

out to hold hands as we wheeled our chairs to the well of the Senate.

Like Ted, I loved Robert C. Byrd. Yet I regret that I never had the opportunity to enjoy the close friendship that my colleague Ted Stevens did.

Yes, they had their spats, but Senator Stevens and Senator Byrd regarded each other as family. Senator Stevens' daughter Lily referred to Senator Byrd as an uncle. Senator Byrd published in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD excerpts from Lily's senior thesis from Stanford, "The Message of the Dome: The United States Capitol in the Popular Media."

Senator Stevens began working with Senator Byrd in 1968. In 1972, they joined each other on the Senate Appropriations Committee. Both served as President pro tempore of the Senate, a position reserved for the most senior Member of the Senate in the majority party. Yet as Senator Byrd liked to note, Ted was a relative youngster.

Working together on a bipartisan basis, Ted Stevens helped Robert Byrd lift West Virginia out of poverty. And Senator Byrd demonstrated great empathy for Senator Stevens' crusade to end the third-world conditions that plague Alaska's Native people in the more than more than 230 traditional villages of rural Alaska. Like the West Virginia of Robert Byrd's childhood, rural Alaska lacked the sorts of infrastructure that the rest of America takes for granted—lack of road infrastructure, a lack of basic sanitation facilities, unreliable electricity, and unemployment.

This may explain why Senator Byrd was greatly sympathetic to Senator Stevens' crusade to bring indoor plumbing to rural Alaska, to eliminate the honeybucket. Alaska's Denali Commission was modeled closely after the Appalachian Regional Commission, which Senator Byrd championed for decades.

Ted Stevens and Robert Byrd worked together to make things better for the people of rural Alaska. Our Native people deeply appreciate the Alaska legacy of Robert C. Byrd.

On the occasion of Senator Stevens' farewell from the Senate in 2008, a tearful Robert C. Byrd came to the Senate floor and said this "Politics is a rough business, with lots of highs and lots of lows. After a long time in politics, I come to understand that the point of it all is helping people. Thank God we will be judged in the next world by the good we do in this world."

On Monday, our dear friend, Senator Byrd, joined his beloved wife Erma in Heaven, where he will be judged by all of the good he has done for his Lord, his family, the people of West Virginia, and the Nation. I will miss him greatly.

On behalf of Alaska's people, I extend my condolences to Senator Byrd's daughters Mona and Marjorie, his five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, to the people of West Virginia, and to all who knew and loved this great American.

## HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, another 8 months have passed, and more American troops have lost their lives overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan. I wish to honor their service and sacrifice by including their names in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Since I last included the names of our fallen troops on November 2, 2009, the Pentagon has announced the deaths of 313 troops in Iraq and in Operation Enduring Freedom, which includes Afghanistan. They will not be forgotten, and today I submit their names into the RECORD:

SSG Jesse W. Ainsworth, of Dayton, TX; SGT Donald R. Edgerton, of Murphy, NC; SPC Joseph W. Dimock II, of Wildwood, IL; SPC Robert W. Crow, of Kansas City, MO; PFC Anthony W. Simmons, of Tallahassee, FL; PFC Michael S. Pridham, of Louisville, KY; SPC Roger Lee, of Monterey, CA; SSG Marc A. Arizmendez, of Anaheim, CA; SPC Jerod H. Osborne, of Royse City, TX; SPC Keenan A. Cooper, of Wahpeton, ND; PFC Jacob A. Dennis, of Powder Springs, GA; SGT Andrew J. Creighton, of Laurel, DE; SSG Christopher F. Cabacoy, of Virginia Beach, VA; PFC Edwin C. Wood, of Omaha, NE; SGT Jordan E. Tuttle, of West Monroe, LA; PFC David Jefferson, of Philadelphia, PA; SPC Clayton D. McGarrah, of Harrison, AR; SPC Louis R. Fastuca, of West Chester, PA; Capt. David A. Wisniewski, of Menville, IA; PFC Ryan J. Grady, of Bristow, OK.

