

Saipan aboard the USS LST 481, headed for the shores of Iwo Jima. Private First Class Ruhl displayed his courage from the onset of D-day at Iwo Jima on February 19, 1945. Johnny recognized his role early on in the battle attacking a group of eight Japanese soldiers single-handedly. Private First Class Ruhl confirmed his valor and bravery by risking his own life to rescue a marine wounded ahead of the front line—ensuring that the man was transported to an aid station, regardless of the threat to Ruhl.

Ruhl continued to establish his commitment to the cause by returning from the aid station to voluntarily investigate an abandoned Japanese gun emplacement. With boundless courage, he prevented the enemy from regaining possession of the valuable site by occupying the position throughout the night. On February 21, Johnny demonstrated his true selfless nature. As Company E, 2nd Battalion, 28th Marines, 5th Marine Division pushed forward on their quest to capture Mount Suribachi, Private First Class Ruhl along with his platoon guide, pressed their position to the top of a Japanese bunker. As the marines prepared to fire upon the enemy troops, a grenade landed between them. While notifying the platoon guide, Ruhl dove onto the grenade, absorbing the full detonation with his body. This sacrifice saved the lives of all of the nearby marines. Thanks in great part to this selfless act, Company E was able to raise an American flag on the top of Mount Suribachi.

In awarding Private First Class Ruhl the Medal of Honor posthumously, President Truman recognized Johnny's efforts, stating "An indomitable fighter, PFC Ruhl rendered heroic service toward the defeat of a ruthless enemy." . . . Certainly Truman was correct when he continued praising Ruhl's dedication to our Nation and his fellow marines, ". . . his valor, initiative and unfaltering spirit of self-sacrifice in the face of almost certain death sustained and enhanced the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

PFC Donald J. Ruhl embodied the Marine Corps motto, *Semper Fidelis*, committing his life, and his death, to loyalty to the Corps and his country. The community of Greybull has done well to recognize this hero. They have demonstrated their faithfulness to his memory by renaming his eternal resting place. His gift to our country will never be forgotten—in passing his memorial, we will forever know that Donald J. Ruhl gave all so our country could remain free.

NATIONAL HEREDITARY HEMORRHAGIC TELANGIECTASIA MONTH

Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today in recognition of National Hereditary Hemorrhagic Telangiectasia—HHT—Month to raise awareness of this

public health threat and encourage greater prevention, diagnosis and treatment efforts.

Hereditary Hemorrhagic Telangiectasia, HHT, also referred to as Osler-Weber-Rendu Syndrome, is a complex genetic blood vessel disorder that affects approximately 70,000, or 1 in 5,000, Americans. It is characterized by irregular blood vessel growths, or telangiectases, in the nasal mucosa, mouth, gastrointestinal tract, and skin of the face and hands, as well as artery-vein malformations—AVMs—in the major organs including the lungs, brain, and liver. If left misdiagnosed or untreated, HHT can result in considerable morbidity and mortality.

It is estimated that 20 to 40 percent of debilitating and life-threatening complications and sudden death due to these "vascular time bombs" are preventable. Twenty percent of those with HHT, regardless of age, suffer death or disability. HHT has been subject to underreporting for many years. Approximately 90 percent of the HHT population is not yet diagnosed and is at risk for sudden rupture of the blood vessels in major organs in the body, such as the brain and lungs, and other complications due to nosebleeds and gastrointestinal bleeding.

It is my hope that efforts throughout the month of June will increase awareness of HHT and mitigate the preventable health threats posed by this disorder.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL CLARENCE S. PARKER

• Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, I wish to join with my colleague, Senator ISAKSON, today to honor the accomplishments of COL Clarence S. Parker of Valdosta, GA, in the RECORD of the Senate.

For most of his life, Colonel Parker has been a dedicated pilot. In 1940, when the United States was on the brink of war, Colonel Parker was prepared to fight for his loved ones and his nation. A native of Houston, TX, Colonel Parker began his lengthy career in aviation while enrolled as a student at the University of Houston.

After the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Colonel Parker entered the U.S. Army Air Corps in January of 1942. He completed military flight training and was commissioned in September of that year. During World War II, Colonel Parker was an instructor pilot at Waco Army Airfield, primarily in the BT-13 and the P-40 aircraft. He flew during the early phases of the Berlin Airlift, and later ascended to a position of leadership as the chief of flight procedures from 1948 until the end of the airlift. In 1950, he returned to the U.S. to serve at the Pentagon in the U.S. Air Force Headquarters and also at Tyndall Air Force Base in Florida. Following service in Vietnam, he fin-

ished his military career as wing commander at Moody Air Force Base in Valdosta, GA, flying T-37 and T-38 aircraft.

