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BIOGRAPHY

U.S. Senator EVAN BAYH is focused on providing hard-working Hoosier families with the tools and opportunities they need to succeed today. From his work to help stimulate the economy by creating jobs and growing small businesses to his fight to keep a college education within the reach of all Hoosiers, Senator BAYH continues to break through the partisan gridlock of Washington to help more Hoosiers make a better life for themselves and their children. His commitment to making real progress instead of participating in political showdowns has set Senator BAYH apart as a leader on a wide range of important issues facing the Nation.

Elected to his second term in November 2004, Senator BAYH has proven he is "more concerned with reflecting what he believes is right for Indiana citizens than with playing to the Beltway crowd," says the *Indianapolis Star*. His signature legislative efforts are aimed at strengthening our national security, creating more jobs through the growth of small businesses, protecting American workers from unfair trade practices, encouraging responsible fatherhood, and providing tax-relief for families struggling with the rising costs of college, retirement, and the long-term care of a loved one. Senator BAYH has taken the lead in providing our troops with the armored vehicles they need and has visited Iraq and Afghanistan several times for a firsthand look at the progress on the ground. He has also led the fight to cut through the mire of bureaucracy to ensure our Nation's wounded soldiers receive the high quality care they need and deserve.

EVAN BAYH served on six Senate Committees: Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, for which he was the chairman of the Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance; Armed Services, for which he was the chairman on Readiness and Management Support; Energy and Natural Resources; the Select Committee on Intelligence; Small Business and Entrepreneurship; and the Special Committee on Aging.

While some have been content to let partisanship continue to threaten progress on the Nation's most pressing issues,

EVAN BAYH has continued to look for ways to build consensus and do what's right for Americans. In January 2005, he spearheaded the creation of the Third Way, an organization focused on commonsense legislative solutions on issues that would otherwise remain bogged down in political turf wars. Senator BAYH also served for more than 4 years as chairman of the Democratic Leadership Council, which offers support to elected officials and community leaders who take a progressive approach to the issues facing the country.

Before his election to the Senate, EVAN BAYH was elected in 1988 to the first of two terms as Governor of Indiana, where he established the State as one of the strongest, most financially secure economies in the Nation. "Mr. BAYH's record," reported the *Wall Street Journal* in 1992, "is one of a genuinely fiscally conservative Democrat." Stressing fiscal responsibility, lower taxes, job creation, and lean government, BAYH's list of achievements include 8 years without raising taxes; the greatest single tax cut and largest budget surplus in State history; national leadership in moving people from welfare to work; more dollars for schools every year; high academic standards and new college opportunities for all, including low-income students; more than 350,000 new jobs; tougher laws on crime; and improved environmental quality.

EVAN BAYH was born in Shirkieville, IN. He graduated with honors in business economics from Indiana University in 1978, and received his law degree from the University of Virginia in 1981. After clerking for a Federal court judge and entering private law practice in Indianapolis, he was elected Indiana's secretary of state in 1986, the first of his five statewide victories.

Senator BAYH counts as his most important role and greatest responsibility a position he assumed in November 1995: proud father of twin sons Beau and Nick—a joy he shares daily with his wife, Susan.

Farewell to the Senate

Wednesday, December 15, 2010

Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, if I could be permitted a few moments of personal privilege before I begin my formal remarks, there are so many people to whom I need to express my heartfelt gratitude today, starting with, of course, my wonderful wife Susan. I know we are not supposed to recognize people in the gallery, but I am going to break the rules for one of the first times here to thank my wife. We have been married for 25 wonderful years, and frankly, Mr. President, I wouldn't have been elected dogcatcher without Susan's love and support.

I often remember a story during my first campaign where I met an elderly woman who took my hand, looked up into my eyes, and said, "Young man, I am going to vote for you."

I was curious and asked her why.

She said, with a twinkle in her eye, "Well, I have met your wife. It seems to me you did all right with the most important decision you will ever make. I will trust you with all the other ones too."

It is not uncommon in our State, as Senator Lugar could attest, that people say they really vote for Susan's husband.

Darling, I can't thank you enough.

She was a wonderful First Lady, is a phenomenal mother, and is my partner for life.

Next, I would like to express my gratitude to my parents. Even though they were very busy, I never doubted for a moment that I was the most important thing in their lives. There is no question that my devotion to public service stems from their commitment—something, Mr. President, I think you can relate to as well. I have always admired my father's selfless commitment to helping our State and Nation. I am proud to follow in his footsteps here in the Senate and to share his name. My mother taught me that even from the depths of adversity can come hope. She was diagnosed with cancer at age 38, passed from us at age 46—an age I now recognize to be much too young. I miss her, but I suspect, as

I do often in my life, that she is watching from on high today.

Next, to my wonderful sons, Nick and Beau. They came into our lives when I was still Governor and were barely 3 when I was sworn in to the Senate. They are the joys of my life. I hope that one day they will draw inspiration, as I did, from their upbringing in public service and will choose to devote themselves in some way to making our country and State better places. I am so proud of you, my sons.