SGT Johnny W. Lumpkin, of Columbus, GA; SPC Morganne M. McBeth, of Fredericksburg, VA; SFC Kristopher D. Chappleau, of LaGrange, KY; Cpl Larry D. Harris Jr., of Thornton, CO; SPC Matthew R. Hennigan, of Las Vegas, NV; SSG Brandon M. Silk, of Orono, ME; SGT David W. Thomas, of St. Petersburg, FL; SSG Eric B. Shaw, of Exeter, ME; SGT David A. Holmes, of Tennessee, GA; PFC Bryant J. Haynes, of Epps, LA; SGT John M. Rogers, of Scottsdale, AZ; PFC Robert K. L. Repkie, of Knoxville, TN; LCpl William T. Richards, of Trenton, GA; PFC Russell E. Madden, of Dayton, KY; Cpl Daane A. Deboer, of Ludington, MI; SPC Jared C. Plunk, of Stillwater, OK; SPC Blair D. Thompson, of Rome, NY; Sgt Joseph D. Caskey, of Pittsburgh, PA; SSG Edwardo Lored, of Houston, TX; ISG Robert N. Barton, of Roxie, MS.

SPC Russell E. Madden, of Dayton, KY; PFC Anthony T. Justesen, of Wilsonville, OR; Cpl Joshua R. Dumaw, of Spokane Valley, WA; Cpl Kevin A. Cueto, of San Jose, CA; Cpl Claudio Patino IV, of Yorba Linda, CA; SGT Andrew R. Looney, of Owasso, OK; PFC David T. Miller, of Wilton, NY; ISG Eddie Turner, of Fort Belvoir, VA; SPC Jacob P. Dohrenwend, of Milford, OH; LCpl Timothy G. Serwinowski, of North Tonawanda, NY; SPC Scott A. Andrews, of Fall River, MA; SSG James P. Hunter, of South Amherst, OH; PFC Benjamin J. Park, of Fairfax Station, VA; SPC Nathan W. Cox, of Fremont, CA; PFC Gunnar R. Hotchkin, of Naperville, IL; SPC Joseph D. Johnson, of Flint, MI; CPT Michael P. Cassidy, of Simpsonville, SC; SN William Ortega, of Miami, FL; SPC Benjamin D. Osborn, of Queensbury, NY; LCpl Michael C. Bailey, of Park Hills, MO.

Cpl Jeffrey R. Standfest, of St. Clair, MI; SPC Blaine E. Redding, of Plattsmouth, NE; SPC Charles S. Jirtle, of Lawton, OK; SPC Matthew R. Catlett, of Houston, TX; SGT Joshua A. Lukeala, of Yigo, GU; SPC Christopher W. Opat, of Spencer, IA; SPC Brian M. Anderson, of Harrisonburg, VA; SGT Mario Rodriguez, of Smithville, TX; SPC Christian

M. Adams, of Sierra Vista, AZ; CPL William C. Yauch, of Batesville, AR; SGT Israel P. Obryan, of Newbern, TN; SSG Bryan A. Hoover, of West Elizabeth, PA; SFC Robert J. Fike, of Conneautville, PA; LCpl Gavin R. Brummund, of Arnold, CA; LCpl Michael G. Plank, of Cameron Mills, NY; SrA Benjamin D. White, of Erwin, TN; SSgt David C. Smith, of Eight Mile, AL; 1st Lt. Joel C. Gentz, of Grass Lake, MI; SSgt Michael P. Flores, of San Antonio, TX; SGT Erick J. Klusacek, of Calcium, NY.

