

school's heritage. Festivities will honor the school's legacy by looking at the past, the present, and the great memories in between. I am confident that Reno High School will continue to be a beacon of academic excellence in the State of Nevada, as it has been during the last 130 years.

I ask my colleagues to join me in offering our heartfelt congratulations to the faculty, staff, students, families, and proud alumni of Reno High School. The leadership, dedication, and enthusiasm you possess and share with the community help continue the school's legacy and make Nevada a better place to live.

NOMINATION OF CARMEN R. NAZARIO

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I, Senator CHUCK GRASSLEY, do not object to proceeding to the nomination of Carmen R. Nazario to be Assistant Secretary for Family Support of the Department of Health and Human Services, Calendar No. 304, dated September 8, 2009.

REMEMBERING SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, today I rise to bid farewell to TED KENNEDY, a man who spent so many hours on this floor. It was here that he engaged in the cause that shaped his life, and now shapes our memories his commitment to everyday people in their pursuit of the American dream.

It is hard for me, as it is for all my colleagues, to imagine this place without TED KENNEDY. To serve here with him was a great honor. At the age of 14, I was already wearing a TED KENNEDY for President button. Then when I arrived here, this man, this lion of the Senate, was so friendly and funny and generous. He helped to teach me the ropes in the Senate, and I felt so fortunate to know him as a person, not just to admire him from afar.

He and his family are one of the reasons I stand here today. His work in the Senate, his brother John's call for a new generation to serve their country, and his brother Bobby's call for social justice all these inspired me to run for office to in some way serve my country as Senator KENNEDY and his family had. One of the greatest honors of my life was winning the Profiles in Courage Award with Senator MCCAIN, and being recognized by members of the Kennedy family for our work on campaign finance reform.

Having Senator KENNEDY there that day was part of what made that such an honor. There was no one else like him; he was truly one of a kind. Who else could be such a fierce advocate, and at the same time such a skilled negotiator? Who else could engage in such heated debate, but still count so many of us, on both sides of the aisle, as devoted friends? No one but TED KENNEDY could do that.

His qualities were legendary he was the hardest worker, he was the quickest debater, and he was the guy who lit up a room with his warmth and wit. It was all there in one extraordinary man, who became one of the greatest United States Senators in our Nation's history. Even putting aside TED's legendary personal qualities, his legislative record speaks volumes about how effective he was. It is a record for the ages, with hundreds of his legislative efforts becoming law.

His achievements in civil rights, education, health care, and workers' rights speak to the absolute commitment he had to the people he saw who struggled to live the American dream; the dedicated people who are the lifeblood of this country, but who struggle—especially in times like these—when they lose their job, or their health insurance or their home. In TED KENNEDY, those Americans found their champion, and we thank him for everything he achieved on their behalf.

I admired so many things TED KENNEDY did, but most of all I was inspired by his work on civil rights. His commitment, through his 47 years in the Senate, to the cause of equality for every American, was perhaps his greatest achievement of all. In his very first speech on the Senate floor, just 4 months after his brother John's assassination, he called for the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. He played a key role in the Voting Rights Act of 1965, was the chief sponsor of the Voting Rights Amendments Act of 1982, and just a few years ago was a key cosponsor of the Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006. He was one of the chief cosponsors of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the chief sponsor of the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1988, and a key proponent of the Civil Rights Act of 1991. And the list goes on, Mr. President. There simply is no doubt that he was the most important legislative architect of the expansion of civil rights in the last half century. I am committed to helping to continue that work here in the Senate in his memory.

TED was also someone who suffered many personal tragedies, but he bore those burdens with a quiet dignity that came from his tremendous inner strength. You couldn't know him without being awed by that strength, and sensing it whenever he entered the room, or when he took up an issue. When he spoke, his words echoed not just in this Chamber, but across the country and around the world. This was a man who could change the momentum on a bill or an issue just through his own personal will. He was a powerful person determined to help the powerless in our society, and we loved him for it.

I think "beloved" is the best word to describe how we felt about him here in the Senate, and how so many Americans felt about him around the coun-

try. We are grateful that he lived to achieve so much, and to inspire so many.