Next, to my devoted staff and to the staff who serves us here in the Senate. My personal staff has had the thankless task for 12 years of making me look better than I deserve, and in that, they have performed heroic service. They have never let me down. To the extent I have accomplished anything on behalf of the public, it is thanks to their tireless efforts and devotion. Each could have worked fewer hours and made more money doing something else, but they chose public service. It has been an honor to work with you. I will miss each of you and can only hope we will remain in touch throughout the years. No one has been privileged to have better support than I have.

To the men and women who work in the Senate and make it possible for us to do our jobs, I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude. You have always been unfailingly courteous and professional. The public is fortunate to have the benefits of your devotion. On behalf of a grateful Nation and a thankful Senator, let me express my appreciation.

Next, to my colleagues. More about each of us later, but let me simply say it has been my privilege, the privilege of my lifetime, to get to know each of you. There is not one of you who is not exceptional in some way or about whom I do not have a fond recollection. Each of you occupies a special place in my heart.

I am especially fortunate to have served my career in the Senate with Senator Richard Lugar. I have often thought Congress would function better if all Members could have the kind of relationship we have been blessed to enjoy. He has been unfailingly thoughtful and supportive. Even though we occasionally have differed on specific issues, we have never differed on our commitment to the people of our State or to the strength of our friendship. Dick, thanks to you and Char for so much. You are the definition of a statesman.

Finally, to the wonderful people of Indiana, for whom I have been privileged to work for almost my entire adult life. Hoosiers are hard working, patriotic, devout, and full of com-

mon sense. We are Middle America and embrace middle-class values. The more of Indiana we can have in Washington, frankly, the better Washington will be.

To my fellow Hoosiers, let me say that while my time in the Senate is drawing to a close, my love for you and devotion to our State will remain everlasting.

As I begin my final formal remarks on this floor, my mind goes back to my first speech as a U.S. Senator. It was an unusual beginning. I was the 94th Senator to deliver remarks in the first impeachment trial of a President since 1868. The session was closed to the public; emotions ran high; partisan divisions were deep. It was a constitutional crisis, and the eyes of the Nation and the world looked to the Senate.

My first day as Senator, I was sworn in as a juror in that trial. There were no rules. All 100 of us gathered in the Old Senate Chamber. The debate was hot, but we listened to each other. We all knew that the fate of the Nation and the judgment of history—things far more important than party loyalty or ideological purity—were in our hands. Consensus was elusive. Finally, we appointed Ted Kennedy—John Kerry's esteemed colleague—a Liberal Democrat, and Phil Gramm, a Conservative Republican, to hammer out a compromise. They did. Their proposal was adopted unanimously.

The trial of our Chief Magistrate, even in the midst of a political crucible, was conducted in accordance with the highest principles of due process and the rule of law. The constitutional balance of powers was preserved and the Presidency saved. The Senate rose above the passions of the moment and did its duty.

Three years later, the Senate was once more summoned to respond in a moment of crisis. The country had been attacked and thousands killed in an act of suicidal terror. This building had been targeted for destruction and death, and that would have occurred but for the uncommon heroism of ordinary citizens. I was told not to return to my home for fear assassins might be lying in wait. So I picked up my sons from their school, and we spent the night with a neighbor.

Two days later, those Senators who could make it back to Washington gathered in the Senate Dining Room. There were no Democrats or Republicans there, just Americans. Without exception, we resolved to defend the Nation and to bring to justice the perpetrators of that horrible crime. The feeling of unity and common purpose was palpable.

Fast forward another 7 years. In October 2008, I was summoned, along with others, late at night to a meeting just off

this floor. The financial panic that had been gathering force for several months had attained critical mass.

The Secretary of the Treasury, Henry Paulson, spoke first. He turned to the new head of the Federal Reserve, Ben Bernanke, and said, "Ben, give the Senators a status report."

Bernanke, in his low-key, professorial manner, said:

> The global economy is in a free fall. Within 48 to 72 hours, we will experience an economic collapse that could rival the Great Depression. It will take millions of jobs and thousands of businesses with it. Companies with which all of you are familiar will fail. Trillions of dollars in savings will be wiped out.

There was silence. We looked at each other, Democrats and Republicans, and asked only one question: What can be done?

The actions that emanated from that evening helped to avoid an economic catastrophe. The jobs of millions of people were saved, businesses endured. But the measures required were unpopular. My calls were running 15,000 to 20,000 opposed and only about 100 to 200 in favor of acting. The House initially voted down the measures. The economy teetered on the edge of the precipice, but Senators did their duty. Some sacrificed their careers that evening. The economy was saved. I recount these moments of my tenure to remind us of what this body is capable of at its best. When the chips are down and the stakes are high, Senators, regardless of party, regardless of ideology, regardless of personal cost, do their duty and selflessly serve the Nation we love.

On my office wall hangs a famous print—the Senate in 1850. There is Henry Clay; there is Daniel Webster, Thomas Hart Benton, John C. Calhoun, William Seward, Stephen Douglas, James Mason, and Sam Houston. Giants walked the Senate in those days. My colleagues, they still do.

In "Profiles in Courage," John Kennedy tells the stories of eight U.S. Senators whose actions of selflessness and fortitude rescued the Republic in times of trial. Serving in this body today are men and women capable of equal patriotism if given a chance—new profiles in courage waiting to be written. It shouldn't take a constitutional crisis, a terrorist attack, or a financial calamity to summon from each of us and from this body collectively the greatness of which we are capable, nor can America afford to wait.

