

Valerie Plame leak case, others set the political process in motion, and the loyal aide did the deed and took the rap. The Senate should not stop at Gonzales' actions, but should press to find out who pressured him to take these unconscionable actions.

Ashcroft supermoralistically draped the body of the department's statue of justice to hide her contours; Gonzales amoralistically tore off her blindfold. Both diminished the prestige of an important government agency.

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL ANTHONY J. "LAZER" LAZARSKI

Mr. INHOFE. Madam President, I am here today to recognize and pay tribute to COL Anthony J. "Lazer" Lazarski, Chief of the Air Force Senate Liaison, for his 25 years of exceptional service and dedication to the U.S. Air Force and our great country. Colonel Lazarski is a command pilot with over 2,300 flight hours in 12 different types of aircraft, including the RF-4, F-15, F-16, F-111 and F-117. He has supported combat operations around the world, to include the Libya Raid and Operations Desert Storm, Desert Fox, Allied Force, Southern Watch, and Iraqi Freedom. Throughout his military career, he has been recognized by his superiors and subordinates as a leader in the air and on the ground—an Airman with the ability to motivate and lead.

COL Lazer Lazarski grew up in North Arlington, NJ, and watched them build the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center from the basement up. He earned an appointment to the Air Force Academy and graduated in 1982 with military honors. Upon completion of pilot training, he was selected to fly the F-111 and earned the distinction of Top Gun for both his T-38 Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals class and his F-111 Replacement Training Unit class. While flying in Tactical Air Command with the 79th NATO Tigers at RAF Upper Heyford, he was selected as the wing's youngest instructor pilot. Shortly thereafter, he was selected as the youngest United States Air Forces in Europe flight examiner. As a pilot, I can attest to the fact that you only allow your sharpest and most mature pilots to set, evaluate, and enforce the standards for other pilots. I happen to be a flight instructor currently. I can assure you, they are the very best people. This is a major accomplishment he was able to achieve.

Colonel Lazarski later transitioned to the F-117 Stealth Fighter and earned Top Gun in his third aircraft, this time during a Southern Watch deployment over the skies of Iraq. Colonel Lazarski demonstrated he could not only deliver precise weapons on target on time, he could also motivate and lead others. In recognition of his extraordinary leadership, he was named 12th Air Force Flight Commander of the Year, and selected to attend the Naval War College.

After graduating from the Naval War College in 1994, he served 3 years in Naples, Italy at NATO Headquarters, including as the aide-de-camp to two

different Commanders, Allied Air Forces in Southern Europe. One of these Commanders was then LTG Mike Ryan, who would later become Air Force Chief of Staff. During his tour, he was one of the first combat troops on the ground in Sarajevo as he helped set up the NATO Air Operations Center.

In 1997, he transitioned to the F-15 Strike Eagle, serving as the 336th Fighter Squadron Assistant Operations Officer and deployed commander from Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, NC. During this tour he also served as Chief of the Command Post and integrated new command and control systems to include hurricane tracking/forecasting systems put to test in 3 years of multiple hurricanes.

In 2001 he graduated No. 1 from his Air War College Class, earning the Wright Brothers Officership Award and Military Outstanding Volunteer Medal. This honor earned him the right to serve the next year at Vance Air Force Base, in my home state of Oklahoma as the Deputy Operations Group Commander.

Due to the superb leadership Colonel Lazarski demonstrated at Vance, he was selected as the Director of Air Combat Command's Commander Action Group—the strategic "think tank" for our Air Force's lead combat command. In this position he was given the immense responsibility for developing strategy, doctrine, concepts, tactics and procedures for U.S. air and space power employment.

Colonel Lazarski's next assignment led him back to command, this time in Air Education Training Command as the Commander of the 479th Flying Training Group where he was responsible for training new pilots in the T-6, and new fighter pilots and weapons officers in the T-38. Colonel Lazarski oversaw 115 aircraft averaging 300 sorties a day, and despite five hurricanes in one season, no student ever graduated late under Colonel Lazarski's leadership.