Sgt Zachary J. Walters, of Palm Coast, FL; Sgt Derek L. Shanfield, of Hastings, PA; SGT Steve M. Theobald, of Goose Creek, SC; SPC Brendan P. Neenan, of Enterprise, AL; Sgt John K. Rankel, of Speedway, IN; 2LT Michael E. McGahan, of Orlando, FL; Cpl Donald M. Marler, of St. Louis, MO; LCpl Derek Hernandez, of Edinburg, TX; Sgt Brandon C. Bury, of Kingwood, TX; 1LT Joseph J. Theinert, of Sag Harbor, NY; PVT Francisco J. Guardado-Ramirez, of Sunland Park, NM; SPC Jonathan K. Peney, of Marietta, GA; PFC Alvaro R. Regalado Sessarego, of Virginia Beach, VA; PFC Jake W. Suter, of Los Angeles, CA; LCpl Anthony A. Dilisio, of Macomb, MI; Cpl Jacob C. Leicht, of College Station, TX; SGT Edwin Rivera, of Waterford, CT; MAJ Ronald W. Culver Jr., of Shreveport, LA; PFC Christopher R. Barton, of Concord, NC; SSG Amilcar H. Gonzalez, of Miami, FL.

SPC Stanley J. Sokolowski III, of Ocean, NJ; PFC Jason D. Fingar, of Columbia, MO; LCpl Philip P. Clark, of Gainesville, FL; PFC Billy G. Anderson, of Alexandria, TN; SSG Shane S. Barnard, of Desmet, SD; LCpl Patrick Xavier Jr., of Pembroke Pines, FL; SPC Joshua A. Tomlinson, of Dubberly, LA; SSgt Richard J. Tieman, of Waynesboro, PA; LTC Thomas P. Belkofer, of Perrysburg, OH; LTC Paul R. Bartz, of Waterloo, WI; COL John M. McHugh, of West Caldwell, NJ; SSgt Adam L. Perkins, of Antelope, CA; Cpl Nicholas D. Paradarodriguez, of Stafford, VA; PO3 Zarian Wood, of Houston, TX; SGT Denis D. Kisseloff, of Saint Charles, MO; Sgt Joshua D. Desforges, of Ludlow, MA; Sgt Donald J. Lamar II, of Fredericksburg, VA; SGT Kenneth B. May, Jr., of Kilgore, TX; Cpl Jeffrey W. Johnson, of Tomball, TX; SPC Jeremy L. Brown, of McMinnville, TN.

Cpl Kurt S. Shea, of Frederick, MD; CPT Kyle A. Comfort, of Jacksonville, AL; LCpl Christopher Rangel, of San Antonio, TX; LCpl Joshua M. Davis, of Perry, IA; SSG Esau S.A. Gonzales, of White Deer, TX; LCpl Richard R. Penny, of Fayetteville, AK; SPC Wade A. Slack, of Waterville, ME; SPC Eric M. Finniginam, of Colonia, FM; 1st Lt. Brandon A. Barrett, of Marion, IN; MSG Mark W. Coleman, of Centerville, WA; SGT Ralph Mena, of Hutchinson, KS; A1C Austin H. Gates Benson, of Hellertown, PA; SGT Anthony O. Magee, of Hattiesburg, MS; 1LT Salvatore S. Corma, of Wenonah, NJ; SGT Nathan P. Kennedy, of Clayville, PA; SGT Keith A. Coe, of Auburndale, FL; SGT Grant A. Wichmann, of Golden, CO; LCpl Thomas E. Rivers, Jr., of Birmingham, AL; SGT Jason A. Santora, of Farmingville, NY; SGT Ronald A. Kubik, of Brielle, NJ.

