

which addressed emergency procedures and protocols for prevention, response, and mitigation of critical incidents. In addition, he planned the security, evacuation, and emergency response for the 55th Presidential Inauguration. He later served as deputy chief of the Uniformed Services Bureau, the largest component of the Capitol Police.

On October 30, 2006, he was appointed as chief of the Capitol Police. As leader of the nearly 1,800-officer force, Chief Morse has overseen enhancements in numerous areas, including recruiting, training, technology, community outreach, and emergency preparedness. During his tenure, Chief Morse oversaw the opening of the Capitol Visitor Center and the merger between the Capitol Police and Library of Congress Police.

Throughout his career, Chief Morse has continuously exhibited exceptional skills as a crisis manager, security coordinator, innovator, and team builder. Always leading by example, Chief Morse motivated all who came into contact with him through his enthusiasm and flexibility. Thanks to his leadership and service, the Capitol Police today is a stronger, more professional, and effective law enforcement agency.

Born in Wilmington, NC, Chief Morse holds a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science degree in management from the Johns Hopkins University. He is a loving and devoted husband and father of three children.

Speaking both for himself and the ranks of law enforcement officers who serve the Congress, Chief Morse once stated, "The security and protection of this great institution is not only our job, but we consider it a sacred duty and privilege to serve you, the Congressional staff, and the millions of visitors from every corner of the world who come to the United States Capitol complex every year." We have all benefited from his distinction and dedication.

On behalf of the U.S. Senate, I congratulate Chief Morse on his well-earned retirement from the United States Capitol Police and salute his distinguished career.

#### VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, I was unavoidably detained for rollcall vote No. 114 on the nomination of Timothy S. Hillman to be a United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts. Had I been present, I would have voted yea.

#### TRIBUTE TO JOHN M. CONNORS, JR.

Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts. Mr. President, I rise today in tribute to John M. "Jack" Connors, Jr., of Brookline, MA, a larger-than-life figure in a region with quite a few outsized personalities. A Massachusetts native, he grew up in the Roslindale section of Boston and graduated from Boston College. A born go-getter, to help pay for

college Jack landed one of the greatest jobs in New England—selling hotdogs and peanuts at Fenway Park.

Not long after graduation, Jack co-founded Boston's Hill Holliday ad agency and spent the better part of 30 years as an ad man. Now a part of the Interpublic Group of Companies, Jack remains chairman emeritus of this leading agency. He is a fierce competitor in business and built hugely successful and profitable enterprises that employ tens of thousands and have contributed billions to the regional economy. In July, Jack will step down after a phenomenally successful 17-year tenure as chairman of the board of Partners Health Care Systems.

Partners began with the merger of two of our Nation's leading teaching hospitals, Massachusetts General Hospital and Brigham and Women's Hospital. Of course, the real work of any merger comes after the deal is signed, and when Jack was elected chairman of Partners' board in 1996, he helped lead the integration and growth of the new not-for-profit network.

Today, Partners is the largest health care network in Massachusetts, and with over 50,000 employees, the State's largest private employer. It is also one of our Nation's great medical research centers. In fact, Partners is the largest recipient of National Institutes of Health research grants, a testament to their world-class scientists and facilities.

Jack serves on the boards of many companies and organizations, including Covidien and Hasbro. He is also a trustee of Emmanuel College, his alma mater Boston College, and is a member of Harvard Medical School's Board of Fellows.

Throughout his career, Jack has been a relentless fighter for the less fortunate in the Boston area. From an early age, Jack worked closely with Boston's leading charities, often providing pro bono ad work for these nonprofits. Jack seemed to always know that any true measure of a successful life must include helping others.

Jack worked tirelessly to save many of the Boston Archdiocese's struggling schools. As a businessman, he knew that rescuing these schools required more than throwing money at the problem—and by some estimates, Jack raised about \$70 million for the cause—it also required a more businesslike approach to running these schools. So Jack encouraged the archdiocese to build parochial academies such as Pope John Paul II Catholic Academy that serve more than one parish. These academies are now models of primary education and well over 95 percent of their students go on to college.

Over the years, Jack worked closely with Boston Mayor Tom Menino on a number of important projects to help enrich the lives of at-risk youth. Among their more ambitious—and hugely successful—is Camp Harbor View. This partnership with the city and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston

has, in a few short years, created a summer haven for nearly 800 young people on Long Island off Quincy, MA. This remarkable program has a full-time staff which stays in contact with campers and their families during the school year.

