

## ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

## TRIBUTE TO ADM. BRUCE DEMARS

• Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and honor Adm. Bruce DeMars, U.S. Navy, as he prepares to retire upon completion of over 40 years of faithful service to our Nation.

During his distinguished career, he played a pivotal role in ensuring the effective and efficient employment of nuclear powered warships in providing for the security of this Nation. Over the past 8 years, Admiral DeMars provided invaluable leadership to the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program, enabling Navy aircraft carriers, submarines, and cruisers to protect a strong, forward-deployed strategic defense force.

Among his many successes in the Navy, Admiral DeMars served as the commanding officer of the USS *Cavalla* (SSN 684), commander, U.S. Naval Forces Marianas-U.S. Naval Base Guam, and the deputy chief of Naval Operations for Submarine Warfare. Ultimately, he was appointed Director, Naval Nuclear Propulsion, where he was instrumental in addressing the worldwide Soviet threat. With the dissolution of the Soviet Union, Admiral DeMars answered the challenge to maintain the technical excellence and uncompromising safety of the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program, while adhering to the new fiscal realities of the post-cold-war era.

Admiral DeMars' leadership was crucial to the continued exceptional performance, safety, and environmental record of the Navy's nuclear-powered ships. Under his oversight, the Nation's nuclear-powered warships steamed over 40 million miles reliably and safely. Moreover, more than 20,000 sailors and officers were trained as nuclear plant operators. The success of the program was recognized by the President in April 1994, as he wrote, " \* \* \* The Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program, with its high standards and efficiency, exemplifies the level of excellence we are working toward throughout our government." I heartily agree with the President's assessment, and encourage all to follow the example set by the admiral.

Admiral DeMars modernized our nuclear-powered fleet. Thirty-five new nuclear-powered warships were completed on his watch, as well as the overhaul, refueling, or decommissioning of 98 ships. I commend him for meeting two diverse goals: achieving long-cost savings, while sustaining the industrial base in this highly specialized area.

Looking toward the future, the admiral steadfastly oversaw the development of the *Seawolf* attack submarine class. The recent, highly successful sea trials of the lead ship substantiate the high expectations for that class. The revolutionary developments embodied in the *Seawolf* will keep our Nation in the forefront of this critical area, and ongoing developments promise to further reduce the cost of the next genera-

tion of highly capable nuclear attack submarines.

Unfortunately, men of Admiral DeMars' caliber are few and far between.

Mr. President, I commend Admiral DeMars for a career of faithful service to his Nation. I wish him "Fair Winds and Following Seas" as he completes his honorable and distinguished service in the U.S. Navy.●

## TRIBUTE TO GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY'S NATIONAL SECURITY STUDIES PROGRAM AS IT CELEBRATES ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY

• Mr. NUNN. Mr. President, this year marks the 20th anniversary of the National Security Studies Program at Georgetown University. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Dr. Stephen Gibert, the founder and current director of the National Security Studies Program, for his vision in establishing and running this highly successful program. In addition, I want to add my best wishes to the faculty, the administration, the program's graduates, and the current students as they celebrate this important milestone in the program's history.

The National Security Studies Program was started to provide military officers and civilian officials concerned with defense issues a high-quality graduate education with a concentration in national security studies. It represented an innovative and needed approach at that time. In the ensuing 20 years, the National Security Studies Program has kept pace with the changes that have occurred in the international security environment. As we move further along in the post-cold war era and encounter new types of threats to our Nation's security, it is encouraging to see that this program is sponsoring lectures on such timely issues as the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, information warfare, terrorism, and computer security. The focus on new security threats complements a strong selection of courses offered by the National Security Studies Program in the categories of area studies, economics, and national security, as well as functional issues.

I have kept up with this program since its inception as a number of my staff have been students. In fact, my Armed Services Committee staff director, Arnold Punaro, is not only a graduate of the program but is also a member of its adjunct faculty. I want to extend my best wishes for continued success to the National Security Studies Program at Georgetown University as it prepares a future generation of America's national security leaders to meet the challenges of the 21st century.●

## TRIBUTE TO WBEJ RADIO ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

• Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I rise today to salute WBEJ Radio for 50 great years of broadcasting excellence in Elizabethton and upper east Ten-

nessee. This radio station has stood the test of time and has served its community as a source of entertainment, election coverage, local news, and national events. Over the years, WBEJ has undergone many technological and managerial changes and has become a pioneer in radio broadcasting by combining innovative technology with a genuine desire to provide reliable service to a growing community.

WBEJ made its debut in 1946 with the "Swap and Shop" show, which was sponsored by a local furniture store and acted as a radio-operated classified ad for the Elizabethton community. That show is still popular today and continues to bring citizens together to buy and trade items. Along with "Swap and Shop," news broadcasts and local entertainment combined to form the early roots of success for the radio station. In the early days, local news was broadcast three times a day. Today, the news is broadcast more often and provides a wide range of coverage from across the State and the Nation. Outdoor enthusiasts have relied on WBEJ to provide accurate reports on the hunting and fishing conditions in the Elizabethton area, and families have sat glued to the radio waiting for details and information on events like Elvis' death, the blizzard of 1993 and the *Challenger* crash of 1986.

Mr. President, budding local musicians found a welcome studio and a receptive audience when they performed live on WBEJ decades ago. And listeners were entertained by the station's many radio personalities, such as "Curley" the postman and his sidekick "Sgt. Jack."

Bill Wilkins was a sportscaster for WBEJ and his catchy phrases and nicknames for local players became slogans for community athletic events. Phrases like "get your tranquilizers ready," and "the little blond bomber" became popular terms for teams and athletes alike, and WBEJ sportscasters became regulars at the local high school athletic events with their play-by-play coverage. Over the years, the joy, sorrow, humor, and insight from all of these programs have been woven into the community's heart.

Mr. President, since 1946, WBEJ has been a part of every major event that has occurred in Tennessee and in the Nation. WBEJ has covered it all in a span of 50 years and has only gotten better with time. As such an important member of the Elizabethton community, WBEJ can celebrate its golden anniversary among many good and loyal friends. As Elizabethton continues to grow, I am certain that WBEJ will grow with it. It will maintain its high standards and strong foundation as it crosses the threshold into the 21st century. Dedication, philanthropy, foresight, and innovation have kept this Elizabethton station golden for 50 years and those same traits will carry it successfully into the future.●