We are surrounded today by gathering challenges that, if unaddressed, will threaten our Republic—our growing debt and deficits, our unsustainable energy dependence, increasing global economic competition, asymmetric national secu-

rity challenges, an aging population, and much more. Each of these challenges is difficult, each complex. The solutions will not be universally popular, but all can be surmounted, and I am confident they will be with the right leadership from us and the right ideas. I am confident because I know our history and I know our people. I know all of the challenges we have overcome—the wars, the economic hardships, the social turmoil. I know the character of the American people—our resiliency, our innate goodness, and our courage—and I know we can succeed. But it will not be easy, and it will not happen by itself. It is up to us.

America is an exceptional Nation because each generation has been willing to make the difficult decisions and, yes, the occasional sacrifices required by their times. America is a great Nation not because it is preordained but because our forebears, both here in the Senate and across the Nation, made it so. For 10 generations, the American people have been dedicated to the self-evident truth that all of us are created equal and have been endowed by our Creator with inalienable rights.

From the beginning, it is freedom that has been the touchstone of our democracy—freedom not from the benevolence of a king, not by the forbearance of the majority, not by the magnanimity of the State, but from the hand of Almighty God; the freedom to enjoy the fruits of our labors, the freedom to speak our minds and worship God as we see fit, the freedom to associate with those of our own choosing and to select those who would govern us.

From the hillsides of ancient Athens to the fields of Runnymede, to the village greens of Lexington and Concord, to the Halls of this great Senate, it has always been the same: The innate human longing for independence now finds its truest expression in the American experiment. We are the guardians of that dream.

Each generation of Americans has been called to renew our commitment to that ideal, often in blood, always with sacrifice. Now is our time. Now is the time for us to keep faith with those who have come before and to do right by those who will follow, to lift high the cause of freedom in all of its manifestations within its surest sanctuary—this U.S. Senate.

All of this was put into perspective for me one day on a visit to Walter Reed Army Hospital. I was visiting wounded soldiers. There was a young sergeant from Georgia. He had been married 3 weeks before deploying to Iraq. He was miss-

ing his left arm and both legs. His wife sat by his side. A look of dignified calm was upon his face. I asked if he was receiving the care he needed. Yes, he said, he was. I asked if there was anything I could do. No. No, there was not. Anything he needed? No.

I had never felt so helpless or so insignificant. I left his room and made my way to the hospital front door and walked outside into the bright sunshine, sat upon the curb, and cried.

All I could think of was what can I do—what can I do to be worthy of him? What can each of us do? Look at what he sacrificed for America. What are we prepared to give? Is it too much to think that while soldiers are sacrificing limbs on our behalf, that we can look across the aisle and see not enemies but friends, not adversaries but fellow citizens?

With service men and women laying down their lives, can we not lay down our partisanship and rancor but for awhile? Can we not remember we are but "one nation under God," with a common heritage and common destiny? Let us no longer be divided into red States and blue States but be united once more into 50 red, white, and blue States. As the civil rights leader once reminded us: "We may have arrived on these shores in different ships, but we are all in the same boat now."

My friends, the time has come for the sons and daughters of Lincoln and the heirs of Jefferson and Jackson to no longer wage war upon each other but to instead renew the struggle against the ancient enemies of man: ignorance, poverty, and disease. That is why we are here. That is why. If I have been able to contribute even a little to reconciliation among us, then I have done my duty.

My prayer is that in the finest traditions of this Senate—both in my time and my father's time and in days before—we may once again serve to resolve our differences, meet the challenges that await us, and in so doing forge an American future that is worthy of our great past. So that when our children's children write the history of our time, they may truly say of us: Here were Americans and Senators worthy of the name.

I thank you.

I yield the floor.

(Applause, Senators rising.)

TRIBUTES

TO

EVAN BAYH

Proceedings in the Senate

TUESDAY, *November 30, 2010*

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, 16 Senators will retire this year. There is a pretty big turnover in this body, but that is a lot of Senators at once. We are losing an enormous amount of talent, but, of course, we are gaining a lot of talent with the new Senators.

I wish to show my respect for those who have served, which I will do in a summary fashion because we are talking about 16 individuals with very complex and distinguished backgrounds.

One might ask, what are the characteristics of a Senator? There are a lot of different answers to that, depending on your background and attitude toward politics and government. First, I have always thought that one characteristic of almost every Member of the Senate is that he or she probably was a first grader sitting in the front row, hand in the air waiting to be recognized. This is an eager bunch or you would not have gotten here.

Second, it is a group of risk takers. Most people who end up in the Senate get here because a lot of other people who wanted to be Senators were standing around waiting for the right time to run. A lot of people who were elected to the Senate seemed to have no chance of winning at the time they decided to run, but the voters decided differently, and here they are.

Third, we are almost all professional and congenial. That is a big help. It is almost a requirement in an organization of 100 individuals who spend almost all their time with one another, who serve in a body that operates by unanimous consent, when just one Senator can bring the whole place to a halt, and whose job basically is to argue about some of the most difficult issues that face the American people. So it helps that almost every Member of the Senate is an especially congenial person.

Back in Tennessee, people often say to me it must be rough being in that job. They are awfully mean up there.

The truth is, I don't know of a more congenial group than the Members of the Senate. We begin the day in the gym. The next thing you know we are at a Prayer Breakfast, and then we are at a committee hearing. Then we are on the floor voting, and then we have lunch. It goes through the day until 7 or 8 o'clock, or sometimes later. We live together and we get along very well. We know and respect each other.

Not long ago, the Presiding Officer (Mr. Udall of New Mexico) and I were having dinner together with our wives. We were lamenting the loss of families who know one another, the way it happened when his father was serving in Congress and when I first came to the Senate to work for Senator Baker. And that's true. We've lost some of that. Still, there is an enormous amount of affection and good will here. You don't always get to be very close friends in this job, but you get to be very good acquaintances, and you learn to respect people for their strengths.

Senator Domenici said, when he left, that we don't do a very good job of saying goodbye here. That is true. As one part of saying goodbye, I wish to say at least one good thing about each one of the 16 retiring Senators. Much more could be said about each, of course. Mostly, I am going in alphabetical order. . . .

Senator EVAN BAYH is one of four Governors leaving the Senate. I am one who thinks the more Governors, the better. That is a somewhat parochial attitude on my part. But Governors have gotten results and are used to working across party lines. Governor BAYH served two terms as a Senator. Still young, he obviously has a long career ahead of him. Whatever direction he chooses to go in, what I will remember most about EVAN BAYH is the civility and bipartisanship he has shown on numerous occasions—and his courtesy to me as an individual Senator. . . .

It has been my privilege to serve with these 16 Senators. We thank them for their service to our country. They have had a chance to serve in what we regard as the world's greatest deliberative body; it is a special institution. We will miss their leadership, and we hope they will stay in touch with us because they are not just retiring Senators, they are all our friends.

I yield the floor.

WEDNESDAY, *December 8, 2010*

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that there be printed as a Senate document a compilation of materials from the *Congressional Record* in tribute to retiring Members of the 111th Congress, and that Members have until Thursday, December 16, to submit such tributes.

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

FRIDAY, *December 10, 2010*

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to our colleagues who are departing the Senate after distinguished service on behalf of their States and on behalf of the Nation. I have been privileged to work with these individuals, to learn from them, to collaborate and cooperate with them, and to, in some small way, help them do what they have done so well—represent their States with fidelity, with great effort, and to move the agenda of the Nation forward.

EVAN BAYH is a colleague and a friend. We served together on the Banking Committee and the Armed Services Committee. His lovely wife Susan and their two children have contributed extraordinarily to Indiana when EVAN BAYH served as Governor, and then as Senator serving the Nation.

I can recall very early on in the operations in Iraq, when it became clear to Senator BAYH that unless we armored our humvee vehicles, thousands of soldiers would be at risk, and also marines, sailors, and airmen. He fought tenaciously to ensure, against initial opposition, that we were able to begin to armor those vehicles, begin to develop new generations of armored vehicles to protect our soldiers. So, quite literally, his efforts saved the lives of thousands of young Americans. For that alone, we owe him a huge debt of gratitude.

In every endeavor, from issues of children's health to education policy, he brought a thoughtful, measured, and brilliant mind to bear that is hard to match. I wish him the very best. . . .

To all of these colleagues and their families, my deepest appreciation and my profoundest respect.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I rise again to recognize the service of another great Federal employee. This is a tradition that was started by our friend and former colleague, Senator

Kaufman, and I am proud to carry on that tradition. But I want to first say that I appreciate the remarks of the Presiding Officer (Mr. Reed) about our colleagues who are leaving this body, and I share his great respect for not only Senator Kaufman but all of the colleagues who are leaving the body at the end of this Congress. . . .

TUESDAY, *December 14, 2010*

Mr. REID. . . . Madam President, I first met EVAN BAYH when the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) played for the National Championship at Indianapolis. But one of the most remarkable speeches I have ever witnessed was in the Capitol Rotunda, when we were there meeting the new Senators. It was the first speech I know of that Senator EVAN BAYH gave in the Capitol complex. He spoke without a note. It was a speech laying out his philosophy of government, and it was truly spellbinding. I could not imagine the talent he had and I have witnessed since that time.

The State of Indiana is losing a superb Senator in EVAN BAYH. Senator BAYH announced his retirement earlier this year and is wrapping up his second term, where he has been a consistent fighter for the Hoosier State.

That fight, however, did not begin when he was first elected to the Senate. Not long after earning degrees from Indiana University and the University of Virginia, he was elected Indiana's secretary of state—the first of five statewide elections he would win.

He served the people of Indiana for 8 years as Governor and led the State to its largest budget surplus ever, while creating thousands and thousands of jobs. He also created the 21st Century Scholars Program that other States soon replicated, to ensure that all Hoosiers—rich, poor, Black, White—would receive a quality education.

He was later elected to the Senate, where he has admirably put partisan politics aside and fought for the best interests of Indianans. He has been a champion for education, for energy, and for fiscal responsibility. He has supported our troops fervently. Senator BAYH was not afraid to call out leaders when he felt an injustice was being done, and he spoke up often for our men and women overseas when necessary.

Of course, being a public servant was nothing new to him. His wonderful dad, Birch, held this very same Senate seat and set a fine example for his son.

