

Each of us has his or her own memories of Senator Byrd's kindness and devotion to the Senate as an institution. The place will not be the same without him.

My wife Joyce and I extend our deepest condolences to his daughters and the entire Byrd family.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to 38 servicemembers from California or based in California who have died while serving our country in Operation Enduring Freedom since March 24, 2010. This brings to 185 the number of servicemembers either from California or based in California that have been killed while serving our country in Afghanistan. This represents 15 percent of all U.S. deaths in Afghanistan.

LCpl Rick J. Centanni, 19, of Yorba Linda, CA, died March 24 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Lance Corporal Centanni was assigned to 4th Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 4th Marine Division, Marine Forces Reserve, based out of Camp Pendleton, CA.

SgtMaj Robert J. Cottle, 45, of Whittier, CA, died March 24 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Sergeant Major Cottle was assigned to 4th Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 4th Marine Division, Marine Forces Reserve, based out of Camp Pendleton, CA.

Sgt Kenneth B. May, Jr., 26, of Kilgore, TX, died May 11 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Sergeant May was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

Cpl Jeffery W. Johnson, 21, of Tomball, TX, died May 11 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Corporal Johnson was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

PO Zarian Wood, 29, of Houston, TX, died May 16 in Helmand Province, Afghanistan, of wounds sustained from an improvised explosive device blast while on dismounted patrol. Petty Officer Wood was assigned as a hospital corpsman to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

SSgt Adam L. Perkins, 27, of Antelope, CA, died May 17 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Staff Sergeant Perkins was assigned to 7th Engineer Support Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

Cpl Jacob C. Leicht, 24, of College Station, TX, died May 27 while supporting combat operations in Helmand

province, Afghanistan. Corporal Leicht was assigned to the 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

PFC Jake W. Suter, 18, of Los Angeles, CA, died May 29 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Private First Class Suter was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Kaneohe Bay, HI.

Cpl Donald M. Marler, 22, of St. Louis, MO, died June 6 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Corporal Marler was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

LCpl Derek Hernandez, 20, of Edinburg, TX, died June 6 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Lance Corporal Hernandez was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

Sgt Brandon C. Bury, 26, of Kingwood, TX, died June 6 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Sergeant Bury was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

Sgt John K. Rankel, 23, of Speedway, IN, died June 7 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Sergeant Rankel was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

LCpl Michael G. Plank, 25, of Cameron Mills, NY, died June 9 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Lance Corporal Plank was assigned to 7th Engineer Support Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

LCpl Gavin R. Brummund, 22, of Arnold, CA, died June 10 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Lance Corporal Brummund was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, NC.

Cpl Jeffrey R. Standfest, 23, of St. Clair, MI, died June 16 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Corporal Standfest was assigned to 3rd Combat Engineer Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, based at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, CA.

LCpl Michael C. Bailey, 29, of Park Hills, MO, died June 16 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Lance Corporal Bailey was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, based at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, CA.

SGT Nathan W. Cox, 27, of Fremont, CA, died June 16 at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Landstuhl, Germany, of injuries sustained June 14 when insurgents attacked his unit with small arms fire at Near Forward Operating Base, Khogyani, Afghanistan. Sergeant Cox was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Special Troops Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, KY.

SN William Ortega, 23, of Miami, FL, died June 18 in Helmand Province, Afghanistan, of wounds sustained from an improvised explosive device blast while conducting combat operations against enemy forces. Seaman Ortega was assigned as a hospital corpsman to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

Cpl Kevin A. Cueto, 23, of San Jose, CA, died June 22 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Corporal Cueto was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, based at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, CA.

Cpl Claudio Patino IV, 22, of Yorba Linda, CA, died June 22 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Corporal Patino was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, based at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, CA.

Cpl Daane A. Deboer, 24, of Ludington, MI, died June 25 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Corporal Deboer was assigned to 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

Sgt Joseph D. Caskey, 24, of Pittsburgh, PA, died June 26 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Sergeant Caskey was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

Cpl Larry D. Harris Jr., 24, of Thornton, CO, died July 1 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Corporal Harris was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

SPC Roger Lee, 26, of Monterey, CA, died July 6 at Qalat, Afghanistan, of wounds sustained when insurgents attacked his vehicle with an improvised explosive device. Specialist Lee was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment, Hohenfels, Germany.

SSG Marc A. Arizmendez, 30, of Anaheim, CA, died July 6 at Qalat, Afghanistan, of wounds sustained when insurgents attacked his vehicle with an improvised explosive device. Staff Sergeant Arizmendez was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment, Hohenfels, Germany.

LCpl Tyler A. Roads, 20, of Burney, CA, died July 10 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Lance Corporal Roads was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, NC.

SSgt Christopher J. Antonik, 29, of Crystal Lake, IL, died July 11 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Staff Sergeant Antonik was assigned to 1st Marine Special Operations Battalion, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command, Camp Pendleton, CA.

SPC Chase Stanley, 21, of Napa, CA, died July 14 at Zabul Province, Afghanistan, of wounds sustained when insurgents attacked his military vehicle with an improvised explosive device. Specialist Stanley was assigned to the 618th Engineer Support Company, 27th Engineer Battalion (Combat Airborne), 20th Engineer Brigade (Combat), Fort Bragg, NC.

