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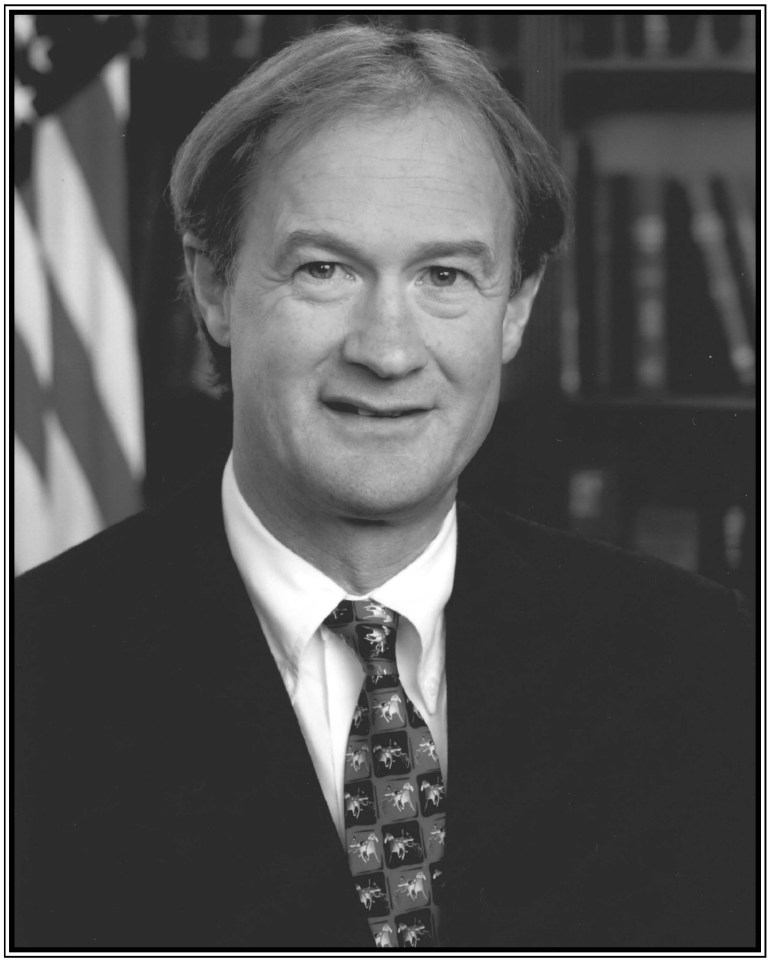

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Biography

Senator LINCOLN CHAFEE represented Rhode Island with dignity, integrity, and compassion and was an unwavering advocate for Rhode Island's interests in the U.S. Senate. He believes firmly in the bedrock Republican principles of personal freedom, individual responsibility, fiscal discipline, and a common sense approach to foreign policy. Senator CHAFEE emerged as a leader on environmental issues and foreign policy, and has promoted sensible economic and energy policies. Senator CHAFEE fought to raise air quality standards, strengthen our homeland security, and ensure that Rhode Island got its fair share of Federal funding. With 20 years of experience in Rhode Island politics and a reputation for taking on the tough issues, LINCOLN CHAFEE demonstrated that great work is accomplished when our leaders have the courage to govern from the center.

Born in Providence, RI, on March 26, 1953, LINCOLN CHAFEE attended Warwick Public Schools and Phillips Andover Academy. He earned a degree in classics from Brown University in 1975. While there, he was captain of the wrestling team and received the Francis M. Driscoll Award for leadership, scholarship, and athletics.

Senator CHAFEE credits his independence, his traditional Republican beliefs, and his focus on getting results to the lessons he was taught by his parents, the late Senator John H. Chafee and his mother Virginia. Growing up in the Ocean State, he learned from his fellow Rhode Islanders values such as honesty, hard work, and respect for people of all backgrounds.

He established a reputation as the most electorally successful leader in the State GOP. After working as a blacksmith at harness race tracks in the United States and Canada and in manufacturing management, CHAFEE entered politics in 1985 as a delegate to the Rhode Island Constitutional Convention. A year later he was elected to the first of two successive terms on the Warwick City Council.

In November 1992, LINCOLN CHAFEE became the first Republican elected mayor of Warwick in 32 years. As mayor, he was praised for his fair-minded and sensible approach to

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government. Believing that the best solutions come from listening to all sides of an issue, CHAFEE worked with colleagues in both parties to promote open space development, raise the city's bond rating, and improve Warwick's schools. Voters embraced his prudent fiscal management, emphasis on environmental protection, and positive vision, re-electing him to the post in 1994, 1996, and 1998. CHAFEE was appointed by Governor Lincoln Almond in November 1999 to fill the unexpired Senate term of his late father. In November 2000, he was overwhelmingly elected to the U.S. Senate.

A fierce deficit hawk and traditional Republican, Senator CHAFEE led the fight to promote responsible government spending, while supporting the end to the marriage tax penalty and an increase in the per child tax credit. In addition to easing tax burdens, he promoted business growth in Rhode Island and throughout the Nation. Because of his work in championing economic development and job growth, the United States Chamber of Commerce awarded him the "Spirit of Enterprise" award. LINCOLN CHAFEE's efforts to promote fiscal responsibility through a pay-as-you-go approach to the Federal budget and to cut unnecessary government spending have brought him further praise. His plan to secure our economic future is simple—any tax cut or increase in government spending must be accompanied by an equal spending cut or revenue increase. This will put a stop to the dangerous deficit spending that will only increase the tax burden on future generations. For his work, the bipartisan Concord Coalition named CHAFEE the most fiscally conservative Member of the Senate.

From his key seat on the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, CHAFEE secured more than $1 billion in Federal funding for Rhode Island to significantly enhance its transportation network, improve the safety of its roadways for commuters, and bring good paying construction jobs to the State. These transportation funds allowed for the construction of projects such as the Warwick Station and the Apponaug Bypass, enabling long-delayed improvements to the Warren and Pawtucket Bridges, and providing vital funding to tear down the former Jamestown Bridge.