In closing, it is a privilege for me to join Jack's friends, family, and colleagues in congratulating him on his retirement from Partners. And though Jack will be leaving Partners, we can be sure he will continue to have a larger-than-life presence in the educational, cultural, and business life of Boston. I thank Jack for his tremendous service to the people of Massachusetts and wish him and his wife Eileen all the best in the years ahead.

#### REMEMBERING SENATOR JAMES ABDNOR

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. President, I rise today to mark the passing of a great public servant from South Dakota, Senator James Abdnor.

Senator Abdnor is remembered across South Dakota as a man that never lost touch with the people who elected him. Throughout his life, no matter what office he achieved, he was in his heart the same small town South Dakotan he had always been. He traveled the world, but wherever he went, he always took his hometown, Kennebec, SD, with him.

Before he was a U.S. Senator, Jim Abdnor served in the South Dakota State Senate in Pierre, and spent 3 years as Lieutenant Governor. In 1972, he was elected to Congress, where he served three terms in the U.S. House. In 1980, he defeated Senator George McGovern to serve in the Senate, and later headed the Small Business Administration for 2 years under President Reagan.

Beyond his official titles, Senator Abdnor was also the son of a Lebanese immigrant, an Army veteran, a farmer and rancher, an avid follower of small town baseball, and a father-figure to many of his staff members, who continue to carry out his legacy to this day.

Senator Abdnor was regarded as a decent and humble man, by both political supporters and opponents. He would be the first to admit that he was not a flashy speaker, but, one-on-one, he had a way of connecting with people. Plain spoken, straightforward, friendly, and accessible—there are few politicians like Senator Abdnor, and our Nation is poorer for it.

As one South Dakotan recently wrote,

I may have voted for someone else, but I never voted against Jim.

His service inspired countless South Dakotans on both sides of the aisle, and we all mourn his passing.

## ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

## REMEMBERING JUDGE ROBERT BOOCHEVER

• Mr. BEGICH. Mr. President, today I wish to memorialize the Honorable Robert Boochever, a retired jurist of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. Born in New York in 1917, Judge Boochever led a distinguished and balanced life while he helped to build a community, define the laws of a new State, and serve his country. Among the rarest of men, he is remembered as much for his love of family as for his commitment to community and dedication to duty.

As a graduate of Cornell University's School of Law, Bob joined the U.S. Army Infantry and in 1941 was stationed in Newfoundland. There, Captain Boochever met Connie, an Army nurse, who was to be his wife until her death in 1999. After his 1945 discharge, the couple came north to Alaska where Bob served as Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Alaska Territory.

In 1947 Bob entered private practice at the law firm Faulkner, Banfield, Boochever, and Doogan. For the next 25 years, he focused his diverse talents on his firm, his family and his community. As the leader on more than a dozen community and professional boards, he helped to shape the capital city of Juneau and the State of Alaska. Whether as president of the Juneau or Alaska Bar Association, Juneau Rotary, or the Juneau Chamber of Commerce, Bob had a hand in policy development and quality of life for a developing territory and State. He chaired Juneau's first city Planning Commission, helped to develop a comprehensive plan, and served on the selection committee to choose a site for the University of Alaska Southeast. He was recognized with an honorary doctorate at UAS, and in 1974, was chosen as "The Man of the Year" for the Juneau Chamber of Commerce. He also received a Distinguished Alumnus Award from Cornell Law School.

A quiet man of many talents, Bob was an accomplished athlete. He lettered in four sports during high school and two at Cornell—football and tennis. In the Army he learned to ski, so in Juneau he helped to develop Eaglecrest, a highly acclaimed community operated ski slope. His granddaughter, Hilary Lindh, got her start there and became a silver medalist at the 1992 Albertville Winter Olympics.

A quiet man with a twinkle in his eye, Bob loved his family and, with Connie, helped to raise four wonderful daughters. Complementing Connie's love and advocacy for the arts, he was a poet, a writer, and played the piano, creating stories and songs for each of his children. He championed family camping trips, bird watching, fly fishing, and made major expeditions to explore for new places to fish. He wrote stories for publication in Alaska Magazine about his travels.