SSG Christopher D. Worrrell, of Virginia Beach, VA; CSM John K. Laborde, of Waterloo, IA; SGT Robert J. Barrett, of Fall River, MA; PFC Charlie C. Antonio, of Kahului, HI; SSG James R. Patton, of Fort Benning, GA; SGT Michael K. Ingram, Jr., of Monroe, MI; SGT Randolph A. Sigley, of Richmond, KY; PFC Jonathon D. Hall, of Chattanooga, TN; CPL Michael D. Jankiewicz, of Ramsey, NJ; SPC Joseph T. Caron, of Tacoma, WA; SGT Sean M. Durkin, of Aurora, CO; SGT Roberto E. Diaz Borio, of San Juan, PR; PFC William A. Blount, of Petal, MS; 1LT Robert W. Collins, of Tyrone, GA; SMSgt James B. Lackey, of Green Cove Springs, FL; Maj. Randell

D. Voas, of Lakeville, MN; SGT Kurt E. Kruize, of Hancock, MN; LCpl Curtis M. Swenson, of Rochester, MN; SSG Scott W. Brunkhorst, of Fayetteville, NC; Sgt Frank J. World, of Buffalo, NY.

LCpl Tyler O. Griffin, of Voluntown, CT; LT Miroslav Zilberman, of Columbus, OH; PFC Raymond N. Pacleb, of Honolulu, HI; SPC James L. Miller, of Yakima, WA; LCpl Randy M. Heck, of Steubenville, OH; LCpl Jacob A. Ross, of Gillette, WY; LCpl Rick J. Centanni, of Yorba Linda, CA; SgtMaj Robert J. Cottle, of Whittier, CA; SFC Carlos M. Santos-Silva, of Clarksville, TN; LCpl Justin J. Wilson, of Palm City, FL; SPC Robert M. Rieckhoff, of Kenosha, WI; CPO Adam Brown, of Hot Springs, AR; SGT Joel D. Clarkson, of Fairbanks, AK; GySgt Robert L. Gilbert II, of Richfield, OH; SSG Richard J. Jordan, of Tyler, TX; SPC Steven J. Bishop, of Christiansburg, VA; SFC Glen J. Whetten, of Mesa, AZ; PFC Erin L. McLyman, of Federal Way, WA; Cpl Jonathan D. Porto, of Largo, FL; LCpl Garrett W. Gamble, of Sugarland, TX.

PFC Jason M. Kropat, of White Lake, NY; SGT Jonathan J. Richardson, of Bald Knob, AR; PVT Nicholas S. Cook, of Hungry Horse, MT; SPC Lakeshia M. Bailey, of Columbus, GA; SGT Aaron M. Arthur, of Lake City, SC; SPC Alan N. Dikcis, of Niagara Falls, NY; SGT Anthony A. Paci, of Rockville, MD; LCpl Nigel K. Olsen, of Orem, UT; SGT Vincent L.C. Owens, of Fort Smith, AR; LCpl Carlos A. Aragon, of Orem, UT; SPC Ian T.D. Gelig, of Stevenson Ranch, CA; SPC Matthew D. Huston, of Athens, GA; SPC Josiah D. Crumpler, of Hillsborough, NC; SSG William S. Ricketts, of Corinth, MS; SGT William C. Spencer, of Tacoma, WA; CPL Daniel T. O'Leary, of Youngsville, NC; SGT Marcos Gorra, of North Bergen, NJ; CW2 Billie J. Grinder, of Gallatin, TN; CPT Marcus R. Alford, of Knoxville, TN; PFC JR Salvacion, of Ewa Beach, HI.

LCpl Eric L. Ward, of Redmond, WA; LCpl Matthias N. Hanson, of Buffalo, KY; SSG Michael David P. Cardenaz, of Corona, CA; SSgt Christopher W. Eckard, of Hickory, NC; LCpl Adam D. Peak, of Florence, KY; Cpl Gregory S. Stultz, of Brazil, IN; LCpl Joshua H. Birchfield, of Westville, IN; Sgt Jeremy R. McQueary, of Columbus, IN; LCpl Kielin T. Dunn, of Chesapeake, VA; LCpl Larry M. Johnson, of Scranton, PA; PFC Kyle J. Coutu, of Providence, RI; PFC Charles A. Williams, of Fair Oaks, CA; PFC Eric D. Currier, of Londonderry, NH; LCpl Alejandro J. Yazzie, of Rock Point, AZ; SPC Bobby J. Pagan, of Austin, TX; SGT Jeremiah T. Wittman, of Darby, MT; SSG John A. Reiners, of Lakeland, FL; PO1 Sean L. Caughman, of Fort Worth, TX; LCpl Noah M. Pier, of Charlotte, NC; PFC Jason H. Estopinal, of Dallas, GA.

