

deployment, the unit contributed to three major offensive operations by transporting troops and supplies in some of the most difficult conditions for aviation operations.

In early October 2006, the unit returned to Pakistan for Operation Promise Keeping, a mission to commemorate the 1-year anniversary of the earthquake. The unit delivered more than 87 tons of steel sheets, cement, and construction materials to help with rebuilding efforts in Pakistan.

This weekend, at the Army Aviation Association of America's annual convention, the unit is being recognized as the Army Reserve Aviation Unit of the Year. The Pakistani people will forever remember the servant hearts of these military members. It is with an overwhelming sense of gratitude that I wish to recognize these fine service members and their families for their dedication to the cause of freedom and congratulate them on their much deserved award.●

RETIREMENT OF MARGARET SPRING

● Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I wish to pay tribute to a member of my staff who retired from service to the Senate after dedicating 8 years to the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee. Margaret Spring, Democratic general counsel for the Commerce Committee, left the Senate for love. In doing so, she will be leaving behind a record of accomplishment that will be difficult for anyone to match. During her 8-year tenure on the committee, more than 10 major ocean and coastal initiatives, which she was heavily involved in drafting, have been enacted into law, including the National Sea Grant College Program Reauthorization, the Oceans and Human Health Act, Coast Guard Reauthorization Acts, the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Amendments Act, the Tsunami Preparedness Act, and the Marine Debris Research, Prevention, and Reduction Act. Probably most notable are the first and last pieces of legislation Margaret worked on. The first was the Oceans Act of 2000, and the final bill was the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act.

What is clear from the passage of all these bills is both Margaret's ability to successfully negotiate and work in a bipartisan fashion, regardless of whether she was in the minority or the majority, and her unwavering commitment to making the world we live in a better place for today and for the future. Her trustworthiness and constant striving for perfection provided a process where every staffer who worked with her believed the final product was a true reflection of negotiations and discussions, and the outside parties that had an interest in the legislation, whether environmental or industry groups, while not necessarily agreeing

completely with the ultimate outcome, felt like their voices were heard. The best example of her abilities is the Magnuson-Stevens Act, which passed by unanimous consent with support from the fishing industry and environmental groups, a rarity in this day.

A hallmark of Margaret's legacy will be a cleaner and healthier environment for generations to come. The Oceans Act, which passed in 2000, created the Ocean Commission, consisting of this country's leading ocean experts. Without the legislation enacted through her efforts, Congress and the administration would be without a landmark blueprint. Margaret's work, in combination with efforts of other dedicated members and staff, has given us guideposts for what we must do to sustain the ocean environment for future generations.

While Margaret has left the Senate, she has not left her call to public service, to preserving the coastal environment, or to improving the planet for the next generation. While she and her new husband have decided to move to the West coast, she also decided to continue her passionate interest in the marine environment with a nonprofit organization whose mission is to preserve environmental diversity through the protection of lands and waters. The Commerce Committee, the Senate, and this country have benefited from Margaret's dedication during the past 8 years, and while she will be missed, the country will continue to benefit from her commitment, dedication, and tireless efforts to improve the world we live in.

On the eve of Margaret Spring's wedding to Mark Bunter, we wish her well as she embarks on a new chapter of her life.●

TRIBUTE TO GREG STEVENS

● Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to the late Gregory Clark Stevens—an incredible political strategist, loyal Republican, wonderful husband and father and a terrific friend to me and my wife Janet.

Last month, our Lord took Greg from us after 58 years on Earth. Greg's last days weren't easy on him or his family as he suffered from brain cancer. But he was able to find an inner peace that I know helped him in his final days.

Looking back, Greg had a full and accomplished career—a career that led to many people, including myself, getting elected and doing immense good for our Nation.

After graduating from the University of Maine in 1971, he spent half a decade as a reporter in New Jersey, and was then hired as President Gerald Ford's reelection campaign press secretary. He was hired by former New Jersey assemblyman turned campaign manager for Ford, Thomas Kean. Kean later returned to New Jersey and, after a defeat running for the same office, he was later elected Governor and hired Greg to be his communications director.

When Kean was reelected in 1981 he made Greg his chief of staff.

A fellow Ohioan, Roger Ailes, hired Greg in 1988 to work on Vice President George H.W. Bush's campaign for the Presidency. Then, 2 years later, Greg ran my successful campaign to be Governor of the great State of Ohio.

A few years later Greg opened his own consulting business in the Washington suburbs and had many clients. I remained one of them, with Greg running my multimedia campaign in 1994 for my second term as Governor, then in 1998 and 2004 for my current Senate seat. He did a marvelous job and we became good friends. And it meant a great deal to Janet and me that we had someone working with us who cared so much about us personally. We always said hiring Greg was the best decision we ever made.

But it was his genuine caring for me and my family that translated into his incredible television ads that helped get and keep me elected. Greg always "got us," we used to say, and got our values. And he communicated those values through his commercials in a way that no one else could.

Over the years Greg has worked for many famous people and been involved in numerous historic and epic political battles. But that is not how I really remember him. I remember Greg as a fine man and good friend.

As time goes on and we get older, and our families seem to grow and grow, our free time seems to shrink more and more. So there wasn't a lot of time for me to make it up to Maine to see my friend Greg. But I did take the time to send him a letter right before he passed.

