

Martin Lipton, who recently became chair of the university's Board, adds, "Anyone who knows or works with John soon realizes that he is a man not only of vision but of complexity, a man whose drive toward meaning is not encompassed or summed up by the standard references of the academic marketplace: prestige, rankings, or VIPs."

A friend of the Sexton family, the writer and literary scholar Peter Pitzele, recalling John's original vocation as a professor of religion, puts it another way: "I would set John in the historic context of Americans who have worked to create an institution—a corporate body—that in some strange way is, or seeks to be, sanctified. I think it is this drive to sacralize that really animates what John is doing." He adds, "Though genius and genial are etymologically related, in life they rarely are. It seems to me that—rare though the combination is—John is both."

Another friend of Sexton's, and his colleague to boot, Richard Revesz recalls one of the biggest bestsellers of the early 1980s, a novel written by a professor of his at Princeton. In *The Vicar of Christ*, Walter Murphy tells the story of an American law school dean who ends up as Pope. Notes Revesz, with a smile, "Every time John starts out a conversation saying to me, 'Let me be your pastor, Ricky, tell me what's on your mind,' I think to myself of Murphy's novel and I wonder . . ."

TRIBUTE TO LILLIAN A. HART

• Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the late Lillian A. Hart, a committed public servant and devoted wife, mother and grandmother, who bravely battled cancer in the last several months of her life.

Lillian has made it easy for us to remember her—she has left behind an impressive list of accomplishments that most people only hope to achieve in their lifetime. Lillian was a leader in the community and a role model for many women. She was a pioneer, exploring occupations and civic positions women had never held before.

Lillian was the first woman to be the state executive director of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service in Kentucky, her most recent public position. Lillian served Kentucky in this capacity from 1981 to 1989, and received a national award in 1987, for her work on behalf of farmers and all Kentuckians.

Before Lillian became state executive director, she was also the first woman to be appointed a district director of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. She served 19 Northern Kentucky counties as district director for 12 years, including in her home county of Pendleton.

Lillian was active in her community, once serving as president of the Pendleton County Republican Women's Club and being chosen as a delegate to the Republican National Convention. She also founded a chapter of Habitat for Humanity in Pendleton County, and was a member of the Kincaid Regional Theatre board of directors.

I am certain that the legacy of excellence that Lillian Hart has left will continue on, and will encourage and in-

spire others. Hopefully it will be a comfort to the family and friends she leaves behind to know that her efforts to better the community will be felt for years to come. On behalf of myself and my colleagues, we offer our deepest condolences to Lillian's loved ones, and express our gratitude for all she contributed to Pendleton County, the State of Kentucky, and to our great Nation.●

TRIBUTE TO MEG GREENFIELD

• Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I rise today to reflect on the passing of a truly remarkable woman: Washington Post Editorial Page Editor Meg Greenfield. A tough, tenacious and trail-blazing woman, Ms. Greenfield had a sharp intellect, a vibrant sense of humor, and a keen political instinct.

Meg Greenfield was at the center of many of Washington's intellectual, cultural and political developments in the past three decades. Her fiercely independent eye for news gave her the ability to cultivate relationships with individuals from every political, cultural and economic background. Her insightful portraits of life in our nation's capital were profound and memorable.

Ms. Greenfield forever changed the access and acceptance women have in the field of journalism. She astutely examined tough issues such as global disarmament and international affairs which were traditionally seen as "male" issues. She commanded respect and demanded fairness and impartiality from her staff.

In 1978, Ms. Greenfield moved the world with her commentary on issues of international affairs, civil rights and the press. For her efforts she claimed the much coveted Pulitzer Prize for editorial writing. One year later, she moved into the post of Editor for the Washington Post editorial page. A responsibility she undertook with dignity, grace, a keen wit and what she would call "the sensibility of 1950s liberals—conservative on foreign policy and national defense, but liberal on social issues" for over 20 years.

For these and many other reasons I admired Meg Greenfield and her vastly important work. She also played a critical role in my own career. When I ran for the United States Senate, I met with the Washington Post editorial board, and I had heard about the tough, no-nonsense Meg Greenfield. I was very impressed with her, and she believed in me and my ideas for Maryland.

The endorsement I received from the Washington Post in the 1986 Democratic primary was a turning point in the campaign. I was running against two very good friends of mine: the terrific Congressman from Montgomery County, Mike Barnes, and Maryland's Governor Harry Hughes. The confidence and support I received from Meg Greenfield and the Post editorial board gave me pride and momentum, and helped lead me to victory.