Cpl Jacob H. Turbett, of Canton, MI; PFC Adriana Alvarez, of San Benito, TX; SGT Adam J. Ray, of Louisville, KY; SGT Dillon B. Foxx, of Traverse City, MI; SSG Mark A. Stets, of El Cajon, CA; SFC Matthew S. Sluss-Tiller, of Callettsburg, KY; SFC David J. Hartman, of Okinawa, Japan; PFC Zachary G. Lovejoy, of Albuquerque, NM; CPT Daniel Whitten, of Grimes, IA; SSG Rusty H. Christian, of Greenville, TN; LCpl Michael L. Freeman Jr., of Fayetteville, PA; SPC Marc P. Decoteau, of Waterville Valley, NH; CPT David J. Thompson, of Hooker, OK; Sgt David J. Smith, of Frederick, MD; PFC Scott G. Barnett, of Concord, CA; SGT Carlos E. Gill, of Fayetteville, NC; LCpl Zachary D. Smith, of Hornell, NY; LCpl Timothy J. Poole, of Bowling Green, KY; Sgt Daniel M. Angus, of Thonotosassa, FL; LCpl Jeremy M. Kane, of Towson, MD.

PO2 Xin Qi, of Cordova, TN; PFC Gifford E. Hurt, of Yonkers, NY; SSG Thaddeus S. Montgomery II, of West Yellowstone, MT;

CPT Paul Pena, of San Marcos, TX; SFC Michael P. Shannon, of Canadensis, PA; TSgt Adam K. Ginett, of Knightdale, NC; SPC Robert Donevski, of Sun City, AZ; SSG Anton R. Phillips, of Inglewood, CA; PFC Geoffrey A. Whitsitt, of Taylors, SC; SSG Daniel D. Merriweather, of Collierville, TN; SGT Lucas T. Beachnaw, of Lowell, MI; Sgt Christopher R. Hrbek, of Westwood, NJ; SPC Kyle J. Wright, of Romeoville, IL; Cpl Nicholas K. Uzenski, of Tomball, TX; Cpl Jamie R. Lowe, of Johnsonville, IL; SSgt Matthew N. Ingham, of Altoona, PA; PFC Michael R. Jarrett, of North Platte, NE; LCpl Jacob A. Meinert, of Fort Atkinson, WI; LCpl Mark D. Juarez, of San Antonio, TX; SFC Jason O. B. Hickman, of Kingsport, TN.

SPC David A. Croft Jr., of Plant City, FL; PFC John P. Dion, of Shattuck, OK; SPC Brian R. Bowman, of Crawfordsville, IN; SGT Joshua A. Lengstorf, of Yoncalla, OR; SRA Bradley R. Smith, of Troy, IL; SPC Brushaun X. Anderson, of Columbus, GA; SSG Ronald J. Spino, of Waterbury, CT; SPC Jason M. Johnston, of Albion, NY; SSG David H. Gutierrez, of San Francisco, CA; LCpl Omar G. Roebuck, of Moreno Valley, CA; SGT Albert D. Ware, of Chicago, IL; PFC Serge Kropov, of Hawley, PA; TSgt Anthony C. Campbell Jr., of Florence, KY; PVT Jhanner A. Tello, of Los Angeles, CA; PFC Jaiciae L. Pauley, of Austell, GA; Sgt Ralph Anthony Webb Freitas, of Detroit, MI; SSG Dennis J. Hansen, of Panama City, FL; Cpl Xhacab Latorre, of Waterbury, CT; SGT Elijah J. Rao, of Lake Oswego, OR; SGT Kenneth R. Nichols Jr., of Chrisman, IL.