In that letter I reminded him of the good work he did on behalf of me and the Nation, and about how I cherished our friendship and fighting the good fight together, but also about how worried I am about our kids and grandkids and what kind of opportunities they will have in the future. I told him I would love to talk to him about these things again soon but, unfortunately, time ran out.

Greg Stevens meant a lot to a lot of people. And he did so much good while he was with us here on Earth.

A minister's son, I know Greg found comfort knowing this life was not all there was. I concluded my letter to Greg with this: "I'm sure you are comforted by the thought that you will be with our Father, eternally happy, and that one day we all will be together again."

I look forward to seeing my good friend Greg once again.●

HONORING DEL GREENFIELD

● Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, those of us entrusted to represent our States in the Senate are so unbelievably fortunate thanks to the wonderful people we meet and work with along the way. These encounters remind us on a regular basis of the inherent goodness of

so many folks, and of their dedication to making our communities, our Nation and our world a better place in which to live and raise families. Today I pay tribute to one such person—a very special person—I was blessed to have met along the way.

Del Greenfield, who passed away just last month, was an extraordinary wife, mother, and citizen whose uncommon commitment to humankind and peace touched thousands of people and enriched our world in ways that will ripple across generations for as long as we humans will inhabit this Earth.

I met Del and her husband, Lou, long ago when I was running the Grey Panthers in Oregon. She was a well-known political activist and worked for some outstanding public servants, including Governor Bob Straub and my former colleague, Congressman Les AuCoin. In the early eighties, Del began to lead the Portland chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility, and it was there that she made a profound and unforgettable impression on so many government leaders who played a role in deciding matters of war and peace, equality and inequality, justice and injustice.

She was well known to those of us in public office for several reasons. We all came to respect her tremendous command of grassroots politics. She harbored an unflinching belief in the power of people to effect change, and she was quite skillful at organizing her troops and using the strength of the many to overcome the sometimes unnatural advantages of the most fortunate few.

She was also unforgettable because of her unyielding, boundless passion for her beliefs and her mission. Del was full of praise for us when she approved of what we were up to—and thankfully, that was most of the time with me—but she never, ever gave up when we took an action she disagreed with. Even when that disagreement had long passed, Del continued to view those disappointments as potential teachable moments, as opportunities for our growth. On those occasions, Del could chew on you pretty good, but if she liked you, she always did it with a smile on her lips and a twinkle in her eyes. She frequently forgave, but she never forgot.

And, importantly, and this was perhaps the root of her high standing with all of us, there was never any doubt about Del's motives. If she possessed any ego, I never encountered it. The one thing I always knew about Del, even on those rare occasions where we disagreed, was that it was never about her. She was inherently decent and kind and involved in all of her causes for all the right reasons.

I am so proud to have had Del and Lou as two of my earliest supporters and am so honored to have had the opportunity to work with and learn from such a wonderful, powerful woman. She and Lou leave to us all a legacy of hope and goodness that will be carried on for

generations to come by her wonderful children, their grandchildren, their great grandchildren, and the thousands of others who have been touched by their loving, good works.

Because I know she is still watching me closely, and because I know she could care less about how many nice things I have to say about her, Del, I will think of you every opportunity I get to end this misguided war in Iraq. And I will think of you every time I have an opportunity to bring about lasting peace, justice, and equality. Your lessons and love will never be forgotten.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:01 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Chiappardi, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1684. An act to authorize appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1873. An act to reauthorize the program and activities of the Small Business Administration relating to procurement, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1684. An act to authorize appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1873. An act to reauthorize the programs and activities of the Small Business Administration relating to procurement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 1368. A bill to amend the Denali Commission Act of 1998 to modify the authority of the Commission; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. KYL, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 1369. A bill to grant immunity from civil liability to any person who voluntarily notifies appropriate security personnel of suspicious activity believed to threaten transportation safety or security or takes reasonable action to mitigate such activity; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. SMITH, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 1370. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure more investment and innovation in clean energy technologies; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PRYOR:

S. 1371. A bill to establish a program to award innovation prizes to individuals and

entities for researching and developing innovative technologies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. PRYOR:

S. 1372. A bill to provide for a Center for Nanotechnology Research and Engineering; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. PRYOR:

S. 1373. A bill to provide grants and loan guarantees for the development and construction of science parks to promote the clustering of innovation through high technology activities; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CASEY:

S. 1374. A bill to assist States in making voluntary high quality full-day prekindergarten programs available and economically affordable for the families of all children for at least 1 year preceding kindergarten; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BROWN, Mr. DODD, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 1375. A bill to ensure that new mothers and their families are educated about postpartum depression, screened for symptoms, and provided with essential services, and to increase research at the National Institutes of Health on postpartum depression; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. SMITH):

S. Res. 194. A resolution commemorating the 40th anniversary of the landmark case *In re Gault*, et. al., in which the Supreme Court held that all children accused of delinquent acts and facing a proceeding in which their freedom may be curtailed have a right to counsel in the proceedings against them; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 195. A resolution commending the Oregon State University College of Forestry on the occasion of its centennial; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 329

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 329, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation services.

S. 430

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 430, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the national defense through empowerment of the Chief of the National Guard Bureau and the enhancement of the functions of the National Guard Bureau, and for other purposes.

S. 543

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the names of the Senator from