As a member of the Environment and Public Works Committee and as chairman of the Subcommittee on Fish, Wildlife and Water, Senator CHAFEE demonstrated that environmental protection is compatible with economic growth. He fought to strengthen air and water quality standards and to make polluters pay to clean up their industrial waste rather

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than relying on taxpayer funds. Senator CHAFEE's "Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act," was a unique program that combined business development with environmental advocacy. Locally this legislation provided more than $6 million to clean up and redevelop contaminated land at the former Louttit Laundry site in Providence's West End, at Johnson and Wales' Harborside Campus, and at other sites. Senator CHAFEE received numerous honors for his dedication to environmental causes including the Environmental Business Council of New England's Environmental Leadership Award, the National Brownfield Association Leadership Award, and the National Wetlands Inventory Congressional Conservation Award.

Senator CHAFEE was committed to laying the groundwork so that our legacy to our children will be one of prosperity and promise. As Senator, CHAFEE led the way to expand access to health care and to encourage research on the causes of and cures for diseases such as cancer and heart disease. He voted again and again to increase funding for the National Institute of Health's research into cures for diseases such as Parkinson's and Alzheimer's and has funded local projects at Brown University, the University of Rhode Island, and other institutions. For his work on behalf of health care and medical research, the Rhode Island Breast Cancer Coalition honored Senator CHAFEE for his leadership; he has also received the "Leading Light of Long Term Care" award for working to preserve quality nursing home care.

Senator CHAFEE applied the same forward-looking approach to his work in crafting our Nation's foreign policy. Respected for his broad and sensible views on foreign affairs, CHAFEE worked tirelessly to promote a rational and judicious approach to international relations as a member of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations and as chairman of the Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs. He was a firm voice on issues ranging from the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan; to the need for humanitarian intervention in Liberia; to reaffirming America's commitment to the Road Map for Peace between Israel and Palestine. He remained equally committed to ensuring that our national defense remained strong. As a member of the Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs, the Senator was instrumental in securing funding to strengthen and protect Rhode Island's cities, towns, and ports.

A devoted conservationist, Senator CHAFEE enjoys all outdoor activity. He is particularly fond of skiing, spending time

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with his family, and trail riding on his horse Trapper. The Senator and his wife Stephanie are the proud parents of three children—Louisa, Caleb and Thea.

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TO

LINCOLN D. CHAFEE

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Proceedings in the Senate

MONDAY, *November 13, 2006*

Mr. SALAZAR. . . . I will say this as well. In the days ahead, we will hear many things about some of our colleagues, some of whom are newcomers to our institution, the U.S. Senate, and some of them who are leaving. For me, it is a sad day that Senator CHAFEE and Senator DeWine, who were members of the Gang of 14, will not be around to be a part of that future bipartisan coalition that we are going to have to have in the Senate. But I hope, on the side of both the Democrats and the Republicans, that there is a great number of Members of the Senate on both sides of the aisle who will come together to address those significant issues that face us as a country. . . .

TUESDAY, *December 5, 2006*

Mr. HAGEL. Mr. President . . . As we recognize, it is a distinct privilege and high honor to serve our country in any capacity, and certainly none higher than in uniform. But it is especially important that we recognize those who have given years of their lives, sacrificing their families, their own time, to help make a better world for all of us. I know of no capacity in which we serve our country that has given those who have had this rare opportunity to serve in the Senate anything more noble than trying to shape a better world from this Senate.

These individuals who will leave the Senate, some on their own terms, some on the terms of the election, but, nonetheless, in their own specific way have contributed a great deal to this country.

I take a few minutes to recognize each. . . .

Senator LINC CHAFEE. Senator CHAFEE comes from a long line of public servants from the State of Rhode Island. The name "Chafee" is a famous name in this institution. His father John Chafee was one of the great Senators in this Sen-

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ate in the 20th century. LINC picked up where his father left off.

I had the opportunity to serve with Senator CHAFEE on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. We sat next to each other for many years. He had a keen ability to cut through the fog, the nonsense, the superficial, the obsequious, and get to the real issues. We will miss that ability. We will miss that laser. I am sorry to see Senator CHAFEE leave. He will continue to serve his country in many areas as he has done before his service in the Senate. . . .

Mr. President, in conclusion, it is not easy to put one's self on the firing line and offer one's self as a candidate for any office. It takes a certain amount of courage and, I suspect, a little dose of insanity. But nonetheless individuals who believe deeply enough to commit themselves to a cause greater than their own self-interests need to be recognized. Having nothing to do with me or you or any one individual, but it is the essence of our country, it is the very fabric of our democracy that makes it all work and probably gives rise to, more than any one reason, why we have been such a successful nation for over 200 years—because people from all walks of life, in every community, in every State, offer themselves for office. Whether it is a mayor, a Governor, city councilman, county official, a sheriff, these individuals deserve recognition.

We all make mistakes. That is who we are. But in the end, it is not unlike what Teddy Roosevelt once referred to in his magnificent quote about the man in the arena. And it is the man and the woman in the arena who change our lives. It makes a better world that shapes history, that defines our destiny. And for these individuals who will no longer have that opportunity to serve our country in the Senate, we wish them well, we thank them, and we tell them we are proud of them and their families and wish them Godspeed.

Mr. President, I thank you for the time and yield the floor.

WEDNESDAY, *December 6, 2006*

Mr. REED. Mr. President, this is an opportunity to recognize the service of several of our colleagues who are departing from the Senate. To Senator Jeffords, Senator Frist, Senator DeWine, Senator Talent, Senator Santorum, Senator Burns, and Senator Allen, let me express my appreciation for their service to their States and their service to the Nation

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and wish them well. I particularly want to comment, though, on three colleagues with whom I have had the privilege of working very closely. . . .

Let me also recognize my colleague from Rhode Island, Senator LINCOLN CHAFEE. Senator CHAFEE is an individual both with character and sincere devotion to our State and Nation, an honest, decent man who is always respectful, thoughtful, and fair-minded. He is someone with whom we are all proud to have served. He is someone in this House respected for his integrity and for his determination.

He came to the Senate upon the passing of his father, Senator John H. Chafee, and picked up that tradition of service from his father. He was a great model to emulate, and Senator LINCOLN CHAFEE has done that. Like his father, he has concerned himself with issues of the environment through service on the Environment and Public Works Committee. He sought to improve our Nation's water and air quality standards. His pivotal work to provide for the cleanup and redevelopment of brownfields is a commitment and accomplishment that I think will be recognized for many years to come.

He has also tried to preserve our State of Rhode Island's industrial, natural, and cultural history, and he has done it persistently. Let me applaud him for his dedicated service and wish him and his family well in the days ahead. . . .

To all my colleagues who served and conclude their service, let me once again express deep appreciation for their friendship and for their service to the Nation.

