

that membership organizations are going to have to disclose their donor list. As recently as today, the Republican leader said this will force organizations to disclose their donor lists. It won't. Not at a \$10,000 threshold. You can get a lifetime membership in the National Rifle Association for \$1,000. If you are a cat and you have nine lives, you can get nine lifetime memberships in the NRA and still not break the \$10,000 threshold. It will catch 93 percent of the money that goes into the super PACs because it goes in in such big chunks.

So it is a good number to use. It protects the small membership organizations but hits virtually all the big donors. Clearly, it is not an attack on the first amendment. This charge has its roots only in the opponents' imagination, not in the U.S. Constitution. It contains no restrictions or limitations on speech of any kind. None. Pure disclosure legislation, plain and simple, as my Republican colleagues have heretofore usually supported.

The Court, in *Citizens United*, fully supported disclosure. Prompt disclosure of expenditures can provide shareholders and citizens with the information needed to hold corporations and elected officials accountable for their positions.

An important point, going back to the words that began this vote, from our Founding Father James Madison: A popular government without popular information or the means of acquiring it is but a prologue to a farce or a tragedy, or perhaps both. The Supreme Court recognized this, and clearly it is constitutional.

The last is the argument that this bill in some way will intimidate the big spenders. First of all, the idea of the billionaire Koch brothers or gigantic coal barons or ExxonMobil—the largest corporation in the world—being intimidated by the unkind words of some blogger is preposterous on its face.

Second, Justice Scalia has said: Requiring people to stand up in public for their political acts fosters civic courage, without which democracy is doomed.

May I point out that it is a rather small courage. On the way here this afternoon, I passed through the trolley lobby. Down in the trolley lobby was a young marine from Pennsylvania who had lost both his legs to an IED explosion in Afghanistan. We can ask our young men and women to travel the roads of Kandahar and to risk blowing off their legs and coming home like that young man, but we can't ask billionaire big spenders to even show who they are even though, clearly, the link to motive and influence and control and corruption is apparent? It is a ridiculous proposition, and I hope my colleagues will not persist in following it.

They have even compared themselves to the NAACP during the civil rights movement—Black families burned out

of their homes, and they compare the Koch brothers being criticized by bloggers to that. It simply isn't so, and it simply isn't right.

I will conclude by saying that we are not done. This is too important. It is too important for what America stands for. It is too important for the middle class who are going to be losers in the debates that are influenced and corrupted by special interest money. It is too important for the world which depends on the example that America provides.

So we didn't have any luck today. We are going to vote again tomorrow. I urge my colleagues to vote with us. But even if we don't win tomorrow, we will be back again and again and again.

When Joshua took the Israelites around the city of Jericho, they went around and around blowing their rams horns so that those walls would come tumbling down. It didn't happen on the first circuit, it didn't happen on the second. According to the Bible, Joshua had to go around the city of Jericho seven times before the walls came tumbling down. I don't care if we have to do this 7 times or 77 times; we are going to do this because it is right.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MERKLEY). Without objection, it is so ordered.

REMEMBERING VIRGINIA RUTH LONG

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, today I am privileged to honor Mrs. Virginia Ruth Long of Owsley County, KY. Mrs. Long, wife of Booneville mayor Charles Long, passed away at age 92 on March 27, 2012. A lifelong resident of Owsley County, Mrs. Long, a mother, beautician, and homemaker, was truly beloved by the Booneville community. It is with great respect that I recognize the First Lady of Booneville and her lifetime of commitment and service to Booneville and the people of her community.

Mrs. Long was born in Indian Creek, KY, on October 1, 1919. She graduated from Owsley County High School in 1938. Upon her graduation, she attended cosmetology school in Lexington. After completing her schooling, Mrs. Long returned to her home, Owsley County, where she opened the first beauty shop in Booneville.

In 1939, she married Charles Long. The two were married for 73 years and had two children: Charlotte and Charles Edwin. Mrs. Long not only raised her children and maintained the home but also worked for 62 years in her beauty parlor. She quickly became a staple of Booneville, and many women in Owsley County recall her

being the first person to ever style their hair professionally.

Ruth's contributions to the Booneville community stemmed from running a business, raising a family, and playing a major role in her husband's public career. A World War II veteran and mayor of Booneville for 54 years, Charles Long is no stranger to public service. Through the many years that Charles has served the Booneville community, Mrs. Long remained a constant partner to him and accompanied him on many trips he made as Booneville mayor.

