

remarkable events about this man's epic saga of life which I was present to witness by virtue of my relation to both him and his community.

I first met him in 1974 while handling public relations for Patrick T. Welsh's House of Delegates campaign and later, in 1978, for the same man's state Senate campaign. Today, Mr. Welsh is President of The Eastern Baltimore Area Chamber of Commerce. None of his successes would have happened without the fair coverage of Mr. Oelke and The Eagle—and the same is true of every other candidate for public office from that time to this.

In 1984, when I worked at Dundalk Community College and the entire collegiate community harnessed its abilities and energies to re-employ area residents, Mr. Oelke was there as well, and when I had occasion to run for the office of Congress of the United States in 1982, 1984 and 1988, I got a fair hearing from him each and every time.

Thus, he was, is and remains my ideal of what a newspaper publisher should be: fair, faithful and true. I am not surprised that he died in church in the arms of the Lord and the family that loved him. I, too, shall miss him.—Blaine Taylor, Joppa Road, Towson.

Please accept our most sincere wishes regarding Mr. Oelke's death. Hopefully his family, friends, and the staff at The Eagle are doing well.

I am new to the Baltimore area, so I obviously have no previous knowledge of Mr. Oelke and the paper. However, your staff should know that his story and the related story of the newspaper is a great one. He sounds like he was a good person with his head and heart in the right place. It is great when the good guys win!

Anyway, just know that I was personally moved by learning about Mr. Oelke's life. I will look to learn more in upcoming issues of your paper. Keep up the (his) great work over there at The Eagle.—Paul Kin, The writer is a community relations director representing Bradley-Ashton-Dabrowski-Matthews Funeral Homes.

THANKING LIEUTENANT GENERAL MICHAEL D. MCGINTY FOR HIS LIFE LONG CAREER IN THE AIR FORCE

• Mr. KEMPTHORNE. Mr. President, over the last 33 years, Lt Gen Michael D. McGinty has served as an exemplary Air Force officer. His career-long efforts to provide quality support to all the members of the Air Force and their families serve as a benchmark for other military services and leave a lasting and positive legacy of Air Force personnel policy and practice.

Lt Gen Mike McGinty entered the Air Force as a distinguished graduate of the University of Minnesota Reserve Officer Training Corps program. In his early days as an Air Force pilot, Lt Gen McGinty flew the F-4 and logged over 115 combat missions in Southeast Asia, including 100 missions over North Vietnam.

As his Air Force career progressed, Lt Gen McGinty gained vast experience both as a pilot and as a personnel expert. He earned the rating of Command Pilot with more than 3,500 flight hours in a variety of aircraft, including the F-4, A-10, C-21 and T-39. He also invested 19 years of his career working a broad range of Air Force personnel issues.

In March 1988, Mike McGinty assumed command of the 10th Tactical Fighter Wing at the Royal Air Force Station in Alconbury, England. During a time of great change in world affairs, Lt Gen McGinty worked diligently to maintain and solidify local host nation relations while simultaneously enhancing quality of life support for service members assigned to his command. As a result of Lt Gen McGinty's vision and dedication to his troops he established Alconbury's first-ever Family Support Center.

As commander of the Air Force Military Personnel Center, and more recently as the Air Force's Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, Lt Gen McGinty led the Air Force through a period of great challenge and change. During his tenure, Mike moved Air Force personnel systems into the "electronic era." He expertly managed significant drawdowns of both military and civilian personnel while simultaneously meeting the expanded personnel requirements resulting from increased deployments. A constant advocate for Air Force people, he led the way in working difficult issues in the rated force management, recruiting, retention, and transition assistance arenas. Lt Gen McGinty worked to meet changing Air Force needs by expanding the role of Department of the Air Force civilians in Air Force personnel management. He increased career broadening opportunities for Air Force civilians through developmental positions at the Air Staff, the Air Force Personnel Center, and major command headquarters. He established the first-ever Air Force Civilian Executive Matters Office, introducing policies and operations that ensure training and development of senior civilians that parallels their military counterparts. His efforts in this arena clearly enhance force stability.

Most importantly, Lt Gen McGinty's career has been based on his unfaltering support of Air Force people. His philosophy has been that "the strength of the Air Force lies in its members." He remains a strong advocate for ongoing quality of life initiatives, enhanced family support services, career mentoring, and leadership by example.

I have personally known Mike McGinty for several years as both a colleague and a friend. We have worked together to improve our nation's Air Force by addressing the critical people issues we face: retaining our key qualified and experienced Air Force professionals, improving the quality of life for our families, enhancing our recruiting efforts, and placing our pay and benefits programs where they should be to take care of those who guard and defend our nation. Mike has led the way in this effort, a performance characteristic of his entire career. The men and women of the Air Force, as well as our entire nation, owe him a debt of gratitude. I recall his candor and wisdom during testimony as a shining ex-

ample of how well our military leaders represent the best interests of our men and women in uniform.

