

away on September 13, 2010, in San Francisco. He was 88 years old.

Bill, a native of San Francisco, was born in 1922 and attended Lowell High School. After graduating from UC Berkeley in 1943, Bill served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers during World War II. Upon completing his service, Bill attended Yale Law School, graduating in 1947.

Although Bill's monumental legal career began in land use law, it quickly expanded to reflect the diversity of his interests and passions. His private practice, Coblenz, Patch, Duffy & Bass, played an essential role in guiding the development of several transformative San Francisco projects including Yerba Buena Gardens, Levi Plaza, Mission Bay, and AT&T Park. In the 1960s, Bill helped rock concert promoter Bill Graham win a permit to open San Francisco's renowned Fillmore Auditorium.

Bill's passion for civic engagement was unyielding. He entered the political scene as a young adviser to then-California Attorney General Pat Brown. When he became Governor, Brown offered Bill a seat on the University of California Board of Regents, which he occupied for the next 16 years. During this time, he developed a reputation for defending the rights of outspoken students and faculty. Bill had a strong passion for the promotion of civil rights. In 2008, Bill's law firm honored his civil rights work by establishing the Coblenz Fellowship for Civil Rights at UC Berkeley's Boalt Hall School of Law.

I had the honor of calling Bill a friend. His ability to connect with people was unparalleled. From his influential clients, to his political advisees, to his fellow San Franciscans, Bill treated everyone with the respect, humor and consideration he believed they deserved. His relationship with San Francisco was with its people, and it was one that he cherished throughout his life.

Bill approached the people and experiences in his life with a rare combination of courage, humility, and authenticity. His wisdom and camaraderie were consistent sources of inspiration that will truly be missed. Although he is no longer with us, Bill left us not only with the tangible symbols of his legacy in San Francisco, but also with enduring memories of his engaging personality and steadfast determination.●

REMEMBERING KENNETH RAY HALL

● Mr. DODD. Mr. President, today I honor the life of Connecticut State trooper first class Kenneth Ray Hall of Hartford, CT, who was killed in the line of duty earlier this month. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my deepest condolences to Trooper Hall's family, his colleagues on the Connecticut State Police force, and all those who knew and loved him. The sense of loss they must feel is undoubt-

edly immense, and I know that I speak for all residents of the State of Connecticut when I say that we stand with them during this time of unimaginable grief.

Every single day, in communities large and small throughout this country, law enforcement officers take on incredible personal risks to safeguard our lives and property. Trained to act bravely and selflessly even in the most harrowing of situations, these heroic men and women frequently put themselves in danger to protect people they have never even met. And all too often, these individuals are called upon to make the ultimate sacrifice, giving their own lives in defense of their fellow citizens. Indeed, since the department's founding in 1903, 18 Connecticut State troopers have died in the line of duty.

Trooper Kenneth Hall was no different in that regard. A 22-year veteran of the Connecticut State Police who also served as a marine sniper in Vietnam, Trooper Hall's life exemplified the kind of personal courage and unflinching dedication to public service that are so engrained in the culture of America's law enforcement community. Trooper Hall loved his job and was absolutely devoted to helping and protecting the people of his State and Nation. And that was ultimately what he died doing.

Late in the afternoon on September 2, Trooper Hall stopped a vehicle on I-91 in Enfield, CT, for a routine traffic violation. While he was pulled over on the side of the road filling out paper work, Trooper Hall's police cruiser was struck from behind by a pickup truck. The car was severely damaged, and Trooper Hall was rushed to Baystate Medical Center, just across the border in Springfield, MA. Tragically, in spite of the best efforts of first responders to save his life, Trooper Hall passed away not long after the accident. He was only 57.

In death, Trooper Hall left behind a number of significant, enduring legacies. He was beloved by his colleagues on the Connecticut State Police force, who saw him not only as a wonderful officer, but as a first-rate friend. And he was also part of a larger family of local and State law enforcement officers across the country who considered him a brother in arms. Is it any wonder then, that thousands of police officers, some from as far away as Louisiana and California, gathered at his funeral in Hartford on September 11? What a fitting tribute for such an amazing officer, a man who dedicated the better part of his life to serving the public good.

But perhaps the most important of the numerous legacies Trooper Hall left behind is his large, closely-knit, and incredibly loving family. For his wife Sheila, seven adult children, Tara, Troy, Norman, Teon, Tyco, Andrea and Michael, and countless other family members, Trooper Hall was more than just a dedicated member of Connecti-

cut's State Police force. He was the consummate family man—an individual who relished every opportunity to spend an afternoon with relatives or dote on his grandchildren.