Though Ruth was a source of strength for her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Long equally relied upon one other. During one of Mr. Long's trips as Booneville mayor, Mrs. Long fell and broke her hip. Despite the demands of his public post, Mr. Long extended his trip by 3 weeks to help her recover from her injury. The couple was again tested in 2010 when their daughter, Charlotte, passed away. Though this tragic time was very difficult, as it would be for any parent who loses a child, Mr. and Mrs. Long's faith and reliance upon each other helped them to cope with such a great loss. Ultimately, Ruth was able to still find joy in her life through her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Apart from being loved by her family, Mrs. Long was beloved by the Owsley County community. She was a faithful member of the First Presbyterian Church of Booneville. She was also famed for having the best angel food cake in the county. However, more importantly, it was her warm, inviting nature that caused members of the community to come to love and admire Mrs. Long. An avid storyteller, she was a friend to all. After her death, many members of the community said they became better people by knowing Mrs. Long.

I am honored to memorialize Ruth today as a lifetime servant of Owsley County. Without holding public office, she dutifully served her Booneville community through her devotion to her husband, Mayor Charles Long, and her life of friendship with its citizens. Kentuckians who live dedicated, humble lives of service like Mrs. Long are what make our Commonwealth strong. Today I ask my colleagues in the U.S. Senate to join me in remembering Mrs. Virginia Ruth Long, the First Lady of Booneville, KY.

Mr. President, an article was recently published by the Booneville Sentinel, an Owsley County-area publication, recognizing the life of Mrs. Long. I ask unanimous consent that said article be printed in the RECORD.

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

[From the Booneville Sentinel, May 10, 2012]

TRIBUTE FOR THE "FIRST LADY OF BOONEVILLE"

Virginia Ruth Long was born in Indian Creek in Owsley County on October 1, 1919. She later moved to Cow Creek, also in

Owsley County, where she went to school at Athlenia Grade School. She graduated from Owsley County High School in 1938.

Ruth attended beauty school in Lexington, Kentucky. After graduating, she came back to Booneville, where she opened the first beauty shop and worked until she retired at age 62. Even after Ruth retired, her previous clients would talk about what a talented hairdresser she was. A lot of women say that she was the first person who styled their hair.

She married in 1939 to Charles Long, who retired at age 62 also. There are three days difference in their ages. They have been married for 73 years. Her husband Charles has been mayor of Booneville for 54 years, and Ruth accompanied him on many trips he made as mayor with the Kentucky River Area Development District.

They went to Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Washington D.C., and many other meetings and events together. On one particular trip to Salt Lake City, she fell in the Mormon Temple and suffered a broken hip, where she and Charles stayed for almost 3 weeks. Ruth always had many stories and had a way of making them sound exciting. Ruth lived a life that most women don't understand. When WWII started December 14, 1942, Charles was called to active duty. Daughter Charlotte was only 3 years old. Ruth had a son, Charles Edwin, on February 14, 1943. She cared for their home and children until he returned home at the port in San Diego where she met him on December 14, 1945. Ruth traveled to meet Charles whenever he was close enough.

Ruth said it kept her busy cooking and keeping Charles's clothes clean. Ruth was always awfully proud of their two children. Charlotte, their daughter, taught school for over 36 years in Owsley County until she passed away on April 8, 2010. Their son, Charles Edwin Long, has a barber shop in Frankfort, Kentucky, where he lives. They have three grandchildren, one deceased, and now they have five great-grandchildren that they loved to be with. I remember when Charlotte passed that Ruth had said that a child should never go on before the parent. This was a difficult time for both Ruth and Charles, but they were there for each other as they had been many other times over the years.

Ruth has been a faithful member of the First Presbyterian Church of Booneville for over 60 years and enjoyed going to church to listen to Joe Powlas and to visit with friends following. She had the name of having the best angel food cake around. At all her dinners at home and away, they wanted her to bring her angel food cake, and also her dressing at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Ruth was 92 years old when she passed away in the morning on March 27, 2012. She had been in the Owsley County Health Care Center for over a year. She was a strong lady and was always proud to say that she had led a very fulfilling and happy life. Many people have expressed how she had touched their lives just to offer her friendship. She will be greatly missed by her friends and family greatly.

after graduating from Brownstown Central High School in Norman, IN. He served admirably and was assigned to 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Lejeune, NC.