Meg Greenfield's colleagues at the editorial page wrote the day after her

death, "The anonymity typical of editorial pages could not disguise the hand of Meg Greenfield. As a writer her work was often instantly recognizable . . . for its felicity and stateliness and not least for its wry and mischievous humor. As an editor she imprinted her special blend of a wise skepticism and a reach for the public good on a long generation of Post editorials." In this tribute, they describe not only her as the consummate professional, but as the wonderful and caring woman that she was.

Meg Greenfield will be dearly missed in the many circles of Washington life. Her spirit and legacy will inspire us for years to come.●

FREEMEN PROSECUTION AWARD

• Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I am pleased to come to the floor to honor a Department of Justice team that is receiving the top prosecution award today at Constitution Hall. This team of 12 prosecutors and investigators was faced with the challenging task of bringing LeRoy Schweitzer, Richard Clark, Daniel Petersen, Rodney Skurdal, Dale Jacobi, Russell Landers, and others, known as the "Freemen," to justice.

As you may remember, the Montana Freemen were a group of individuals who refused to recognize any authority by U.S. officials. Instead, they created their own "republic" and court system. After warrants were prepared for multiple counts of fraud, armed robbery, and firearms violations, they holed up on their ranch for 81 days in a tense standoff. The team recognized today were critical in preparing the warrants, negotiating the peaceful resolution of the standoff, and convicting twenty-one members of the group. In addition, this team worked with many other prosecution teams to prepare and present related cases in over thirty federal districts.

It makes me especially proud that there were seven Montanans among the group being recognized. They are Assistant U.S. Attorney James Seykora, Paralegal Specialist Deborah Boyle, IRS Special Agents Michael Mayott and Loretta Rodriguez, FBI Senior Resident Agent Daniel Vierthaler, FBI Special Agent Randall Jackson, and Montana Department of Justice Agent Bryan Costigan. I also appreciate the contribution of Robertson Park, George Toscas, David Kris, Tommie Canady, and Timothy Healy as award winners contributing from agencies outside of the state. I also think it's only appropriate to recognize the investigation and prosecution leader, Montana U.S. Attorney Sherry Matteucci. Although this entire prosecution effort fell under her responsibility, as a political appointee, she is not eligible for this award.

The Attorney General's Award for Exceptional Service is given once each year, with the decision based upon the following: performance of a special

service in the public interest that is over and above the normal requirements and of an outstanding and distinctive character in terms of improved operations, public understanding of the department's mission, or accomplishment of one of the major goals of the department, exceptionally outstanding contributions to the Department of Justice or exceptionally outstanding leadership in the administration of major programs that resulted in highly successful accomplishments to meet unique or emergency situations, or extraordinary courage and voluntary risk of life in performing an act resulting in direct benefits to the department or nation. From where I sit, this team has met or exceeded all of these high standards during the course of the investigation. Few other prosecutions have received the external scrutiny in the press, Justice management, and the public eye as did the Freeman prosecution. A terrific amount of juggling priorities and concerns was necessary to pull off a peaceful resolution of this crisis. Their conviction record on this case was solid, and will likely be the model from any similar situations in the future.

So, it gives me great pleasure to bring our attention to this team's success, and I add my thanks for a job well done. We wish them nothing but continued success as they move on to other jobs within their home agencies. Again, congratulations on this great, well-deserved honor.●

BEATRIZ RIVAS ROGALSKI

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise to salute my Deputy Chief of Staff, Beatriz (Bea) Rivas Rogalski, on the occasion of her upcoming retirement after 25 years of distinguished service to the people of the United States. As director of casework in my House and Senate offices for more than 16 years, she has helped literally thousands of Californians get the timely assistance they need from their federal government. As Deputy Chief of Staff, she is beloved by staff members and constituents alike.

Bea began her public service as I did, in the office of then-Congressman John Burton. In 1974, Bea Rivas was a recent immigrant from El Salvador. While working at Macy's department store in San Francisco, she took a second part-time job to help support her mother.

Bea went to work in John Burton's campaign office on a temporary basis as a key-punch operator. Given a six-month project, Bea completed it in two months. Following the election, she went to work as a staff assistant in Congressman Burton's district office, answering phones and tracking bills. Her diligence and demeanor quickly impressed her supervisors, who promoted her to case worker.

