

"This is my father here, and my mother," he says, stopping by a row of five stones where he has moved the bodies of his parents, an uncle and an aunt. In an opposite line are the stones for the two daughters, Anne Marie and Ellen, he lost to cancer.

"Go over there," he says, "Look at that one." In a little nook off the main lawn, sits a stone for Jay Lefebvre, the family's housekeeper of 40 years.

"I told her before she died, you are part of the family, you are going to be here with us," he says.

He walks slowly toward the line of columns that serves as a dramatic backdrop. He climbs up three steps. Here, at the head of the family, a bit above them all, a pair of massive, polished slabs are set in the ground. Pomerleau's name is carved on one, his wife's on the other.

The man who constantly jokes that St. Peter has forgotten him has nevertheless prepared.

But Tony, one of his visitors asks, what about "everybody has a time limit—except me"?

"This is just in case," he says.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR ALISON KAMATARIS

• Ms. AYOTTE. Mr. President, today I want to honor my Air Force legislative fellow, active duty MAJ Alison "Babs" Kamataris. For the past year, Babs has been an invaluable member of my legislative team.

Babs has served with honor and distinction in the United States Air Force for nearly 15 years. She is an accomplished Air Force intelligence officer—representing the best our military has to offer. Her career has included a tour in Turkey and two tours in South Korea, as well as six deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. In Congress, she has been a critical asset to my legislative team, where she has used her tremendous knowledge and experience to help me in my efforts to serve those who serve us, and ensure that our brave servicemembers have the resources they need to carry out their missions and protect our country.

Babs was a natural fit for our office. She grew up in Belmont, NH and attended Norwich University in Vermont. She possesses that rugged, hardworking, do-it-yourself attitude for which Granite Staters are known. We also share a personal connection as Air Force families. Not only has Babs served our country in the Air Force with distinction, but her husband has too. Like my husband Joe, Babs' husband Andy is an A-10 pilot. In fact, Andy deployed to Afghanistan for 4 months this year while Babs worked in my office and served as a conscientious mother to her beautiful 3-year-old daughter, Taylor. Babs and her family deserve our deep admiration and gratitude for their service to our country.

As Babs' tenure in our office comes to a conclusion, we are sad to see her go. We will always consider Babs and her entire Air Force family as part of our team. Babs will continue to serve

our Nation well in positions of increasing responsibility. I look forward to watching her career closely. Babs and Andy are truly the best our country has to offer. I and my staff wish her the very best in her next assignment and beyond.●

TRIBUTE TO DUANE BEESON

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to commend the renowned attorney Duane Beeson, who is being honored this year with the Peggy Browning Fund Award in recognition of his tireless efforts and outstanding achievements on behalf of working men and women in the San Francisco Bay area.

As senior partner in the law firm of Beeson, Tayer & Bodine, Duane Beeson is one of the Nation's leading practitioners of public and private sector labor law, including representation of employee benefit plans. He is a member of the California State Bar, the Supreme Court of the United States Bar, and several United States District Courts and Courts of Appeal Bars.

Duane Beeson was born in Berkeley, CA in 1922 and graduated from Berkeley High School, where he met his future wife, Coni. After serving in the U.S. Army in the European theater in World War II, Duane graduated summa cum laude from Lafayette College and earned his LL.B. at Harvard Law School in 1948.

Following law school, Mr. Beeson served as clerk for Judge William E. Orr at the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and was an instructor at the University of San Francisco Law School. As a leading expert on labor law, he has also taught at Hastings College of the Law, George Washington Law School, the University of California Extension, and the University of San Francisco Labor Management School.

In 1950, Mr. Beeson moved to Washington, DC, where he worked for 11 years as an attorney for the National Labor Relations Board, handling appellate and Supreme Court litigation. In 1961, the Beesons had the opportunity to return to their beloved California when Duane was hired by Joseph Grodin, the great labor lawyer and later California Supreme Court Justice, to represent teachers unions in the Bay area. Mr. Beeson became a partner in the firm, which was then known as Brundage Neyhart Grodin & Beeson and is now Beeson, Tayer & Bodine.