LCpl Jonathan A. Taylor, of Jacksonville, FL; PFC Derrick D. Gwaltney, of Cape Coral, FL; SGT Brandon T. Islip, of Richmond, VA; PO3 David M. Mudge, of Sutherland, OR; PFC Michael A. Rogers, of White Sulphur Springs, MT; SGT Jason A. McLeod, of Crystal Lake, IL; SSG Matthew A. Pucino, of Cockeysville, MD; PFC Marcus A. Tynes, of Moreno Valley, CA; SGT James M. Nolen, of Alvin, TX; SGT Briand T. Williams, of Sparks, GA; LCpl Nicholas J. Hand, of Kansas City, MO; SGT Daniel A. Frazier, of Saint Joseph, MI; SSG John J. Cleaver, of Marysville, WA; PO2 Brian M. Patton, of Freeport, IL; SPC Joseph M. Lewis, of Terrell, TX; SSG Ryan L. Zorn, of Upton, WY; SGT Benjamin W. Sherman, of Plymouth, MA; SPC Christopher J. Coffland, of Baltimore, MD; Cpl Shawn P. Hefner, of Hico, TX; SSgt Stephen L. Murphy, of Jaffery, NH.

LCpl Justin J. Swanson, of Anaheim, CA; CW2 Earl R. Scott III, of Jacksonville, FL; CW2 Mathew C. Heffelfinger of Kimberly, ID; Sgt Charles I. Cartwright, of Union Bridge, MD; SPC Gary L. Gooch Jr., of Ocala, FL; SPC Aaron S. Aamot, of Custer, WA; SPC Tony Carrasco Jr., of Berino, NM; SSG Amy C. Tirador, of Albany, NY; SPC Julian L. Berisford, of Benwood, WV; SPC David A. Croft Jr., of Plant City, FL; Sgt Cesar B. Ruiz, of San Antonio, TX; SPC Jonathon M. Sylvestre, of Colorado Springs, CO; SPC Christopher M. Cooper, of Oceanside, CA.

We cannot forget these men and women and their great sacrifice. These brave individuals left behind parents, spouses, children, siblings, and friends. We want them to know this country pledges to preserve the memory of our fallen soldiers who gave their lives for our country.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EDWIN C. WOOD

Mr. NELSON of Nebraska. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Private First Class Edwin C. Wood of Omaha, NE.

Private First Class Wood was an "All-American kid," who dreamed of

one day serving his country. That opportunity came in October 2009 when he enlisted in the U.S. Army and became a cavalry scout for the 1st Squadron, 71st Armor Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team of the 10th Mountain Division, based in Fort Drum, NY.

A graduate of Omaha North High School, Private First Class Wood, better known as Eddie or Freckles, spent his time growing up as a member of the Boy Scouts and Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps a military reenactor and a junior counselor at YMCA Camp Pokamoke in Crescent, IA. He was a role model to all who knew him.

Private First Class Wood had just gotten back to Afghanistan, after being home on leave in June, when the truck he was driving on July 5, 2010, was hit by an improvised explosive device. The explosion took this brave young man's life, along with that of another soldier, SSG Christopher F. Cabacoy.

Although he was only in the service for a short time, Private First Class Wood's awards and decorations include the Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and Combat Action Badge.

PFC Edwin C. Wood served his country honorably and made the ultimate sacrifice for his fellow Americans. His courageous choice to protect his country and help the people of Afghanistan achieve peace and security represents all that we can be proud of in our armed forces. I know I join all Nebraskans in grieving the loss of Private Wood; he will be remembered for the selfless hero he was. Private First Class Wood's family and friends remain in our thoughts and prayers.

CORPORAL TODD NICELY

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I rise today to honor U.S. Marine Cpl Todd Nicely, of Arnold, MO—a true American hero.