It was a perfect fit. She quickly learned the most arcane workings of government and did her utmost to help constituents negotiate the shoals of bureaucracy.

Bea has what it takes to help people get their due from their government. She is kind, considerate, generous, and above all patient. I cannot overstate how she always listens carefully, always acts diligently, always goes the extra mile to take care of constituents' needs. She is incomparable and irreplaceable. She will also be irreplaceable.

Mr. President, by serving the people of California so well, Beatriz Rogalski has brought honor on this institution and the United States Government. I hope you will join me in thanking her and sending best wishes to her, her husband Hans Rogalski, and their son Hans, Jr.●

TRIBUTE TO HITCHINER MANUFACTURING COMPANY

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President I rise today to pay tribute to Hitchiner Manufacturing Co., Inc. for receiving Business NH Magazine's 1999 Business of the Year Award.

Since the company moved to Milford, New Hampshire in 1951, Hitchiner has been extremely active within the community. Hitchiner supports the community through contributions to the arts, education, and community welfare. Specifically, they offer much-needed dollars to local and state nonprofits and they make time available for their employees to participate in community affairs. Hitchiner President/CEO, John Morison III, believes when employees work in the community their experiences will translate into a positive experience for the company as a whole.

In addition to being involved in community affairs, Hitchiner Manufacturing is a leader in technology. The company is an international player for investment castings for customers such as General Motors, BMW and General Electric. Hitchiner will soon acquire their tenth patent, thereby establishing themselves as the leader in metallurgical advances.

Hitchiner's profit sharing philosophy has helped create a spirit of team work among its employees. President Morison believes that by sharing the profits and risks, of working as a team, the company will be better equipped to stay on the cutting edge of technology—this is the key to future success.

Mr. President, I salute Hitchiner Manufacturing Company, Inc. and commend their president, John Morison, for his innovative ideas and spirit of community. It is an honor to represent them in the United States Senate.●

SOUTH CAROLINA PEACHES

● Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize South Carolina's peach farmers for their hard work and their delicious peaches.

My staff has been delivering South Carolina peaches to offices throughout the Senate and the U.S. Capitol all

day. Thanks to South Carolina peach farmers, those of us here in Washington will be able to cool off from the summer heat with delicious South Carolina peaches.

For a relatively small state, South Carolina is second in the nation in peach production. In fact, this year farmers across South Carolina planted more than 16,000 acres of peaches. As my colleagues can attest, these are some of the finest peaches produced anywhere in the United States.

As we savor the taste of these South Carolina peaches, we should remember the work and labor that goes into producing such a delicious fruit. While Americans enjoy peaches for appetizers, entrees, and desserts, most do not stop to consider where they come from. Farmers will be laboring all summer in the heat and humidity to bring us what we call the "perfect candy." What else curbs a sweet tooth—is delicious, nutritious, and satisfying, but not fattening? The truth is, Mr. President, that our farmers are too often the forgotten workers in our country. Through their dedication and commitment, our nation is able to enjoy a wonderful selection of fresh fruit, vegetables, and other foods. In fact, our agricultural system, at times, is the envy of the world.

Mr. President, as Senators and their staff feast on these delicious peaches, I hope they will remember the people in South Carolina who made this endeavor possible: David Winkles and the entire South Carolina Farm Bureau; and the South Carolina Peach Council. They have all worked extremely hard to ensure that the Senate gets a taste of South Carolina.

I hope everyone in our Nation's Capitol will be smiling as they enjoy the pleasure of South Carolina peaches.●

TRIBUTE TO TOM RECHTIN, SR.

● Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a fine Kentucky businessman, Tom Rehtin, Sr., President of Tom Rehtin Heating, Air Conditioning and Electric Company.

Tom was recently named "1999 Outstanding Business Person" by the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce for his community leadership and 35 years of education advocacy. The honor was given as part of the A.D. Albright awards program, which is named for Northern Kentucky University's president emeritus, who was known for encouraging educational excellence in the region.

The Albright Award recognizes Tom's commitment to supporting and encouraging educational activities in the workplace and in the community. His own company serves as a model for his philosophy, as his employees attend and participate in numerous classes and seminars he facilitates. Tom Rehtin's company also employs student interns who are seeking certification.

Tom was also recently named the "1998 National Contractor of the Year"