

following poem written in the memory of the late Senator Robert C. Byrd by Albert Carey Caswell.

The poem follows:

FROM SO LITTLE

From so little . . .
Can come so much!
From so humble beginnings . . .
Can, come as such . . .
Greatness, that only a heart can bring . . .
As from life's mistakes . . .
But, comes life's lessons . . . time and time
again such blessings!
For only in open hearts, will so ring!
In the kind, that dares great men to dream
great dreams!
Who come from almost nothing!
To grow and involve, all into a many splen-
did thing!
As from such humble beginnings, as but
comes such things!
From a coal miners father, and his dreams
. . .
A child, who would bless this our Nation all
in his being!
A giant, who upon the Senate floor . . . his
thundering voice would so ring!
Who fell in love, with one of our Forefathers
greatest dreams!
The Great American Experiment, called De-
mocracy of all things!
Democracy, and The United States Senate
. . . all in this wing!
And, that from so little . What time and
faith and courage, can so bring!
A man who so honored tradition, in all his
fiber and all his being . . .
All in his great intuition, knowing that
these were but time tested things . . .
But, so sacred and so essential . . . but to
our Nation's very being!
Like, a mother cub . . . Protecting her
young!
With all of his heart and soul, he would not
let this great body be undone!
And that some things you must not, and
should not change!
Time Tested, that for this our Nation to
thrive must so remain!
For he was a visionary, a scholar, and a stu-
dent of the past, and legislation his-
tory to last!
And with his very heart and soul, he so pro-
tected our forefathers great dream of
gold!
For he so wisely knew, that some things no
greater can be!
Never mess with perfection you see!
So with each new and succeeding year, a
champion for The Senate grew up so
here!
As this was but, his second greatest love so
clear!
His first, his beloved Erma, a marriage of
seventy years . . .
As This Master of Senate, so soon appeared
. . . the kind even Webster would re-
vere!
And now, into the next world Robert you
have gone, but ever your memory will
live on!
As but a lesson to us all . . .
As from what so little, can grow so tall!
A Champion of The United States Senate,
Robert Byrd . . .
As now up in Heaven, your voice is heard!•

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAMS S.
GREENBERG

• Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, I would like to recognize Brigadier General (Retired) William S. Greenberg, one of my constituents, who was honored on October 14, 2010, with the Rut-

gers Law School Alumni Association Public Service Award. Bill Greenberg has a long association with Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey. He is a member of the Newark law class of 1967. In 1966, as president of the Student Bar Association, he gave a memorable speech accepting the new law school building on behalf of the student body. He was joined in that ceremony by then-Chief Justice of the United States Earl Warren.

Following his graduation from Rutgers, he enlisted in the 5th Squadron of the 117th Cavalry of the 50th Armored Division, the Jersey Blues, and was selected as the outstanding enlisted cavalry trooper of the training cycle while at Fort Knox. Returning to New Jersey, he served as law secretary to Judge Robert A. Matthews, a Rutgers Law School alumnus, then sitting as a judge of the New Jersey Superior Court, Chancery Division, in Hudson County, and later as presiding judge of the Superior Court, Appellate Division.

Bill Greenberg began a long and distinguished career as a lawyer, bar leader, and soldier, author, public servant, and benefactor with McCarter & English, New Jersey's oldest and largest law firm and one of the region's most respected, where Bill is a senior partner today.

Throughout his career, his connection to Rutgers has remained strong, as exemplified by his support of the Justice Morris Pashman Scholarship Fund. He was chosen one of four commissioners of the New Jersey State Commission of Investigation by his Rutgers Law classmate, the late Alan J. Karcher, then-speaker of the New Jersey General Assembly. During a public-service leave from McCarter & English, he served as assistant counsel to Gov. Richard J. Hughes, himself a graduate of Rutgers Law School. He represented the Governor in an important case involving senatorial courtesy before the New Jersey Supreme Court. This was the first of many important cases Bill Greenberg has argued. He has more than 100 published opinions to his credit. During his more than 40 years of private practice, he has founded his own law firm, served in many public positions, has been a noted litigator and bar association leader, as well as an author and benefactor of many educational and charitable institutions.

He served as prosecutor of Princeton. He was a commissioner of the New Jersey State Scholarship Commission. He was appointed by the Supreme Court of New Jersey to the Mercer County Ethics Committee and the Civil Practice Committee. He also served as a member of the New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on the admission of foreign attorneys, a groundbreaking effort by the New Jersey Supreme Court to permit Cuban lawyers who had emigrated to New Jersey to be permitted to take the bar examinations.

He was a trustee of both the New Jersey State Bar Association and the New Jersey State Bar Foundation. He

served as chair of the Military Law Section of the New Jersey State Bar Association. In addition to holding many offices in the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, New Jersey—the New Jersey Association for Justice—he served as its president. He is an author and frequent lecturer on many litigation matters, and for over 20 years he has been the author and editor of the Civil Trial Handbook, Volume 47 of the New Jersey Practice Series, now in its fifth edition.

Civic minded and charitable, Bill Greenberg serves as a vice president of the Thanks To Scandinavia Educational and Charitable Trust of New York, which gives educational scholarships to recognize the efforts made by the Scandinavian countries to save Jews during World War II. He is chairman of the Mary Sachs Charitable Trust in Harrisburg, PA, established by his great aunt, which has over the past 50 years distributed millions of dollars in scholarships and other aid to educational and charitable organizations in central Pennsylvania. He and his wife, the former Betty Kaufmann Wolf of Pittsburgh, have established the Dr. Peter Scardino Trust at the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center to aid needy cancer patients. In addition, he and his wife have established endowed scholarships at Johns Hopkins and Brown Universities for needy students and have contributed substantially to the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton.