Senator BAYH has achieved an incredible amount for the people of Indiana in his relatively short career, and he is not done yet. I know he will continue to work to improve the lives of the people of Indiana and all Americans.

Senator BAYH is relinquishing the title of Senator, but the role he cherishes more than anything is that of father. His twin teenage boys, Beau and Nick, are the joy of his life, and I am confident they are very proud of their father. I wish Susan, EVAN, and the boys the very best in all their endeavors.

WEDNESDAY, *December 15, 2010*

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, this Senate is not going to be the same place without the Senator from Indiana. In fact, it will be a lesser place because he has been such an outstanding Senator. I wish to let him know he will be very much missed. He contributed enormously, in his very quiet and dignified but powerful way, to many important issues, both domestic and international. We look forward to hearing a lot more from Governor BAYH and Senator BAYH in the years to come.

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I rise today to honor my colleague from Indiana, Senator EVAN BAYH, who is retiring from the Senate. Senator BAYH has been a strong voice for the people of Indiana, both in two terms as their Governor and 12 years as their Senator. He has brought a keen intellect and a commonsense perspective to the Senate that should make his fellow Hoosiers proud. Building on the Senate traditions he learned from his father, he has worked hard to build consensus across party lines to strengthen our country.

It is clear to me that Senator BAYH never forgets his other job in life. As a father of twin boys, he often reminds his colleagues to consider the impact of our decisions on our children and the following generations.

That is why I admire Senator BAYH's deeply held belief in fiscal responsibility. Senator BAYH played a key role in helping push for a fiscal commission to address our Nation's debt. He also urged that the long-term debt increase we

passed earlier this year include a commitment to dealing with our debt.

With his experience on the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and the Senate Armed Services Committee, Senator BAYH has been a respected voice on national security issues. He has used that position to make sure our troops are properly equipped and supplied while on duty and to reduce the financial burden on their families. He has also been a strong supporter for efforts to keep nuclear weapons out of the hands of dangerous states and terrorist groups.

Senator BAYH also understands the importance of education as a source of opportunity to our people and a key investment in the ongoing prosperity of our country. As Governor of Indiana, Senator BAYH created the 21st Century Scholars Program, which offers a path to higher education at Indiana's State universities for at-risk students. Senator BAYH continued his strong support of education in the Senate, working to make college more affordable through new tax credits for qualified tuition expenses, higher student aid grants, and more affordable student loans.

Senator BAYH has served the people of the State of Indiana with integrity. I will miss having him as a colleague in the Senate, but I also know that his wife Susan and his sons, Beau and Nick, will be excited to have him back home in Indiana. I wish him success in whatever he chooses to do in the next chapter of his life.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I want to take a few moments today to congratulate Senator BAYH on a productive two terms in this body, and thank him for his service, in particular as a member of the Armed Services Committee and on issues of importance to both our States.

As chairman of the Armed Services Committee, I have seen first hand the diligence Senator BAYH brought to his work on national security. He has been active on one of the greatest threats to our security, the proliferation of nuclear weapons and materials, and has sought to support and extend the work of his Indiana colleague, Senator Lugar. He has been equally effective in working, on a bipartisan basis, to pass legislation seeking to hold the Government of Iran accountable for its egregious human rights abuses. He has been active in helping the committee carry out its oversight function, bringing his thoughtful approach to his role as chairman of our Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support over the last 2 years. The committee, the Sen-

ate, and the American people have greatly benefited from Senator BAYH's efforts in these areas.

Senator BAYH represents a State that is part of America's industrial heartland, and he has energetically sought to ensure that we pursue policies that do not damage the industrial economy. I would mention two such efforts in particular.

In 2007, Senator BAYH, along with me and other members of the Auto Caucus, worked to ensure that negotiations on a free trade agreement with South Korea addressed the unfair and unbalanced way in which automotive imports are treated in South Korea. Barriers to entry make the South Korean market essentially closed to U.S.-made vehicles, while Korean automakers have found an open lucrative market in the United States. He, like I and many others, is deeply concerned about the impact of any potential trade agreement on the auto industry, and I have been privileged to stand with him on this issue.

Senator BAYH also has been a leader in fighting against intellectual property theft by China and other nations. Manufacturers in both our States have been harmed by the ability of foreign companies to copy products and reproduce them in violation of international standards, and by the inability or unwillingness of other nations to combat such piracy. Along with Senator Voinovich and a dozen other cosponsors, Senator BAYH in 2007 introduced the Intellectual Property Rights Enforcement Act. Although it did not pass, this legislation would have been an important safeguard protecting American companies from intellectual piracy.

Whether the issue was defense of American companies' rights or defense of our Nation, Senator EVAN BAYH has been a thoughtful, balanced, and capable Member of the U.S. Senate. The people of Indiana have gained much from his service. I will miss him as a colleague and a friend, and I wish him and his family the best of luck as he seeks to continue to serve his State and Nation.

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, soon the current session of Congress will be gaveled to a close. When that happens, it will also bring to a close the Senate careers of several of our colleagues. I know we will miss them and their spirited participation in our deliberations both in committee and on the floor.

