

to the all-pro team. Korey was more than an all-pro football player; he was an all-pro human being. He made Minnesota his year-round home, and he was one of the Vikings' most active community members.

He established his "Korey's crew" community service program at several local schools and libraries. He served as an outstanding leader, mentor, and role model for many Minnesota youngsters and adults.

Minnesota has lost one of our best citizens at the tragically early age of 27. Our hearts and our deepest sympathies go out to his wife Kelcie, his 3-year old son Kodie, and the rest of his family.

Korey, we will miss you. Rest in peace.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. BRIGITTE HANES

Mr. THURMOND. Madam President, I know that my colleagues are aware of the excellent services provided by the military liaison offices of the Senate. For many years military and civilian liaison officers have given invaluable assistance in the areas of constituent services, military issues, and fact-finding visits.

One of these liaison officers is Mrs. Brigitte Hanes. During the past nine years she has worked tirelessly solving the problems of soldiers and their families who have asked for help from their Senators.

The wife of an Army officer, Brigitte raised two daughters before embarking on her own career. First, she served on the staff of the Commander in Chief of the Joint Forces in Korea. Then she was the Personal Affairs Coordinator for foreign military students at the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth. Brigitte and her husband moved to Washington in 1991. It was December of that year that she went to work in the Army Senate Liaison Office.

She gained a reputation around the Senate as a very reliable person. Few people are more widely known and respected than Brigitte. She is known throughout the Senate as an expert in dealing with a range of constituent issues relating to the Army and many other military matters.

When I needed to get something done I would call Brigitte. For example: she arranged for the shipment of a wheel chair from a Senator's office to the mayor of a town in Bosnia. In fact she delivered it to Andrews Air Force Base herself to start it on its way. She talked to a deserter and although he was afraid, she convinced him to turn himself in to Army authorities. She talked a soldier into boarding a plane for Korea. He had called his mother from the airport and told her he was not going to get on the plane. She called the Senator's aide who put in a conference call to Brigitte. She got two years incapacitation pay for a Reservist whose unit administrator had been unable to get it for him.

In addition to her vast casework load she organized and escorted Senate staffers on very informative orientation visits to military posts where they could see the Army at work.

She has been honored repeatedly by her superiors who recognized what a valuable resource they had in Brigitte.

We will miss her support in the Army Senate Liaison Office when she leaves at the end of August to accept a promotion in the office of the Chief of Army Reserves' Legislative Liaison Office.

I would like to say thank you to Brigitte for her nine years of devoted service to the Senate and to wish her success and happiness in her new endeavor.

THE NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE CAMP

Mr. REED. Madam President, every summer the senior Senator from West Virginia, Mr. BYRD, hosts a luncheon for the participants of the National Youth Science Camp.

This is a distinguished collection of high school students from every State in the Nation who have demonstrated exceptional abilities in the fields of science and technology. They participate in a two-week science camp in Green Bank, WV, and, afterwards, spend several days touring Washington, D.C. Their time in the Nation's capital culminates in the luncheon hosted by Senator BYRD.

At this year's luncheon, held in the Russell Caucus Room on July 19, Senator BYRD was introduced by a member of the board of the National Youth Science Foundation, Mr. Charles McElwee.

When Mr. McElwee introduced Senator BYRD at the luncheon, I was impressed. He recognized the remarkable accomplishments of the senior Senator from West Virginia: that Senator BYRD has served in the Senate for more than 42 years, has been elected to 8 consecutive 6-year Senate terms, and has held more Senate leadership positions than any other Senator in history.

Next, he referred to Senator BYRD's knowledge of Senate Rules, the Constitution, and the Bible, and his prolific writings on the histories of the U.S. Senate and the Roman Senate.

Mr. McElwee then proceeded to challenge the young, budding scientists "to make the most of [their] natural minds, as has Senator BYRD."

I consider this powerful introduction of Senator BYRD a touching example of how one of Senator BYRD's constituents feels about him. It highlights the esteem in which he is held by his fellow West Virginians, and I want to share it with my colleagues. Therefore, I ask that Mr. McElwee's introduction of Senator BYRD be printed in the RECORD.

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

INTRODUCTION OF HON. ROBERT C. BYRD, U.S. SENATE LUNCHEON FOR NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE CAMPERS

(By Charles McElwee)

How do I introduce a person before whom I stand in awe? How do I introduce and pay tribute to West Virginia's most respected and admired elected public official in the State's history? How do I make the introduction and hold the attention of youth, our guest science campers, when decades separate us in age? I resolved to try by relating the mind and accomplishments of our esteemed speaker to the minds and aspirations of our youthful listeners.

I commence by way of a reference to a renowned mathematician, John Forbes Nash, Jr. Nash was born and reared in Bluefield, West Virginia. He is recognized as a genius in mathematics, especially in game theory, for which he was awarded the Nobel Prize in Economics in 1994. His recent biographer has described Nash as having "A Beautiful Mind" and has given that title to her biography of him.

While I stand among a hundred, young, beautiful minds, I introduce a man with a singularly beautiful mind who has cultivated, developed and used his natural endowment to its fullest potential. I speak of the Honorable ROBERT C. BYRD, the senior United States Senator from your host state, the State of West Virginia, and your host for this luncheon today.

Senator BYRD has served in the United States Senate for more than 42 years and was reelected in 2000 to an unprecedented eighth consecutive six-year Senate term. He has held more leadership positions in the Senate than any other Senator in history, and presently serves as Chairman of the powerful Senate Committee on Appropriations.

Senator BYRD is a lawyer, having obtained his J.D. degree *cum laude* after ten years of study in night classes in law school, making him the only sitting member of either House of Congress to begin and complete law degree studies while serving in Congress.

I have already told you enough to establish that Senator BYRD is a man with a great mind and substantial achievements. But I don't want to stop there because I want to use this brief occasion of introduction to challenge you to make the most of your natural gifts of beautiful minds, just as Senator BYRD has done. Let me illustrate what a beautiful mind can accomplish when it is disciplined and applied.

(*Holding up a copy of the United States Constitution.*) Senator BYRD carries with him at all times when discharging his public duties a copy of the United States Constitution. His knowledge of this document is, in my opinion, unsurpassed by any other member of the Senate. He qualifies as a constitutional lawyer and scholar. In fact, Senator BYRD shared with another the first "We the People" award presented by the National Constitution Center to a constitutional scholar, who had demonstrated his love of, and concern for, the United States Constitution.

(*Holding up a copy of the Bible.*) Senator BYRD's knowledge of the Bible, King James version, is stupendous. He can recite from memory dozens of passages from both the Old and New Testaments. But more importantly, he and Erma, his beloved wife of sixty-four years, have shaped their lives to conform with biblical precepts.

(*Holding up a copy of one of Senator Byrd's favorite poems, "The Bridge Builder."*) Senator BYRD has an immense knowledge of English and American literature and has committed to memory a great store of verse. Two of his favorite poems are "The Bridge Builder" and "Fence or An Ambulance." Both refer to youth like you. In the first, an old man has