Corporal Nicely is greatly admired by his fellow marines—and when you hear his story you will admire him too.

As a marine, Corporal Nicely brought the fight to the terrorists in Afghanistan, so our families in Missouri and across the Nation could live in peace and security.

But what makes Corporal Nicely an American hero is not only his leadership on the battlefield but also his leadership here at home.

On March 26, 2010, Corporal Nicely and his fellow marines were on a foot patrol in Helmand province—one of the most dangerous regions in Afghanistan—when he stepped on an improvised explosive device, triggering a devastating explosion. When Corporal Nicely woke up, he realized that all four of his limbs were lost in the blast.

Instead of defeat, however, Corporal Nicely faced his injuries with the same warrior spirit he showed on the battlefield. This brave marine has astounded many with his swift progress—evidence of his unwavering spirit and courage

among overwhelming odds. Corporal Nicely remains one of the few surviving quadruple amputees from the war in Iraq and Afghanistan.

At Bethesda Naval Hospital and Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Corporal Nicely has endured—and surpassed—these odds with the love and support of his lovely wife Crystal, who also served her country as a marine. His story, courage and unwavering service make me proud to be an American. Our prayers and thoughts are with Corporal Nicely and his family, and I ask unanimous consent that this poem—penned in honor of this great American, by Bert Caswell—be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

MORE, THAN A MAN

More. . . .  
 More, Than!  
 More, Than A Man!  
 As once Nicely, you so ran!  
 Like a deer . . .  
 As once you stood. . . .  
 So Strong and Proud, as you so would!  
 For all that was right, and good!  
 As to greatness, your fine heart so ran. . . .  
 As a United States Marine, as upon battle-  
 fields of honor seen . . .  
 Burning Bold, Burning Bright . . . as into  
 that darkness, bringing your light!  
 As all of your Brother's hearts, you'd ignite!  
 Oh how you so gleamed!  
 As there you so led, while gently holding  
 your Brothers In Arms . . . as they  
 died and bled!  
 Until that moment . . . when it all so  
 changed . . .  
 As you awoke, as the tears running down  
 your most heroic eyes so spoke!  
 So spoke, of all your loss and pain . . . and  
 yet somehow inside of you, still hope  
 remained!  
 Todd, Nicely done!  
 As you knew things would never be  
 the same . . .  
 As when, all in that moment you'd became!  
 More, Than A Man!  
 As when you so chose to rise, and get up . . .  
 and run once again!  
 But, now at greater speeds!  
 With but your fine heart and soul, you  
 United States Marine. . . to lead!  
 While all along, held in our Lord's arms . . .  
 as your new battle so convened!  
 For some, are placed on this earth!  
 To bless us all, all in their courage and fine  
 worth!  
 Such Angels, by our Lord God . . . to show  
 us all what so comes first!  
 To Teach Us! To Beseech Us!  
 To all our hearts and souls, To So Reach Us!  
 For there is no Missouri Compromise, in this  
 Marine!  
 Uhraaah Jar Head because you've got moun-  
 tains to climb . . . dreams to dream!  
 As now high above all of us, you are so seen!  
 As your gait has gotten stronger . . .  
 And you stride so much more faster, and so  
 much longer . . .  
 As you've become stronger, in your faith  
 that belongs here . . . as the days have  
 gotten longer!  
 As you've become, More, Than A Man!  
 With but your divine acceptance and grace,  
 as you have put such tears upon our  
 face!  
 How can such strength be explained?  
 As it's clear, yea Marine . . . You Are More  
 Than A Man!  
 Showing us all, that arms and legs we all  
 need!

