

## ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

HONORING THE COMPANY OF  
FIFERS AND DRUMMERS

• Mr. DODD. Madam President, I rise to recognize the outstanding contributions of The Company of Fifers and Drummers to the people of Connecticut and beyond. The largest organization of its kind in the Western world, The Company has both increased awareness of fife and drum history and fostered communication amongst corps worldwide. I would like to take the opportunity to commend its hard work and numerous achievements over the years.

Rooted in early American musical tradition, The Company of Fifers and Drummers is a nonprofit organization founded in 1965. The historical significance of The Company is evidenced through the early establishment of various corps dating back to the 1760s and 1800s. Throughout its existence, The Company has broadened corps membership beyond Connecticut and New England to include an impressive 150 corps worldwide, including corps in Europe and along the Pacific coast. In addition to showcasing fife and drum music and history, The Company organizes all activities for member corps, both inside and outside the United States.

The efforts of The Company of Fifers and Drummers extends far beyond musical events and fellowship. The commitment of this organization to the art of fife and drum is also evidenced through its creation of the Museum of Fife and Drum in Ivoryton, CT. Since 1987, the museum has serviced the community by providing access to artifacts, including eighteenth and nineteenth century instruments and uniforms, a music and video library, as well as an extensive archives. The Company is certainly worthy of praise for its efforts in maintaining the only museum devoted to fife and drum to date.

As the fife and drum first appeared in the early colonies, The Company of Fifers and Drummers is a reminder of the importance of our history as Americans. While the drum arrived in America with the first English settlers, the fife was introduced in the colonies during the French and Indian War. By 1775, the year of the Lexington Alarm, most colonial regiments were comprised of fifers and drummers. The spirit of patriotism rooted in the Company is a great example for all Americans.

I am proud to honor The Company of Fifers and Drummers for its remarkable service and accomplishments over the past 30 years. My experience with The Company, most recently at the Eight Mile River Dedication Ceremony in East Haddam, CT, has proved both enlightening and inspiring. I wish to show my appreciation for its outstanding contributions to society, and I wish The Company continued success in the future.●

## CONGRATULATIONS TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL TIM JONES, BATTALION COMMANDER, U.S. ARMY

• Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I rise today to pay tribute to Lieutenant Colonel, LTC, Timothy A. "Tim" Jones as he assumes command of the 9th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, 101st Airborne/Air Assault Division, at Fort Campbell, KY. This well deserved honor is the latest achievement in a long and distinguished Army career that started with Tim's graduation in 1984 from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, NY. After being commissioned as a Second Lieutenant, 2LT, in the brand new branch of Aviation, Tim returned to his home state of Alabama to complete rotary wing flight training at Fort Rucker. He then served in numerous positions including Company Commander with the 7th Infantry Division, Light, at Fort Ord, CA. His service at Ft. Ord was highlighted by his heroic actions in Panama during Operation Just Cause. He then served with the elite 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, also based at Ft. Campbell, KY. Only the "best of the best" in Army Aviation are invited to serve with the 160th, the "Nightstalkers." Most recently, Tim completed an overseas assignment in Korea, and now returns to the United States to provide the leadership and experience desperately needed by combat units such as the 9th Battalion. Please join me in congratulating the Army's newest battalion commander, LTC Tim Jones, as well as his family, including wife Theresa, daughter Megan, and sons John and Daniel on this latest achievement in a long and distinguished career in Army Aviation.●

## TRIBUTE TO DR. ALBERT SOLNIT

• Mr. LIEBERMAN. Madam President, it is with sadness that I come to the floor today to note the untimely passing of a great man whose life and work in Connecticut have made my State, and our country, a better place, particularly for our children.

Dr. Albert Solnit, Chair of the Yale Child Study Center from 1966 to 1983 and Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services for the State of Connecticut from 1991 to 2000, died tragically and suddenly on June 21, as a result of injuries sustained in a car accident earlier that day. This loss has compounded the mourning of the men and women of the Yale Child Study Center, who lost another former director in Donald Cohen last October.

Albert Solnit spent an entire lifetime serving his fellow human beings with great dedication, enthusiasm, and distinction. Having served in the U.S. Army as a psychiatrist, Dr. Solnit arrived at Yale, my alma mater, in 1948, as a psychiatric resident. Two years later, he became the first trainee in child psychiatry ever at the Child Study Center. In another 2 years, he joined the faculty of the Center. And

by 1964, he was a full professor there. With years of diverse training in medicine, pediatrics, anatomy, and communicable diseases and a passionate commitment to bettering the lives of children of Connecticut, Dr. Solnit became director of the Child Study Center in 1966.

Every day, Dr. Solnit would arrive at the Yale Child Study Center long before his colleagues. He would work late into the evening. He didn't have to; after all, he was the boss. But he did, because he had a tireless work ethic and a clear vision of how his effort could better the world.

Even if I had an hour or two here on the floor, I could not catalogue Dr. Solnit's accomplishments in full. So let me focus briefly on what were his deepest interests: assisting children caught in complicated custody situations, children being adopted, or children committed to the well-intentioned, though often challenging, foster care system of my state. Dr. Solnit didn't simply observe and dissect problems with the status quo; he corrected them. He helped set the standards for how the legal system would work with child development experts on behalf of children. In the late 1960s, he worked with the state government to develop a new department of juvenile delinquency called the Department of Children and Youth Services, and to build a separate State psychiatric hospital that would treat only children, and treat them with special focus and care.

He wrote two books, "In the Best Interests of the Child" and "Beyond the Best Interests of the Child," that are known as classics in the field of child mental health.

This man was always taking his vast range of knowledge and figuring out how best to apply it to touch the lives of others. He was always mentoring his colleagues. He was always nurturing children. It is with sorrow that I mourn his sudden death, and it is with far greater pride, respect, and love that I pay tribute today to the life of inspiration that Dr. Al Solnit gave to us all.

I extend my deepest condolences to his colleagues at the Child Study Center, to his wife Martha, and to his children David, Ruth, Ben, and Aaron—and their families.

And I ask that the following obituary, written by Dean David Kessler of the Yale School of Medicine, be printed into the RECORD, so that this man's life, a model to which we might all aspire, is remembered forever.

The obituary follows:

DEAR FACULTY, It is with great sadness that I write to inform you of yet another deep and tragic loss of a member of the faculty and senior leadership of the Yale Child Study Center and Yale School of Medicine. Dr. Albert J. Solnit died on Friday evening, June 21st, as a result of injuries he sustained in an automobile accident earlier that day. His wife, Martha, was also involved in the accident and is in stable condition in the intensive care unit of Waterbury Hospital.

Dr. Solnit was chair of the Child Study Center from 1966 to 1983 and Commissioner of