Also a dedicated family man, Mike and his wife, Karen, are the proud parents of a daughter, Shannon, and a son, Tim. In addition to flying, their interests include bird watching and photography.

During his distinguished career, the general has earned some of our nation's highest honors: the Distinguished Service Medal twice, the Legion of Merit twice, the Distinguished Flying Cross with device, the Meritorious Service Medal four times, and the Air Medal ten times, along with the Air Force Commendation Medal and numerous campaign and service medals.

Lt Gen Mike McGinty's vision, leadership and dedication will have a lasting positive impact on the Air Force and the nation. As he embarks upon his retirement, I wish him continued success in all that he and Karen pursue. Those of us in Congress, and the men and women of our Air Force, will greatly miss him.●

REMOVING HOLD ON H.R. 2610, A BILL TO REAUTHORIZE THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY

• Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, as you know, I believe that the Senate custom of placing holds on legislation should be practiced in public. In that spirit, I rise today to remove the hold I placed on H.R. 2610, a bill to reauthorize the Office of National Drug Control Policy. I do not object to Senate consideration of this legislation.●

RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH UNITED WAY TORCH DRIVE

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I rise today to call my colleagues' attention to a remarkable example of community commitment taking place in my home state of Michigan this fall, the United Way Torch Drive. This year will mark the 50th United Way Torch Drive in metropolitan Detroit.

The Torch Drive was officially kicked off in 1949 by General Mark Clark with a goal of raising \$8,550,000. Many people doubted that this goal could be reached. During that period of time, similar fundraising campaigns in other cities were falling short of their goals. However, the people of the Detroit area proved the skeptics wrong, contributing almost \$9.3 million to the Torch Drive in three weeks. The metropolitan Detroit Torch Drive was the first such drive in the country, and its success has been a model for cities throughout the country.

The Detroit Torch Drive has been helped by local and nationally recognized Americans from every walk of life. Business leaders like Max Fisher and Lee Iacocca have lent their time and talents to the Drive. Entertainers like Jackie Gleason, Audrey Hepburn and the Supremes have donated time as

well. National and local media stars, from Walter Cronkite to J.P. McCarthy have made themselves available to help. And sports stars, from Hockey Hall of Fame player Gordie Howe to current Detroit Pistons star Grant Hill, pitch in as needed. But as impressive as this list of famous people is, United Way representatives will tell you that it is the dedication and heart of the people of metropolitan Detroit which make the Torch Drive a success year after year. Thanks to them, the United Way is able to support more than 130 agencies in metropolitan Detroit, providing assistance to people in need and solutions to long term problems like homelessness, substance abuse, hunger and mental illness.

Mr. President, I have many reasons to be proud to be a Detroiter. One of the strongest reasons for my pride is the generosity and warm-heartedness of my neighbors. I hope my colleagues will join me in thanking the tens of thousands of people who have made the annual United Way Torch Drive such an overwhelming success over the past 50 years, and in looking forward to the next 50 years of giving help and hope to people in need in metropolitan Detroit. ●

IN MEMORY OF MEG DONOVAN

● Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, last Thursday, Meg Donovan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative Affairs, passed away after a painful struggle with cancer. Her death, far too early at age 47, has dimmed the light for all those who loved and knew her: her husband, Stephen Duffy, her three children Colin, Liam and Emma, her father, Daniel Donovan, her sisters, Paula and Mary Ellen, her brother, Patrick, and her many friends and colleagues in Washington.

Meg was a Washington veteran, having worked in the nongovernmental affair community for the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, in the Congress for nearly twenty years, and most recently in the Department of State. Through all those years she has consistently been an advocate for the downtrodden, for those who live in countries where the basic human rights and freedoms which we take for granted are denied. They could have had no better champion than Meg Donovan.

Meg was invaluable to me and my staff during the years that I served as Chairman of the International Operations Subcommittee, which had jurisdiction over the authorization bill for the State Department, USIA and the international broadcasting agencies. When we needed information, she ensured that we got it. She was an articulate advocate for the Administration's positions and an effective deal maker when the time was right. And as Secretary of State Albright, former Secretary of State Christopher, and all those who have been confirmed as Ambassadors during the Clinton Administration's tenure will tell you, Meg

Donovan knew better than anyone how to help a nominee navigate the shoals of the confirmation process in the Senate.

On Saturday, Secretary Albright delivered the eulogy at Meg's funeral. Her heartfelt words aptly captured the many sides of Meg Donovan—a devoted wife and mother, a dedicated and passionate government servant, and a woman whose zest for life was boundless.

Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere sympathies to Meg's family. I also ask that Secretary Albright's eulogy for Meg be printed in the RECORD.