In 1972, ready for a new professional challenge, Bob accepted Governor Bill

Egan's appointment to the Alaska Supreme Court. During eight years on the bench, he served four as Chief Justice. Many cases in which he played an integral part are frequently referenced, in particular: *Ravin v. State* established the right to privacy in a person's home; and *Aguchak v. Montgomery Ward* limited a creditor's ability to collect a debt against a rural Alaskan by filing a case in an Alaska court distant from their home.

Recognized for his protection of individual rights and liberties, Justice Boochever was tapped in 1980 by President Jimmy Carter to serve on the Nation's largest appellate court, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. The first Alaskan so appointed, he presided as an active member for six years before achieving senior status, which he held until his passing on October 9, 2011.

Praised as a man who wanted to improve the administration of justice, Judge Robert Boochever was someone who championed the rights of minorities and the disadvantaged. His colleagues have said he was the best writer on the bench—succinct, clear, and to the point. He was a person of integrity who was honest, warm and caring; and a gentle, generous man who was a tireless advocate.

Robert Boochever was among the best of men and a great Alaskan. We are better because of his caring and compassion for family and community, his commitment to public service and fair adjudication, and his outstanding contributions and investments in the humanities.

Our deepest condolences are extended to his family—daughters Barbara Lindh, Ann Boochever, Linda Boochever, and Miriam Medenica; stepdaughters Betty Thompson, Joan Stark and Laurie Craig; his 11 grandchildren; and his 3 great-grandchildren.●

## TRIBUTE TO ERNIE YATES

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to my friend Ernie Yates, the dynamic California labor leader who is retiring next month after 49 years as a member, business agent, and officer of Teamsters Local 665 in San Francisco.

Ernie was born in San Francisco in 1946 and attended Mission High School. At age 17, he got a job at Allright Parking and joined Local 665.

In 1977, Ernie was appointed as the business agent for Local 665 and his assignments included policing labor agreements and processing grievances in a variety of crafts, including the rent-a-car, parking garage, shuttle bus, and taxicab industries. Three years later, he was elevated to the executive board of Local 665 and became its president. Throughout the next decade, Ernie negotiated Teamster regional, master, and white paper contracts in all of the core automotive industries under the local's jurisdiction.

In 1992, with the active support of hundreds of Local 665 members, Ernie

was elected secretary-treasurer, the principal officer of the union, a position he has held until his announced retirement in 2012.

During his 35 years as an officer and business agent of Local 665, Ernie honed his skills as an expert labor negotiator. In both good and bad economic times, Ernie has used these skills to bring fair and just contract settlements to thousands of workers at Teamster worksites throughout the San Francisco Bay Area.

Ernie has been married to his beloved wife Janet for 47 years. Together they have two sons, Michael and Mark; a daughter, Kimberly; 12 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

On June 12, 2012, Teamsters Local 665 will celebrate Ernie's decades of service to the union's membership and the working families of California. I am honored to join them in saluting a great Californian and a great American, Ernie Yates.●

## TRIBUTE TO SUE GLADHILL

• Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the extraordinary accomplishments of T. Susan Gladhill, MSW, who will be retiring as Chief Government & Community Affairs Officer and Vice President after more than three decades of service to the University of Maryland, Baltimore—UMB.

Sue began her career at UMB as an instructor at the School of Social Work, where she had earned her Master's degree in Social Work. Then, she joined the president's office, first as an assistant in government affairs. One of her first tasks was to secure passage of legislation to privatize the University of Maryland Hospital. During Sue's tenure, she has served as associate vice president for government affairs, vice president for government affairs, and—since 1995—vice president for external affairs, a position which also includes managing UMB's communications and development. Sue has done an admirable job representing the University of Maryland's legislative interests. She helped to acquire construction funding for the R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center and she was involved in landmark legislation that re-established the University System of Maryland as a public corporation. She also worked on passage of the Public Private Partnership Act, which made it possible for university faculty to enter into business relationships with the private sector. This act was critically important with regard to establishing a highly successful technology transfer program.

Sue has also been a prolific fundraiser for the university, raising money for the Health Sciences & Human Service Library and the Schools of Social Work, Nursing, Law, Dentistry, Pharmacy, and Health Science Facilities I, II, and III. She has raised funds for renovating research space in Howard Hall. She was instrumental in establishing an institutional-affiliated foundation