I yield the floor.

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, we are coming to the end of the session and 10 of our colleagues are retiring. I want to say a word about them . . .

Or Senator LINC CHAFEE, also retiring, was a wrestler in college. He spent several years in the United States and Canada as a professional blacksmith before he got into politics. . . .

When the most recent class of Senators was sworn into office nearly 2 years ago, in the gallery were three women. One was the grandmother of Barack Obama. She was from Kenya. One was the mother of Senator Salazar, a 10th generation American. One was the mother of Mel Martinez, the new Republican National Committee chairman, who, with her husband, put her son on an airplane when he was 14 years old and sent him from Cuba to the United States, not knowing if she would ever see him again.

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In a way, each one of us who is here is an accident. None of us knew we would be here. Each of us is privileged to serve, and one of the greatest privileges is to serve with our colleagues. We will miss them and we are grateful for their service.

I yield the floor.

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, as the time for my departure from the Senate draws near, on behalf of the greatest blessing in my life, my wife Susan, and on behalf of myself, I thank all of my colleagues for their many courtesies and friendships that have been forged during the past 6 years. I offer a few concluding reflections about our time here together, as well as about the future of our Republic. . . .

Mr. NELSON of Florida. Mr. President, I see others who wish to speak, and I will make a couple of brief comments.

In the comments of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. Allen], his final couple of comments recalled for me a statement made in the closing of the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, when on the back of the chair of the presiding officer was a sunburst. Someone opined in that Constitutional Convention: Dr. Franklin, is that a rising sun or is it a setting sun? And Franklin ventured to say that with the birth of the new Nation, with the creation of the new Constitution, that he thought it was a rising sun.

Indeed, it is that hope of which the Senator from Virginia has just spoken that motivates this Senator from Florida to get up and go to work every day, and to look at this Nation's challenges, not as a Democratic problem or a Republican problem, but as an American problem, that needs to be solved in an American way instead of a partisan way.

We have had far too much partisanship over the last several years across this land, and, indeed, in this Chamber itself. And of the Senators who are leaving this Chamber, I think they represent the very best of America, and on occasion have risen in a bipartisan way. It has been this Senator's great privilege to work with these Senators: Allen of Virginia, Burns of Montana, CHAFEE of Rhode Island, Dayton of Minnesota, DeWine of Ohio, Frist of Tennessee, Jeffords of Vermont, Santorum of Pennsylvania, Sarbanes of Maryland, Talent of Missouri.

As the Good Book in Ecclesiastes says: There is a time to be born and a time to die. There is a time to get up, and a time to go to bed. There is a time for a beginning, and there is a time of ending.

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For these Senators who are leaving, it is clearly not an ending. It is an ending of this chapter in their lives, but this Senator from Florida wanted to come and express his appreciation for their public service, to admonish those where admonishment is needed when this Chamber, indeed, this Government, has gotten too partisan, but to express this Senator's appreciation for the quiet moments of friendship and reflection and respect in working together, which is the glue that makes this Government run.

Whether you call it bipartisanship, whether you call it friendship, whether you call it mutual respect, whatever you call it, the way you govern a nation as large and as complicated and as diverse as our Nation is—as the Good Book says: Come, let us reason together—that is what this Senator tries to be about. And that is what this Senator will try to continue to do in the new dawn of a new Congress. So I wanted to come and express my appreciation for those Senators who will not be here, for the great public service they have rendered.

Mr. President, I am truly grateful for their personal friendship and for their public service.

I yield the floor.

Mr. DURBIN. . . . Senator LINCOLN CHAFEE, a quiet voice of moderation from the State of Rhode Island, followed in the footsteps of his great father, John Chafee, with whom I was honored to serve. Senator LINCOLN CHAFEE time and again would stand independently and express his views and his conscience. He was the only Republican of the 23 Senators who voted against the Iraqi war resolution. . . .

I wish all of my colleagues who are retiring well as they begin the next chapters of their careers.

Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. President, I rise today to bid farewell to several of my friends here in Washington. Too often we get caught up here in the back-and-forth of politics and lose sight of the contributions of those with whom we work every day. It is only at moments such as these, at the end of a cycle, that we have a moment to reflect on the contributions of our colleagues. And while we may not always see eye to eye, this Senate is losing several admirable contributors who have made many sacrifices to serve our democracy. . . .

A number of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle will be departing in January, as well. There is our colleague from Virginia, Senator Allen, who wears, in my opinion, the second best pair of boots in the Senate. There is Senator

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Santorum of Pennsylvania, whose passion is admirable and whose energy is always enviable. Also leaving us is my colleague in the centrist Gang of 14 that helped bring this Senate back from the abyss; Senator DeWine of Ohio, who will head back to the Buckeye State with my respect and admiration; and my friend Senator Talent from Missouri, with whom I spent many hours in the Agriculture Committee working to level the playing field for America's farmers and ranchers. We will miss Senator CHAFEE of Rhode Island's independence and his clear voice for fiscal discipline in Washington. And we will miss Senator Burns of Montana, who shares my passion for rural America and who is headed home to Big Sky Country, back to the Rockies that I know we both miss so much. . . .

America, when held to its finest ideals, is more than a place on the globe or a work in progress. It is the inspiration to those around the world and here at home to seek out excellence within themselves and their beliefs. It has been a pleasure to work alongside each of these gentlemen, who have helped me as I have found my way, sometimes literally, through the halls of the Senate, in the pursuit of these greater ideals that we all share: security, prosperity, and an America that we leave better than when we arrived. These ideals will resonate here long after we all are gone and another generation stands in our place making the decisions of its day.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, in his Pulitzer Prize winning book, "Profiles in Courage," Senator John F. Kennedy extolled the virtues of political courage. "Surely, in the United States of America, where brother once fought brother," Senator Kennedy wrote, "we do not judge a man's bravery under fire by examining the banner under which he fought."

For 7 years I have watched and admired the courage of Senator LINCOLN CHAFEE, who sits on the other side of the aisle, and who will be leaving us at the end of the 109th Congress.

I have watched and admired his firm stands against his own political party, the Senate leadership, and the Presidential administration as he followed the dictates of his conscience. "A man does what he must," wrote Senator Kennedy, "in spite of personal consequences, in spite of obstacles and dangers and pressures—and that is the basis of all human morality." This was the basis of Senator CHAFEE's tenure in the Senate.

