

Unfortunately, however, too many Americans today cannot afford critical civil legal representation. In many parts of the Nation, more than 80 percent of those who need an attorney go without one. Nationally, over 50 percent of applicants for federally funded legal services who request legal aid are turned away because programs lack adequate funding. In other words, American citizens are being denied justice not because of the facts of their case or because of governing law, but solely because they cannot afford an attorney. This is not justice. And, to state the obvious, it makes a mockery of the principle of equal justice under the law.

I want to thank Senators MIKULSKI and SHELBY for all of their hard work and effort with respect to the fiscal year 2013 appropriations bill and for protecting critical funds for LSC. That bill provided \$358 million for LSC, a \$10 million increase over fiscal year 2012, which itself was a \$56 million cut from fiscal year 2011. This is still far less than the amount appropriated in fiscal year 1995, which would be about \$594 million in today's dollars, and even further below the amount appropriated in fiscal year 1981—about \$800 million in today's dollars. But this week's bill was a critical increase in a difficult budget environment and I am grateful.

At the same time, however, it is long past time for us as a nation to make clear that all Americans, whether wealthy or poor, have the right to legal representation. It was President Nixon who created the Legal Services Corporation and who said,

I would suggest there is no subject which is more important to the legal profession, that is more important to this nation, than . . . the realization of the ideal of equal justice for all.

As my former Republican colleague Pete Domenici declared:

I do not know what is wrong with the United States of America saying to the needy people of this country that the judicial system is not only for the rich. What is wrong with that? . . . That is what American is all about.

On Clarence Gideon's gravestone in Hannibal, MO, is a quote drawn from the letter he wrote to Abe Fortas, who was appointed to represent him before the Supreme Court. It reads, "Each era finds an improvement in law for the benefit of mankind."

Directly across from the Senate stands the marble judicial temple of the Supreme Court, and above its entrance is engraved the most fundamental principle and ideal of our system of criminal justice. It says, simply, "Equal Justice Under Law." Let us as a nation continue to strive to fulfill the promise of our Constitution, for both criminal and civil litigants. "Equal Justice Under Law" must be more than an aspiration chiseled on a marble façade; it must be a concrete reality for ALL of our fellow citizens.

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE "CHIP" WALTER, JR.

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to George "Chip" Walter, Jr. Chip, a career veteran of the Navy, currently serves as the Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs at the Central Intelligence Agency, CIA. As the vice chairman of the Senate Select Intelligence Committee, I have had the pleasure to work with Chip in this position and have greatly appreciated his professionalism, knowledge, and dedication, which has benefited not only me but also numerous other Members and staff here in Congress. He is an exemplar of public service to our country.

Prior to his position at the CIA, he held numerous legislative affairs positions within the Department of Defense, including director of Legislative Affairs for Central Command, which included a year tour in Kabul, Afghanistan, as the legislative adviser to the commander of Central Command. It was in Kabul where I and many other Members met Chip as we traveled on codelets to Afghanistan at the height of the war. His professionalism and affable nature made a great impression on me and others.

His work with the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence began with the nomination and confirmation of GEN David Petraeus to be Director of the CIA. Soon after, he was named director of the Office of Congressional Affairs at the CIA, where he managed the day-to-day relationship between Congress and the Agency. The Congressional Affairs position at the CIA is always a difficult job, but these last few months have been particularly challenging with the confirmation of a new CIA Director, along with implementing lessons learned in the aftermath of the September 11, 2012, Benghazi attacks. Chip showed a resolute trustworthiness through these difficult times that many Members of Congress appreciated. Chip has given much to this Nation through his dedicated and selfless service. Let me take a minute to recount some of his other accomplishments which include a long and distinguished career as a naval aviator, from which he retired as a captain in 2011.

Chip, a native of Sudbury, MA, graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in May 1983. He was designated a naval aviator in 1985. His first assignment was in Brunswick, ME, where he served as an instructor pilot, mission commander, and formation instructor. During that assignment he completed three deployments to the Mediterranean and North Atlantic. In the summer of 1989, he reported to Fleet Replacement Squadron, FRS, THIRTY in Jacksonville, FL, where he earned the designations of FRS instructor pilot, advanced training instructor, formation instructor, and alternate naval aviation training and operations procedures standardization, NATOPS, evaluator for Naval Air Forces Atlantic.