But, we can survive . . . but without a heart,  
 we will so surely die!  
 And if I could, but have a Son . . . as bright  
 as you, this one!  
 Then, what a gift to this our world . . . I  
 would leave!  
 For in the night as you sleep, our Lord's  
 tears from Heaven fall upon you to so  
 keep!  
 To so keep you safe and strong, for your life  
 is like a song!  
 To lift us all up where we belong!  
 I ask, could we but have such the strength  
 like you, and your family for how you  
 stand!  
 And one fine day, as when up in Heaven you  
 all so meet . . . our Lord will  
 repeat . . .  
 "Uhraaah Marine, you've been promoted to  
 an Angel so very sweet . . . Nicely  
 Done!"  
 For in Heaven you need not arms and legs,  
 we need Marines like you . . . to evil to  
 defeat!  
 Men like you, Who are More Than A Man!

SPECIALIST CLAYTON D. MCGARRAH

Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, today I honor SPC Clayton D. McGarrah, 20, of Harrison, who died July 4, 2010, in Arghandab, Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. According to initial reports, Specialist McGarrah died of injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his dismounted patrol, followed by small arms and rocket-propelled grenade fire.

As Arkansans and Americans gathered together to celebrate our freedom, SPC Clayton D. McGarrah made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of our Nation. My heart goes out to his family for their loss. Along with all Arkansans, I am grateful for Specialist McGarrah's service and for the service and sacrifice of all of our military servicemembers and their families. I am committed to ensuring they have the full support they need and deserve. Our grateful Nation will not forget them when their military service is complete.

Specialist McGarrah was assigned to C Company, 2nd Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC. His wife and parents reside in Harrison.

More than 11,000 Arkansans on Active Duty and more than 10,000 Arkansas Reservists have served in Iraq or Afghanistan since September 11, 2001. These men and women have shown tremendous courage and perseverance through the most difficult of times. As neighbors, as Arkansans, and as Americans, it is incumbent upon us to do everything we can to honor their service and to provide for them and their families, not only when they are in harm's way but also when they return home. It is the least we can do for those whom we owe so much.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, I regret that on July 12, 2010, I was unable to vote on the confirmation of Sharon Johnson Coleman, of Illinois, to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District because my flight from Kansas City was delayed. I wish to address this vote, so that the people of

the great State of Kansas, who elected me to serve them as U.S. Senator, may know my position. I would have voted in favor of this confirmation.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

ANNUAL VIBORG DANISH VIKING  
DAYS

• Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to the Viborg annual Danish Viking Days celebration.

The Viborg community showed its unity in 1999 when the Danish Days Committee began developing the Avenue of Flags. Over 100 flags are displayed on holidays to commemorate veterans and individuals from the area.

Named after Viborg, Denmark, this South Dakota town has maintained its ties to its Danish past. Following the notable feature of their Danish counterpart, the people of Viborg built Our Savior's Lutheran Church on the town's highest point in 1911. When a post office and store were first established in this area, it was known as Daneville. With the coming of the railroad, Viborg was constructed half a mile away, and Daneville slowly ceased. Regardless of the town name, the Danish traditions remained in the area.

Originally, Danish Days were celebrated to coincide with Denmark's Independence Day on June 5 but has now been moved to the third weekend in July. This year's events are July 16 to 18. It will include a presentation by Joy Ibsen on her new book of stories from Viborg, a parade, a golf tournament, an all-school reunion, and plenty of food. There will also be the 17th annual Leadership Luncheon, which starts the festival. The luncheon honors accomplishments in Viborg. Since 2003, this has included the Friends of Viborg Award. This year, the honor goes to the Viborg Public School's past and current teachers, administrators, employees, and board members to recognize their notable contributions to the community. I am proud to recognize the recipients and would like to join with the committee in sharing my appreciation for all these people have done. •

BIG STONE CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA

• Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to the 125th anniversary of Big Stone City. This picturesque town has made it 125 years, and I am proud to represent them.

Big Stone City is bordered by Big Stone Lake in South Dakota and the State of Minnesota. Originally the site of an Indian village called Inkpa, the first settlers arrived in 1871. In 1875, this new town, then called Inkpa City, was chosen for a post office. Another small town, Geneva, was also formed during that time, located to the northeast of Inkpa City. In 1885, the two