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Senator CHAFEE was appointed to the Senate in 1999 upon the death of his father, the beloved and respected Senator John Chafee. He immediately proved himself to be, to use an old cliche, a "chip off the old block." Senator LINCOLN CHAFEE proved himself to be a Senator of immense integrity, great dignity, and high principle. And, like his father, he proved himself a Senator of incredible courage.

He was the first Senate Republican to oppose the Bush tax cuts in 2001.

He was a Senator who helped preserve the Senate as the institution that was planned and handed down to us by the Framers of our Constitution, and all the great lawmakers who served in this Chamber before us. Senator CHAFEE was one of the seven Republicans who composed the so-called Gang of 14 that was ready to block the majority leader's use of the "nuclear option" that would have destroyed the U.S. Senate as a unique and sacred institution by curtailing the ability of the minority to filibuster.

I, of course, will always remember, admire, and appreciate Senator CHAFEE as the only Senate Republican to vote against the Iraqi war resolution. He was one of the immortal 23 Members of this Chamber who stood against popular opinion, stood up to the President of the United States, and threw himself against the forces of war in voting against the resolution to launch an unprecedented military assault on Iraq. If only there had been more Senators like him, we would not find ourselves in a bloody quagmire in Iraq.

In voting against the war resolution, Senator CHAFEE was determined not to hand over to President Bush, or any President, the power to declare war. That power, according to our Constitution, belongs to the Congress. With his firm belief in our constitutional doctrines of the separation of powers and checks and balances, Senator CHAFEE opposed many of the worst provisions of President Bush's efforts to create an all powerful Department of Homeland Security. He opposed, for example, the administration's plan to reduce the civil service protections and dissolve the collective bargaining rights of Federal employees in the newly created agency.

Although he will soon be leaving Congress, there is a bright side. Senator CHAFEE will now have more time to spend with his wife Stephanie and their three children and to ride his horse Trapper. I wish all of them happiness and success in their future endeavors, and many happy hours in the saddle. . . .

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Mr. FEINGOLD. . . . Mr. President, today I wish to thank LINCOLN CHAFEE for his 7 years of service in the Senate and to recognize the many contributions he has made during his time in this body. Senator CHAFEE is a soft-spoken man, but he has not been afraid to take courageous stands, even when that meant standing alone in his own party. From the moment he arrived in the Senate, it was clear that Senator CHAFEE would not only honor his father's outstanding legacy but that he would become a respected leader in his own right.

Working with him on so many issues over the last several years, I have come to know Senator CHAFEE well and to appreciate just how dedicated he is to serving the people of Rhode Island and the people of this great Nation.

I don't know anyone in this body more committed to fiscal responsibility than LINCOLN CHAFEE. He is absolutely as tough as they come on that issue, and he was tireless about holding Congress's feet to the fire. On pay-as-you-go legislation, on the congressional pay raise, and on so many issues, Senator CHAFEE demanded that Congress take fiscal responsibility seriously when it counted and not simply pay lip service to the issue when it is convenient. It has been a pleasure to work with him on this issue, and I am grateful for his efforts.

Senator CHAFEE has been a strong supporter of campaign finance reform and of environmental protection and conservation, and I appreciate his work on those critical issues. Before I close, I also want to recognize Senator CHAFEE's vote against the war in Iraq, which is one of the most courageous votes I have seen cast during my time here in the Senate. That was a hard vote for many Members of this body, but to be the only Member of his party to oppose the war must have been especially difficult. But, as always, Senator CHAFEE did what he thought was right, and we have seen just how right he was to vote against this war, which has been so harmful to our national security.

With every vote he has cast and every position he has taken, Senator CHAFEE has conducted himself with the utmost integrity and earned his colleagues' utmost respect. While he and I certainly haven't agreed on every issue, I always appreciate his thoughtful approach to our work here and his strong commitment to the highest ideals in public service. I know that the work he has done here has made a lasting mark on our Nation for many years to come. I will

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miss serving with him in the Senate, and I wish him all the best. . . .

THURSDAY, *December 7, 2006*

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I have had the privilege of being here for the 28th year beginning shortly. I calculated not long ago that I have served with 261 individuals. I am not about to try and review all of the many magnificent friendships I am privileged to have through these years. Indeed, if one looks at the rewards, of which there are many serving in this historic institution, the Senate, it is the personal bonds, the friendships that we so firmly cement and that will last a lifetime as a consequence of our duties of serving the United States of America and in our respective States.

We are called "United States" Senators. I often believe it is the first obligation, our Nation, the Republic for which it stands. . . .

I would also like to pay tribute to nine other U.S. Senators who will retire from the Senate in the coming days. . . .

Now, I would like to take a few moments to salute our majority leader, Senator Frist, as well as Senators CHAFEE, Burns, Santorum, DeWine, Jeffords, Talent, and Dayton. Each and every one of these U.S. Senators has served his State and his country with great distinction.

Without a doubt, I could speak at-length in honor of each of these outstanding individuals. In light of time constraints, however, and the fact that so many of my colleagues wish to similarly pay tribute, I shall endeavor to keep my remarks brief. . . .

Now, I will speak a few words about our colleague LINCOLN CHAFEE. I have known the Chafee family for many years, and count the late John Chafee and his wife Virginia as my dearest friends.

The year was 1969, this country was engulfed in a war in Vietnam, and I was privileged to be asked to serve as Under Secretary of the Navy. I was told that the Secretary of the Navy, who would be my boss one step up, would be a man named John Chafee, former Governor of the State of Rhode Island.

I will never forget. We both served in the Marines, at different times. He was a captain and I was a captain in the Marine Corps Reserve, and we met on a cold day in Feb-

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ruary outside the Pentagon, shook hands, and walked upstairs. And there we were greeted by the Commandant of the Marine Corps and the Chief of Naval Operations.

Chafee turned to me, and he said: You know, the Navy and the Marine Corps constitute almost a million uniformed men and women. It was that large in the height of the war in Vietnam. And he said: Here we are, a couple of lowly captains, and now it is our responsibility. Let's square our jaws and stick out our chins, get this job done, and provide the leadership that these men and women of the Armed Forces so richly deserve.

John Chafee was an absolute teacher and mentor of mine in every way during those years we worked together in the Department of Defense. He would take his trip to Vietnam. I would stay back and man the store. He would return, and I would take my trip. We had problems throughout the world. It was in the middle of the cold war with the Soviet Union. John Chafee was a magnificent man. He had been Governor of the State of Rhode Island three times, and he was a magnificent leader of the men and women of the Armed Forces.