He served as the flag secretary of Carrier Group TWO in 1991, and in Oc-

tober 1992, he deployed in the USS *John F. Kennedy* Battle Group to the Mediterranean in support of OPERATIONS PROVIDE PROMISE and PROVIDE COMFORT. In August 1993, he attended the Naval War College, Newport, RI, and graduated with distinction in June 1994. In November 1994, he reported to Patrol Squadron TEN while deployed to Naval Air Station Sigonella, Sicily and later completed a tri-site deployment to Keflavik, Iceland; Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico; and Howard Air Force Base in Panama, serving as the operations officer. In November 1996, Captain Walter began work in the Bureau of Naval Personnel as the assistant Washington placement officer.

Following his tour in the Bureau, he was assigned as the executive assistant to the Chief of Navy Legislative Affairs. In the spring of 2000, Captain Walter reported to Patrol Squadron ONE as the executive officer. He assumed command of the "Screaming Eagles" Squadron in February 2001 and completed a Western Pacific deployment. After his command tour, he reported to the Joint Staff and served in the Force Structure, Resources, and Assessment Directorate, J8, and later as the Chairman's deputy director of Legislative Affairs. In September 2005, he was assigned as the executive assistant for director of Air Warfare, N88. In June 2006, he assumed duties as commander TASK FORCE SIX SEVEN. In addition to traditional duties of the commander TASK FORCE SIX SEVEN, he was designated commander of the Black and Caspian Sea for Naval Forces Europe. In July 2008, he assumed the duties as the director, CENTCOM Legislative Affairs. He deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan, in July 2010, for a year tour as the legislative adviser to the commander, General Petraeus. Captain Walter became director of Congressional Affairs for the Central Intelligence Agency on September 26, 2011.

Over the course of his career, Chip has consistently served in highly selective and challenging assignments, demonstrating the quality of his character and abilities. Because of men like Chip, we have an able and ready military that truly is a global force for good. Throughout his distinguished career he has represented our country and Navy with dignity and honor, and this is why I am so privileged to pay tribute to this fine sailor and American.

In a few weeks, Chip will be moving on to another assignment. I speak for many of us who have worked with him when I say he will be missed and not easily replaced. I want to thank his wife, Kim, along with his three children, Kristyn, Bethany, and Griffin, who have lovingly supported him throughout his career in the military and government. Chip, thank you for your distinguished service to our country. I wish you and your family Godspeed and continued happiness as you start a new chapter in your lives.

REMEMBERING GOVERNOR BOOTH GARDNER

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I wish to pay tribute to a great American governor, dedicated public servant, and community leader from the State of Washington, Governor Booth Gardner.

He was born August 21, 1936 in Tacoma, WA and was a leader of tremendous compassion, dignity, and bravery whose service to our State will live on far into the future. Booth was generous in sharing his wisdom and his time, and I will never forget the lessons he taught me when I was just beginning my political career in Olympia many years ago.

I learned so much from Booth because he was a man that led by example. He demonstrated governing was about the people you served and served with, by learning everyone's name, what issues they cared deeply about, and by taking the time to work with anyone who shared his desire to make Washington State a better place to live.

Booth also showed compromise and compassion were not competing ideals by being pragmatic when he needed to be, but by always working to protect the needs of the most vulnerable.

Governor Gardner passed away on March 15, 2013 in Tacoma at the age of 76, after a long battle with Parkinson's. While I am deeply saddened by his passing, Booth's imprint on our State will long be seen in our classrooms and the many open spaces he fought to protect.

Up until the very end of his life, Booth remained a fighter for the issues he cared most about. Those of us who knew him couldn't have imagined it any other way. I miss him greatly.

I ask my colleagues to join me in paying homage to Governor Booth Gardner. He lived a full life, and the people of Washington State will always be indebted to him for his role in shaping the future of our State. Our thoughts are with his loved ones at this time of great loss.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING L. S. "SAM" SKAGGS

• Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, today I wish to pay special tribute to a man I have admired, L. S. "Sam" Skaggs. Sam was a private and quiet man yet had a resounding impact on Utah's business climate and many community initiatives that will be felt for generations. Sadly, Sam recently passed away leaving a void to many.