Following his retirement in 1971, Colonel Parker made Valdosta, GA, his home. He became heavily involved in the operations and upkeep of the Valdosta Municipal Airport and began a second career in banking. During his tenure as chairman of the airport authority from 1987 to 2005, he was instrumental in earning funding for several major construction projects, including a project to lengthen the main instrument runway to 8,002 feet.

Colonel Parker remains an active pilot with over 7,500 hours of flight time. He continues to work with the Valdosta-Lowndes Chamber of Commerce to benefit the flying activities at both Moody Air Force Base and in the Valdosta civil aviation community. Additionally, he remains a consultant to the Valdosta-Lowndes County Airport Authority.

Colonel Parker has enjoyed a career that is extraordinary in length, quality of service, and leadership. For these reasons, he has been selected to receive the Federal Aviation Administration's Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award. The Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award recognizes pilots who have maintained safe flight operations for 50 or more consecutive years. We can think of no higher award for a pilot, and we are proud to recognize Colonel Parker for his receipt of the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award.●

TRIBUTE TO SARAH MARGARET AKER

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Sarah Margaret Aker, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Sarah is a graduate of Sturgis Brown High School, Sturgis, SD. Currently, she is attending the University of South Dakota, where she is majoring in chemistry and political science. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Sarah for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO KEATON JACE BAUMAN

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Keaton Jace Bauman, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Keaton is a graduate of Huron High School in Huron, SD. Currently, he is attending the University of South Dakota, where he is majoring in history and political science. He is a hard

worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Keaton for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO ABIANE CAMPBELL

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Abiane Campbell, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Abiane is a graduate of Yankton High School in Yankton, SD. Currently, she is attending the Winona State University, where she is majoring in business administration and paralegal studies. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Abiane for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO HAYDEN MATHIAS FUCHS

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Hayden Mathias Fuchs, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Hayden is a graduate of Stevens High School in Rapid City, SD. Currently, he is attending the University of Kansas, where he is majoring in business-finance and business-management. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Hayden for all of the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting Sunday nominations and a treaty which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT ON JUNE 28, 2010

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 2009, the Sec-

retary of the Senate, on June 28, 2010, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 2194. An act to amend the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 to enhance United States diplomatic efforts with respect to Iran by expanding economic sanctions against Iran.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:27 a.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. 3913. An act to direct the Mayor of District of Columbia to establish a District of Columbia National Guard Educational Assistance Program to encourage the enlistment and retention of persons in the District of Columbia National Guard by providing financial assistance to enable members of the National Guard of the District of Columbia to attend undergraduate, vocational, or technical courses.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 1510. An act to transfer statutory entitlements to pay and hours of work authorized by the District of Columbia Code for current members of the United States Secret Service Uniformed Division from the District of Columbia Code to the United States Code.

At 2:20 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, 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. 5611. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, and for other purposes.

At 4:56 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, 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. 5623. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the home-buyer tax credit for the purchase of a principal residence before October 1, 2010, in the case of a written binding contract entered into with respect to such principal residence before May 1, 2010, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following joint resolution, without amendment:

S.J. Res. 33. Joint resolution to provide for the reconsideration and revision of the proposed constitution of the United States Virgin Islands to correct provisions inconsistent with the Constitution and Federal law.

At 5:36 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agreed to the following resolution:

H. Res. 1484. Resolution relative to the death of the Honorable ROBERT C. BYRD, a Senator from the State of West Virginia.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 3913. An act to direct the Mayor of the District of Columbia to establish a District of Columbia National Guard Educational Assistance Program to encourage the enlistment and retention of persons in the District of Columbia National Guard by providing financial assistance to enable members of the National Guard of the District of Columbia to attend undergraduate, vocational, or technical courses; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 5116. An act to invest in innovation through research and development, to improve the competitiveness of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 5175. An act to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit foreign influence in Federal elections, to prohibit government contractors from making expenditures with respect to such elections, and to establish additional disclosure requirements with respect to spending in such elections, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 5623. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the home-buyer tax credit for the purchase of a principal residence before October 1, 2010, in the case of a written binding contract entered into with respect to such principal residence before May 1, 2010, and for other purposes.

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-6441. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pasteuria usgae; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8831-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6442. A communication from the Chief of Research and Analysis, Food and Nutrition Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: Quality Control Provisions of Title IV of Public Law 107-171" (RIN0584-AD31) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6443. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and