He decided that he was going to move on and consider running for the Senate, and resigned, and I succeeded him then as Secretary. But I never lost the feeling that he was right there, should I need him to help carry out my duties. And then, as luck and good fortune would have it, he came to the Senate, and not too many years thereafter I came to the Senate and once again joined him.

I will never forget my first day in the Senate he came up to me and said: Do you remember I was Secretary and you were Under Secretary? I said: Yes, sir. He said: Well, that's the way it's going to be here for a while. You listen to what I say and what I do, and I will give you some advice as we go along.

That was the kind of man he was. I never heard him speak a harsh word about any other colleague. But he achieved his special niche in this institution through his absolute love for the environment as well as the men and women of the Armed Forces. Those were the two things on which he worked. And as luck would have it, his son came to join us, and he has so many of those magnificent attributes of his father and his mother. An absolutely magnificent human being, his mother, and all his family, as a matter of fact.

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It is my honor to share with my colleagues some of the important accomplishments of LINCOLN CHAFEE during his 7 years as a Member of this body, and to personally express my appreciation for his service to our country.

Senator LINC CHAFEE came to the Senate from local government serving on the city council and later as mayor of Warwick. I believe it is this experience of leading a major city that solidified his commitment to fiscal responsibility. In his service in the Senate he was steadfast in his belief to restore controls on the Federal budget and to promote responsible Government spending.

We were privileged to serve together on the Committee on Environment and Public Works where he quickly became a skilled legislator. He successfully authored legislation to stimulate the redevelopment of brownfield areas previously contaminated by hazardous waste, that plague our urban areas. This law is already producing results in improving neighborhoods and bringing new industries back to urban areas.

Senator CHAFEE was also a leading voice in fostering bipartisanship in the Senate, and was an active member of our informal group of Senators known as the Gang of 14. We were a group of seven Republicans and seven Democrats, but we had no formal standing in the Senate. We would meet regularly to share our thoughts on judicial nominees pending on the Senate calendar to ensure that the Senate could continue its responsibilities under article II, section 2, of the U.S. Constitution—the advice and consent clause. Senator CHAFEE was an integral part of this effort which allowed candid and respectful discussions of the qualifications of individuals to serve in the Federal judiciary and prevented the continued use of party-led filibusters on judicial nominees except in extraordinary circumstances.

LINC CHAFEE will be remembered in this institution for his independence. We all fight to try to maintain that independence. We are respectful of our party leadership. We are respectful of our party affiliations. We know the demands of our State. But there are times when we feel we must act and make decisions that reflect our own innermost feelings of independence, and LINCOLN CHAFEE will be remembered for that.

As Senator CHAFEE prepares to depart the Senate, I thank him for his meaningful contributions to the Senate, and wish him, his wife Stephanie, and his children, Louisa, Caleb and Thea, "fair winds and following seas." . . .

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In conclusion, over the years I have served with each of these 10 Senators, each has not only been a trusted colleague, each has also been my friend. I will miss serving with each of them in the Senate but know that each will continue in public service in some capacity. I wish each and every one of them well in the years ahead.

Mr. President, I see a number of colleagues here anxious to speak, and I have taken generously of the time the Presiding Officer has allowed me to speak.

I yield the floor.

Mr. CONRAD. . . . Mr. President, I would like to pay tribute to Senator LINCOLN CHAFEE. Senator CHAFEE has served the people of Rhode Island well. He has distinguished himself in a number of important policy areas, including strengthening environmental protections and strengthening our national security.

I most appreciated his efforts to promote fiscal responsibility. Senator CHAFEE has been steadfastly committed to sound government budget policies. While he supported easing tax burdens for families by ending the marriage tax penalty and increasing the child tax credit, he had the courage to oppose irresponsible, budget-busting measures that, while politically popular, have resulted in huge fiscal deficits and an unsustainable increase in the Federal debt.

Senator CHAFEE has also been an unwavering supporter of reinstating pay-as-you-go constraints on the Federal budget first implemented by President Bush's father in 1990. Under those rules, any tax cut or increase in Government spending must be accompanied by an equal spending cut or revenue increase.

I also appreciated Senator CHAFEE's commitment to bipartisanship. He understands that reaching across the aisle and working together more often than not results in better decisions and better, longer lasting policy solutions. His efforts were not always appreciated by those in charge over the last couple of years. But those of us who worked closely with him know his commitment is genuine and his word is good.

I was pleased to welcome Senator CHAFEE to the Senate in 1999 when he was appointed to fill the seat of his late father. I had the pleasure of working often with John Chafee. We were both members of the Senate Finance Committee. I was not surprised to find that the son, like his father, was tough but fair-minded and a man of strong principle.

Senator CHAFEE brought a unique set of skills to the Senate. A native Rhode Islander, he earned a B.A. in classics

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from Brown University and was captain of the wrestling team. Instead of following immediately in his father's footsteps, however, he initially worked as a blacksmith at harness racetracks in the United States and Canada and later in manufacturing management. These experiences gave him a great deal of respect for working people and helped him build a strong sense of independence and plain old common sense.

It is also clear that Senator CHAFEE never forgets his other important job. As a father of three school-aged children, he often reminds his colleagues to consider the impact of our decisions on the next generation. Whether he is working to preserve fragile wetlands in his beloved home State, helping strengthen our homeland security, or preventing massive debts from accruing, he talks often about our responsibility to our children.

Senator CHAFEE has served the State of Rhode Island with integrity and compassion. He will be missed. . . .

Mrs. CLINTON. . . . Finally, I also wish the very best to my Republican colleagues who will leave the Senate at the conclusion of this Congress. The Senate, at its best, is a body that promotes bipartisanship, deliberation, and cooperation, and the dedication to shared values. It has been a privilege to work with my departing colleagues on the other side of the aisle.

FRIDAY, *December 8, 2006*

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I have a few more minutes before the 10:30 vote, and I take this time to say a few words about some of my colleagues who are retiring. We had a good bit of time yesterday devoted to their tremendous contributions, and as each of us, the 100 of us, do know each other pretty well, I have come to the floor to say a few things about several of the colleagues I have had the distinct pleasure of working with very closely. . . .

Mr. President, Senator LINCOLN CHAFEE of Rhode Island has been an independent voice for his State and the issues he believes in, regardless of partisan consideration. He will be missed by all of us. . . .