So, it is with great sadness that I join Trooper Hall's loved ones, friends, colleagues, and everyone else whose life was touched in some way by this wonderful man, in mourning his untimely death. While I realize there are few words that can assuage the enormous sense of grief they undoubtedly feel, it is my hope that Trooper Hall's years of commendable service to his State, love for his family, and devotion to his friends will provide them with some measure of comfort during the months and years that lie ahead.●

TRIBUTE TO ARTHUR "KENNY" AND JUDY SIMMONS

● Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize two very special parents in my home State of West Virginia—parents who have so defined the unconditional love that a parent can have for a child, that their actions have had a national impact in the fields of adoption and foster care.

Each year, Members of Congress have the honor and privilege of recognizing, through the Congressional Coalition on Adoption, extraordinary persons who have answered one of our Nation's most important calls to action to provide our most vulnerable children with a forever family.

Children are the future leaders of our great country, and adoption and foster care are causes that has always been close to my heart. I am proud to officially recognize two West Virginian angels—Arthur "Kenny" and Judy Simmons—as true angels in adoption.

Kenny and Judy adopted two 13-year-old boys, Joshua and Terry. The willingness to open a home to older children is special; all too often these children are left behind. Prior to adoption, these young boys struggled with uncertainty and one child endured 23 different homes while waiting for permanency. Judy and Kenny have given him a home, security and a future. The needs of children in foster care are challenging. But when we help these vulnerable, young people, we change their life, and in fact the lives of the entire family and communities. This is why throughout my Senate career, I have worked to improve Federal policies for adoptions and child welfare including the 2008 Fostering Connections Act and the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997. We should provide support and encouragement for foster and adoptive families the quality training and education they need and the all of the support possible for the caseworkers and judges making the tough decisions about a child's placement.

Each fall, I have the pleasure of honoring one of the families in our State who have opened their hearts and homes to children in need. It is my great honor to highlight these heroes

among us. The Simmons' family gives all they can and never gives up. They are the eptiomy of what a committed, forever family, is all about. For this, I want to recognize, honor, and thank them for their passion and dedication and for being true angels in adoption I admire.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

(The nomination received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 2009, the Secretary of the Senate, on September 24, 2010, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 1674. An act to provide for an exclusion under the Supplemental Security Income program and the Medicaid program for compensation provided to individuals who participate in clinical trials for rare diseases or conditions.

S. 3717. An act to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment Company Act of 1940, and the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 to provide for certain disclosures under section 552 of title 5, United States Code, (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act), and for other purposes.

S. 3814. An act to extend the National Flood Insurance Program until September 30, 2011.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1517) to allow certain U.S. Customs and Border protection employees who serve under an overseas limited appointment for at least 2 years, and whose service is rated fully successful or higher throughout that time, to be converted to a permanent appointment in the competitive service.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Assistant Secretary of the Senate reported that on September 24,

2010, during the adjournment of the Senate, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

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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-7540. A communication from the Director, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Competitive and Noncompetitive Non-formula Federal Assistance Programs—Specific Administrative Provisions for the New Era Rural Technology Competitive Grants Program" (RIN0524-AA60) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7541. A communication from the Secretary, Office of the Chief Accountant, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Internal Control Over Financial Reporting in Exchange Act Periodic Reports of Non-Accelerated Filers" (5 U.S.C. Section 801) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 20, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7542. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director of National Marine Sanctuaries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Regulations; Technical Corrections and Minor Substantive Changes" (RIN0648-AX34) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 20, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7543. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director of National Marine Sanctuaries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Gulf of the Farallones, Monterey Bay and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries Technical Corrections" (RIN0648-AY20) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 20, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7544. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director of National Marine Sanctuaries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary Regulations on the Use of Spearfishing Gear; Correction" (RIN0648-AX37) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 20, 2010; to the

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7545. A communication from the Deputy Chief Counsel for Regulations and Security Standards, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Enforcement Procedures" (RIN1652-AA62) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2010; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7546. A communication from the Chief of Recovery and Delisting Branch, Endangered Species Program, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Reclassification of the Oregon Chub From Endangered to Threatened" (RIN1018-AW42) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7547. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Ruling—Over the Counter Drugs" (Rev. Rul. 2010-23) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 20, 2010; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7548. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Child Care and Development Fund Report to Congress for Fiscal Years 2006 and 2007"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7549. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Annual Report on Disability-Related Air Travel Complaints; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7550. A communication from the Deputy Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cardiovascular Devices; Reclassification of Certain Percutaneous Transluminal Coronary Angioplasty (PTCA) Catheters" (Docket No. FDA-2000-P-0924) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2010; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7551. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's report entitled "Report to Congress on a Plan for The Proposed Head Start Program Designation Renewal System"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7552. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report to Congress by the Interagency Access to Health Care in Alaska Task Force; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-7553. A communication from the Chief Privacy Officer, Privacy Office, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "DHS Privacy Office 2010 Annual Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-142. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of California urging