

Colonel Teresa M. Peterson who is leaving the 14th Flying Training Wing (14 FTW) after two years of devoted service to become the Director of Transportation on the Air Force staff in the Pentagon. It is a privilege for me to recognize her many outstanding achievements at Columbus Air Force Base, and to commend her for the superb service she has provided the Air Force and our great Nation.

As Commander of the 14th Flying Training Wing, Colonel Peterson spearheaded the training and education of our Nation's next generation of Air Force pilots. The epitome of an Air Force officer and accomplished pilot, she provided our Nation's future warriors with inspirational leadership and an outstanding training environment. Her talents were showcased in every aspect of Columbus AFB operations and highlighted through outstanding performances on command inspections such as the 1998 Headquarters Air Education and Training Command (AETC) Operational Readiness Inspection.

Colonel Peterson's quality of life initiatives for Columbus AFB provided the installation with \$56 million in improvements. Those initiatives included construction of a \$6.3 million Unaccompanied Officer Quarters and a \$25 million, 202 unit, highly sensitive family housing complex. She deftly negotiated resolution of several complex contracting challenges on the family housing project and ensured that contractor issues were handled quickly and efficiently. Her vision and oversight of numerous facilities construction and renovation projects significantly enhanced the training environment and living conditions of Columbus AFB personnel.

Under Colonel Peterson's leadership and guidance, Columbus AFB was a showcase for visitors which included the Secretary of the Air Force, members of Congress, foreign dignitaries, numerous flag officers, and friends and families of the Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Program. Her dedication to the Air Force and her people and the vision she established for Columbus AFB are her greatest assets, netting Columbus unprecedented recognition with AETC and the Air Force.

She aggressively met the increased Air Force pilot demand through activation of the first reserve associate squadron, seamlessly integrating reservists with active duty instructor pilots to mitigate force reduction problems. Colonel Peterson managed the second busiest military airfield east of the Mississippi River, with more than 200,000 aircraft operations annually. Her area of responsibility included 49,000 square miles of airspace in close coordination with 13 civilian satellite airports. Under her command, Columbus AFB has remained one of the safest flying operations in the AETC.

She astutely enhanced pilot training at its initial phase by establishing co-equal T-37 squadrons with an operating concept for synchronized training and

operations under two distinct supervisors. She managed pilot training and support operations for USAF and international officers using a fleet of 247 T-37B, T-38A, T-1A and AT-38B aircraft and 14 instrument simulators. Her extraordinary aviation skills, coupled with her vast experience and boundless warrior spirit, ensured that Columbus AFB was aggressively able to meet the challenge of increased Air Force pilot demand. Her efforts produced 585 Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training and 481 Introduction to Fighter Fundamental student pilots who flew 146,795 sorties totaling 198,722 hours during her tenure.

As Colonel Teresa Peterson leaves Columbus Air Force Base, she leaves behind a legacy of excellence and "firsts." She was the first woman in the Air Force to command a flying squadron; the first active duty woman to command an Air Force flying wing; and, the first woman pilot to make the rank of brigadier general. She is recognized as an honorary member of the Tuskegee Airmen (Alva N. Temple Chapter) and a member of the Mississippi University for Women's National Board of Distinguished Women. Colonel Peterson is an outstanding officer and a credit to the United States Air Force and our great Nation. I call upon my colleagues from both sides of the aisle to recognize her service to Columbus Air Force Base and wish her well in her next assignment.

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, it has been more than a year since the Columbine tragedy, but still this Republican Congress refuses to act on sensible gun legislation.

Since Columbine, thousands of Americans have been killed by gunfire. Until we act, Democrats in the Senate will read some of the names of those who lost their lives to gun violence in the past year, and we will continue to do so every day that the Senate is in session.

In the name of those who died, we will continue this fight. Following are the names of some of the people who were killed by gunfire one year ago today.

June 7, 1999: Devron Baker, 17, Baltimore, MD; Allen Galathe, 19, New Orleans, LA; Jose Junco, 27, Houston, TX; Raynell Lawrence, 24, New Orleans, LA; Kenneth Martin, 41, New Orleans, LA; Earl Merriweather, 23, Atlanta, GA; Solomon Morrison, 65, New Orleans, LA; Lawrence Piedra, 39, Philadelphia, PA; Allan P. Raidna, 30, Seattle, WA; Angel Retemar, 19, Bridgeport, CT; Timothy Stovall, 12, New Orleans, LA; Unidentified male, 49, Bellingham, WA.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST

Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a letter to Senators LOTT and DASCHLE dated May 21, 2000, be printed in the RECORD.

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

U.S. SENATE,
SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE,
Washington, DC, May 25, 2000.

HON. TRENT LOTT,
Majority Leader,
Hon. TOM DASCHLE,
Minority Leader, U.S. Senate,
Washington, DC.

SENATOR LOTT AND DASCHLE: S. 1902, the Japanese Imperial Army Disclosure Act, contains provisions affecting intelligence activities and programs. This legislation, which amends the National Security Act of 1947, would permit the release of any portion of any operational file of the Central Intelligence Agency. As you know, these are issues of significant interest to, and clearly within the jurisdiction of, the Select Committee on Intelligence. Therefore, pursuant to Senate Resolution 400, we hereby request that S. 1902 be referred to the Intelligence Committee for consideration.

Sincerely,

RICHARD C. SHELBY,
Chairman.
RICHARD H. BRYAN,
Vice Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION RULE CHANGE

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I would like to give notice to Members and staff of the Senate that the Committee on Rules and Administration has approved the following change to its Rules of Procedure.

The Committee's rules approved at the beginning of the 106th Congress require 4 members of the committee to constitute a quorum for the purpose of taking testimony under oath and 2 members of the committee to constitute a quorum for the purpose of taking testimony not under oath.

The Committee intends to amend paragraph 3 of Title II of the Rules of Procedure for the Committee on Rules and Administration to state:

3. Pursuant to paragraph 7(a)(2) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules, 2 members of the committee shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of taking testimony under oath and 1 member of the committee shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of taking testimony not under oath; provided, however, that once a quorum is established for the purpose of taking testimony under oath, any one member can continue to take such testimony.

This amendment shall be effective on June 8, 2000, and will make the Rules Committee's quorum rules more consistent with the quorum rules of most other standing committees.

PENNSYLVANIANS RAISE FUNDS FOR WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of 30,020 Pennsylvanian Wal-Mart associates. These dedicated individuals, along with 870,000 other Wal-Mart associates nationwide, raised more than \$14 million for the National World War II Memorial Campaign.

This outstanding achievement brought the World War II Memorial