In the 1970s and 80s, Joe Grodin and Duane Beeson led their firm into the areas of employment benefits covered by ERISA and related fields in which labor organizations are involved. More recently, the firm has become active in employment law of all kinds—including mediation and negotiation-facilitation services along with representation of individual employees in wage and hour, discrimination, harassment, and other types of cases—and has also de-

veloped a specialty in education law as an outgrowth of representing teacher unions.

I have known and respected Duane Beeson for many years, since my husband Stewart went to work at Duane's firm as a young attorney. As Duane turns 90 and is honored with the Peggy Browning Fund Award, it is my pleasure to salute and celebrate his long and distinguished career representing the working people of California. He is truly one of a kind.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. KNOX MELLON

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I wish to take this opportunity to recognize the extraordinary service of Dr. Knox Mellon who is retiring from the California Missions Foundation after 8 years as its executive director. Though he will be missed, his contributions to the field of historic preservation will benefit generations to come.

Dr. Mellon has had a long and distinguished career in the field of historic preservation. In 1977, he was appointed as California's first professional State Historic Preservation Officer by Governor Jerry Brown. He served in that position until 1983 and then branched out on his own, starting Knox Mellon and Associates, a consulting firm specializing in historic preservation, oral history, historic research, and strategic planning. Dr. Mellon's firm worked on a number of historic buildings in Southern California, including the Downtown Central Library in Los Angeles, Los Angeles City Hall, the Beverly Hills Hotel, and the L.A. Coliseum. During the same time, Dr. Mellon also found time in his busy schedule to serve as an Adjunct Professor of History at the University of California, Riverside, as well as the Director of the Mission Inn Foundation. In 2000, Dr. Mellon was appointed to a second term as California's State Historic Preservation Officer, this time by Governor Gray Davis. In 2004, he retired from State service and became the executive director of the nonprofit California Missions Foundation.

Founded in 1998, the California Missions Foundation is the only organization dedicated solely to the long-term preservation and restoration of California's 21 missions. Early in Dr. Mellon's tenure as executive director, we worked together with Congressman SAM FARR and Senator DIANNE FEINSTEIN to pass the California Missions Preservation Act. At a 2005 event to celebrate this new law, Dr. Mellon eloquently discussed the historic value of California's missions, which are the most visited historic attractions in the State:

The missions are California's Pyramids. They are a part of our past. They help symbolize the nation's western beginnings. Of all the institutions that define California's heritage, none has the historic significance and emotional impact of the chain of Spanish missions that stretch from San Diego to Sonoma. The missions are an important part of the state's cultural fabric and must be preserved as priceless historic monuments.

During Dr. Mellon's tenure as executive director, the California Missions Foundation received a number of grants to preserve and restore California's missions, including four grants from the Department of Interior totaling \$2.28 million. With those funds, the California Missions Foundation was able to repair some of the extensive earthquake damage at Mission San Miguel; complete a seismic retrofit at Mission San Luis Rey; and stabilize buildings and preserve artwork and artifacts at the Carmel and Santa Barbara missions.

California's residents and visitors alike benefit from Dr. Mellon's hard work, expertise, and vision each time they visit one of California's beautiful and historic missions.

I thank Dr. Mellon for his service to the State of California, and wish him and his wife Carlotta the very best as they embark on the next exciting phase of their lives.●

REMEMBERING RUTH SINGER MEYERS

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, today I rise in memory of my dear friend Ruth Singer Meyers, who died in Los Angeles last month after a brief but valiant fight with cancer.

Ruth was a philanthropist, a community leader, and a champion of Israel and a strong U.S.-Israel relationship. She was also a kind, warm, and caring human being who had countless good friends and deeply loved her husband, children, and grandchildren.

Born Ruth Lazarus in Wilmington, DE, Ruth moved to California as a girl with her family. After graduating from Beverly Hills High School and UCLA, she married and had two sons, Rick and Anthony. When her boys grew up and went off to college, Ruth dedicated herself to charitable work, the Jewish community, and Israel.