In 2005 at the culmination of an exceptional military career, Colonel Lazarski was reassigned to Capitol Hill as the Chief of the Air Force Senate Liaison Division. Here Colonel Lazarski integrated his remarkable experience and leadership with ceaseless integrity, initiative, and persistence to result in unparalleled effectiveness on behalf of the Air Force and our Nation.

We offer our sincere thanks to Colonel Lazarski, his wife Stephanie, and their son Andrew for their unwavering support of our country and the freedom we hold so dear. We congratulate Colonel Lazarski on the completion of an exemplary active-duty career. Utilizing the theme from one of my favorite books, *Message to Garcia*, let me close by saying: Message delivered and job well done! Now a new mission awaits you, and I'm honored to have you serve your country again, this time as my Military Legislative Assistant. Congratulations and welcome!

REMOVAL OF COSPONSOR

Mr. CORNYN. Madam President, I ask that Senator PETE DOMENICI be removed as a cosponsor to S. 1038, the Workforce Health Improvement Act, and added as a cosponsor to S. 1083, the SKIL Act. Let the RECORD reflect that due to a clerical error Senator DOMENICI was inadvertently added as a cosponsor to the Wokforce Health Improvement Act.

IN RECOGNITION OF HEIDEH SHAHMORADI

Mr. BOND. Madam President, today I rise to acknowledge the very special and meaningful contributions of Ms. Heideh Shahmoradi, who is departing the U.S. Senate after serving as detailee for some 4 years from the Department of Transportation. I come to the floor today to thank personally Heideh for her assistance and professionalism as a detailee to me on both the Environment and Public Works, EPW, Committee and the Appropriations Committee.

In my former position as chair of the EPW's Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Heideh provided me with invaluable advice and help in the development and passage of the highway reauthorization legislation, Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users, or SAFETEA. Heideh played a key role in helping the committee understand the complexities and implications of SAFETEA which helped to ensure that the final legislation properly balanced these very complex policy and funding issues. And as a program expert from the Department, Heideh was able to provide valuable insights on the potential impact of the legislation on highway transportation activities. Heideh not only contributed significantly in analyzing the legislation but she also performed important duties, such as research, fact-checking, editing, and drafting report language and legislation. Heideh did it all with distinction and unflappable good humor.

Her skills and performance on working on the EPW Committee made it an easy decision to bring her back from the Department to help me on the Appropriations Committee. Heideh not only continued to assist me on the Federal-aid highway programs on the Senate Transportation, HUD, and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee, but she also quickly became a resource and expert on all of the other modes under the Department of Transportation.

Throughout her tenure on Capitol Hill, Heideh provided technical expertise and programmatic knowledge that was critical in policymaking decisions on both the authorizing and appropriations committees. Her ability to provide a reality check on legislation helped tremendously in protecting the best interests of our communities and

taxpayers. She is simply a true professional civil servant that we are fortunate to have in government.

Finally, Heideh is a quick study, adaptable, very good at working with others, and cool under pressure. She also is a person of absolute integrity, honor, and loyalty. To their credit, the leadership at the Department of Transportation has recognized her accomplishments and skills and will be giving her new challenges and opportunities. Her departure is a great loss to the Appropriations Committee and to my office in particular. She will be missed. I strongly commend Heideh for her service to me and the U.S. Senate and, while she is leaving us, she will always be part of the Bond office team. I personally wish Heideh, her husband Torrance, and her son Corey all the best.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

HONORING KENT “OZ” C. NELSON

• Mr. ISAKSON. Madam President, today I wish to acknowledge a very special occasion. It has come to my attention that on May 9, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the CDC Foundation in Atlanta will be honoring Kent “Oz” C. Nelson, retired chair and CEO of UPS, for his unselfish and untiring work on behalf of CDC and public health around the globe. They will be dedicating CDC’s main auditorium as the Kent “Oz” C. Nelson Auditorium. This is a great honor for a man who truly deserves it.