Lance Corporal Hogan grew up in Indiana, where he and his childhood friend, Chase Plumer, built an arena at the Plumer family farm in order to host rodeos. His classmates and friends remember him being "tough as nails," owing in part to his avid love for rodeo. Lance Corporal Hogan was a Marine with the heart of a cowboy and dreamed of finishing his military service, then hitting the road as a professional rodeo competitor. He avidly competed in bull and bareback bronco riding.

By all accounts, everyone who ever met Lance Corporal Hogan liked him. His kind personality and compassion for others translated into him making the personal choice to enter the military and defend his fellow Americans. Lance Corporal Hogan served his country honorably, and his courageous choice to protect our country and to help the people of Afghanistan achieve peace and security represents all that we can be proud of about our Armed Forces.

The numerous family members residing in my home State of Nebraska, including Lance Corporal Hogan's father, Steve, and his grandfather, Jim, gave him a beautiful and touching memorial service, incorporating his love of all things relating to rodeos and cowboys. Not only was his last ride in a beautiful refurbished wagon drawn by two bay draft horses, a white horse less a rider led the procession, displaying the true heart and soul of this Marine cowboy.

I commend Lance Corporal Hogan's bravery and selflessness, while offering my deepest condolences to his wife, Brittney, of New Bern, NC; father, Steve, and grandfather, Jim, both of York; his numerous friends; and the fellow servicemembers he left behind. It is a small comfort for those who must now go on without one they loved so dearly, but they take some solace in knowing he gave his life for a noble goal.

LCpl Hunter Hogan made the most of his short life, and the greatest tragedy is that now it is impossible to know what more this promising young man might have accomplished. I join all Nebraskans in mourning the loss of Lance Corporal Hogan. His heroism and his life remain an inspiration for us all.

reer tirelessly working to improve the lives of Coloradans. It is only appropriate, therefore, that I take this opportunity to honor his tremendous contributions to our home State and express my profound appreciation.

Raised in Pueblo and educated at the Colorado College and the University of Colorado School of Law in Boulder, Bill is a true product of Colorado—and he began giving back almost immediately upon graduation. After serving as a captain in the U.S. Army, Bill was elected to the Colorado House of Representatives in 1972 and continued to stay involved in the public sector, serving as Special Counsel to President Ronald Reagan in 1981.

In 2010, Bill served as the cochairman of Colorado Governor-elect John Hickenlooper's transition team, but his history of working across the political divide reaches further into the past. Appointed to the U.S. Commission on Public Diplomacy by President George H.W. Bush in 1990, Bill was reappointed by President Bill Clinton in 1993. After 4 years as the committee's vice chairman, President George W. Bush appointed Bill as chairman in 2008 following confirmation by the Senate, and he was reappointed by President Barack Obama in 2011. I think all of us would agree there are not many public servants who are appointed over this many years—by Presidents of both political parties. But that is a testament to Bill and his leadership.

Bill serves as the civilian aide to the Secretary of the Army, having served in this role for 25 years. Additionally, President George W. Bush appointed him as U.S. Representative to the 56th General Assembly of the United Nations, and was chairman of the board of International Foundation for Electoral Systems from 2003 to 2009, currently serving as vice chairman of the board and executive committee chairman.

Despite all of this success, Bill's impact is better measured by looking at the countless lives he has touched and improved. His contributions to our country's Olympic athletes provide a great example. He served twice as president of the U.S. Olympic Committee, leading team delegations at the 1992 Olympic Winter Games in Albertville, France, and the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona, Spain. In 1998, he again led the U.S. Team at the Olympic Winter Games in Nagano, Japan, and, in 2000, at the Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia. Bill was a member of the International Olympic Committee from 2000 to 2002. He serves as president emeritus of the USOC and is chairman of the U.S. Olympic Foundation. Especially noteworthy, Bill was inducted into the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame in 2006.

Bill Hybl's reach stretches far beyond sports, though—his philanthropic accomplishments have forever changed the State of Colorado. As chairman and CEO of El Pomar Foundation, he has overseen one of the largest and oldest private foundations in the Intermountain West. Since his arrival in

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

LANCE CORPORAL HUNTER D. HOGAN

Mr. NELSON of Nebraska. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Marine LCpl Hunter "H.D." Hogan, who was killed by sniper fire in Helmand Province, Afghanistan on June 23, 2012.

Following in the footsteps of his father, Steve, Lance Corporal Hogan joined the Marines in 2009 immediately

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO BILL HYBL

• Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. President, today I wish to acknowledge a great Coloradan—Mr. William J. Hybl—on the occasion of his 70th birthday. The epitome of a public servant, Bill has spent the better part of his ca-