of a beautiful memorial that will stand forever in the shadows of the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument on the Mall in our Nation's Capital.

Today, Bob Dole and his wife ELIZABETH continue to be a great team as she serves the people of North Carolina with the same care and attention that Bob Dole has always provided the people of Kansas.

Bob Dole has always said that his goal in life was to defend and serve the America he learned to love in Russell. I think the record shows that he succeeded in that effort and, in so doing,

left his mark throughout much of the world as he fought in Europe to free the oppressed, and, in the Senate, for the principles and values he had learned to cherish as a young boy growing up in Russell, KS.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR ROBERT C. BYRD

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I take this opportunity to congratulate my friend, the distinguished Senator from West Virginia, who has achieved the distinction of being the longest serving Senator in the history of the Senate. Even though this is definitely a noteworthy achievement, what has set Senator BYRD apart from all others who have served as Senators is the dedication he has shown to the duties of his office, his respect for the traditions of the Senate, and his leadership of this body during his service in the Senate.

As President pro tempore, majority leader, and chairman of the Appropriations Committee, he has succeeded in protecting and enforcing the rules of the Senate, first written by Thomas Jefferson during his service as Vice President and the Presiding Officer of the Senate, and he used his leadership skills to successfully lead the Senate in changing the rules when a consensus for modernizing the rules permitted. His insights into the needs of his constituents and his devotion to their well-being have been admirable.

Perhaps his greatest contribution to our understanding of the Senate was his authorship of the "Addresses on the History of the United States Senate," the most comprehensive account of the role the Senate has played over the years.

I commend the Senator from West Virginia for his illustrious and record-breaking career in the Senate, and I wish for him many more years of service in this body.

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, I am sorry that I was not present on the floor on Monday when my colleagues paid tribute to my friend, ROBERT C. BYRD, but I would like to add my voice to the chorus speaking on his unsurpassed contributions to the U.S. Senate and to America.

I say without hesitation Senator BYRD is one of the most remarkable men I have ever had the privilege to work with. Although I have been here for 33 years, he is the only Member whom I have looked up to as my senior—my senior in every way.

When my days are finished in this Chamber, my children, my grandchildren, and my great-grandchildren will know that I served with the greatest servant of the U.S. Senate of all who have served.

Once someone said of another West Virginian, Stonewall Jackson, that "his character and will make him a stonewall and more of a stonewall than any man I've ever known."

I say the same of ROBERT BYRD. When he walks on the floor, Constitution in