To all of our retiring Members, I say thank you. Thank you for your efforts on behalf of my State when you were needed and thank you for your service to America.

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Mr. KYL. Mr. President, I also will say a word about a couple of my colleagues who are leaving, and I will be brief. . . .

Finally, LINCOLN CHAFEE. Although I mentioned Republicans in this list, I certainly don't want to forget, of course, Paul Sarbanes, who will be leaving at the end of this year, and others in the House of Representatives with whom I served as well. I know we all move on at some time and that none of us is irreplaceable. But by the same token, these colleagues of ours who will be leaving will be missed and they will be remembered for their great service to the Senate, to their States, and to the United States of America.

I yield the floor.

Mr. DEWINE. . . . I appreciate all the help Finance Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley has given me—a dear friend—especially when it came to passing my bills to improve the foster care and adoption system. I have worked with many Members of the Senate on this very important issue, foster care and adoption, including Senators Jay Rockefeller, Mary Landrieu, Larry Craig, Daniel Patrick Moynihan, John Chafee, Jesse Helms, Bill Roth, Jim Jeffords, Dan Coats. They all shared a passion for foster care children. They all shared a passion for the adoption issue. . . .

Last year, I was extremely proud to be one of 14 bipartisan Members of this great body who decided to work together to break what had become a gridlock in the Senate over judicial nominations. In the grand tradition of the Senate, individuals from both political parties came together that time to solve a problem which threatened not only the judicial nomination process but was threatening to shut the Senate down completely. I want to thank my friends with whom I was proud to stand in that effort: John McCain, John Warner, Lindsey Graham, Olympia Snowe, Susan Collins, LINCOLN CHAFEE, Joe Lieberman, Senator Byrd, Ben Nelson, Mary Landrieu, Daniel Inouye, Mark Pryor, and Ken Salazar. They got it done. . . .

Mr. President, I want to wish the best to all of my fellow Senators who were defeated this fall or who are retiring this year—Senators Frist, Santorum, Talent, Burns, Allen, CHAFEE, Dayton, and Jeffords. They are all good people and all good friends. I wish them well. . . .

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I want to say something about my departing colleagues on the other side of the aisle.

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To my colleague from Rhode Island, I thank the Senator. In all actions it has been a tone of civility. We have always sought common ground. I express my gratitude for the Senator's service to Rhode Island. . . .

A lot is said about changing the tone, but when we hit the right tone we also hit some pretty high notes. I thank my colleagues and wish them well and Godspeed until we meet again.

Mr. DODD. . . . Mr. President, today I pay tribute to my departing colleagues who have, for a time, lent their talents, their convictions, and their hard work to this distinguished body. I may have had my disagreements with them, but the end of a term is a time for seeing colleagues not simply as politicians, but as partners who have "toiled, and wrought, and thought with me." Each, in his own way, was distinctive; and each, in his own way, will be sorely missed. . . .

Next, I would like to send my best wishes to Senator LINCOLN CHAFEE. Senator CHAFEE and I have a fair bit in common: we are both lifelong New Englanders, and we both had Senators for fathers. After completing his undergraduate studies at Brown University, and while many of his colleagues were busy studying law or political science, LINCOLN CHAFEE studied horseshoeing. I imagine he is the only modern Senator to have worked as a professional farrier for 7 years. And while Senator CHAFEE eventually took up the family business and went into politics, he has always retained the humility and good humor that so often come to those who spend time working with their hands.

Senator CHAFEE was a popular mayor of Warwick, RI, and on the death of his father, Senator John Chafee, was appointed to fill out the remainder of the term. He was elected in his own right in 2000, and has served a total of 7 years in the upper House, cementing a reputation as an independent thinker and one of his State's most popular politicians.

I especially enjoyed serving alongside Senator CHAFEE on the Foreign Relations Committee. He was a welcome travel partner. On trips to Latin America, it was always reassuring to have a familiar New England accent at my side. On a more serious note, I have come to respect Senator CHAFEE's courage and principle, especially on the matter of John Bolton's nomination as U.N. Ambassador. Senator CHAFEE spoke out in favor of competent diplomatic representation at the United Nations. Because of his efforts, we are closer to

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the day when our representative at the world body will work to win respect from the world, not alienation.

On that issue and many others, Senator CHAFEE was never afraid to put his beliefs ahead of party pressure. He has voted to support stem cell research and a responsible exit strategy in Iraq; and his strong environmental record, including opposition to oil drilling in the Alaska National Wildlife Reserve, has earned him the endorsement of prominent conservationist groups.

We will miss his independent mind and his true Yankee spirit. I wish all the best to Senator CHAFEE and his wife, Stephanie. . . .

Mr. HATCH. . . . Mr. President, I am grateful for the opportunity to take a few moments to recognize the service and devotion to the U.S. Senate by my colleague and friend, Senator LINCOLN CHAFEE of Rhode Island.

A true Rhode Islander, LINCOLN CHAFEE was born in Providence, attended a Warwick public school, and earned a degree from Brown University, where he captained the wrestling team. As an avid horse enthusiast, he attended the horseshoeing school at Montana State University and worked as a blacksmith at harness racetracks in the United States and Canada, but only a handful of years slipped by before he returned to his home in Rhode Island.

LINCOLN then entered politics in 1985 as a delegate to the Rhode Island Constitutional Convention. A year later he was elected to the first of two successive terms on the Warwick City Council. In November 1992, LINCOLN became the first Republican elected mayor of Warwick in 32 years—and, with his positive vision, he so won over the hearts and minds of voters that he was reelected for another three terms in a reliably Democratic city. He held the mayoral post until appointed by Governor LINCOLN Almond in November 1999 to fill the unexpired Senate term of his late father, John Chafee. In November 2000, he was overwhelmingly elected to the U.S. Senate.

As I, LINCOLN has a great interest in policy that affects the health of our Nation's people, and I am proud to have had the honor of working with him on a number of initiatives that made Americans healthier.

I admire LINCOLN for taking a stand on stem cell research. He has supported important legislation and joined a bipartisan group of colleagues in calling on President Bush to expand the Federal policy on embryonic stem cell research. Senator CHAFEE and I share similar views on this issue: he

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is opposed to any cloning with the intention of creating a human life but strongly supports legislation that would allow stem cell researchers to use excess embryos which were created for in vitro fertilization purposes and would otherwise be discarded. I respect and appreciate his courage to stand up for his convictions in the face of such a controversial issue.