I have always said that every Member who comes to the Senate has something to teach us—a message that only they could bring. EVAN BAYH, who will be retiring at the end of

this session is such an individual. I will always remember him as the young Governor who was able to serve in the Senate without losing sight of his ideals and principles both as a Hoosier and a devoted and loving father.

EVAN's career in politics began after he had clerked for a judge and practiced law for awhile. An opportunity presented itself for him to run for office, and he did, winning an election that made him the secretary of state at the age of 30. In just 2 years he then became the youngest Governor in the Nation. He served in that capacity for 8 years, during which he made a strong reputation for himself as someone who was able to get things done.

Then, when term limits prohibited his run for reelection, he set his sights on a Senate seat and again found success. He ran a good campaign, took his case to the people, and they liked what they heard. They also knew him and what he stood for from his previous service to the State. They knew they could send him to Washington to the Senate, and he would champion what they believed in and fight for what was needed during his service there.

During his Senate career, you could always find him in the political center looking for a compromise agreement that would benefit everyone involved. I have always thought he would agree that it is better to get half of the loaf rather than none at all, especially when the available half was the part that was needed the most.

We also agreed on something else. When a Democratic win at the polls helped them to obtain control of the Senate, BAYH joined a breakfast group of Senators that was designed to get Republicans and Democrats more involved in a regular dialogue. He understood that by getting both groups to talk more and to get to know each other better in a context that was separate from our legislative duties, the Senate would be more productive and it would be easier to create and promote compromises between the two parties.

Now that EVAN's Senate career has come to a close, he will be able to do something he has always looked forward to—spend more time with his family.

In the end, I think that is one of the things that EVAN will always be known for—his great love of his own family and his understanding of the great love all of his constituents have for theirs. He believes everyone deserves their shot at the American dream, no matter their age, and the best way to do that is to be careful and cautious in our approach to any sweeping legislation and to ensure that we do everything

we can so our children and grandchildren will have the same chance we have had to reach their goals and live their dreams.

Diana joins me in sending our best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement to EVAN and his wife Susan. We wish them the best. I don't know what EVAN has planned for the future, but one thing I feel certain of—we haven't heard the last from him. Good luck in all your future endeavors and in whatever you decide to do. Keep in touch.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the printing of tributes be modified to provide that Members have until sine die of the 111th Congress, 2d session, to submit tributes and that the order for printing remain in effect.

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

THURSDAY, *December 16, 2010*

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a colleague and friend of mine—Senator EVAN BAYH—who will be retiring from the U.S. Senate when the 112th Congress convenes in January. I would like to take this moment to thank EVAN for his service, and wish him, his wife Susan, and their twin boys Beau and Nick, the very best as they embark on the next chapter in their lives.

EVAN comes from a family tradition deeply rooted in public service and committed to improving the lives of our fellow citizens. Our fathers, Birch Bayh and Tom Dodd, served together in the U.S. Senate, and instilled in both of us the desire to serve as we grew older.

EVAN has dedicated the better part of his adult life to serving the people of Indiana. He began his career in public service when he was elected Indiana's secretary of state in 1986. He then served as Governor of Indiana for two terms starting in 1988. As Governor he focused on fiscal responsibility, lower taxes, job creation, and lean government. In 1998, Hoosiers once again demonstrated their faith in EVAN BAYH by electing him to the U.S. Senate.

Throughout his career in public service, EVAN has been particularly vocal on issues related to our national security, economic competitiveness, and job creation. He has demonstrated his willingness to work hard, a fact underscored by

his membership on six Senate committees—Aging, Armed Services, Banking, Energy and Natural Resources, Intelligence, and Small Business. He has developed a broad range of subject matter expertise, and has time and again demonstrated his willingness to reach across the aisle to get things done for the people of Indiana.

This Congress, as chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, I had the opportunity to work with EVAN on several vital issues, such as his contributions to the Credit Card Accountability, Responsibility, and Disclosure (Credit CARD) Act and Wall Street reform.

When EVAN leaves the Senate in just a few short weeks, I believe he will be remembered as a public servant who was devoted first and foremost to advancing the interests of Hoosiers, and who was willing to work across the aisle whenever he saw an opportunity to do the right thing for our Nation.

Once again, I would like to thank EVAN for his years of service, and wish him well as he leaves the Senate. It has been a pleasure working with him over the years, and I firmly believe that this body will not be the same without him.

Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, I rise today to bid farewell to a number of our friends and colleagues who are ending their service in the Senate. Their contributions are too numerous to mention, therefore I would like to take just a few minutes to highlight some of the memories of the Senators I came to know personally.

Some of the departing Senators I have served with for decades. Others were here for only part of a term. All of them worked hard for their constituents and our country. . . .

Senator EVAN BAYH served with me on the Committees on Armed Services and on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. He showed his commitment to our national security when he took over the Armed Services Readiness Subcommittee at the beginning of this Congress. He was a strong moderate voice for the people of Indiana. . . .

In closing, the end of this Congress is bittersweet, with so many talented and dedicated public servants leaving this institution. All of them made a lasting impact on the Senate and on our country. *Mahalo nui loa*, thank you, for all your work.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I rise today to offer some remarks on the departure of my friend, the junior Senator from Indiana. Senator EVAN BAYH has served the good people of his State for two full terms and will be leaving the Senate at the end of this session. He will most certainly be missed.