He recently received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Johns Hopkins and serves on its undergraduate advisory board. In December 2009, he was selected Lawyer of the Year by the New Jersey Law Journal, the leading law publication of record in our State. This year, he received the Major General Howard Louderback Award for lifetime service from the New Jersey Committee of the Department of Defense Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

I was pleased to recommend Bill Greenberg to the White House to be Chairman of the Reserve Forces Policy Board. He was selected by Secretary Gates for that important position in August 2009 and reappointed in August 2010. This board, created by Congress in 1952, is the principal policy adviser to the Secretary of Defense for Reserve component matters. I was pleased to make this recommendation because of General Greenberg's background of 27 years of military service in the Reserve components as an enlisted cavalry trooper, a member of the Judge Advocate General's Corps, and as a flag officer. More importantly, he established the Military Legal Assistance Program of the New Jersey State Bar Association for wounded or injured reservists called to duty after September 11, 2001. He personally and with members of his law firm, McCarter & English, has represented over 50 individual soldiers at Walter Reed in obtaining adequate

military and veterans compensation. He is widely recognized as an expert in the field as well as a selfless advocate for individual soldiers and veterans in their legal struggles.

To those of us who are privileged to know Bill Greenberg personally, he brings passion, energy, hard work, patriotism, and dedication to all that he undertakes. These qualities have been recognized by his colleagues in the legal profession and in the Pentagon, where he has served with distinction and has consistently put foremost the interests of the individual reservist and the veteran. The American soldier has no greater friend than Bill Greenberg.●

RECOGNIZING AGREN APPLIANCE

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, small businesses are the engine of our economy. There are literally millions of unique stories about how these companies had developed since they opened their doors. Some of the most impressive businesses are family-owned entities that start with a handful of workers and a commitment to filling a niche in their city or town. Today I recognize Agren Appliance, a company that started with the basics and has blossomed into a familiar name to residents of Lewiston-Auburn, ME, for over 40 years.

The Agren family began serving the community in 1969, when they operated two repair trucks to fix appliances for families and individuals throughout the greater Lewiston-Auburn area. Their only technology was a rotary telephone to receive calls from those requiring assistance. Over time, the family developed a reputation for its reliability, gaining regular customers and parlaying that recognition into future success.

As a result of its strong and growing standing, Agren opened its first brick-and-mortar store in Auburn in 1978, carrying the Whirlpool brand of products. Over time, the company further expanded its reach, opening branches in the coastal town of Brunswick in 1983, as well as south Paris, in western Maine, in 1986. Later, Agren Appliance opened stores in south Portland and midcoast Maine, covering a large swath of the State's population. And on Monday, Agren Appliance moved from its former south Paris location to a newer, larger, 25,000-square-foot space in the neighboring town of Norway. The company has been recognized as one of the Nation's top 100 appliance retailers, an impressive feat in such a competitive market.

Agren now offers its customers a variety of products and brands—including televisions, beds, mattresses, and dining room sets. Nonetheless, each store is still a one-stop shop for all appliance needs, from dishwashers and refrigerators, to laundry machines and dryers. And the business stays true to its roots, boasting Maine's largest independent appliance repair team, as well as a fleet of repair trucks.

Furthermore, Agren Appliance is still family-owned and remains an integral part of the communities which it serves. The company frequently makes donations to organizations across the State, often providing gift certificates or various small appliances for silent auctions to benefit those in need. Additionally, at certain locations, Agren posts messages on their large electronic outdoor signs, advertising upcoming events and fundraising efforts from various members of the community—a generous act that helps promote worthwhile occasions and causes.

With five stores spread across the southern part of the State, Agren has developed from a small-town appliance repair business into a trusted name for appliance and furniture needs. I am always impressed by the ingenuity of small businesses like Agren, which has witnessed marked growth because of a strong work ethic and dedication to knowing and serving the community. I thank all of the company's employees for their hard work, and wish them much success in the years to come.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

(The nomination received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mr. INOUE) reported that on December 21, 2010, he had signed the following enrolled bill, which was previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

H.R. 3082. An act making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mr. INOUE) reported that he had signed the following enrolled bills, which were previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

S. 118. An act to amend section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959, to improve the program under such section for supportive housing for the elderly, and for other purposes.

S. 1481. An act to amend section 811 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act to improve the program under such section for supportive housing for persons with disabilities.

H.R. 81. An act to amend the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act

and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to improve the conservation of sharks.

At 1:37 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 6547. An act to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require criminal background checks for school employees.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 6523) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2011 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 1238(b)(3) of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (22 U.S.C. 7002) as amended, the Minority Leader reappoints the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission: Mr. Larry Wortzel, effective January 1, 2011.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 235 of the Tribal Law and Order Act (Public Law 111-211), the Minority Leader appoints the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Indian Law and Order Commission: Mr. Thomas Gede of San Francisco, California.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 5605 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148), the Minority Leader appoints the following members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on Key National Indicators: Mr. Marcus Peacock of Washington, D.C., and Mr. Tomas J. Philipson of Chicago, Illinois.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 4:01 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 3243. An act to require U.S. Customs and Border Protection to administer polygraph examinations to all applicants for law enforcement positions with U.S. Customs and Border Protection, to require U.S. Customs and Border Protection to initiate all periodic background reinvestigations of certain law enforcement personnel, and for other purposes.

S. 3592. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Commerce Drive in Tyrone, Georgia, as the "First Lieutenant Robert Wilson Collins Post Office Building".

H.R. 4445. An act to amend Public Law 95-232 to repeal a restriction on treating as Indian country certain lands held in trust for Indian pueblos in New Mexico.

H.R. 5470. An act to exclude an external power supply for certain security or life safety alarms and surveillance system components from the application of certain energy