And now we wish, as he did when he laid his brother Robert Kennedy to rest, that "what he wished for others will someday come to pass for all the world." And now we pledge, as he did at the Democratic Convention in 1980, that "the work goes on, the cause endures, the hope still lives and the dream shall never die." And now, as we grieve his loss, we say goodbye to our friend, Senator EDWARD M. KENNEDY. We thank him for his lifetime of service to our country, and for his profound commitment to the cause of justice here in the United States and throughout the world.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING ALLAN TESCHE

• Mr. BEGICH. Mr. President, I wish to commemorate the life of a very special friend from my home State of Alaska, Allan Tesche.

Former Anchorage Assemblyman Allan Tesche passed away July 14, 2009, after complications from heart surgery.

Allan Tesche was the embodiment of a true Alaskan and an incredible public servant. While I was mayor of Anchorage, Allan served on the Assembly. During this time, I got to know Allan and his family well. He was committed to the residents of Anchorage, and his dedication to making our city a better place was second to none. He and his wife Pam were active members of the community and raised their two children in Anchorage.

On behalf of his family, many friends, and colleagues, I ask today we honor Allan Tesche's memory. I ask his obituary, published July 26, 2009, in the Anchorage Daily News, be printed in the RECORD.

The information follows:

[From the Anchorage Daily News, July 26, 2009]

Allan Edward Tesche, 60, died in Houston, Texas on July 14, 2009, from complications from heart surgery. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Central Lutheran Church. Allan was born Aug. 3, 1948, to Marilyn and Frederick Rutledge Tesche in Los Alamos, N.M. He graduated with honors from the University of California at Davis in 1970. In the Peace Corps, he spent two years in El Salvador supporting Community Development projects. Upon his return, he enrolled in law school at the University of California at Davis, where he was an honorary member of The Chicano Law Students Association. In his second year he was recruited by the Greater Anchorage Area Borough to serve a six-month internship in the Anchorage Borough Attorney's Office; thus began his long association with Alaska government. Allan was invited by Mayor Jack Rodrick to return after graduation as a staff attorney. Allan's work on borough-city unification in 1975-76 led Mayor George Sullivan to elevate him to deputy municipal attorney, a position he held until his appointment to lead the Mat-Su Borough Legal Department in 1980. In 1982, Allan returned to Anchorage

to head the Department of Property & Facilities. In 1988, he left city employment to join law firm Russell & Tesche, where he practiced until retiring in 2006.

In 1978, Allan married Pamela Dunham. Together they raised two children, operated the G Street B&B and went on family adventures. After seeing the community work of friend Nick Aguilar in San Diego, Pam supported Allan's plunge into local politics. Allan served nine years on the Anchorage Assembly. He championed many progressive policies and is credited with the adoption of property tax relief, liquor and tobacco control measures and urban beautification initiatives. Allan was a member of Central Lutheran Church, where he mentored neighborhood youths and served as Church Council president. After leaving the Assembly, Allan helped launch municipal consulting firm RMA Consulting Group and served as acting city administrator for the City of Akutan. He worked for Akutan until his death, and his efforts supporting new developments in Akutan are an ongoing testimony.

Allan is survived by his wife, Pamela; son, Frederick; daughter, Mary; brothers, Frederick and wife Sharon of Saluda, N.C., Thomas and wife Kim of Covington, Ky., and Daniel of Clovis, Calif.; sister, Caroline of Tampa, Fla.; father and mother-in-law, Richard and Carrie Dunham of Whidbey Island, Wash.; brothers- and sisters-in-law, Paul and Kathleen Dunham of Fresno, Calif., Larry and Susan Goodman of Seattle, Cynthia and Eric Olsen of Spokane, Wash., and Linda Wesson of Clovis, Calif.; and by his nieces and nephews.●

RECOGNIZING J. THOMAS CALHOON

● Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, today I wish to speak about a member of our country's greatest generation, the generation of my parents who selflessly served our Nation during a time of great turmoil in the world. This generation made countless contributions to our society and continues to give unselfishly today. I offer my warmest wishes to one of them—Mr. J. Thomas Calhoon, of Hilliard, OH—on his 84th birthday, on this Friday, the eighth anniversary of the attacks of September 11. I want to thank him for the many sacrifices he has made and continues to make for our great country.

Born on September 11, 1925, in Wellsville, OH, Tom Calhoon was raised in East Liverpool, OH, and graduated from Grandview High School, class of 1943.

On December 15, 1943, Tom enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. While serving in Japan during World War II, Corporal Calhoon sustained extensive combat injuries in Okinawa in June of 1945, including the loss of his right leg and a bullet in his left arm that remains there today. He spent over 2 years in hospitals throughout the United States, including Philadelphia Hospital, where he met his wife, Sarah Mae Shoemaker, who was a volunteer.

