

Headquarters, V Corps in Frankfurt, Germany.

Sergeant Major Johnson's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal (with oak leaf cluster), Meritorious Service Medal (with fourth oak leaf cluster), Army Commendation Medal (with oak leaf cluster), Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal (10 Awards), Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal and numerous service and campaign medals for service in both Southeast and Southwest Asia. He has also been awarded the German Marksman Award and the Signal Corps Regimental Medal, the Silver Order of Mercury.●

NATIONAL YOUNG FARMER AWARD

● Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, it is with great pleasure that I recognize and congratulate Mr. and Mrs. David Herbst, on receiving the National Young Farmer Award from the American Farm Bureau Federation. From their farm near Chaffee, Missouri, David and Leslie Herbst have set an example to our nation's agricultural industry about productive farming, land management, and environmental conservation.

The National Young Farmer Award is the highest award given for outstanding achievements, and it is given only to one farmer each year. David and Leslie Herbst were selected from a field of nominees submitted by state Farm Bureaus across the nation. It is an honor for Missouri to have such prominent examples of excellence in farming.

This prestigious award, presented to David and Leslie, is accompanied by some impressive prizes, including a 2000 Dodge Ram 4x4 truck and an Arctic Cat all terrain vehicle. They also won registration to conferences that will give them an opportunity to share their successes and perspectives on farming with other young farmers and ranchers.

David and Leslie are continuing the tradition of family farming in southeast Missouri. They are the fourth generation of Herbsts to farm in the region, and they have been particularly successful with a unique approach to environmental protection that will preserve their land and keep it fertile for future generations.

When I look to Missouri, I do not see a state defined only by its geography—spanning from the Missouri River to the Mississippi River. Nor do I simply define Missouri by its economic diversity—a state leading in farming and industry. I see the definition of Missouri as a place where Missourians, like the Herbsts, can work together to give the next generation more opportunity than we have today. It is a state of ascending opportunity.

Because of David and Leslie's careful stewardship of their land, prudent planning, and perseverance through the

market crises of recent years, they will be able to advise the next generation of Missourians to continue the traditions of family farming and agri-business. The Herbsts can truly say "the best is yet to come."

It is my honor to wish David and Leslie continued success in agriculture. They have set an inspiring example for farmers across the nation, and indeed in Missouri.●

JIM GOODMON—VISIONARY

● Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, back in the mid-1960s, I was enjoying life as one of the guys active in the management of a very successful television station in my hometown of Raleigh. The company, Capitol Broadcasting Company, had been founded by a remarkable gentleman, Mr. A.J. Fletcher, born in the mountains of Western North Carolina, son of a circuit-riding Baptist preacher whose ministry included hundreds of mountain families who attended the many churches under the watchcare of the Reverend Mr. Fletcher.

Those were hard scrabble times and by today's standards, just about everybody whom Reverend Fletcher's ministry served was poor.

A.J. Fletcher had nonetheless begun a lifetime love affair with the music of opera. So he headed east, to Raleigh and Wake County; virtually penniless he nonetheless studied law at night and in the process developed an instinctive knowledge of business and investment. In the years that followed, neither A.J. Fletcher nor anyone else in his family ever lived another hard-scrabble day.

Mr. President, I developed a high respect and genuine friendship for and with Mr. Fletcher. What I have recited up to this point is intended to be a lead-in to a magazine article about one of Mr. Fletcher's remarkable grandsons, James Fletcher Goodmon who today is president and CEO of Capitol Broadcasting Company.

I will get to the article in a moment, Mr. President, but I am obliged to mention my earliest impressions of Jim Goodmon when he was in high school in Raleigh and worked every possible minute of every day (and night) that he could manage at the television station (WRAL-TV) which was to become the flagship station-to-be of an expanded Capitol Broadcasting Company.

I saw young Jim Goodmon frequently back in those days (and nights) as he concentrated on learning everything possible about the mysteries of keeping a television station on the air. Many times he was covered with grease, many times he was bound to have been tired, but Jim Goodmon was then, as he is today, a hard-charger. Grandpa Fletcher was proud of Jim—and so was I. I sensed back then that Jim Goodmon would one day be a leader in television—as he certainly has turned out to be.

A few words about Jim Goodmon's family. After attending Duke University, Jim Goodmon found a bride—a

lovely one and a hard-charger herself—across the mountains in Tennessee. Barbara Lyons was a registered nurse then. Now, years later, Barbara Lyons Goodmon genuinely cares about people. She and Jim have three children and one grandchild. They complement each other; both stay busy but never so busy that they cannot help each other in their myriad of projects.

What I have stated is scarcely more than a snapshot of a remarkable family. Mr. A.J. Fletcher is long gone from the scene but I have a hunch that he is looking down from a Cloud Nine somewhere, nodding his approval of the way Jim and Barbara are doing things.

Let me hurriedly add that Jim Goodmon is president and owner of the Durham Bulls baseball team which plays its home games in its dandy new stadium about 20 miles away in Durham—and then I will proceed to calling attention to a profile about Jim Goodmon published in the latest issue of the magazine, *Region Focus*.

The article, by Betty Joyce Nash, is entitled "James F. Goodmon, an industry visionary and community cheerleader defines the future." Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that this article be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

PROFILE/JAMES F. GOODMON—AN INDUSTRY VISIONARY AND COMMUNITY CHEERLEADER DEFINES THE FUTURE

Jim Goodmon was fighting fatigue and a cold. He had just flown back to Raleigh, N.C., from Colorado where he helped pitch the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill Triangle area as the site of the 2007 Pan American Games. Goodmon played a key role in luring the 1999 Special Olympics to the Triangle, so why not the Pan Am games?

It wasn't meant to be. San Antonio was chosen instead of the Triangle. But that's irrelevant, Goodmon says, his spirit hardly dampened by the loss, the jet lag, or sniffles. North Carolina, he says, showed initiative in planning and promoting the future.

"What's important is that we were working on something in 2007 and not for next week," says Goodmon, president and chief executive officer of Capitol Broadcasting Co. Inc. in Raleigh. Goodmon's grandfather, A.J. Fletcher, started the company in 1939 to serve the community. Still a family-owned enterprise, Capitol is a rarity in the rapidly consolidating broadcast industry.

So far, Goodmon has invested nearly \$4 million to make Capitol's WRAL the nation's first television station to transmit television signals digitally. These high-definition transmissions provide flawless pictures and "surround" sound. WRAL-HD, the "HD" stands for high-definition, went on the air in 1996. Goodmon is still charged by the potential he sees in this medium. "Not a day goes by that I'm not amazed that we can send pictures through the air," he says.

Capitol's other holdings include minor league baseball teams in Durham, N.C., and Myrtle Beach, S.C., a satellite communications firm, and office developments in downtown Durham.

But Goodmon's future includes a big role as community cheerleader. A sports fan, Goodmon tirelessly cheers for the Triangle. He is also president of his family's 50-year-old philanthropic foundation—the A.J. Fletcher Foundation—and is a chief promoter of Gov. Jim Hunt's Smart Start program for preschool-aged children.