As elected officials, we naturally and rightfully expect to hear from interested constituents and from the leaders of our governmental institutions about programmatic and capital needs. It is much more unusual to hear about such needs from a CEO-level leader of a global corporation like UPS. But over the past 8 years, Oz and many other CEO’s like him, including Bernie Marcus, Phil Jacobs and Christine Jacobs, have regularly written, called and visited Washington, DC to remind us of the importance of upgrading CDC’s Atlanta-based labs and facilities to ensure that the world’s best scientists are equipped with world-class facilities to support their work.

During a tour of CDC in the fall of 1999, Oz, Bernie and Phil were troubled by the condition of CDC labs and its negative impact on CDC’s ability to recruit top scientists and to protect all Americans from a host of threats ranging from SARS, anthrax and pandemic flu to obesity and environmental toxins. Scientists were working in overcrowded World War II Quonset huts and cinder block labs with frayed wiring and poor ventilation.

Oz could have just written a letter. He could have written off CDC’s problems as the government’s problem. Instead, he helped organize a concerted effort to highlight the problem and encourage a solution. In the last 8 years, Congress has appropriated \$1.2 billion

of the \$1.6 billion needed to complete CDC’s master facilities plan. One needs only tour CDC’s campus and visit with the scientists there to see the amazing results.

As elected officials, we learn early to appreciate people like Oz Nelson. People who are never too busy to care, never too busy to identify and help solve problems. Since “retiring,” and I use that term loosely in Oz’s case, he has chaired the Annie Casey Foundation, served on the board of the Carter Center in Atlanta, served on the board of the United Way of America and chaired its national fundraising campaign, chaired the board of the CDC Foundation and been instrumental in starting and supporting an Atlanta-based Museum of Patriotism that celebrates the American spirit. And these are just a few of his many nonprofit interests.

Oz Nelson is, himself, a patriot who embodies the very best of the American spirit. And I know those of you who know and have worked with Oz join me today in congratulating him on the dedication of the new Kent “Oz” C. Nelson Auditorium at CDC. •

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions:

H. Con. Res. 95. Concurrent resolution honoring the career and research accomplishments of Frances E. Allen, the 2006 recipient of the A.M. Turing Award.

H. Con. Res. 112. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideas of a National Child Care Worthy Wage Day.

H. Con. Res. 118. Concurrent resolution congratulating the City of Chicago for being chosen to represent the United States in the international competition to host the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games, and encouraging the International Olympic Committee to select Chicago as the site of the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games. •

At 3:01 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House having proceeded to reconsider the bill (H.R. 1591) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes, returned by the President of the United States with his objections, to the House of Representatives, in which it originated, it was resolved that the said bill do not pass, two-thirds of the House of Representatives not agreeing to pass the same. •

MEASURES REFERRED

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 95. Concurrent resolution honoring the career and research accomplishments of Frances E. Allen, the 2006 recipient of the A.M. Turing Award; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H. Con. Res. 112. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideas of a National

Child Care Worthy Wage Day; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following concurrent resolution was read, and placed on the calendar:

H. Con. Res. 118. Concurrent resolution congratulating the City of Chicago for being chosen to represent the United States in the international competition to host the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games, and encouraging the International Olympic Committee to select Chicago as the site of the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games. •

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1711. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act by the Department of the Army, case number 05-09; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-1712. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Acceptance of Contributions for Defense Programs, Projects, and Activities; Defense Cooperation Account”; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1713. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, the report of (7) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of major general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1714. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving exports to Ghana; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1715. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Procurement, Contract Management Division, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “NASA Implementation of OMB Guidance on Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension” (RIN2700-AD32) received on April 27, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1716. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Implementation of Section 621(a)(1) of the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 as amended by the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992” ((FCC 06-180)(MM Docket No. 05-311)) received on April 30, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1717. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations, Milano, Texas” (MB Docket No. 05-97) received on April 30, 2007; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1718. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to