EULOGY FOR MEG DONOVAN

By Secretary of State Madeleine Albright

Father D'Silva; Duffy, Colin, Emma, Liam, Mr. Daniel Donovan, Patrick, Paula, Mary Ellen, and other members of Meg Donovan's family; colleagues, friends and acquaintances of Meg:

There are times when it seems more fitting just to stammer with emotion than to speak with finely turned phrases.

It does not seem fair; it is not fair that Heaven, which already has so much, now has so much more. And that we here on Earth, who need so much, have lost someone who is irreplaceable in our hearts.

This we know. Meg could not pass from one world to the other without changing both.

We are crushed with grief. But the scriptures say that those who mourn are blessed for they shall be comforted; and we are comforted by the knowledge that, somewhere up above, God is getting an earful on human rights.

I did not become acquainted with Meg Donovan until I went to the State Department in 1993. Like her, I was a mother of three, including twins. I felt I understood better than some others might the choices and challenges she faced. But many of you knew her longer and more intimately than I. I cannot capture her personality or her career in full.

To me, if there is one word that sums up Meg, it is "completeness."

There are others in this town who are smart and good at their jobs; others with a commitment to causes that are right and just; others who bargain shrewdly and hard; others with a warm and wonderful sense of humor; others who understand the obligations of friendship; others who are devoted and loving to their families; others who have the discipline to live their faith.

There may even be others with Christmas sweaters that light up and play jingle bells. But rarely have the elements of true character been so artfully mixed as they were in Meg Donovan. Van Gogh is arriving in Washington; but a human masterpiece is gone.

When I was designated by President Clinton to serve as Secretary of State, I did what my predecessor, Warren Christopher, did. I turned to the person with the best instincts in Washington on how to deal with our friends on Capitol Hill. That was Meg. We began preparing in December.

Now, naturally, I thought the President had made a brilliant choice for the job, but I had to wonder, as we went along in practice, and Meg corrected and improved upon my every answer on every subject, whether there was anyone more qualified to be Secretary of State than she.

Of course, that being December, the birthday of the twins came along. And naturally, Liam and Emma didn't understand why their mother couldn't promise to attend the party. Their proposal, passed on and advocated by

Meg, was that we adjourn our practice session and re-convene at Chuck E. Cheese. It is typical that, when the hour of the party drew near, Meg excused herself, and did not ask but told her new boss, that she was heading for Chuck E. Cheese.

When he was Secretary of State, George Marshall used to tell his staff "don't fight the problem, decide it, then take action." I suspect he would have liked Meg a lot because, all her life, Meg was a doer.

Like quite a few others, she came to Washington committed to the fight for tolerance and respect for basic human rights for all people. What set her apart is that she could still make that claim after having worked here 25 years.

Whether at the Helsinki Commission, or the House Committee on International Relations, or the Department of State, Meg was one of the good guys. She could out-talk anyone, but talk isn't what she was after. She wanted change.

She wanted Soviet Jews to be able to exercise their right to emigrate. She wanted Tibetans to be able to preserve their heritage. She wanted prisoners of conscience to breathe the air of freedom. She wanted women to have the power to make choices that would determine the course of their lives.

Above all, she wanted to draw on and draw out the best in America: the America that would use its resources and power to help others achieve the blessings we all too often take for granted.

These were her ideals, but Meg was more than a dreamer. No one was more effective than she at creating the coalitions, marshaling the arguments and devising the strategies that would yield concrete results.

One of Meg's big problems was that she knew the system better and played it better than anyone else. So, whenever we found ourselves in a real legislative mess, which was not more than three or four times a week, we turned to Meg to help get us out.

Around the Department and earlier in her years on Capitol Hill, Meg's energy and wisdom added sparkle to every meeting. When she spoke, people listened. When she listened, people chose their words with care. She was thoughtful and patient with those who, by virtue of experience or ability, needed her help. She brought out the best in others; just as she demanded the best from herself.

In our collective mind's eye, we can still see her striding purposefully down a hall with her arms full of folders, trailed by some hapless Ambassadorial nominee whose future had been entrusted to Meg's capable hands.

We see her, hugely pregnant, maneuvering around swivel chairs and outthrust elbows on the cramped dais of the House International Relations Committee.

We see her serious and firm, forearms chopping the air for emphasis, persuading us with eloquence and passion that doing the right thing is also the smart thing.

We see her relaxing at an office party, gold bracelets flashing, surrounded by flowers from her garden, a cherub's face aglow with health and life, and her 100 megawatt smile turned on full.

We see her where she most belonged, with Duffy, her partner of 24 years, and with their children.

And as we see her, we also hear that inimitable laugh, which was not exactly musical, but which conveyed a love and enjoyment of living that somehow makes what happened even harder to believe and accept.

Meg knew the impermanence of life. She lost her mother to cancer and a sister to cystic fibrosis. So she made the most of every single day.

The poet, William Blake, wrote that: