

great passion, compassion, vitality, kindness, and commitment died after a long battle with cancer in San Diego, CA, where she had lived and worked for the past 20 years.

I first heard of Midge in 1976, when President-elect Jimmy Carter made history by making her the first woman ever named Assistant to the President. As President Carter's public liaison, she reached out to Americans who had previously been denied access to the White House.

By the time I first ran for Senate in 1992, Midge had moved to San Diego, where she worked tirelessly on behalf of my campaign. She ran our San Diego office, introduced me to local leaders, and often spoke on my behalf at rallies and other speaking engagements. She was a riveting speaker who inspired even the toughest crowd.

The daughter of Sicilian immigrants, Midge was born in 1932 in LeRoy, NY, and grew up in Rochester. After high school, she went to work and became active in several community organizations. Soon she was volunteering for Democratic political campaigns, including Averell Harriman's successful campaign for governor of New York. In 1964, she served as the Monroe County director for Robert F. Kennedy's Senate campaign.

Midge served a member of the Democratic National Committee from 1972 to 1977. In 1973, she ran for an at-large seat on the Rochester City Council and won in a landslide. In 1974, she lost a congressional race to a popular Republican incumbent. Two years later, she served as State cochair for Jimmy Carter's Presidential campaign. At the 1976 Democratic National Convention, she gave an inspiring speech seconding Carter's nomination.

After leaving the White House, Midge served on the board of directors for several organizations, including the National Gay Rights Advocates and the AIDS research group Search Alliance.

Following my 1992 campaign, Midge worked on the 1994 campaigns of gubernatorial candidate Kathleen Brown and Congresswoman Lynn Schenk. Over the years, she also coached many candidates in strategy and public speaking.

In 2000, she was appointed Special Assistant to the Governor by California Governor Gray Davis and served as his liaison for women's groups and issues.

Since 2003, Midge has been an adjunct professor at San Diego State University and established the Midge Costanza Institute for the Study of Politics and Public Policy at SDSU.

For the past 5 years, Midge has served as public affairs officer for San Diego district attorney Bonnie Dumanis. Last year, when she and the district attorney visited my Washington office, we shared some laughs and stories about our early days together.

Shortly before Midge died, she received a call from President Carter, who expressed his love for her and his

gratitude for her outstanding service to the Nation. Today I want to echo those sentiments and bid a fond farewell to my dear friend Midge Costanza. Midge was a great role model for women in public service. Her insight and wit will be missed by all of us who knew her.●

REMEMBERING DR. EDGAR WAYBURN

● Mrs. BOXER. Madam President, it is with a heavy heart that I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring the memory of an extraordinary environmental pioneer and wilderness champion, Dr. Edgar Wayburn. Ed was a soft spoken yet remarkably successful conservationist whose legacy is enjoyed by millions. Ed passed away on March 5, 2010, at his home in San Francisco at the age of 103.

Born in Macon, GA, in 1906, Ed made his first trip to California in 1927, at the age of 21. He was immediately struck by the awe-inspiring vistas of Yosemite National Park and the Sierra Nevada. He was captivated by the majestic beauty of California and knew he would one day return. After graduating from Harvard Medical School, Ed served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. In 1939, Ed joined the fledgling Sierra Club, an organization he would later serve as the president of five times. By 1947, Ed was living in the San Francisco Bay area and had grown active in efforts to protect the beautiful landscapes of coastal California.

Ed's career in conservation spanned 60 years, during which he was never compensated financially for his efforts. Ed maintained his private medical practice while dedicating evenings, weekends, and vacation time to his relentless pursuit of protecting lands for public enjoyment. In California, Ed was instrumental in the creation of Redwood National Park, the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, and Point Reyes National Seashore. Working tirelessly alongside the late Congressman Phil Burton, Ed won support for protecting these parks, which today are some of my great state's most revered natural treasures.

Ed's environmental legacy stretches far beyond California. He and his beloved wife Peggy, who passed away in 2002, worked tirelessly to protect the Alaskan wilderness. After Ed and Peggy's first life-changing visit to Alaska, they inspired a national campaign that ultimately culminated in the passage of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, signed into law by President Carter in 1980. As a result, the National Park system nearly doubled in size, adding 10 new national parks with the stroke of the President's pen. To this day, the Alaska Lands Act is the largest public lands legislation in the history of the United States.

Ed Wayburn possessed a deep understanding of the value of our public lands and precious wild places. In Ed's

2004 publication "Your Land and Mine," he states that "in destroying wilderness, we deny ourselves the full extent of what it means to be alive. In preserving wilderness, we not only recognize our place in the chain of life, but we also invite ourselves to reach, to explore, to wonder, and to make a difference." Ed held an unshakable belief in the natural world's ability to provide humanity with critical opportunities for introspection and inspiration. As a doctor, Ed understood the connection between an individual's well-being and the health of the environment. As a leader, he understood the importance of providing the public with wild places to foster that connection.

In August of 1999, President Clinton presented Ed with the Presidential Medal of Freedom. President Clinton said of Ed, "He has saved more of our wilderness than any person alive." The Presidential Medal of Freedom is the highest civilian honor an American can receive, and signifies the magnitude of the legacy left to us by this great and humble man.

Ed has left an indelible mark on the landscape of America. He was a compassionate physician, an inspiring conservationist, and a wonderful family man who served his country both in and out of uniform. Though he will be deeply missed, Ed has left us with so many priceless gifts. The parks he helped to build, and the lands he helped to protect, will be enjoyed by Americans and visitors to our great nation for many generations to come. And as our world continues to change, and wild places grow increasingly rare, the gifts that Ed bestowed upon us will become evermore valuable.

Ed is survived by his daughters Laurie, Cynthia, and Diana; his son William; and his three grandchildren. My thoughts and prayers are with Ed's family during this difficult time.●

REMEMBERING THOMAS F. STROOCK

● Mr. ENZI. Madam President, Diana and I, along with so many of our neighbors, family and friends from every corner of Wyoming were very sorry to learn of the passing of Thomas Stroock. Tom was one of Wyoming's most remarkable citizens, a rugged individualist who wore many hats in life and traveled many roads—all of which always brought him back to the State he loved and called home—Wyoming.

God puts us where He wants and needs us to be and how what we do—and what we fail to do—can have a great impact on the world around us and make the lives of all those we meet very different than they might otherwise have been. That is the kind of lesson you could draw from the life of Thomas Stroock. Born in New York City, Tom quickly showed the kind of character and values that would guide him throughout his many chosen careers. He was an excellent student, and

when the opportunity presented itself, he enrolled at Yale University, and then enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps so he could serve his country at a time when tensions were running high around the world.

After he completed his service in the Corps and graduated from Yale, he made what he would always say was the most important and the smartest move of his life when he married Marta. Marta was to be a strong and powerful influence as she helped to give his life balance and direction. Thus began a marriage that was to last for 60 years.

Now that Tom had found the love of his life, it was time for Tom and Marta to start making plans for their lives together. A business opportunity had brought them to Casper, WY, but they had no plans to stay. Fortunately, the beauty of the surrounding area, and the spirit and hospitality of the people they met soon changed their minds. So much so that when Tom's employer wanted to transfer him from Casper he decided instead to try his hand at running his own firm. That is how the Stroock Leasing Corporation came to be born.

Tom, to no one's surprise, soon proved to have an excellent mind for business. In just a few years, Tom had founded other business entities and he was making even greater strides on the path to success.

For many people that would have been enough. They would have been content to just sit back and enjoy all that life had already brought their way. That is how it would have been for most people, but not for Tom and Marta.

Tom's unshakeable determination to do everything he possibly could to improve the lives of those around him—to make his part of the world a better place wherever he happened to be—which had always served as his internal compass—now became stronger than ever. It became part of his personal mission statement that he worked very hard to fulfill time and time again, at home and abroad.

That is why, now that his businesses were doing so well, Tom decided to take that philosophy to the next level. He ran for and won a seat on the Natrona County School Board so he could help to make the local schools more effective and efficient. Tom knew from his own life the benefits that a good education can provide and he wanted all of our state's young people to have that same chance.

Then, after serving on the school board, he was elected to represent Natrona County in the Wyoming State Senate—a post to which he was re-elected several times. In both positions Tom showed that he was a master strategist. In the State legislature, no one ever paid closer attention to Wyoming's resources and our stream of revenue than Tom did. He watched every penny—how each one was earned and how each one was spent. Wyoming was

then placed on better and more sound financial footing because of what he did.

Throughout his life Tom was profoundly influenced by his years at Yale. It was there that he met George H.W. Bush and the two soon became good friends. He must have been impressed with Tom because, when he was elected President and the opportunity presented itself, he named Tom Stroock to serve as our Ambassador to Guatemala.

Tom preferred Guatemala to the other available posts because it was in the midst of a great civil war and of all the nations in the area, Tom felt that he could do the most good there.

At the conclusion of his service in Guatemala, Tom and Marta headed right back home to Wyoming. To no one's surprise, Tom hit the ground running and was once again involved in a wide variety of issues that ranged from the status of our energy industry to the future of the University of Wyoming. He even wrote some guest columns for the Star-Tribune. Never one to mince words or water down his ideas and views, his columns often raised eyebrows—and the attention of people with other points of view!

During these years, he also found the time to start and fund the Stroock Forum on Wyoming Lands and People. The Forum, which was held every year, brought an interesting speaker to Wyoming to share their views on many different issues.

As we look back in the years to come, we will always remember Tom as one of our state's strongest leaders. He led the best way—by example—and by so doing encouraged others to follow his lead and do their best at whatever they felt called to do in life.

Tom's service can best be summed up by the words Mike Leon of Sheridan used when he was in the Legislature to emphasize the importance of maintaining the individuality of our state. Tom quoted them himself in one of his speeches—"We don't want to make Wyoming like every place else, when every place else wants to be just like Wyoming."

That was Tom's No. 1 goal in life—to make things better in Wyoming or wherever he happened to find himself, but, as he did, to ensure that each place maintained its own style and character so that it would never become a place that was just like every other.

In their travels, and throughout their lives, Tom and Marta have made everywhere they have been a better place for their having passed by. Together they were a remarkable team and they produced tremendous results and touched more lives than we will ever know.

Diana and I join with all those who knew and loved Tom in expressing our great sympathy for the loss we all share. We will keep all of Tom's family, his many friends and all those who were a part of his extended family in our prayers. He has gifted our state and

our people with a legacy of which we can all be very proud. He will be greatly missed and he will never be forgotten.●

CONGRATULATING STEVENS POINT POINTERS

● Mr. FEINGOLD. Madam President, I am pleased to offer my congratulations to the University of Wisconsin—Stevens Point Pointers men's basketball team on capturing their third national title after their exciting win in the 2010 NCAA Division III Basketball Championship. The Pointers' hard work year-round has made them widely respected, and this achievement has made many Wisconsinites and Pointers fans very proud.

The team's perseverance and commitment to excellence throughout the season were on display during their journey to this year's title game, where guts and determination produced a thrilling game from start to finish. Despite being down by 10 points in the second half, the Pointers came back and defeated Williams College 78-73 to win the title and finish the year with a record of 29-4.

These remarkable student-athletes, as well as Coach Bob Semling and his coaching staff, have continued the Pointers' winning tradition and admirably represented Wisconsin at the very highest levels of athletic competition. The Pointers represent the best of Wisconsin's competitive spirit. Congratulations once again to the University of Wisconsin—Stevens Point community, and Head Coach Bob Semling, Assistant Coaches Lance Randall and J.R. Blount, and the student athletes of the 2010 NCAA Division III Champions Pointers basketball team.●

RECOGNIZING WASHBURN & DOUGHTY ASSOCIATES, INC.

● Ms. SNOWE. Madam President, today I honor a small business in my home State of Maine that has faced substantial adversity and demonstrated incredible resolve and determination. Located on the beautiful Damariscotta River in midcoast Maine, Washburn & Doughty Associates, Inc., has manufactured steel and aluminum commercial vessels since 1977. Founded by Bruce Doughty, Bruce Washburn, and Carl Pianka, the company delivers an assortment of tugboats, commercial passenger vessels, fishing boats, barges, ferries, and research vessels to a wide variety of clients.

In July of 2008, at their facility in East Boothbay, a fire torched the company's central construction location, leaving the operation in shambles. The company faced a steep uphill climb as they began seeking grants, loans, and insurance funds to recover their operation. Following the blaze, the company battled the Maine winter and forged ahead to continue building its vessels outdoors.

With fortitude and grit the company was the only boatyard in Maine to win