Sam was part of a large family dynasty whose name became known throughout the country in the food and drug industry. Sam was just a young man when the sudden death of his father threw him into the leadership of the family corporation. It was apparent early on that his aptitude for business and his strength as a leader would

serve the family and its businesses well for many years to come.

During his leadership the chain of less than a dozen drugstores grew to more than 200 stores. He also oversaw the transition to the larger American Stores brand. His name became synonymous with expertise in the growth of business employing the strategy of a low, high volume approach and the rapid expansion of many common outlets.

Sam was not only known for his business acumen—he was also a tremendously generous philanthropist. He helped found the L. S. Skaggs Pharmacy Institute at the University of Utah College of Pharmacy to provide students and future students of pharmacy to excel. He also made a generous contribution to fund the Special Collections Section of Brigham Young University's Harold B. Lee Library.

His family's ALSAM Foundation has helped many Catholic charities which were close to his heart. He donated the Skaggs Catholic Center, a 57-acre complex that houses Juan Diego Catholic High School, John the Baptist Elementary and Middle School, and the Guardian of Angel Daycare. Galey Colosimo, principal of Juan Diego High School, had this to say about his passing: "It is a sad day, but we remember him with gratitude for all he has done for us."

Sam also served his country and left his studies at Utah's Westminster College to enlist in the Army in World War II. It has been said that it was during his days of military service that he witnessed many acts of compassion by Roman Catholic chaplains, which led to his conversion to the Catholic Church and prompted many of his kind acts of service and generosity.

I am grateful that Utah was home to this great business and philanthropic leader. He was a good man, and a true neighbor and friend to many. His memory will live on through the success of the businesses he led and most significantly through the generosity he exhibited to so many wonderful and worthwhile causes that he loved.●

ARTS FOR LEARNING WEEK

• Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, over 60 years ago, the Young Audiences organization was founded with a mission to promote arts-integrated education. Each year the Young Audiences Arts for Learning impacts more than 5 million students in over 8,000 schools and communities. In honor of its commendable work around arts education, through its 30 affiliates across the United States, I am pleased to recognize the week of March 24, 2013 as National Young Audiences Arts for Learning Week.

I would especially like to highlight the work of the Young Audiences of Northeast Ohio, YANEO, which reaches more than 240,000 students across 18 counties in my home State. YANEO's 120 professional artists assist young Ohioans by teaching dance, theater,

music, visual arts, literary, and media arts. Additionally, the Young Audiences Artworks in Cleveland successfully pairs Ohio teenagers with local artists to mentor students and provide them with college and career advice.

Art programs help keep students engaged in their schools and communities. Music and visual arts not only serve as a form of personal expression, but enable dynamic collaboration. Learning to dance, sing, and perform in front of a group can instill confidence in children. Learning to edit a film, record a song, or create a graphic design can provide individuals with an invaluable set of skills which are transferable to the workplace. Contributing to local communities through the arts—from outdoor murals to large theatrical performances—offers young people a new sense of belonging, purpose, and achievement. The arts help to look at the world, and themselves, anew.

Including arts and music in a student's curriculum may also greatly improve his or her grasp of math and scientific problems. It has been demonstrated exposure to the arts endows children with insight, reason, and technical proficiency. Art education improves communication skills, academic achievement, encourages discipline, and discourages high-risk behavior. Students' ability to innovate and utilize new technologies through arts activities will not only better prepare students for 21st century jobs, but is also key to our Nation's competitiveness in the global economy.

I commend both the students who participate in Young Audiences and the hard-working parents, teachers, volunteers, and artists of Young Audiences who inspire future generations of artists and musicians. Your passion and commitment should be celebrated.●

TRIBUTE TO DEANNA LONDON

(By request of Mr. REID, the following statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD:)

• Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to one of New Jersey's great local leaders: Deanna London.

At the end of this month, Ms. London will end a remarkable 25-year tenure at the Human Needs Food Pantry in Montclair, NJ, a period that saw her rise from volunteer to executive director. On any typical day, she can be found meeting with families and individuals who have come for a meal, courting community members for support, and overseeing the large operation she has helped to expand. No job is too small for her to tackle and no person unworthy of help.

When she first walked into the Human Needs Food Pantry in Montclair 2½ decades ago, Ms. London was just looking for a volunteer opportunity, restless and eager for the chance to "communicate with people," as she said in a recent interview. Yet,