He survived his injuries, and on August 29, 1947, Tom and Sarah were married and went on to have four sons, Thomas, Samuel, Donald, and Robert, and a daughter, Sarah. All five are children any parent would be proud of. Today, the Calhoon family has expanded to include seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren due later this fall.

During his time in the Marines, Cpl Tom Calhoon received two Purple Hearts and was a rifleman and an expert with the bayonet. After being discharged, he enrolled, in the fall of 1948, at the Ohio State University, of which he and all five of his children are alumni. It was at the Ohio State University that I first met two of his sons, one of whom is a close friend to this day.

Corporal Calhoon worked in public relations and advertising for 50 years in Columbus, OH. In addition to this full-time career, he spent countless hours of his time volunteering. As a member of the Lions Club, he received three national awards, including a Life Membership from the International Association of Lions Clubs Award in 1998 for 50 years of Outstanding Dedicated Service. He also served as president of the Tri-Village Lions, former director of the Franklin County Agriculture Society, is a life member of the Northwest Franklin County Historical Society, and a former director of Pilot Dogs, Inc.

An avid hunter and fisherman, Tom enjoys reading and watching war movies, which I hope he is getting to do on his birthday. Best wishes to you and your family, Tom, for many more.●

TRIBUTE TO DORIS WALLACE

● Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, today I honor a woman who has contributed so much to the fabric of my home State of Idaho. Doris Wallace, the manager of the Eastern Idaho State Fair in Blackfoot, ID, will retire at the end of this month, following the completion of the 2009 Eastern Idaho State Fair. That will mark her 26th year with one of Idaho's most well-known fairs. The eastern Idaho State Fair covers 16 counties in eastern Idaho. Each county holds their individual county fairs with the blue ribbon winners advancing to competition at the Eastern Idaho State Fair.

Doris is a hometown girl, born in Blackfoot and raised in Bingham County. She married Ray Wallace. Together they have three children: Nicole, Stephanie, and Todd.

She began her career at the Eastern Idaho State Fair in 1983 when she began working as the office secretary. She was the "front desk" for the fair, and her personality, patience and friendliness represented the entire fair to those who entered her office to ask questions and complain about situations.

In 1987, Doris became the assistant manager, where she became the center of the fair operations. Her responsibilities included the exhibitor's handbook, all financial transactions, commercial and concession vendors and coordinator for spring, summer, and fall events taking place on the fairgrounds.

In 2000, Doris was promoted to fair manager by a five-member Fair Board. As manager, Doris used her years of experience to enhance an already-thriving annual event. She has encouraged participation of 4-H and Future Farmer of America projects and activities

including the 4-H dog show, 4-H horse show, and 4-H livestock, canning, cooking and sewing demonstration projects. Future Farmers of America leave their classrooms on Friday to spend the day on the fairgrounds to personally experience and participate in judging competitions.

In 2002, she was able to plan the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Eastern Idaho State Fair. She produced an extravaganza of historical and colorful memories, which have made the fair a family tradition for those living in eastern Idaho.

Doris has competently managed fair operations of the Eastern Idaho State Fair, which attracts 250,000 fairgoers over the 8-day fair, beginning each year on Saturday proceeding Labor Day. Events include traditional horse pulling, pari-mutuel horse racing, Indian relay races, junior and adult rodeos, professional entertainers, petting zoos and educational exhibits. The traditional tractor pull, demolition derby, and extreme bike riders are all part of Doris's management responsibilities as she has provided a fair of diverse attractions for a fairgoing audience of diverse ages, backgrounds and interests.

As manager, Doris supervises six full-time employees and approximately 400 employees during the fair week, including ticket takers, car parkers, custodial services, ground crews, and security.

Throughout her life and particularly during her career at the Eastern Idaho State Fair, Doris has contributed enormously, both privately and professionally, to the fair community, the city of Blackfoot, and all of eastern Idaho. Please join me in congratulating Doris Wallace on her years of service at the Eastern Idaho State Fair and wishing her well in her pending retirement.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 2009, the Secretary of the Senate, on August 10, 2009, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker had signed the following bill:

H.R. 3325. An act to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to reauthorize for 1 year the Work Incentives Planning and Assistance program and the Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security program.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed during the session of the Senate by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:51 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by