LINCOLN has been a champion for breast cancer research since his arrival in the Senate in 1999. I am pleased to be an original cosponsor of his Breast Cancer and Environmental Research Act, which would make Federal grants available for the development and operation of eight national centers that would conduct research on how environmental factors may contribute to the causes of breast cancer. In recognition of his outstanding leadership in this arena, LINCOLN has been honored by the National Breast Cancer Coalition and also presented with the Avon Foundation Pink Ribbon Crusader Award.

Senator CHAFEE has been a leader in the fight to reauthorize and maintain adequate funding for the State Children's Health Insurance Program—also called CHIP. I worked very closely with his father to write that law in 1997. I recognize that LINCOLN is also dedicated to the goal of this program, which is to provide health insurance to low-income, uninsured children, and I thank him for his diligent efforts. We have worked tirelessly to ensure that funding continues to make the program available for these children.

Senator LINCOLN CHAFEE is a great man, a loyal Rhode Islander, and a great American. I thank and commend him for all his selfless work. His contributions have made his State and the whole country significantly better than before his arrival in Washington. We will all miss his presence here in the U.S. Senate, but I doubt we have seen the last of LINCOLN CHAFEE in the way of public service. I wish him and his family health, happiness, and the best of luck in all future endeavors. . . .

Mr. LEVIN. . . . Mr. President, as this session of Congress comes to a close, I want to take a moment to pay tribute to my friend LINCOLN CHAFEE.

Following in the footsteps of his late father, John, Senator CHAFEE has been a voice of moderation and civility in the Senate. In a time of increasing partisanship, Senator CHAFEE has been a bridge between the parties and to an earlier era of less divisive politics. He votes his conviction and his conscience, not just a party line.

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Senator CHAFEE's legacy will be defined by his leadership on environmental protection and fiscal responsibility. On both, he has had a forward-looking approach, grounded in common sense, for which our grandchildren will be grateful.

Senator CHAFEE has been a true champion for conservation, fighting for clean air, clean water, and a healthier environment. He has been willing to stand up to the administration when he believes it is wrong, including opposing the administration's energy bill, its weak regulations on mercury, and drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. For the past several years, Senator CHAFEE has led an effort with Senator Jeffords and me to fully fund the EPA Brownfields Program, which would accelerate the cleanup and redevelopment of brownfield sites, protecting human health, and creating jobs. Senator CHAFEE is a member of the Senate's Smart Growth Task Force, which promotes growth and development that protects the environment and preserves critical habitats.

LINCOLN CHAFEE has also been a strong voice for fiscal discipline. He has repeatedly opposed reckless tax cuts and supported pay-as-you-go budget rules to bring the budget back into balance. The bipartisan Concord Coalition has recognized him for his fiscal responsibility.

LINCOLN CHAFEE has also been an important voice on foreign affairs. He took a courageous stand in 2002 as the lone Republican to vote against the Iraq war authorization, and he has served well as the chairman of the Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs Subcommittee of the Foreign Relations Committee.

I want to close by noting that LINCOLN CHAFEE remains widely respected and admired in Rhode Island, as well as among his colleagues on both sides of the aisle in the Senate. His father would have been very proud of how well LINCOLN CHAFEE has served the people of Rhode Island.

I thank him for his service to our country and wish him and his wife Stephanie all the best. . . .

Ms. SNOWE. . . . Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to my great friend, Senator LINCOLN CHAFEE, a public servant who exemplifies the idea that superior governance depends on people of good will working for the common good—together. He epitomizes the New England pragmatism in government that sees not weakness but strength in reaching across the aisle to build consensus and make the system work for those it was formed to serve.

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When I consider Senator CHAFEE's tenure, I cannot help but think how he has so successfully forged his own pathway and legacy of exceptional service in the U.S. Senate, while honoring the formidable contributions of his extraordinary father, John Chafee. Senator CHAFEE has brought level-headed leadership on myriad issues critical to our progress as a people, always with vigilant and careful attention to his beloved Ocean State of Rhode Island.

He has been a stalwart colleague and friend in our mutual cause to revitalize and advance the political center, in our concerted effort to answer the challenges facing our Nation by producing not rancor but results, not acrimony but accord. His loss not only diminishes the Senate but is also a loss for the country because we need more voices seeking to craft compromise and consensus to forge solutions, not fewer.

LINC CHAFEE was not only a political neighbor of mine in the center of the political spectrum—where most Americans consider themselves—but he has been a next-door neighbor in my hallway in the Russell Senate Building, a corridor also appropriately occupied by my good friend Senator Mike DeWine, who also epitomized the finest ideals of public service. So I will profoundly miss seeing them not only in the Senate but also simply walking down the hall outside my office. They were a constant reminder of what is best and most noble about public office.

LINC and I worked hand-in-glove on issues of fiscal restraint and accountability by calling for and advocating the implementation of the pay-as-you-go approach to the Federal budget. And I believe it is instructive that he is rightly considered a champion of the environment, even as he championed economic growth. But that is LINC—for him, issues that may seem mutually exclusive to those with intractable dogmas could coexist naturally in his vision of a world not so easily or appropriately cast in hues of black and white. Indeed, Senator CHAFEE's fight to strengthen air and water quality standards continues to resonate, a battle he has waged with innovation and resolve by combining business development with environmental advocacy.

Unflagging in his dedication to the precepts of personal responsibility and freedom, fiscal accountability, and serving the public interest, LINCOLN CHAFEE has, with honor and distinction, brought intelligence, vigor, and courage to the U.S. Senate from debates about foreign policy and homeland security to marshaling health care efforts to confront breast cancer and long-term care.

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Whether serving as captain of his university wrestling team, working as a blacksmith at harness race tracks, or serving the highest ideals of public service, LINCOLN CHAFEE has demonstrated an independence, resiliency, and strength of purpose that has made him a credit to this institution and an example for his country.

I wish Senator CHAFEE, his wife Stephanie, and their children all the best for the future. . . .

Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I would like to pay tribute to the Republican Members of the Senate who will not be returning in the 110th Congress. Senators George Allen; Conrad Burns; LINCOLN CHAFEE; Mike DeWine; Dr. Bill Frist; Rick Santorum; and Jim Talent have served their constituents with honor and distinction during their tenure here in the U.S. Senate. All care very deeply for this great Nation and I hope they will have continued success in their future endeavors. . . .