GySgt Christopher L. Eastman, 28, of Moose Pass, AK, died July 18 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Gunnery Sergeant Eastman was assigned to the 7th Engineer Support Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

Cpl Paul J. Miller, 22, of Traverse City, MI, died July 19 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Corporal Miller was assigned to 3rd Combat Engineer Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, based at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, CA.

SSG Brian F. Piercy, 27, of Clovis, CA, died July 19 in Arghandab River Valley, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained when insurgents attacked his unit using an improvised explosive device. Staff Sergeant Piercy was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC.

Cpl Julio Vargas, 23, of Sylmar, CA, died July 20 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Corporal Vargas was assigned to the 3rd Assault Amphibian Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

Maj James M. Weis, 37, of Toms River, NJ, died July 22 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Major Weis was assigned to Marine Aircraft Group 39, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, I Marine Expeditionary Force, based out of Camp Pendleton, CA.

LtCol Mario D. Carazo, 41, of Springfield, OH, died July 22 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Lieutenant Colonel Carazo was assigned to Marine Aircraft Group 39, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, I Marine Expeditionary Force, based out of Camp Pendleton, CA.

SGT Daniel Lim, 23, of Cypress, CA, died July 24, at Qalat, Afghanistan, of

injuries sustained when insurgents attacked his military vehicle with an improvised explosive device. Sergeant Lim was assigned to 5th Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery Regiment, 17th Fires Brigade, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA.

SSG Conrad A. Mora, 24, of San Diego, CA, died July 24, at Qalat, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained when insurgents attacked his military vehicle with an improvised explosive device. Staff Sergeant Mora was assigned to 5th Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery Regiment, 17th Fires Brigade, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA.

PO2 Justin McNeley, 30, of Wheatridge, CO, died from wounds sustained from an incident in Logar province, Afghanistan, on July 23. Coalition Forces recovered his remains July 25 after an extensive search. Petty Officer 2nd Class McNeley was assigned to Assault Craft Unit One (ACU-1), San Diego, CA.

LCpl Shane R. Martin, 23, of Spring, TX, died July 29 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Lance Corporal Martin was assigned to 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR HOLD

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, I rise today to inform the body that I have placed a hold on Executive Calendar nomination No. 1051, the nomination of Ambassador Frank Ricciardone to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey.

COMMENDING SENATOR ALAN K. SIMPSON

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, in Wyoming's 120 year history, only 21 people have served as U.S. Senator for our State. One stands out as a compassionate, skilled and illustrious figure. United States Senator Alan K. Simpson is a lifelong public servant who is dedicated to his family, to Wyoming, and to the United States.

Al Simpson has fought to uphold the values and ideals of our country for most of his life. Whether he was serving in the U.S. Army in Germany, the Wyoming House of Representatives or in the U.S. Senate Chamber, his commitment and contributions were evident. When the Nation calls on Al Simpson to serve, he is always there to work and fight for our best interests.

United States Senator Alan K. Simpson served in this Chamber from 1979 to 1997. Fortunately for Wyoming and our Nation, his service did not end when he retired. He has enthusiastically served numerous groups and organizations, which all have benefitted from his presence. From his beloved alma mater, the University of Wyoming, to the world renowned Buffalo Bill Historical Center, Al Simpson devotes his time, talent and treasure. When Al sees

an unmet need in our community, he works to see that it is addressed. Wyoming—and America—are better because of him.

This year, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Wyoming have selected Al Simpson as their Man of the Year. While Al has received many honors throughout his life, to be honored by the Boys and Girls Clubs is very special to him.

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Wyoming plays a vitally important role in our State. They serve all youth regardless of economic circumstances. They continue to expand thanks to the generous support of the McMurry Foundation, the Martin Family Foundation, the Daniels Fund, the Casper Star Tribune and the Reader's Digest Foundation. Their inspiration and work has spread to adjacent counties.

The work of the Boys and Girls Clubs' dedicated staff and volunteers creates a positive environment for all children. As a result of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Wyoming, hundreds of Wyoming youth will have the opportunity to gain the experiences and build the skills needed for success. Their mission is the same as Al's—to make our community and our Nation a better place.

This award is special to Senator Al Simpson because his life's success is due in large part to the strength of his family. He lovingly called his mother Lorna 'the velvet hammer.' His father Senator and Governor Milward Simpson was Al's model for public service and civic leadership. His big brother Pete Simpson explains, "The extent to which we became men we owe to our father." Even Pete helped mold Al into the man who continues to have a positive impact on Wyoming and our Nation. Al readily admits that he and Pete were a spirited duo and gave their parents heartburn. Certainly, Al would have benefitted from the influence of a Boys and Girls Club! However, he was fortunate that the strong love and solid support of his parents carried him through a tumultuous adolescence.

It was Al's good fortune that Ann Schroll accepted his proposal for marriage. Over the years, Ann has been a guiding force for Al. He regularly says he would not have accomplished anything without Ann by his side.

Many years ago, in a high school commencement address, Al said, "The real reason I made it in life is because there were other people who believed in me, even when I didn't believe in myself. They were people willing to give me a second chance. Those are the people I never forgot in life: parents, teachers, many people who took time with me, and for me. . . . Just like Al had folks who stood by him and held him accountable, the staff and volunteers at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Wyoming believe in our youth. Al Simpson is a wonderful choice for the 2010 Man of the Year award. He is thankful for the support he received as a youth and is committed to give all