Ruth's energy, dedication, and fundraising abilities were legendary in charitable circles. She served on the Board of Governors of Cedars-Sinai Hospital, the Board of Directors of the Venice Family Clinic, the International Board of Governors of Tel Aviv University, and the National Board of the United Jewish Appeal. As missions chairman for the Jewish Federation of Los Angeles, she led dozens of community trips to Israel. She also served as the Los Angeles chairman of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee and became a national officer in the organization.

On behalf of the people of California, who have benefited so much from Ruth's life and work, I send my deepest gratitude and condolences to her husband, Mickey Meyers, as well as her sons and grandchildren. I know they and many others will miss this wonderful woman, as will I. ●

TRIBUTE TO MAL MOORE

● Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to the athletic di-

rector for the University of Alabama, Mal Moore.

Coach Moore was born in Dozier, AL in 1939. He was recruited and awarded an athletic scholarship by the legendary coach Paul "Bear" Bryant. He played for the Crimson Tide from 1958-1962, including on the undefeated 1961 national championship squad—ranked #1 by the Associated Press and considered by many to be one of the best ever. He graduated from the University of Alabama in 1963, and began his coaching career as an assistant at Montana State.

Having displayed leadership that clearly impressed Coach Bryant, Coach Moore was hired away from Montana State to serve as a graduate assistant at his alma mater, where he received his master's degree. From there he embarked on a highly successful 31 year coaching career, which included stints at Notre Dame, the NFL and for national championship teams under both Coach Bryant and Coach Gene Stallings at Alabama. In 1999, he was named the Crimson Tide's athletics director, a position he still holds.

Coach Mal Moore is a champion. He has been a part of nine national championships—1961, 1964, 1965, 1973, 1978, 1979, 1992, 2009 and 2011—with the first coming as a player, the next six during his coaching career and the most recent two during his time as athletics director. During his tenure as athletic director, Alabama has gone on to win seven national championships in four different sports: football in 2009 and 2011; gymnastics under Coach Sarah Patterson in 2002, 2011 and 2012; women's golf in 2012 and women's softball in 2012.

In addition to the success the university has seen on the fields, courses and arenas under Coach Mal Moore, he has transformed the University of Alabama's athletics program, improving the University for all students and student-athletes. Coach Moore has raised more than \$200 million for capital improvements to make the Capstone's facilities among the best in the Nation; improving Bryant-Denny Stadium, Coleman Coliseum, John and Ann Rhoads Softball Stadium as well as the soccer and tennis stadiums. His efforts to improve student-athlete academics have led the Crimson Tide to high graduation rates and have made Alabama athletes among the most competitive academically.

Coach Moore's sizable contributions to University of Alabama athletics and academics have been noticed and recognized by the University of Alabama, the State of Alabama and nationally. In 2007, the Alabama football building was renamed the Mal M. Moore Athletic Facility. The Alabama Sports Hall of Fame named Coach Moore the Distinguished Alabama Sportsman in 2007 for his efforts as athletics director, and inducted him into the Hall of Fame in 2011. Recently, the National Football Foundation recognized Coach Moore with the John L. Toner Award,

which is presented annually by the foundation to an athletic director who has demonstrated superior administrative abilities and shown outstanding dedication to college athletics and particularly college football.

Coach Mal Moore has been part of the University of Alabama and Crimson Tide football as a student-athlete, coach and administrator for more than 50 years. He has left an indelible mark at the Capstone, and his leadership will be felt by Alabama students and staff for generations to come.

It's a pleasure and honor for me to recognize a great leader, a great athletic director and a great man from the heartland of my State of Alabama. I look forward to enjoying the fruits of his labors for years to come. Roll Tide!●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 3637. A bill to temporarily extend the transaction account guarantee program, and for other purposes.

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-8092. A communication from the Deputy Bureau Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Part 90 of the Commission's Rules; Implementing a Nationwide, Broadband, Interoperable Public Safety Network in the 700 MHz Band; Service Rules for the 698-746; 747-762 and 777-792 MHz Bands; Fourth Report and Order, FCC 12-61" (FCC 12-61) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 13, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8093. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of the Amateur Service Rules Governing Qualifying Examination Systems and Other Matters, et. al."