Majority leader Bill Frist has run the Senate through difficult and trying times and he has done it well. Senator Mike DeWine, my neighbor to the north, has represented the Buckeye State with great distinction and has committed over 30 years of his life to public service. Senator George Allen represented the Commonwealth of Virginia in the U.S. Senate for 6 years, and he worked closely with me to make America safer by helping usher through important legislation to arm cargo pilots. Senator Jim Talent has had a great career in Congress and wrote the blueprint to the welfare reform bill of 1996. And Senator LINCOLN CHAFEE has continued the proud legacy set forth by his father and my friend, Senator John Chafee.

Mr. President, I would like to again commend all of our departing Republican Senators. I am proud of what they accomplished here in the U.S. Senate. They will all be missed, and I wish all of them the very best.

Mrs. HUTCHISON. . . . Mr. President, it is no coincidence that Senator LINCOLN CHAFEE's home State has an 11-foot-tall statue called the Independent Man standing atop the State House in Providence, RI. In fact, Senator CHAFEE has referred to this statue as his inspiration, as it represents Rhode Island's founding principles of political and religious freedom.

Senator CHAFEE has done an admirable job following in the footsteps of his father, Senator John Chafee.

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During his time in the Senate, Senator CHAFEE has been committed to environmental issues as a champion for improved air and water quality.

Senator CHAFEE has remained steadfast in his beliefs and a powerful voice for Rhode Island. . . .

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—TRIBUTES TO RETIRING SENATORS

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that the tributes to retiring Senators be printed as a Senate document and that Senators be permitted to submit tributes until December 27, 2006.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

WEDNESDAY, *December 27, 2006*

Mr. STEVENS. . . . Mr. President, I have known Senator LINCOLN CHAFEE and his family for a long time. I met his father, our former colleague, Senator John Chafee, while standing in line to register for Harvard Law School in 1947. LINCOLN's uncle, Zachariah Chafee, was one of my law professors at Harvard. John and I served together in the Senate for more than 20 years.

When John passed away in 1999, LINCOLN chose to continue his family's tradition of excellence in public service. Senator CHAFEE and I have not always agreed on the issues, but I have always respected the courage of his convictions and his firm commitment to his ideals.

Senator CHAFEE, it's been my good fortune to serve alongside you and your father for nearly 30 years. It's hard to imagine this Chamber without a member of your family. We will miss your spirit and dedication. . . .

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, LINCOLN CHAFEE came to the Senate in 1999 under the most difficult of circumstances. He had just lost his beloved father, and was being asked to fill the shoes of one of the most noble and principled Members ever to serve in this Chamber. He rose to that challenge, and I have been honored to work alongside him.

Like the illustrious Senator John Chafee, Senator LINCOLN CHAFEE came from a political tradition I am proud to share—that of the New England moderate. This tradition stands for a strong defense of freedom and for fiscal respon-

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sibility, for government that is unobtrusive in people's lives when it can be, yet compassionate and involved when it must be.

LINCOLN CHAFEE was a quiet voice of moderation, but spoke with a strong voice, a voice of conviction and integrity, on such issues of critical importance to our Nation as environmental protection and energy independence. When, in spring 2005, the very fabric of the Senate was threatened by a bitter impasse over the issue of judicial filibusters, I was proud to join Senator CHAFEE in the so-called Gang of 14 that forged a productive, bipartisan solution.

I had the opportunity to work closely with LINC in the 109th Congress when he joined the Homeland Security Committee. The committee brought about great progress during that Congress with successful legislation on port security, chemical security, and rebuilding our Nation's emergency management structure after the catastrophic Government response to Hurricane Katrina. Linc's steady, thoughtful, and informed approach to the issues greatly aided these endeavors.

I was especially impressed by Linc's understanding that true homeland security begins at home. As the 2006 hurricane season approached, and as we were still struggling to overcome the failures of Government in the 2005 season, he called for and organized a homeland security field hearing in Rhode Island so his colleagues could better appreciate the daunting challenges faced by our first responders in coastal States and communities. That hands-on approach, devoid of pretense and directed toward results, exemplifies LINCOLN CHAFEE's approach to government.

I know that the father would be proud of the son. And I know that all Americans join me in thanking LINCOLN CHAFEE for 7 years of outstanding service, and in wishing him the very best in the years to come. . . .

MONDAY, *January 8, 2007*

Mrs. DOLE. Mr. President, it is an honor indeed to pay tribute to a number of fine individuals who I am fortunate to call not just my colleagues, but also dear friends: Senators Bill Frist, George Allen, Conrad Burns, LINCOLN CHAFEE, Mike DeWine, Rick Santorum and Jim Talent. . . .

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Senator LINCOLN CHAFEE also will be greatly missed in this Chamber. LINC served the people of Rhode Island with the utmost honor, integrity and compassion.

I have great respect for LINC CHAFEE for his commitment to the principles of personal freedom, individual responsibility and fiscal discipline. Well-known for his reputation as a fierce deficit hawk, he has been a vocal advocate for responsible Government spending, and a strong supporter of abolishing the marriage tax penalty and increasing the child tax credit. LINC also took a very active interest in promoting the health care of women and children.

LINCOLN CHAFEE also has been tirelessly dedicated to improving his home State. As a member of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, he secured more than $1 billion in Federal funding for Rhode Island's infrastructure, including the Warwick Station project and the development of the East Providence shoreline. And as chairman of the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Water, he worked diligently to protect air and water quality in his State.

LINC was a principled, independent Member, adamant about doing what he believed was right for the families he represented. Throughout his Senate career, he demonstrated a willingness to listen to all sides of an issue and work with members of both political parties. He is a man who speaks his mind, votes his conscience, and treats others with the dignity and respect they deserve.

LINC is a refreshing politician, a diligent public servant, and a devoted family man to his wife Stephanie and their three children. It goes without saying that my colleagues in the Senate—and the people of Rhode Island—will greatly miss Senator LINCOLN CHAFEE. . . .

As these men—Bill Frist, George Allen, Conrad Burns, LINCOLN CHAFEE, Mike DeWine, Rick Santorum and Jim Talent—conclude their service in the U.S. Senate, let me say that I am so proud to have worked with individuals of such character, strength, and intellect. Our Nation is grateful for their many contributions. And as they each will undoubtedly continue to contribute to our country's greatness, their leadership and vision will be missed here in the U.S. Senate.

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