

## ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

## TRIBUTE TO N. JACK TAYLOR, JR.

• Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to N. Jack Taylor, Jr., who has worked as a Congressional Fellow in my office since January of 2002. On behalf of my staff and the people of South Dakota, I would like to thank Jack for his hard work, his dedication, and his considerable contributions to my state and to this great nation.

Jack joined our staff to work on banking issues at a troubled time here in the Senate, when we faced significant physical threats in the wake of 9/11 and the Senate anthrax scares. Nevertheless, Jack left the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, his home for the past 15 years, to spend a year learning about the legislative process. And what a year it was.

Jack was on the front lines during the Senate debate over accounting reform, and he played a key role in our office's involvement in the Sarbanes-Oxley Accounting Reform and Investor Protection Act. He got a bit more than he bargained for by playing the lead staff role during floor action and the conference committee, but he performed with great aplomb and professionalism.

Jack has also been immensely valuable in raising our awareness of Native American banking issues. He took the lead in conceptualizing and organizing a hearing in the Senate Banking Financial Institutions Subcommittee on ways we might increase private capital in Indian Country. He brought together an impressive group of witnesses whose ideas I hope we can implement in the future. Jack also provided valuable assistance on a number of other tribal-related housing and banking issues.

Another noteworthy contribution of Jack's was his hard work in putting together S. 3034, the Check Truncation Act. While it may not be the most high-profile subject, check truncation would modernize our financial system in significant ways, and be particularly helpful in rural areas such as South Dakota where the physical transportation of checks is often difficult and expensive. Jack helped us to lead the charge to modernize our system, and I am hopeful we can complete action on that bill next year.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not mention Jack's role in our continued efforts to pass comprehensive deposit insurance reform. Jack, who came to us from the FDIC's division of insurance, proved to be an invaluable in-house resource for my staff on matters related to deposit insurance. He was also willing to travel out to South Dakota to meet with bankers throughout the State to ensure that our bill reflects the needs of Main Street bankers across this country.

It is my pleasure and honor to stand before the Senate today to thank Jack Taylor publicly for his service to the

United States Senate. I am pleased he will continue to serve our country by returning to the FDIC, which is lucky to have him.●

## TRIBUTE TO COLONEL JOSEPH M. WILLGING

• Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to a U.S. Air Force officer, Colonel Joseph M. Willging. Colonel Willging currently serves as the Chief of the Environmental Law Division of the Judge Advocate General's Department in Arlington, Virginia. He will retire on May 1, 2003 from the Air Force after 25 years of service. Today, it is my privilege to recognize some of Colonel Willging's accomplishments, and to commend his service to the Air Force and our nation.

Colonel Willging was born in Minneapolis, MN, and entered the Air Force through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program. His early assignments included George Air Force Base, California, Royal Air Force Bentwaters Air Base, United Kingdom, Grand Forks Air Force Base, ND, and Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska. He later served as the Staff Judge Advocate for Castle Air Force Base, California, Chief of the Environmental Law Division, Headquarters, Air Combat Command, Langley Air Force Base, Virginia, and the Deputy Legal Counsel to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon before arriving in 2000 in Arlington, VA for his current assignment.

Throughout his career, Colonel Willging has received numerous military decorations including the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with four oak-leaf clusters, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Air Force Commendations Medal, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, and the Southwest Asia Service Medal. Additionally, he holds a law degree from the William Mitchell College of Law in Saint Paul and a Master of Laws in Environmental Law from George Washington University. He is also a graduate of Air Command and Staff College, and Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, and earned the degree of Master of Science from the National War College, Fort McNair, Washington, DC. Colonel Willging is admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of Minnesota.

As Chief of the Environmental Law Division of the United States Air Force Judge Advocate General's Department, Colonel Willging has led an impressive organization of military and civilian lawyers, paralegals, and support personnel. Colonel Willging's leadership, judgment, and unwavering devotion to duty were instrumental in the successful resolution of numerous difficult issues facing the Air Force. At the same time, he was a key and trusted advisor to the Air Force engineering community, which relied heavily on his

sound, timely, and cogent advice in resolving a host of complex issues.

I am pleased to have this opportunity to commend Colonel Willging for his many years of selfless service to the United States of America.●

## REMARKS OF AMBASSADOR REED AT THE 9/11 SYMPOSIUM

• Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I rise to recognize an important and moving statement made by Ambassador Joseph Verner Reed, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations, on September 11, 2002. Ambassador Reed's remarks are a true example of the national strength, personal mourning, and international support that we all have experienced since September 2001. I ask that his remarks be printed in the RECORD.

The remarks follow.

REMARKS BY AMBASSADOR JOSEPH VERNER REED, UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

On behalf of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Kofi A. Annan, I bring greetings and good wishes on this solemn anniversary commemorating September 11, 2001—9/11—The Day of Terror.

The Secretary-General regrets that he could not be with us today. He is very much involved, as you know, with preparations of the 57th General Assembly as well as the ongoing task of pursuing the course of peace in the 17 Peace Keeping Missions around our troubled globe.

The Secretary-General is presiding at a commemoration of 9/11 on the Great Lawn at the United Nations with 191 member states participating.

First, allow me to salute the organizers of this International Symposium. The mission of the Virtue Foundation is as laudable as it is imperative.

"From Tragedy to Unity: A Celebration of the Human Spirit." That is the theme of this Symposium.

None of us can ever forget the tragedy and terror and sadness that 9/11 brought upon our nation, our society and the world. But, the prominent panelists in today's discussions in this hallowed Museum will not dwell on the past horror. Rather, their focus will be on healing and renewal and rekindling strength in our citizenry.

With this lofty, indeed noble—yet irrefutably appropriate—purpose in mind, today's Symposium will inspire all of us to rebuild and create a more cohesive and caring community.

Amid sorrow we will create anew. That is what our world needs now. Whether a life or a building or a spirit—there is a call now to rebuild—a need for a new beginning.

This anniversary day is also very much a Time of Remembrance.

None of us here in the Rainey Auditorium and across the length and breadth of our beautiful nation will ever forget that horrible moment a year ago today when we heard the unspeakable news. We will never forget where we were, whom we were with or what we were doing. 9/11 was the Opening Day of the 56th General Assembly of the United Nations. It was the day the United Nations celebrates the International Day of Peace. I was on my way to Headquarters. On hearing the news of the first crash I returned to our house joining my stunned wife in staring at the television. We shared the national experience of a quantum leap into a new, frightening and uncertain world. We immediately sensed this was the world we would now live in for the rest of our lives.