Senator BAYH was born in Shirkieville, IN, in 1955. He is, of course, the son of the distinguished Senator Birch Bayh, who served in this Chamber for 18 years. EVAN attended college at Indiana University, where he graduated with honors. He received his law degree from the University of Virginia. After graduating from law school and serving a year as a clerk to a Federal judge, EVAN returned to Indiana to go into private law practice.

Senator BAYH's career in public service began in 1986, when he was elected to serve as Indiana's secretary of state. He held that position for 2 years before he was elected Governor of Indiana in 1988.

As Governor, Senator BAYH earned a reputation as a fiscal conservative and a voice of moderation. He was able to work with members of both parties to achieve the best results for the people of Indiana. During his tenure, taxes in Indiana remained low, while the State enjoyed multiple budget surpluses. He also had great successes in areas such as education, crime, and job creation. Indeed, he was a very effective Governor throughout his two terms in office.

Two years after completing his second term, EVAN was elected to serve in the same Senate seat held by his father. And he brought with him the reputation and skills that had made him such a successful Governor.

As Indiana's Senator, Senator BAYH has demonstrated that one can be a proud member of their party and still find ways to work with the other side. No one can doubt that EVAN is a Democrat. He comes from a family of Democrats, and I think his credentials as a supporter of his party's agenda are beyond dispute. However, he has often been looked to as a dealmaker here in the Senate. Senator BAYH has demonstrated sound judgment and strong leadership throughout his career in public service. That, coupled with his willingness to reach across the aisle and find common ground, has made his one of the most respected voices in the U.S. Senate.

Earlier this year, Senator BAYH announced his retirement. As he explained his decision not to run for reelection, he said the following:

> For some time, I have had a growing conviction that Congress is not operating as it should. There is too much partisanship and not enough progress—too much narrow ideology and not enough practical problem solving. Even at a time of enormous challenge, the peoples' business is not being done.

In a lot of ways, I agree with Senator BAYH's assessment of Congress. Too often, the peoples' business gets set aside in favor of politics and partisan agendas. While I think we all hope that things will get better in the future, one thing is certain: we need more people like EVAN BAYH in both parties.

I am certain that Senator BAYH will be successful in whatever endeavor he chooses. But, while I am sure he doesn't need it, I want to wish him and his family the very best of luck.

WEDNESDAY, *December 22, 2010*

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, time and time again I have come to the floor to give a few remarks about Senators who are retiring and leaving the Senate. They all contributed in their unique way one way or the other to the Senate. Now I find myself with two about whom I want to comment on their way out of the Senate.

In the closing days of the 111th Congress, we are saying goodbye to a number of colleagues, including a veteran Member, much respected on both sides of the aisle. I speak of the Senator from Indiana, Mr. BAYH.

I listened with great interest to Senator BAYH's eloquent farewell remarks earlier this month. The Senator was also kind enough to have them typed up and sent to our offices.

Looking back on his 12 years in this body, he spoke about times of national crisis, including after the 9/11 attacks and during the financial meltdown of 2008. He talked of a time when Senators acted not as Democrats and Republicans but as patriots concerned of doing one thing: doing what is right for the American people. He said that these times of bipartisan action were with the Senate at its very best.

For more than two decades, Senator BAYH has embodied everything that is good about this body: a passion for public service, a sincere desire to reach out across the aisle, a great

talent for forging coalitions and bringing people together, and a willingness to work long hours to accomplish important things.

As we all know, EVAN is what we might call a "son of the Senate." He is enormously proud to have been elected to the same seat his father Senator Birch Bayh held for two terms and he has remained a great friend of mine after all these years. He has followed in his father's footsteps in fighting for quality public schools, student loans, retirement security, and giving every American access to quality, affordable health care.

In addition, he has been a leader in strengthening our Armed Forces and national security. I know that Senator BAYH takes special pride in having led the charge to provide our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan with much improved mine-resistant armored vehicles.

As he leaves this body, Senator BAYH is still a young man with many chapters yet to be written in his life and career. For more than a quarter century, he has devoted himself to public service, first as Indiana's secretary of state, then as an enormously successful two-term Governor of Indiana, and, of course, since 1999 as a Senator.

I have always been a big admirer of one of his signature accomplishments as Governor, which was passing legislation creating the 21st Century Scholars Program. It is a wonderful program. Thanks to his initiative, every child in Indiana who is eligible for the Free Lunch Program in public schools, who graduates from high school, and signs a pledge not to experiment with illegal drugs is entitled—get this—is entitled to a full tuition scholarship at the Indiana public university of his or her choice.

Over the years, many thousands of Hoosiers of modest means have been able to attend college thanks to this remarkable law. That is what I call a great—I hope my friend does not mind me saying this—populist, progressive accomplishment. It speaks volumes about EVAN BAYH's priorities and values throughout his 24 years in public service.

During his two terms in this body, Senator BAYH has always faithfully served the people of Indiana and the people of the United States. I hope and expect he will pursue new avenues of public service after he leaves the Senate because our country sorely needs public servants of his caliber, intelligence, and accomplishments.

I will miss the day-to-day friendships, the counsels, the interchanges we have had together in the Senate. I wish

EVAN and his wonderful wife Susan and their twin sons, Beau and Nick, the very best in the years ahead. . . .

Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, today I wish to join in paying a well-deserved tribute to my good friend and colleague, Senator EVAN BAYH of Indiana. When it comes to reflecting on his tremendous experience and influence in this esteemed Chamber for the past 12 years, the simple truth is that our Nation and our government would be exponentially improved by having more like EVAN BAYH serving in the U.S. Senate.

A proud native of the Hoosier State—as well as a son of the legendary former Senator Birch Bayh—Senator EVAN BAYH is a man of unwavering principle and conviction, who has been a stalwart legislator and unparalleled guardian of the first branch of government over his two terms serving the people of Indiana. Born in Shirkieville, educated at Indiana University, and a graduate of the University of Virginia Law School, Senator BAYH went on to clerk for a Federal court judge, eventually being elected as Indiana's secretary of state in 1986.

Yet even before Senator BAYH stepped onto the floor of the U.S. Senate, he had already served two terms as Governor of Indiana, beginning in 1988. In fact, that is where I first got to know him as both he and my husband, John McKernan, were chief executives of their respective States during much of that same period. The depth and breadth of EVAN's insight and experience that was forged during his years as Governor would become truly indispensable as a U.S. Senator.

Having served side by side with EVAN for his entire tenure—including this Congress as fellow members of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, where I serve as ranking member—I can attest first hand to his intellect, independence, and integrity that will truly leave an indelible mark on this institution and this Nation. EVAN has also been a next-door neighbor in my hallway in the Russell Senate Building. So I will profoundly miss seeing him not only in the Senate, but also simply walking down the hall outside my office.

Throughout his storied career, Senator BAYH has reached across the aisle to find consensus on legislation to advance both Indiana and the Nation. From focusing on job growth and fighting for America's small businesses to national security and trade, EVAN has been a leader whose achievements truly leave an indelible mark.

Indeed, I was pleased to work with Senator BAYH on legislation in 2007 that linked the troop surge in Iraq to meaningful consequences and telegraphed to the Iraqi Government that they had to meet the benchmarks they themselves had set. And just this year, Senator BAYH and I worked with a number of our colleagues in the Senate to crack down on unfair currency manipulations in China—ensuring our government is equipped with the tools to adequately address inequities and provide consequences for countries that violate our global trade rules by holding down the value of their currency.

Earlier, in 2001, Senator BAYH and I introduced a bipartisan resolution in the Senate, as well as a subsequent amendment on the Senate floor, to ensure that decisions on the use of the budget surpluses that were projected at the time—whether for tax cuts or for spending—should be linked to the surpluses actually realized. Simply put, the idea, based on a proposal first outlined by then-Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, was that long-term tax and spending plans should include a kind of "trigger" mechanism that limits the surplus-reducing impact of those proposals if budget targets weren't achieved, such as specific levels of debt reduction.

We believed such a trigger would provide a strong incentive for Congress to act responsibly in the future allocation of any surpluses, while also serving as a "backstop" should estimates prove too optimistic. As I said at the time, we should have been utilizing those surpluses as a window of opportunity to address our most pressing domestic issues, such as strengthening Social Security and Medicare. Frankly, how prescient that trigger mechanism proved to be—just imagine where we might be today if it had passed nearly 10 years ago.

In multiple facets, Senator BAYH has been an esteemed 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 results, not rancor, and accord instead of acrimony. His departure not only diminishes the Senate, but is also a loss for the country—because we require more voices seeking to craft compromise and consensus to forge solutions, not fewer.

I have long argued that the legislative stalemate and political quagmire that has gripped much of this Congress has been to the detriment of our country—especially at a time when our Nation faces a number of challenges, not the least

of which is a struggling economy that has caused far too many Americans to lose their jobs and their paychecks. In February, Senator BAYH wrote an op-ed for the *New York Times* in which he said, "The most ideologically devoted elements in both parties must accept that not every compromise is a sign of betrayal or an indication of moral lassitude. When too many of our citizens take an all-or-nothing approach, we should not be surprised when nothing is the result." I could not agree more—and Senator BAYH's advocacy of moderation and reason in this body will truly be missed.

President Theodore Roosevelt once said that "far and away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing." Well, if ever there were a Senator who epitomizes that sentiment, it is Senator BAYH as he has given his very best to make an already great Nation greater still. I wish EVAN, his wife, Susan, and their two sons, Beau and Nick, all the best for the future.

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, when the 111th Congress draws to a close, we will bid farewell to 16 colleagues who have collectively given more than 200 years of service to our Nation through their service in the Senate. These include seven of the Senate's most experienced Members. People like Chris Dodd and Arlen Specter who have each served five terms in the Senate. Kit Bond who has served four terms and Bob Bennett, Byron Dorgan, Russ Feingold, and Judd Gregg, who have each served three terms in this Chamber. . . .

In January we will feel the loss of the great pitching ace, Jim Bunning, and EVAN BAYH, both respected colleagues on the Energy and Natural Resources Committee. They are among six of my Energy Committee colleagues who are leaving the Senate this year. . . .

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve with each of the people who will leave this Chamber when we adjourn sine die. Each has made substantial contributions to their States, to the Nation, and to the Senate during their time here.

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