

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

young people in Wyoming a second chance.

It is because of his strong family values and his sense of duty to his community that the Boys and Girls Clubs Man of the Year is so meaningful to Al Simpson. This award tells this great statesman that Wyoming is thankful for his leadership.

I am so proud to call Al Simpson my friend. He is a respected mentor and adviser. It is fitting and terrific that the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Wyoming have named him Man of the Year—and I ask that my colleagues join me in sending our congratulations to Al for this well-deserved honor.

#### REMEMBERING CONGRESSMAN EMILIO DADDARIO

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the life of former Connecticut Congressman Emilio Daddario who passed away on July 6, 2010.

One of the unique strengths of the United States of America is that our government derives its power from the people. It is dependent upon an educated populace, engaged in public affairs, and prepared to offer their services to make our society better and fairer for all of our benefit.

That system has worked well for more than 200 years thanks to citizens such as Emilio Daddario.

He was born in Newton Center, MA, on September 24, 1918. As a young man, he moved south to Middletown, CT, to attend Wesleyan University where he starred on the baseball and football teams. He was an exemplary athlete who twice received MVP honors in football, and was named team captain in 1938.

Upon his graduation in 1939, Emilio chose to pursue a career in law. After beginning law school at Boston University, he graduated from the University of Connecticut in 1942. He successfully passed the bar and moved back to Middletown to begin private practice. But then the call to serve his country came.

In 1943, he enlisted as a private in the U.S. Army. He was sent to the Mediterranean theater during World War II. There he was a key member of the team which captured Rodolfo Graziani, then-chief of staff to Italian Dictator Benito Mussolini, at the Hotel Milan in 1945. His distinguished service earned him the rank of captain, as well as the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, and the Italian Medaglia d'Argento.

After the war, he could have easily gone back to private legal practice and no doubt would have been very successful at it. Instead, he chose to continue his military service as a member of the Connecticut National Guard and to pursue a life in the public arena by running for mayor of Middletown.

At just 28 years old, fresh from his service overseas, Emilio Daddario won that election. He served as mayor from 1946 until 1948 and was appointed judge of the Middletown Municipal Court.

In 1950, the Nation called on him again. This time, the 43 Division of the Connecticut National Guard, of which he was a member, was sent to engage in the Korean war. His military service in that conflict as a member of the Far East Liaison Group earned him promotion to the rank of major.

Upon returning to the United States in 1952 he chose to resume private law practice, this time in Hartford, CT. But the call to serve proved to be too strong, and in 1958, Daddario ran for the opportunity to serve the people of Connecticut's 1st Congressional District.

He won that election, as well as five more, serving as a member of the U.S. Congress until 1971. While in Congress, he sat on the House Science Committee where he became an advocate for science and technological innovation. He chaired two subcommittees and also in the planning and development of the Apollo missions to the moon.

In 1970, Emilio decided not to run for reelection to the House, and instead ran for Governor of Connecticut. He did not win that race. But he sought ways to remain involved in public policy, in particular issues related to science and technology. He returned to Congress in 1973, not as a member, but as the Director of the Office of Technology Assessment.

He also went on to serve as the president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and as co-chair of the American Bar Association's Association for the Advancement of Sciences, Conference of Lawyers and Scientists.

Emilio Daddario was just the sort of American citizen that our Nation's Founders were hoping for, and his legacy is one of exemplary public service, and commitment to making our Nation a better place for future generations. He was a devoted husband and father, and I know that he will be deeply missed. My deepest sympathies and prayers go out to his children, Richard, Anthony, and Stephen, and to the rest of his family.

#### 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN'S RIGHT TO VOTE

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I rise today in honor of the 90th anniversary of women gaining the right to vote on August 26, 1920, and to acknowledge the celebration of this anniversary by the community of Las Cruces, NM.

The struggle for the right to vote began in 1848 at a convention in Seneca Falls, NY, hosted by Lucretia Mott, Mary Ann McClintock, and Elizabeth Cady Stanton. This convention began the seventy-two year struggle by women to win the right to vote, which was also a struggle to rise from second class citizenship and a struggle to gain equality. Women throughout the United States are empowered by the efforts of the brave and pioneering suffragists Susan B. Anthony, Carrie Chapman Catt, and Alice Paul. These

women serve as an inspiration to those who secure leadership positions in industry, government, the military, and academia.

Las Cruces was founded in 1849 and became a town of the Territory of New Mexico in 1907. After gaining the right to vote, the women of Las Cruces sought elected office. These women include Bertha Paxton, who was the first female elected to the New Mexico State House of Representatives in 1922, Mrs. E. C. Wade, who was the first female elected as a Trustee in the town of Las Cruces in 1932, Ellen Steele, who was the first female elected as a New Mexico State Senator in 1985 from Dona Ana County and Dolores C. Archuleta who was the first Native American female elected to the Las Cruces City Council in 2001. In continuation of this tradition, the first female Governor will be elected by New Mexicans on November 2, 2010.

To celebrate and commemorate the 90th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution, women will continue to advocate for responsible and responsive government through the election process. The League of Women Voters of Greater Las Cruces will hold a celebration with an informative panel on women's history of performance and films on the suffragists and the role of women in the political system to further commemorate this praiseworthy day.

I join with the League of Women Voters, the people of Las Cruces, and the people of New Mexico in celebration of this important day, August 26 when women finally won the right to vote and greatly enhanced their great contributions to our government and our society.

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, tomorrow marks the 45th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act, a landmark piece of legislation which helped guarantee the right to vote to all Americans. As we approach the upcoming midterm elections, it is important to remember the journey of voting rights in America. Without this right, words and phrases like "democracy," "land of the free," and "equality" lack true meaning.

The right to vote traveled a long ugly road—a road we must all remember. Edmund Burke once said "those who do not remember history are destined to repeat it." Some would say they are doomed to repeat it. For this reason, on this day and every day, we should remember how Americans, Black and White; young and old; men and women; stood, marched and fought together for equal access to the voting booth. We must ensure that all barriers to voting are removed.

There are many people who contributed to the voting rights movement. Today I would like to highlight one woman—Mrs. Fannie Lou Hamer, a woman who was "sick and tired of being sick and tired" when it came to the denial of equal voting rights. Hamer, a great American hero, led a